



CRANBOURNE CATCH UP

Outstanding GCSE results

CBEC Students achieved stunning GCSE results with 89 per cent passing five or more at A*-C.

90 per cent of boys and 88 per cent of girls passed five or more GCSEs at A*-C.

The benchmark figure of five passes including English and Maths is still being finalised because of the national problems over English marking.

Cranbourne's pass rate for five GCSEs at A*-C has been rising rapidly in recent years:

- 2009 – 68%
- 2010 – 73%
- 2011 – 82%
- 2012 – 89%

Headteacher Betty Elkins said: "Once again the record books have been re-written by the outstanding achievements of our students.

"Our hard-working students are supported by fantastic staff and together they make a formidable team. We are proud of them all."

She added: "Cranbourne students have a bright future and on behalf of all staff I congratulate them on their excellent results and wish them all the very best in the next stage of their education."



See inside for news about the CBEC trip to the Olympic Park.

Dear Parents



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year which we hope will give you an idea of some of the exciting things which have already been happening this term.

Thank you to all the Year 10 parents who were able to attend our Curriculum Evening. Your helpful feedback suggests that you found the evening as useful as we did. We really do believe that a key element in our improving results is our relationships with parents. If you were unable to come and require any further information on what you missed, please do contact Mr Rafter. Our Year 11 Curriculum Evening is on Wednesday 19th September so we hope to see as many Year 11 parents as possible to share key information with you.

On our INSET day last week, staff were able to spend time in the morning reviewing the introduction of the new 'stamp' reward system and were delighted that some of our students were able to come into college to give us their views. We are very pleased with the positive impact the stamps are having in college and do hope that it is helping you have more informed discussions with your son or daughter about their lessons. The second part of our INSET day was devoted to increasing the number of outstanding lessons, which is our OFSTED action point and a key development point for us this year.

Finally I would just like to remind you that college will finish at 12.40pm on **Wednesday 26th September** due to our Open Evening on that date. We hope that as many of our students as possible will take part in the evening to support their college. Betty Elkins Headteacher

Calendar Catch Up

September 2012

- Wed 19th Year 11 Curriculum Evening
- Wed 19th - Fri 21st CBEC Roadshows at feeder primary schools
- Fri 21st Curriculum Day
Yrs 7, 9, 11 Photographs
- Weds 26th Open Evening, 6-8.30pm.

October 2012

- Tues 2nd Parent Focus Group, 6.30pm
- Weds 3rd Year 7 Curriculum Eve
- Thurs 4th BCOT Open Evening
- Tues 23rd Year 10/11 Music Performance

Half Term

Mon 29th - Friday 2nd November

November

- Fri 9th Inset Day
- Weds 14th QMC Open Evening
- Fri 23rd Monitor Day
- Tues 27th Yrs 9-11 Progression Event at Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke

very popular with students last year, David May-Miller said: "It was great fun being independent and with your friends for a whole weekend."

We have had a great response from new year 10s who are currently completing applications as we can only offer 14 places this year.

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Duke of Edinburgh Awards

We are pleased to announce that we are running the Duke of Edinburgh Award again at Cranbourne for 14 Year 10 students. It was a huge success last year and we are hoping that the current year 10s get just as much out of it.

Cheyenne Greenland-Jones, who took part last year, said: "It was a very challenging experience and by the end I couldn't believe we finished both walks, looking back now I am proud of myself for finishing, it was very rewarding."

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a challenging award programme that is an adventure from start to finish, which encourages young people to develop their skills such as working as part of a team. It also provides individual challenge, the chance to gain new experiences and a qualification that is recognised by employers.

Above all the Duke of Edinburgh Award should be fun! Alana Greenland-Jones said: "It was fun and we got to do all sorts of interesting things like canoeing and adventure courses at the Gordon Brown centre."

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is broken down into four sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition. In school we will support the students in finding suitable opportunities for all parts of the award as well as teaching the students skills that they will need for their expedition.

We will also take the students on day walks and a practice expedition before the final expedition. Kieran Lane said: "It was good because on the practice expedition you had lots of fun but then you had the seriousness on the actual expedition."

The Duke of Edinburgh Award proved

New CBEC rewards

CBEC has introduced a new stamp rewards system across the college to increase student progress and achievement and reward all students for doing their best in every lesson.

Students will collect a stamp from their teacher each lesson for following the **five golden rules** which are shown in their planners. They can get additional stamps for contributing to the life of the college outside of the classroom eg helping at open evening.

Students are also given a stamp each week if they have good attendance and perfect punctuality.

This is all recorded in their planners for you to see so please check your child's planner to see how well they have achieved so far this term and watch this space to find out the rewards they will be working towards through the next two terms based on their stamp totals.

The golden rules are:

- Behaviour
- Arrive on time
- Uniform
- Equipment
- Personal best

Young Chamber is planning to run and judge a Masterchef competition between staff this term on Thursdays in October.

Some staff expressed interest in this last year!

Young Chamber students are really looking forward to this event and to see their other skills.

There will be a prize for the winner and a loser's 'wooden spoon' prize.

Welcome to our new Year 7s

Year 7 have had a really positive introduction to their first week and all students have settled in very well and it is great to see their smiles.

I have been looking through the summer projects and the standard and time gone into them shows they are getting really good support at home.

The talent show was a really excellent celebration of things they have done.

Congratulations to Alex Hicken

Year 10 student Alex Hicken has spent the last few days at the World Tumbling Championships in Portugal.

He is a member of the British Gymnastics Squad and trains for many hours a week at Basingstoke Gymnastics Club.

Alex has been a leading light in boys' gymnastics for many years and has competed around the world.

Congratulations to our Ethos winners who were awarded prizes at the Full College Assembly at the end of last term:

Fabia Kalam:	Exiting Environment
Richard Barrett:	Respect
Aidan Jones:	Personal Best
Ross Oliver:	Positivity
Amelia Ng:	Enterprise
Tom Greenland-Jones:	Working Together

Students win Paralympic tickets

Five students from Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College won the chance to watch Paralympic Athletics and were entertained by a blind Chinese field athlete.

They were nominated for being Inspirational, Determined, Respectful, and showing Equality and Excellence at July's Day of Sport.

Megan Harmon, Fabia Kalam, Holly Marshall, Keonne Crockwell and Tom Greenland Jones, who were accompanied to the Olympic Park by PE Teacher Mr Andy Kimber.

They were shocked by the sheer number of people in the stadium as they took their seats and felt lucky to witness a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The students saw the T11 long jump, T12 800m women's semis and the men's and women's shot put final plus countless other exciting events.

Tom said: "The one highlight of the games was Li Duan, the blind Chinese long jumper who, to get crowd going, ripped off his trousers moments before each jump. He was a real crowd pleaser and came second in the end of the competition."

Later, they toured the Olympic park and to see all other venues such as the basketball arena, the velodrome, the aquatics centre and the Orbit. The tour took around an hour and a half and the weather was blisteringly hot.

Keonne added: "The whole day was a great experience and has inspired me to try my hardest in sport."

Thomas said: "The whole day was a once in a lifetime opportunity which I'm sure I will never forget."

Mr Kimber said: "To witness the sights and sounds of the Olympic Park and to have access to the stadium itself was a truly amazing experience. The most astounding aspect of the day had to be watching the competitors themselves."

"In spite of such physical adversity, the ability and sense of achievement of individuals who smile as they give their very best as athletes, inspired us and I'm sure an entire generation."

He added; "We were fortunate enough to share with them, a never to be forgotten day."

