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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we come to the end of the first half term of this academic year, it is time to stop and reflect on the amazing achievements our community have accomplished since our return in September.

With our focus being on high expectations and no limits learning, the whole community has excelled itself by stepping up to the challenge. Our new school day structure has been embraced by students who have really thrown themselves into learning, from the more academic subjects like English and Maths, to the vocational subjects like Hair and Beauty and Food, students at the secondary site have pushed themselves to learn new skills. At Primary it has been so lovely to watch the pupils grow and develop their learning skills through continuous provision and our ILP students are really enjoying their project based learning at the Scout Hut site and it is a pleasure to watch them thrive. Not to mention the great work that has been taking place in our Hospital setting to ensure that students there do not miss learning whilst admitted.

All of this hard work was celebrated and rewarded this week during our rewards week, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students on their achievements so far this year.

Outside of the classroom I am pleased to report that the College raised £140.75 for Macmillans Cancer Support, celebrated Mental Health Day by recognising the importance of talking about mental health openly and freely, and staff wore pink on 18th October to raise awareness and money for Breast Cancer Awareness.

As we look forward to the next half term, I would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and the impact that low attendance has on positive outcomes for our students; please encourage attendance at all times and if there are any barriers to this please do contact us so that we can support in any way we can. A reminder also that if students are late past 9.30am this is classed as an absence as the register is closed at this time. In order to avoid this, students need to be in school promptly at the start of the day.

I would also like to draw your attention to the upcoming calendar dates, particularly our mock exams in November for year 10 and 11 which will also mean some timetable disruption for KS3 and our Christmas Fair on 13th December. Make sure it is in your diary so you can join us and support the students' efforts and hard work.

My first half term as Headteacher of Cranbury College has been one of pride and I am looking forward to continuing to lead the College in aiming high. I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on 6th November at 9am.

Mrs Claire Willmott
Headteacher



INCLUSION UPDATE

Pastoral

This academic year we have restructured our teams to ensure we are providing our students with the best possible support.

The newly formed Inclusion Department now consists of a Safe Lead, Behaviour Lead, Behaviour Support Worker, Re-engagement Lead, Attendance Officer, SENDCo and SEN Manager. This joined up approach to helping our students be Ready, Respectful and Safe in school, out of school and in their next steps has been embraced by students and staff and we look forward to developing our plans further throughout this academic year.

If you believe your child could benefit from extra support whilst in school, please do not hesitate to contact our main reception with your concerns and a member of the department will be in touch with you.

Miss C Baggley
Deputy Headteacher- Behaviour, Well being and Personal Development

Behaviour and Rewards

This academic year we have made some changes to our rewards system which is available to view here. Please click here We are focusing on our school values SAFE, READY and RESPECTFUL and supporting students to build their resilience.

This term our students have have been earning their stars to make it on to our Rewards board. Every day if a student has shown they have not only been SAFE, READY and RESPECTFUL but they have also been resilient or even gone the extra mile, a teacher will give them a STAR at the end of the day.

Mrs B Ifill
Behaviour Lead



Attendance

Attendance has started well after the Summer break and we are seeing some of our Persistent Absentees coming back into school and working hard on increasing their attendance which is brilliant. We will be sending out your Child's attendance certificate towards the end of this half term for you to look at and discuss with your Child. Please be reminded that your Child needs to be in school by 9.00am every day, even just arriving 15 minutes late can effect their attendance and impact their learning time in School.

Next half term we will be working towards an Attendance/Behaviour Trip whereby Students overall attendance will need to be 80% or over for them to be considered, more details about this will follow at a later date.

Mrs M Lucy
Attendance Officer



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SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

This year we are continuing to benefit from a day a week counselling support from Lucy a Therapist from Bryim. Students get a 30 min session with Lucy if they have any issues that they want to talk through. She even offers phone sessions if a student is unable to access her face to face. Students can either see her for a period of time or have a one off session depending on what the challenge is. These sessions are always popular and she is often full!

We take student wellbeing very seriously and every term we ask the students their thoughts, feelings and opinions on important issues. This is called Student Voice. Student responses are then collated and looked at by the Leadership team so that they can see how students are feeling about these issues. This term we have been looking at the NEW school environment, NEW school day and the NEW lunch clubs! Next term the focus will be on a different topic.

Brighter Futures For Children have a huge amount of information for parents and carers about all of the services they offer. <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/>

NSPCC website also has some really useful information for any family looking for additional support. Just follow the links for more info:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

If you ever need any advice on anything please send us an email and we will do our best to signpost and support you!

