

End of Term Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update



As we approach the halfway mark, we must celebrate some of our fantastic successes at Cranbury College. The hospital team continue to work tirelessly on Dolphin and Lion ward – not only being everyday superheroes but also supporting the college at both primary and secondary sites too.

The primary team have been developing their curriculum and structure of the day – which has proven to be much more successful. Miss Forbes, Assistant Headteacher is now based in the primary school and is managing both the primary team and outreach team. We are delighted that our outreach team is now at capacity, with some great new appointments. We can't wait to get going with our new outreach model! We truly believe this will support more children in mainstream schools. A big congratulations to our new Primary Lead teacher, Mrs Barclay - Clarke – we will miss you when you go on maternity but look forward to seeing some great changes upon your return!

Secondary staff have been busy delivering our improved curriculum (more on this to come for next year!), with sport classes going to a local gym and now rock climbing, Duke of Edinburgh sessions with geo-caching, making fresh pasta with our new Hospitality and Catering teacher, Mr Bedford, Duke of Edinburgh sessions

with geo-caching, making fresh pasta with our new Hospitality and Catering teacher, Mr Bedford, to some great successes on our remote pathway for students! It shows our pathways are in place to ensure as much success as possible! We have recently introduced assemblies, which has been going very well for students, as well as our very successful pastoral drop down day – this followed on from the success of our Christmas Fair! Students were able to be a part of sessions with the local authority youth service team, fire service and Thames Valley Police teams. This was a very successful day with lots of positive feedback from the providers on our student's engagement in the sessions! This is always lovely to receive.

Our next chapter upon our return is the all-important build up for the Year 11 exams – we have absolute faith in them! We will be having our mock exams when we get back, and real run through of what this will be like in August. Mr Baggley and our careers team will be there to talk and discuss options with students.

For now, have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ceri Burns
Head Teacher

Key Dates

Fri 9 February
End of Term

Mon 19 February
Start of Term

Fri 23 February
Inset Day
(School closed to pupils)

Mon 26 February
Yr 11 Mock Week

Thurs 29 February
Yr 9 Immunisations
Men/ACWY/3-in-1
Booster & MMR

Fri 8 March
Yr 11 Academic
Tutoring & Results
Day

Tues 19 March
Functional Skills
English Exam

Mon 25 March
School Report Week

Fri 29 March
End of Term

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Deputy Head Teacher Update

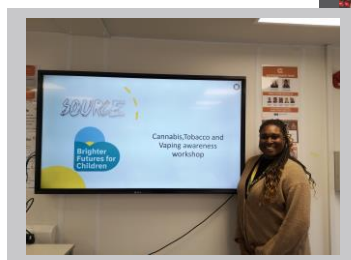
Our mock exams will be taking place for year 11 week beginning Monday 26th February. This will mean a slight change to our usual timetable for students who attend site - more information will follow after half term.

On Friday 8th March we will be holding a results day where year 11's will be invited in with parents to get their results and attend an academic tutoring meeting and talk to our Careers and AP Lead to discuss their options post year 11.

Claire Willmott

Deputy Head Teacher - Curriculum and Standards

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Department Updates

Primary

In Primary this term, we have been working on perseverance and working together. Outside, the children have loved creating an obstacle course with Mr Trinder. They have been making them challenging by including different heights and slopes. They even added in a timing element. Each time a pupil had a go, their peers gave words of encouragement. When a part was particularly tricky, the pupil didn't give up and kept trying until they could do it.

Pupils have been showing kindness and good teamwork during their choosing time. A pupil made a robot out of blocks and then kindly showed his peers how to make one too.

We have had lots of fun with cooking this term. We have been focusing on Breakfast foods. The children's favourite part is eating what they have made afterwards

Hope you all have lovely half term, and we will see you next term.

Emma Brown

Lead Primary Teacher

SEN

The term has gone quickly, and students have come back from the Christmas break ready to learn and shown great resilience in terms of their exams. The students have been continuing to work alongside the therapy dog coming into lessons and enjoying being around the students. He's also been learning some new tricks with one of his handlers and we look forward to seeing him operate the lights soon!

Keep an eye out for SEN coffee morning coming up and don't forget there is a wealth of information and advice as well as what's on in the local area from Brighter Futures for Children and Reading Borough Council click the link [What's on in Reading](#)

Lou Bedford

SENDCo

English Department

Team English have had another exciting half term! Year 9 and 10 have been busy preparing for their Functional Skills exam which will take place on 13th March - more details to follow after half term!

