

## A VISIT FROM TOSH

Year 7 and 8 had an exciting opportunity of hearing how the Police Drug Dog Unit operate. A Police Officer spoke about how the dogs are selected and trained and how they operate on a day to day basis. The highlight was a visit from 'Tosh' pictured who

demonstrated just how good he was at his detecting skills.



### Calendar Catch Up

#### Half Term

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### November

w/c 5th Mock GCSEs commence  
5th Additional Science GCSE Exam

8th Biology GCSE Exam  
Core Physics GCSE re-sit Exam

#### Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> QMC Open Evening

#### Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Monitor Day

Mon 26th BCOT Open Evening  
Tues 27th Yrs 9-11 Progression Event at Carnival Hall,

Council Rd, Basingstoke  
Parent Focus Group,  
630—730pm

#### December

Wed 5th Certificate Presentation Evening

Fri 7th Yr 7 Charity Challenge

### DAY 10 ROUND-UP

Year 7 students have been involved in CAT tests, whilst other students spent the day learning about cyber-bullying and cyber-safety. Students watched a DVD as a year group on how to stay safe whilst online.

Drama students had the opportunity to visit BCOT to watch their latest production and get tips for their own performances, Geography students had the opportunity to collect valuable data in the town centre for their controlled assessments.

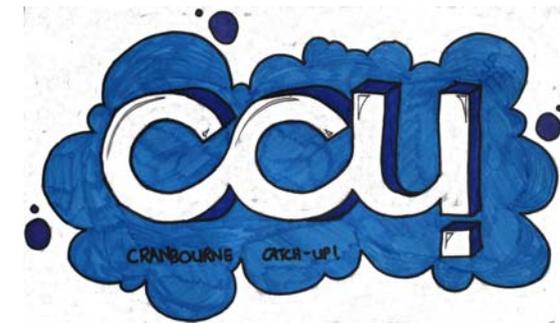
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## CRANBOURNE CATCH UP

### Head of Maths in national research project

Cranbourne's Head of Maths, Mrs Kirk, has been taking part in a national project linking research and teaching.

She was involved in the programme last year and also attended seminars in London last month.

Mrs Kirk gave talks to the audience about how she put the research into practice in lessons.

Her presentations were attended by staff from the Department for Education, The Royal Society, The London Mathematics Society and around 60 other teachers.

By taking part in the project, she said she was delighted by the marked levels of improvement in students' ability in algebra.

She said: "As a result of the research students are now less likely to forget what has been taught. Although in the early stages, some students were wary of trying things out and making mistakes. Now, a year on, they make better links between different areas of algebra and are happy to work in groups."

## Free school meals— are you missing out?

Staff at Cranbourne are mindful that many families may be missing out on free school meals (FSM) and even grants towards uniforms.

Students are eligible if the household income\* does not exceed **£16,190** or the family receives one or more of the benefits listed below.

The system is totally confidential and private. The eligible benefits are:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, \*as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

If you believe your family is entitled to Free School Meals please contact Mrs Crosby in the Finance Office on 01256 868616.

Students who qualify for free school meals are occasionally entitled to other benefits from central government or the county council, for example in the past there has been the offer of a free laptop for students.

## Year 7 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to parents of our new Year 7 students for coming along to the curriculum evening.

It was an informative evening for parents to understand what their child will be focusing on for the year ahead. We were delighted with the positive feedback parents gave us on how well their child had settled into Year 7.

Mrs Cheek, Progress Manager for Year 7 said that she was delighted that so many parents attend the evening.

## Assembly Round-up

Recent assemblies have focused on personal best and how we can achieve our goals. These were delivered by Miss Conlon and students from Year 8, 10 and 11:

Richard Barrett and Shivannie from Year 8, Daniel and Antony from Year 10 and Cheyenne Greenland Jones and Joe Holley from Year 11.

The student council gave a presentation on recruiting new year reps and tutor reps. If you want to get involved with this please see Miss Conlon.

Ms Long, with the help of new Sport Ambassadors, looked at the Olympic legacy to encourage students to try new sports and activities available to them.

## CBEC Open evening

Open evening was one of our biggest successes of this year so far and there were many activities to do.

Alongside activities in Maths and English, the Art department had some more practical tasks to try, such as

Textured tiles, mono printing and 'arty quiz' - Do You Know Your Art?

There was a stampede to visit the food department where freshly baked pizza was on offer.

In G Block, there was great excitement as a couple of photography students took pictures of the visitors with the Olympic Torch. The PE teachers supervised students on the trampolines and in History, staff and students dressed in historical costumes.

We had a jammed pack night with all the Year 5s and 6s and we hope to see many of their new faces in the New Year.

*Amelia Ng*



## Reward stamps popular with parents

Members of the Parent Focus Group met earlier this term and were very positive about the new 'stamp' rewards system.

Headteacher Mrs Elkins said: "It is fair to say that parental feedback was very positive and they thought the concept is an excellent tool in providing information about their child's progress on a daily basis."

"Parents can look at the planner every day and check the stamps awarded, punctuality and attendance along with any issues which are shown by a number written in a box."

This group of parents meet and talk about matters concerning the college and students, and it is chaired by Ms Long, Assistant Headteacher. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th November from 630– 730pm in the Conference