Mrs N Dziewulska-Miles
Safe Lead



SEND UPDATE

Our Year 11 SEN students have been starting to think about their options and creating plans (during their annual reviews) for after their GCSEs. It is good to see them looking forward so positively.

If you feel your child has a need that requires some support please do get in touch, either through your child's tutor or by contacting the school and booking a meeting with the SENDCo Mrs Bedford.

Students at Primary can follow the same procedure but instead of speaking with a tutor can speak to a member of staff or Miss Albone and still contact Mrs Bedford the school SENDCo.

Mrs L Bedford
SENDCo

RE-ENGAGEMENT

Several interventions have taken place on our secondary site this term including;

- School readiness and expectations
- Mentoring
- Math 1:1
- English 1:1
- Anger management
- Emotional literacy
- Healthy relationships

These can help students' close gaps in their learning, develop new skills, and improve academic performance.

They can also help build relationships in the classroom and improve students' overall wellbeing. Alongside improving their communications and problem solving skills.

Mrs S Quittenton
Re-Engagement Lead



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PRIMARY UPDATE

It has been a busy and positive start for our pupils this half term as they have taken all the changes into their stride. I would like to start by welcoming Miss Ifill, Miss Vandenberg and Miss Lock to the Primary Team. Miss Ifill started her Cranbury journey in September, Miss Vandenberg has temporarily moved over from the Hospital Teaching Team for four days a week and Miss Lock joins us on a Friday. It is lovely to work with such a fantastic team and the children have built fantastic relationships with all staff.

The next change to Primary has been our curriculum offer. All pupils have immersed themselves into their learning and are making fantastic progress. It is a joy to see pupils engaging with a full and engaging curriculum and we have enjoyed learning about Australia, Aboriginal Art, Autumn and Materials. In English we are learning to write stories and in Maths we have learnt Place Value. In addition, pupils are receiving weekly lessons in PE, Cooking and Gardening and we have a weekly visit to the local library, where pupils are enjoying choosing their own reading books. We have also introduced our Morning Meeting which is possibly my favourite time of the day. Pupils are encouraged to use their oracy skills as we discuss a wide range of topics, celebrate national and international days and explore the values and behaviours expected from everyone at Cranbury. We have also started to learn British Sign Language and pupils can now sign the alphabet and ask/answer questions linked to how we are feeling.

For those of you who have visited Primary this academic year you will have noticed the changes we have made both inside and out. Pupils are using The Calm Room effectively and are loving the new play equipment we have. We have daily free time activities for pupils to choose from and these have been very well received. All the activities focus on different areas of development such as fine motor skills, sensory processing and mindfulness. The activities additionally reflect and support the learning within our lessons.

The final change has been to our behaviour and reward system. Pupils are supported to be respectful, ready and safe in everything they do. Pupils are rewarded by earning 'punches' on their reward card and once completed they are able to choose a reward from the prize wall, which they all enjoy and take great care in choosing their reward.

Next term we are learning about World War 1 and will be looking at the religious celebrations different faiths observe.

I hope you all have a restful half term break.

Miss G Albone
Hospital and Primary Lead
Associate Assistant Headteacher

HOSPITAL NEWS

I would like to start by welcoming Miss Tyler to the Hospital Teaching Team this year. Miss Tyler was part of our Primary Behaviour Outreach team and so is no stranger to the Cranbury family. Miss Tyler has been a valuable addition to the team as Ms Albone and Miss Vandenberg are predominantly based at our Primary site for the time being.

It has been a steady start to the new school year but as always the Hospital Teaching Team has ensured that all school age pupils have access to daily teaching. Whilst we are pleased to report that we have no patients who have been admitted for a long period of time we have taught several patients who have been on the wards for a couple of weeks. The Hospital is such a unique classroom as you never know who your pupils will be from one day to the next, you may be teaching phonics to a 5 year old, cell structure to a Year 10 pupil or discussing the characters from An Inspector Calls to a GCSE pupil all in one morning!

The Hospital Team are also teaching some of our ex-patients in the community as they are still not well enough to return to school. It is so important that all children are able to access education not only so they are able to succeed academically but it plays an important role in promoting positive mental health.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching team for their hard work this term and wish all our patients and their families a healthy and restful break - hopefully we won't see you soon on the wards!