Claire Willmott

Deputy Headteacher & Head of English

Maths Department

The maths department has had an exciting term building up to our functional skills exam. It was very pleasing to see so many students entered at their level and working hard to achieve a qualification. This was also a great opportunity for students to practice exam behaviours. Handing in your phone and being silent for an hour is a challenge for many of our students; but overall, it went well. We will give students the results after half term but from marking the first few they look very positive with many students moving from Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 2.

Jack Alcock
Head of Maths

Science Department

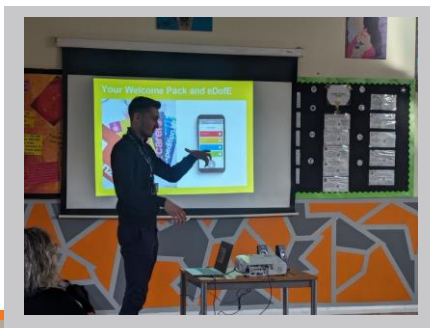
We've had a busy term in Science, looking at a range of topics.

Our Year 11s have been working hard on their practical skills and knowledge and have been completing past papers to prepare for their real exams as well as their next mocks after half-term. Year 10 have been looking at forces and we've had fantastic lessons looking at how we use forces in everyday life. KS3 have been exploring matter, whilst Year 9 explored electricity.

We're looking forward to next term where we will be doing lots of practical and hands on work in Science.

Happy Half-Term from the Science Department!

Abi Russell
Head of Science



Re-Engagement Intervention Workshops

We offer the below workshops to a small group of students from local schools who would benefit from specific interventions.

Workshop 1 - Anger management/school expectations

Workshop 2 - Healthy relationships/re-engagement

Workshop 3 - Conflict management/risk taking

This term there was an increase on the number of students who were referred to us from their school for support with interventions to help them in their mainstream school.

We have had 13 students attend one of the three course available. They have now come to the end of their interventions and have been able to take away some new skills to help them make better choices in their schools and in life.

They have been able to find ways of decreasing their anger levels and improve their problem-solving communication skills. Understand the difference between negative and positive relationships with peers and staff in school and others within the community. This is just a snippet of some of the skills they are learning.

Sharon Quittenton

Re-Engagement Lead

Hospital Teaching Service

It has been an uncharacteristically quiet half term here at the hospital, as the children's wards have experienced a low number of admissions for the duration of January. We continue to work with an ever-increasing number of children and young people with complex needs and mental health illnesses, who tend to have longer and recurrent stays, which allows the teaching team an opportunity to build relationships and ensures we are delivering an education which is specific to their needs. This is an aspect of our daily roles which we all thoroughly enjoy as it is a privilege to be allowed to share and support the child and their families at a time of extreme vulnerability.

The Hospital Team have supported our Primary Team throughout this half-term. We would like to thank the Primary Team for making us feel so welcome. It has been a great opportunity to have a real insight into how our Primary Teamwork in order to allow Cranbury's youngest students the best opportunity so that they are able to return to a school setting which allows them to thrive. I am really looking forward to a closer working relationship with our Primary colleagues as we continue through this academic year and beyond.

Gill Albone

Lead Hospital Teacher

Pastoral Updates

Students have taken part in their first Pastoral day where they had sessions delivered to them throughout the day on the theme 'Keeping Safe'. The police, Fire and Rescue Service, Brighter Futures for Children specialist team and our own staff delivered sessions throughout the day focusing on Sexual Health, Water safety, Fire and Rail Safety, Knife Crime, Smoking, Vaping and Cannabis effects and the importance of healthy relationships. Students engaged well with our external agencies, and we had lots of positive comments regarding their conduct and enthusiasm at the end of the day.

We have also continued our work with Thames Valley Police in conducting another Knife Arch this term. Not only does this encourage all our students to make sensible choices but is crucial in building relationships between our policing team, staff and students.

We thank parents/carers for their continued support with encouraging students to follow our uniform policy. If parents need to purchase further uniform to the one that has already been provided, please find the link to our uniform supplier [Brigade](#)

Student lateness to school has seen a huge improvement as well since September and our overall, positive points that we award students when they are 'getting it right' have risen and our behaviour points have dropped with students working on their ability to 'put it right' with our help.

Students have continued with their Tutor group attendance challenges introduced at the beginning of the year and increasingly we are seeing the 'fight' to win and get the best attendance collectively has been very tight.

