

Governor Round-up

Governors are now fully involved with their usual business of attending Governor meetings and finding out about school life. The Governing Body uses the annually updated College Improvement Plan to review how the school is working to ensure that every student gains the most from their time at CBEC. Governors find out about and monitor how specific groups of students are supported in school, including those with additional learning needs.

Governors have recently written to the Department for Education and the exam regulator Qfqual about the difficulties around English GCSE exam results expressing concern about the way CBEC students appear to have been negatively affected. Governors have also responded to the Government consultation on reform of Key Stage 4 Qualifications; parents have all received a letter from Mrs Elkins and Mr Clasper about this.

Governors have been hearing about the refurbished sports hall and some Governors have already been to see it being used. It is an amazing transformation from rather a dark and unwelcoming sports hall to a bright, vibrant space which will surely inspire great sport activities as well as be much more conducive to productive exams when it used, complete with carpet, during exam season. When you get the chance, we would recommend you take a visit and see for yourself what an excellent sports hall we now have to complement the other fine sports facilities at CBEC.

Calendar Catch Up

November

Tues 20th Whole College Council meeting
CBEC Cook Off Semi Final

Fri 23rd Monitor Day

Mon 26th BCOT Open Evening 6-8pm

Tues 27th Yrs 9-11 Progression Event at Carnival Hall, Council Rd, Basingstoke
CBEC Cook Off Final
Parent Focus Group, 6.30—7.30pm

December

Tues 4th Whole College Council meeting

Wed 5th Certificate Presentation Evening

Fri 7th Yr 7 Charity Challenge

Fri 14th Art/MFL trip to Paris

Tues 18th Christmas Performance

Fri 21st Full College Assembly
Last Day of term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 24th Dec—4th Jan

January

Mon 7th School re-opens at 8.25am

Wed 16th Year 11 Parents' Evening

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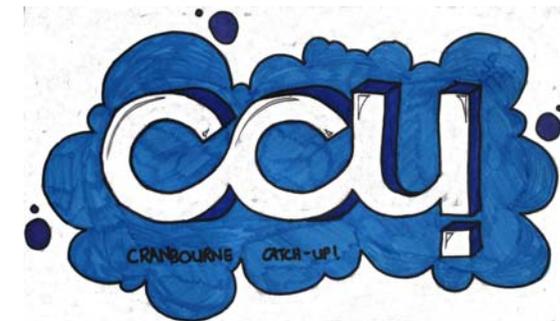
Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate our Year 10 and 11 students for their professionalism and maturity during their recent mock examinations and GCSE exams over the last two weeks. We were delighted that these exams took place in our newly refurbished sports hall. I know the students appreciated the warm, airy and bright environment which was so much more comfortable for them to work in.

The Year 11 students will now have to wait for Mock Exam Results Day in mid December, when students will receive their brown envelope and experience the excitement of opening it, as a prelude to their actual GCSE results in August!

We look forward to seeing all parents in school on Friday 23rd November during our Monitor Day. This is the chance for parents to speak to your child's tutor about their progress across all subjects. Please don't forget to book your appointments and bring your child's monitor and Planner with you!

Betty Elkins
Headteacher



CRANBOURNE CATCH UP

Ms Koster chalks up 25 years



Year 8 Progress Manager Ms Jane Koster has celebrated 25 years of teaching at Cranbourne.

She was presented with a gift to mark her anniversary at a staff briefing meeting before half term.

Ms Koster has been teaching for just over 30 years having worked in Sutton for six years before moving to CBEC.

She said: "I've stayed here because it's a great place to work with wonderful students.

"It's very fulfilling to teach D&T and Child Care. It's also great fun when you meet the parents who you taught and they remember recipes from school that they're now doing with their own children."

Ms Koster said she particularly enjoyed her work as a Progress Manager. "It's lovely to watch the students right through from Year 7 and Adventure Week to Year 11 and the Prom."

Feedback from parental questionnaire July 2012

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire earlier this year, the results of this have recently been fed back to Governors.

Overall we were delighted to hear that most parents rate the college to be good in all areas; this is consistent with the Ofsted findings.

In particular this year parents highlighted that the following aspects of CBEC are real strengths;

- The promotion of good attendance
- Access to computer and ICT facilities
- Availability of resources
- Developing enterprising skills in students

Whilst we are really pleased with these views we always strive to improve the college further, and the questionnaire informed us that our decision to focus on behaviour and homework are supported by parents.

We really value the feedback we receive from parents; we will be seeking the views of parents later in the year and as always at the Parent Focus Group which meets every half term.

Visit to Knit & Stitch show in London

Art and Textiles students had a joint trip to London recently to the Knit and Stitch exhibition.

Year 10 student Gerry said: "It was an amazing opportunity and I can't wait to use the techniques I've seen today in my work."

On the way home the bus broke down twice and students waited in a fairly posh hotel until it was fixed.

Amelia Ng

DofE Awards

Congratulations to Mr Duffy and Miss Mercer for giving up their time to successfully complete their DofE training over a weekend earlier in October.

There are 14 spaces for DofE this year and it is open to Year 10 students.

Year 11 students did a fantastic job of selling DofE to Year 10s.

Did you know?

The Long Jump pit at Cranbourne was dug by the family of Year 10 student Christie Hughes. "My dad, my uncle and my Grandad all made it," she said.

CBEC launches Photo course

Cranbourne students now have the chance to study photography after Deputy Headteacher Mr Fleeman launched the course in September.

He said: "This is the first time we have run a course in photography and the students are really starting to produce some lovely images with some very, very expensive cameras.

"They have some really good equipment and will be out and about during Day 10. One highlight was having one of the Olympic Torch bearers in on Open Evening because 115 visitors had their photograph taken with the Torch.

The students are working at the moment to get a virtual gallery together in school to display some of the best images.

They are now into photo shoot and correction of images and are very adept at air brushing.

If you know of a business, Doctor's Surgery or outlet that the college can contact to see if they would be interested in displaying some of the students' work in their reception area, please could you let Mr Fleeman know.

Great CBEC Cook Off

Ms Koster has set up Cranbourne's answer to the Bake Off!

Students are being asked to design and produce an interesting 2 course meal for a special occasion on a budget of no more than £5.

Marks will be awarded for skill, imagination, presentation and creativity.

Students will need to cook up to three times if you are selected to go through to the next rounds, you might want to consider saving your best ideas until the final.

There are three rounds Round 1 was on 13th November and the Semi Final is on 20th November.

For the Final on 27th November students will have to cook just one signature dish from an inspiring chef of their choice.

Students will need to give a copy of their menu for the judges and provide the main ingredients. Store cupboard essentials eg seasonings, oil, flour shakers etc will be provided.

Students will cook from 3pm until 4pm to cook and have 15 minutes for final clearing up!