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Associate Assistant Headteacher

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CURRICULUM UPDATES

ILP Provision

It has been an exciting first term at our ILP provision, In maths we have been learning lots of topics like adding and subtracting decimals, angles on parallel lines and finding missing angles using known angle facts. In English we have been focusing on connective sentences and writing skills. We have also started some incredible projects all based around our theme for the term which is 'Autumn'

In Hair and Beauty we have been designing hair styles using things found outside; leaves twigs and winter flowers.

Our Trades project has involved the students working together to come up with autumnal themed questions, and have also made a game board.

The Art project has been popular with the students making scrapbooks and have focussed on festivals and celebrations that happen during autumn.

All students have been working really hard, and our star of the term award goes to Katy Sexton.

Mrs J Syed
ILP Lead

Hair and Beauty

We have had a busy start to the new academic year KS4 have been learning how to apply weekend lashes and how to do an Indian head massage, KS3 have been learning about the structure of hair and nail art.

Students have produced some high quality work and have achieved their AQA Units.

Well done everyone!



Mrs P Clarke
Vocational Lead

PE at TNT Gym

Students have been working hard at a local weightlifting gym this term. All ages have pushed themselves during workouts, learning different techniques and exercises.

The sessions are led by qualified personal trainers. Quite a few students have managed to reach the wall of fame inside the gym by achieving a personal best.

Mr S Holder
Sports Coach HLTA

Cooking up a Storm

This half term most students have been engaging really well in their cookery lessons with some excellent dishes prepared.

KS3 have been exploring Pastry, Cakes & Sponges making dishes such as Apple Pie with fresh custard, Swiss Rolls & Chicken Pies, as well as improving their knowledge on food hygiene and health & safety in the kitchen.

KS4 have been focused on soup & sauces, making cream, broth & puree soups, and challenging themselves with technically difficult emulsion sauces like fresh mayonnaise & Hollandaise sauce. KS4 have also been improving their knife skills learning the different grips to correctly control a knife and the classic French knife cuts for vegetables.

Our BTEC option students have been learning about desserts and have conquered some extremely difficult & technical dishes, including a meringue roulade with homemade honeycomb & chocolate ganache, Nut free macarons, Baked Alaska and a choux pastry swan with crème patisserie & blueberry coulis.

Mr M Bedford
Hospitality and Catering Teacher

Art

We were delighted to welcome artist Stuart Melrose to Cranbury College on the 17th September for an inspirational workshop on the soon to be Reading Train Station Mural which will feature illuminated animations for which Stuart elicited some ideas from our students! We are proud to be part of this project along side other schools.

It doesn't end there either, we also have the talented Kate Griffiths returning to Cranbury College on 25th October for a workshop on Special Effects make-up for the stage and screen. We feel blessed to have such a range of exposure to artists working within the Creative Industries for the benefit of all our fantastically creative students.

Mrs A Hutt
Head of Art



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Trades

The term started with students completing a health and safety module. This gave them an understanding of what safe practice and behaviour in the workshop should look like.

The students then moved on to a woodwork and carpentry practical module. This was an opportunity to familiarise themselves with measuring and cutting tools and different materials.

Over the upcoming months, students will have an opportunity to put their hands to a number of different construction trades.

Mr S Holder
HLTA

Childcare

This term in childcare we have been finding out about how we share learning experiences with children.

It has given students some great insight on how children use senses to learn, and how we can encourage children to take a role in learning.

Students learnt about different stories and rhymes for children of all ages and also looked at different sensory aids to help children visualise the story. We have also made some PVA glue wall stickies using a Halloween theme.

Mrs J Syed
Teacher

Science

Science have had a great term, we've been looking at Infection & Response, Waves, Matter and now we are starting to look at Chemistry topics!

Big shout out to the students that have worked so hard, especially to the Y11 students that are preparing for their exams this year. I'm looking forward to more work to come! Here's our favourite picture from our microscope practical with Y11.

Mrs A McShee
Head of Science



Mathematics

As we approach the end of this term, I am pleased to share some of the achievements and progress from the Maths Department. It has been a fantastic term, and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our students and their learning.

Year 11 GCSE Success

We are proud to highlight that 80% of our Year 11 students achieved a GCSE in Maths this summer. This is a great achievement for our students and a reflection of their hard work and perseverance. While we are pleased with these results, we are already focused on improving them even further with this year's cohort, and we are confident that, with continued effort, we can achieve even more success.