Our school therapist, Lucy, has continued to support our students delivering intervention sessions weekly. Lucy works with several of our students using a variety of techniques and methods to help guide them when solving problems, building resilience and supporting them to remove barriers that are preventing them from being successful both in and out of school. This intervention forms part of a large range of interventions that we offer our students at Cranbury College, and we are sure our students will continue to thrive in her sessions.

This academic year, we introduced a range of pathways to Cranbury College to ensure all of our students have access to a timetable that is appropriate for their success. We review each student's pathway every two weeks and communicate with parents if we believe there needs to be an adjustment to their provision. So far, this academic year, we have increased a number of students hours in education which we believe, gives them further opportunities in the future.

One of our roles at Cranbury College is to support schools in the local area with advice and guidance to avoid Permanent Exclusion for their students. As part of our offer, we provide workshops for schools on Anger Management, School Expectations, Healthy Relationships, Conflict Management and Risk Taking. We also introduced 'Behaviour Clinics' for schools this academic year to discuss concerns they have and receive timely and informed advice about suitable alternatives to suspension and permanent exclusion. So far, we have supported our local schools with 22 clinics and supported 29 children receive the support they need within their school.

Charlotte Baggley

Assistant Head Teacher - Behaviour, Wellbeing and Personal Development

Helpful Links

Care2HaveFun	Care2HaveFun - Brighter Futures For Children
Holiday Activities and Food scheme on behalf of Reading Borough Council	https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/haf/
Animal Assisted Activities (Indie Training Provider)	https://www.canineassistedlearning.com/
School Therapist – Lucy	https://www.briym.co.uk/
Family Activities	https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/family-activities/
Early Help	https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/early-help/
What's on in Reading	https://servicesguide.reading.gov.uk/kb5/reading/directory/service.page?id=XIYWJXBWCKw

RFF's Social Care Conference

RFF's Children's Social Care Conference, Tuesday 5 March 2024

We would like to invite you to a conference we are hosting on 5th March with Brighter Futures for Children.

It is an opportunity to find out more about children's social care in Reading and ask questions. The event is free with lunch and coffee included. Please let our new Trustee - Kira Lloyd know if you would like to attend: kira@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk

Please mention any dietary requirements you may have when emailing.

Reading Families Forum



RFF's Annual SEND conference: children's social care



**Tuesday 5th March 9:30-14:30: The Pavilion, 143-145
Oxford Rd, Reading, RG1 7UY**

For parents and carers of children with additional needs and service providers.

Guest speakers to be announced.

An opportunity to find out more about children's social care and ask questions!

To book, please email kira@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk



Parenting Support Programmes



Mental Health coffee mornings in READING SCHOOLS 2024

Come and learn about mental health in a relaxed and informal setting. Understand how mental health might affect your child and learn practical tools to help you support your child through any mental health difficulties they may experience, whether short or long-term.

These informal coffee mornings are run by Amanda Mavunga, Reading MHST CAMHS Senior Clinician at BFFC. Amanda will deliver a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. You can attend any session, even if your child does not attend the hosting school.



YOU MAY ATTEND ANY OF THESE SESSIONS AT ANY SCHOOL

DATE/TIME	SUBJECT	SCHOOL
9 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	St. Michael's Primary School
18 Jan, 1-3pm	Supporting your child with autism	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
19 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
29 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	Oxford Road Community School
31 Jan, 9.15-11.15am	OCD	Churchend Primary Academy
22 Feb, 9.15-11.15am	Mental health and minority ethnic identity	St. Michael's Primary School
29 Feb, 1-3pm	Impact of social media on mental health	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
1 March, 9.15-11.15am	Low self-esteem: Building resilience to improve mental health	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
18 March, 1-3pm	Support with growing up, mood and hormonal changes	English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
26 March, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	Churchend Primary Academy
19 April, 9.15-11.15am	Anxiety	St. Michael's Primary School
26 April, 9.15-11.15am	Challenging behaviour	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
20 May, 9.15-11.15am	Autism	Churchend Primary Academy
4 June, 9.15-11.15am	Autism	St. Michael's Primary School
14 June, 9.15-11.15am	Emotional wellbeing Q&A	Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School
8 July, 9.15-11.15am	ADHD	St. Michael's Primary School
12 July, 9.15-11.15am	Anxiety or Q&A	Churchend Primary Academy

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Kids Eat Free



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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