



# Cranbourne Catch Up

*CBEC's Regular Newsletter*

November 11th 2016

## AUTUMN CONCERT

The new academic year concert series started last month with the Cranbourne Autumn Concert, which had a Halloween twist. As usual all students produced performances of an incredibly high standard.

Mr Charlton, Head of Music, said of the evening: "I would like to thank as always Mr Featherby and Mr Beattie for their continued support and for all of the staff who came to support the students - it really does make a difference! I love facilitating these evenings where I feel so honoured - to be surrounded by such talent. Concerts like this are a testament to the hard work that students put into their music."

Comments from Mrs Aplin, Headteacher: "The standard of performances at the Autumn Concert were so impressive, as was the work that had gone on behind the scenes. Students had practiced hard and had arranged the music themselves in many cases. The whole concert was organised by our wonderful Music Prefects. We need to thank the staff who came to support and perform alongside the students, and the parents who turned up to this wonderful celebration of musical talent. Mr Charlton is clearly an inspiration to these young people!"

### What Else is On in Music:

- As a result of how impressed Mrs Aplin was with the autumn concert, a performance was organised for the following Friday during lunchtime in the canteen. Songs taken directly from the evening were performed to showcase the students' talents. Friday lunchtime performances look to become a regular event so watch this space!
- It was noted that there was an absence of Year 7 students in the concert and in order to find out what fantastic talent they have to offer (along with existing Year 8s who may have been empowered by what they heard), we are running a talent show. There will also be a panel of judges made up of CBEC staff and music prefects. Heats of the competition will run during lunchtime and the final, where the audience will vote for their favourites, will run in the near future. Dates to be announced soon!
- The annual CBEC Christmas Concert takes place this year on Thursday 15th December. The evening will include a performance from the Year 9 winner of the traditional Christmas song composition competition, along with a range of other great performances.



## CYCLING TO SCHOOL

As the mornings and nights grow darker, students are reminded of the importance of staying safe when cycling to and from Cranbourne. Students should wear helmets, have lights fitted on bikes that are roadworthy and also wear reflective clothing to ensure safe travel to and from school.



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy two weeks we have had at Cranbourne! Year 11 students are in the middle of mock exams. Their attitude has been exemplary and we are expecting excellent results from this wonderful year group in the summer. Year 7 and 8 students are performing particularly well in sporting and musical events, with our Under 13 Girl's football team beating every other Basingstoke school. Our younger year groups are preparing for the musical showcase, ably supported by our music prefects. Please do come to our concert on 15th December. All PE extra curricular activities are advertised outside the PE office. These clubs are well attended and would encourage all students to come along and have a go.

We have welcomed all parents and carers in to the school this week to discuss their child's progress. As part of the day, we would like to hear what our families have to say about the changes at Cranbourne. A survey will be available at reception for you to fill in. I would like to thank you for your messages of support and encouragement. Last week, our lates dropped by 60% and the overwhelming majority of students were here by 8.20am - a fantastic improvement!

As you may be aware, we are working with our Year 11s on their next steps, post-16. All young people must stay in education or work based training now after leaving school and Basingstoke is blessed with two excellent colleges. QMC and BCOT have a fantastic range of courses to help our young people climb the ladders into Higher Education or successful careers. It is important for us that our students aim high and have the confidence to push for the best opportunities. Our Year 10s had a trip to Oxford University this week. Mrs Hinksman organised this and would be happy to talk to anyone interested in university education as a pathway. We would like all college applications in by the end of this term and will work hard to support families with this. If you are at all unsure about this process, please do contact our College Parent Partners, who will guide you through.

Mrs J. Aplin  
Headteacher

## CRANBOURNE CULTURE CAFE

CBEC's Culture Café will start on Tuesday 15th November in the Drama Studio. Staff and students are welcome to recite a poem, short story or lyrics of their own based around a set theme. Alternatively, perhaps they would like to share a poem or story by someone else that they feel fits into the themes. (Please be sure to credit the author!)

The dates and themes for the next culture cafe sessions are:

- **Tuesday 15th November:** Winter hues and blues
- **Tuesday 29th November:** 'Tis the season...part 1
- **Tuesday 13th December:** 'Tis the season...part 2

Themes can be interpreted as loosely or closely as you want!

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## BASCITT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Basingstoke Alliance School Centred Initial Teacher Training (BASCITT) are now recruiting for 2017/18 trainee placements.

They are currently recruiting potential trainees for September 2017 in the following subjects:

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- English
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies

If you are interested and would like to find out more about the application process, please visit

[www.basingstokealliancescitt.com](http://www.basingstokealliancescitt.com)



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## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT TORTOISES

The science department would like to introduce you all to their two new members; a pair of 6 month old Hermann's Tortoises! After much deliberation, and many many suggestions, we have decided to name them Franklin and Tesla. They are named after under-recognised scientists, whose contributions were massive, but whose rewards were less so. Students are allowed to visit them during lunch break but only in still groups as they are still very young. Please talk to Mr Searby to arrange a time!



## Catch Up Calendar

What's on in the weeks ahead!

### NOVEMBER 2016

- **Friday 25th:** INSET DAY
- **Wednesday 30th:** Certificate Presentation Evening

### DECEMBER 2016

- **Thursday 1st:** Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day
- **Thursday 15th:** Music and Drama Concert
- **Friday 16th:** Whole School Assembly

Monday 19th - Friday 30th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

### JANUARY 2017

- **Monday 2nd:** BANK HOLIDAY



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