Maths Star of the Term

A special congratulations goes to our Maths Star of the Term, Kyle. Kyle has shown incredible determination to succeed and has been applying himself with great focus and effort in his maths lessons. His positive attitude and commitment to improvement have been exemplary, and we are excited to see how far he will go this year.

Curriculum Highlights

At the start of the term, all students began by focusing on the essential topic of place value, ensuring they have a strong foundation for the year ahead. Since then, our younger year groups have moved on to learning about time, while our Key Stage 4 students have been studying angles. Some of our Year 11 students have shown fantastic progress and have already advanced to learning Pythagoras' theorem. It's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and curiosity in our classrooms as students tackle these important concepts. We will be concluding the term with a recap test for all students to assess what they have retained so far. This will give us valuable insight into their progress and help us identify areas for further development.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents for your continued support. Your encouragement and involvement in your child's education make a significant difference, and together we can ensure they achieve their full potential.

Wishing you all a restful break, and we look forward to building on this success in the new term!

Mr J Alcock
Head of Maths

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Cranbury College Twitter (X)

Does this conversation sound familiar in your house?

You: How was school today?

Student: Fine

You: What did you learn?

Student: Nothing!

Why not follow us on Twitter (X) and see exactly what our students are doing everyday!

We post about student achievements, what happens in lessons and around college and we also post things that may be of interest to you like online safety info and information about support that Brighter Futures For Children are offering.

Come and have a look @cranburycollege



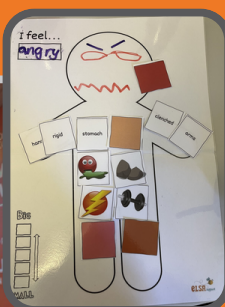
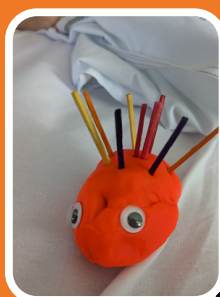
PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

<p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>TESCO Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri in Half Terms 2024</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)</p> <p>PUREZZA Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased</p> <p>TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>BILLS Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.</p> <p>DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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If you need to chat this World Mental Health Day

	0300 102 1234 Open 9am-6pm weekdays
SAMARITANS	116 123 Always open
CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY	0800 58 58 58 Open 5pm - midnight
If you're in Wales:	0800 132 737 Always open
If you're under 25:	Text THEMIX to 85258 Always open

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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 Nov - Student Voice

11-15 Anti Bullying Week

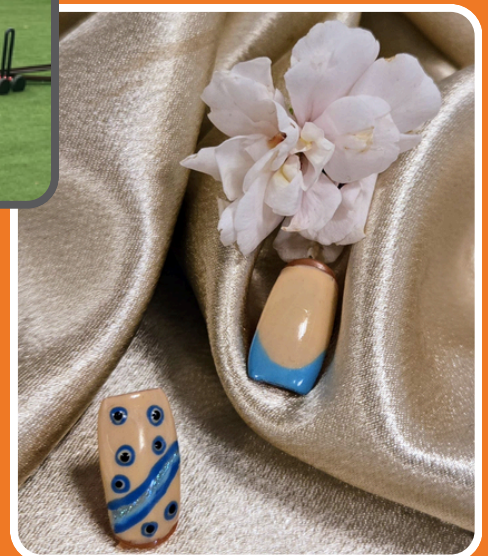
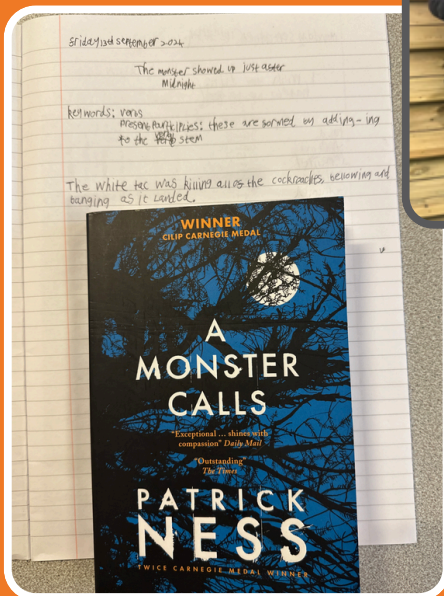
19-21 Nov - Year 10 & 11 Mocks

9 Dec - Student Reports

13 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day & Fair

16-20 Dec - Attendance Challenge Trip & Students Recognition Week Trip

6 Jan 2025 - Students Return to School



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