

# Cranbourne Catch Up

CBEC's Regular Newsletter

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## SKI TRIP— ITALY 2017



For the first time in 14 Years of CBEC ski trips, we had the opportunity to fly to our destination. And so with a small, but merry band of Year 8 to 11 students, we set off from Gatwick to Artesina in the Italian Alps.

Blessed with the most amazing weather all week, as blue skies and warm sunshine greeted us, we were fortunate to enjoy perfect ski conditions on groomed pistes of fresh snow.

And so on Sunday morning we made the short trip of around 20 meters from the hotel ski room to the chairlift and slopes! We met our instructors and there began five days of wonderful activity and character building in the most wonderful and pristine environment. The views were simply stunning, as we gazed over the mountain tops towards Switzerland.

From small beginnings, our first time skiers made amazing progression and as the week went on, we were all able to ski together as a group to a mountain bar for hot chocolate and a cruisy ski back down to the hotel for amazing pasta at dinner time! Skiing taught our students resilience and developed a 'can do' attitude, when at first it seemed impossible to achieve and master a new skill.

The evenings were spent in and around the hotel and 'bum boarding' on the slopes under the floodlights and also having a quiz night, karaoke and pizza themed evenings.

We shared the hotel with a lovely group of students and staff from a school in North Wales and we had competitive games of football on the snow with an orange ball...great memories with new friends!

Those who had skied before were able to travel extensively from one linked resort to another and so we really had the perfect place to ski, with perfect weather and most of all, the most perfect students from CBEC that Mr Ndlovu, Mrs Hinkman and I had the pleasure of spending the week with.



### Ski Awards 2017

Skier of the week: Nina Jardim. Most Improved Skier: Regan Boyle



Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably, we are just a few weeks away from Easter! We are now looking forward to the summer term and the hectic exam period.

If your child is in year 11, remember to look on the website for details of revision classes. Some of these are outside of normal school hours. Year 11 students are being taught to organise their revision so that their confidence increases and nothing feels too rushed as the exams arrive. The Summer Term is one where we celebrate the successes of 2016-17. This includes the Year 11 prom. We are launching a new prom passport this week. The prom is an important rite of passage and should include all and exclude none. I have agreed that those with a high number of commendations and stamps will be rewarded with cheaper tickets. We also prepare for the next academic year and the warm welcome of new students and parents into our school community.

You may have read the news that the County Council's Executive Member for Education, Councillor Peter Edgar, has agreed that the next steps should be taken to amalgamate Fort Hill School with Cranbourne. This will involve the issuing of a Public Notice, later this week by the Local Authority, after which there will be a four - week statutory consultation period; during this period you will have the opportunity to respond to the Notice. There is a link on our website with a fuller letter, in which there is a link to Hampshire County Council's own web page. We will, of course, keep you up to date with news of any changes and consultations.

Finally, road safety: a member of the public phoned in concerned about students walking out into Winchester Road, which has a 30mph speed limit. We are reminding our students about road awareness this week and would also ask parents to re-inforce the importance of road safety.

Additionally, a plea to those who drive their children to school. The **staff car park** is being used as a drop off point and has become dangerously busy at times, with students crossing in front of vehicles and visibility limited. There is no public access to the staff car parks. If you are coming up Wessex Close, please use the church or the shops as an alternative place to drop off.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. Our fantastic team has again put in very long hours to make sure that we offer a fabulous range of opportunities for all students.

Jane Aplin  
Headteacher



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Saturday 4th March the Year 10 DofE group spent the day working on several elements of their DofE award, in preparation for their Expedition in July. They had planned a route, and practised their map and navigations skills on the two hour walk around the countryside. On their return to CBEC they learned how to use the Trangia stoves, and the types of food to ensure they have a nutritious dinner and breakfast, but keep it easy and lightweight to carry. Once they had practised pitching their tents the groups set up their Trangia to cook and share a delicious lunch. Despite the rain during the afternoon the students had a brilliant time, and showed such a huge amount of enthusiasm and initiative. We are all really looking forward to the rest of the practical days and expeditions.



## DUTCH EXCHANGE—13 /14 MARCH 2017

We were delighted to welcome our Dutch visitors last week. After they arrived on Monday afternoon our visitors spent some time making pizzas, taking part in an 'English lesson' followed by after school fun sports activities! On Tuesday a number of our Year 8 students accompanied the Dutch visitors to Portsmouth where they visited the Historic Dockyard, The Spinnaker Tower and Gunwharf Quays for food and shopping! We are hoping to visit Holland later in the year and continue our international links.

*Ronnie Witts described his time with our Dutch friends:*

*"On the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> we did activities with our Dutch pen pals. This was a different and fun experience, we did things such as: pizza making, English lesson and we played football.*

*The first thing we did was an English lesson. We had to work out riddles and write down the answer, once we wrote the answer our pen pals put down how we would say or write it.*

*After that we made pizza. We could use salami and other meats and vegetables. Our pizzas looked and tasted great.. At the end of the day we played football. Overall it was a really good day and I would definitely do it again."*



## BATTLEFIELDS TRIP—17-19 MARCH 2017

Year 8 students and staff had a fantastic trip to the Battlefields of France and Belgium. The tour was designed to enrich students' knowledge of the battles of WW1 whilst emphasizing the importance of remembering fallen soldiers in the First World War and beyond. Each student made their own commemorative piece and laid it on the grave of a Hampshire soldier at Tyne Cot Cemetery. Staff were overwhelmed by the many positive comments that they received about the way our students behaved and conducted themselves. A real credit to Cranbourne! A big thank you to Miss Shaw for organising the trip and to Mrs Crosby, Miss McConnell, Mr Searby and Mrs Yaroslaw for accompanying the trip. The week-end really was a huge success and Miss Shaw is looking forward to running the trip again next year! Look out for a detailed write-up and more photos next time!



## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### MARCH 2017

- **Thursday 23 March** : Non-Uniform Day in aid of Comic Relief (Red Nose)
- **Friday 24 March**: INSET DAY
- **Wednesday 29th**: Year 7 Parents' Evening 5pm -7.30pm
- **Thursday 30th**: CBEC's Got Talent at 7.30 pm

### APRIL 2017

- **Wednesday 5th April**: New Intake Parents' Evening at 6.00 pm (will be same event as 8th March 2017)
- **Thursday 6th April**: Spring Concert at 7.00pm
- **Monday 10th –Friday 21st**  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- **Monday 24th April**: First day of term
- **Wednesday 26th**: Year 8 Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm
- **Thursday 27th**: Junior Maths Challenge

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