



**February 26th 2016**

### BAKING FOR BOOKS

The students of 7SS would like to thank Cranbourne staff for their contributions during their recent bake sale. Comments from Miss Shaw:

"We raised £20 from the sale which is awesome. As I said I would double what they made, we have a total of £40 to spend on books which will then be donated to children's hospitals and charities. We are planning to order lots of the David Walliams books to read as a tutor group and then donate to children's places all over the country. We hope to do this at least once a term with a new book each term." Well done 7SS!



Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope everyone enjoyed the half term break! Hopefully Year 10 and Year 11 students all made time to do some revision. Year 10 examinations start on Tuesday 1st March and Year 11 have their second set of mock examinations starting on Wednesday 9th March. Thank you very much to parents who are joining in with the revision process; in a whole variety of ways! Encouraging students to write and then stick to their revision timetables, testing students know their quotes and formula, even reading parts of books. I can assure you that it all helps and they will appreciate the efforts you have made, come August, even if they don't let you know that now!

This is a very short half term so it will be extremely busy. Just this week a group of Year 10 students visited Oxford University and a group of Year 9 students visited Winchester University; both events are designed to motivate and inspire students to work harder when they return to the classroom!

We have also had a successful 'Lock In' practice this week. It is a requirement that we have a 'Lock In' procedure where we all (staff and students) know what we would do in the event that there is ever an emergency, where we are all safer inside the building rather than outside - e.g. a warning being received regarding a risk locally of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc) or a major fire in the vicinity of the school. (It was pure coincidence that our practice happened the same week as the tragedy in Didcot.)

Clearly it is important that we run through what we should do if we do ever have to deal with such an emergency. Whilst the likelihood of ever having to use this is very, very slight, if we never practice we will not understand the alert when it is sounded.

I am delighted to report that the students responded to the practice alert in a very mature and sensible manner with minimum fuss.

Yours faithfully,

B Elkins, Headteacher

### CBEC STUDENT SET FOR TV FAME

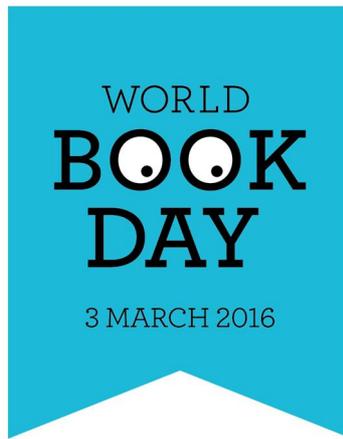
Former Cranbourne student Grace Bonner, who was head girl in 2009/10, will be on our TV screens this weekend. On Sunday 28th February, Grace will be starring in the BBC's hit series, *Call the Midwife*.

Grace opened her GCSE exam results live on BBC news and said her ambition was to be an actress and now, after having finished her drama studies in Guildford last summer, she is realising her dream. Congratulations, Grace!

## WORLD BOOK DAY: COMING SOON!

In conjunction with World Book Day, author Kit Berry will be visiting Cranbourne on Friday 4th March. Kit will talk to students about writing and then sign copies of her books in the library at lunchtime, which will be on sale for £5.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have received a £1 World Book Day token which can be used in a range of book shops. The tokens are valid from the 29th February until the 27th March 2016 and can be used against books costing £2.99 or more. There are also a range of £1 books on offer and a list of these can be found on the World Book Day website: [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books)



## RELIGIOUS STUDIES UPDATE

Religious Studies is an academic subject that is widely recognised by Colleges and Universities. A GCSE in RS tells an employer that you appreciate and understand different opinions and beliefs. It also shows that you are able to evaluate, analyse and question before forming your own opinion.

In order to gain a favourable grade at GCSE, it is vital that students are able to show the examiner three key facets:

- Knowing the difference between Christian and Muslim attitudes towards concepts (such as marriage, divorce, abortion, euthanasia etc.)
- Supporting this with quotes from Religious Authorities (such as The Bible and Qur'an)
- Understanding the meaning of key Religious vocabulary. Being able to define these terms with examples and use Religious terminology throughout the exam.

We do these things together in our lessons. However, **it is vital that students are supporting their learning in the classroom with revision at home.** In order to help with this, the RS department has put together revision guides for each of the eight units that we study throughout Key Stage 4. These guides can be found on our Moodle page or on Show My Homework. They include each of the three facets listed above as well as practice exam questions that teachers are happy to mark and offer guidance on to help our students to make progress. For any more information, please contact Miss McConnell or Mr Kent.

### Key upcoming dates:

1<sup>st</sup> March 2016: Year 10 Mock Exams begin

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Year 11 Mock Exams begin

## SKI TRIP 2016



Cranbourne's annual ski trip took place during the recent February half term break. Be sure to check the next issue of CCU for a report on what students and staff got up to!

## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### March 2016

- **Wednesday 2nd:** Year 9 Options Evening
- **Wednesday 9th:** Year 6 Parents Evening, 6.30pm
- **Thursday 10th:** Year 9 Drama Performance
- **Wednesday 16th:** Year 9 Parents evening
- **Thursday 17th:** Spring Concert
- **Wednesday 23rd:** Year 7 Parents Evening

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Friday 25th March - Friday 8th April

### April 2016

- **Wednesday 13th:** Year 8 Options Evening



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter!

@CBECinfo

## Contact CBEC

**Cranbourne Business and  
Enterprise College**

Wessex Close

Basingstoke

RG21 3NP



01256 868600



[gen.enquiries@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:gen.enquiries@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk)



[www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk)