



## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we draw to a close of the first term of this academic year, I am taking time to reflect on what an amazing school community we have at Cranbury and how lucky I am to be the Headteacher of it!

Staff and students have achieved many wonderful things this half term; from sitting mock examinations, Functional Skills Maths exams and achieving vocational qualifications successfully, to an outstanding Enterprise Day in the guise of the Christmas Fair and a rewards trip Go-Karting to celebrate students who have achieved great attendance and attitudes to learning. The Christmas Fair is always one of my highlights of the year, and this year it didn't disappoint! My bank balance was a lot lighter by the end of the fair having purchased lots of Christmas presents lovingly made by the students. Final figures are yet to be confirmed but I am sure we have raised a great amount for our chosen charities this year - we have so many things to be grateful for.

Cranbury Primary hosted their first ever Nativity performance and what a treat it was! All of the students performed their various roles splendidly and were all superstars. We even had a guest appearance from Santa who brought some early gifts for such a special performance.

We would like to thank everyone for coming to watch and a special thank you to Ms Albone and the primary team for all the hard work and efforts that went in behind the scenes. What a performance!

We have also seen a number of students successfully reintegrate back to new settings and we wish them well on their new pathway. In the same vein, we bid farewell to Mrs Bedford, our SENDCO, who is off to pastures new in January. We wish her every success in her new role. In the interim, should you have any SEND queries or concerns, please contact me as I will be the school SENDCO moving forwards.

Hopefully you will by now have received your child's academic reports showing the progress they have made this term. Please do find the time to talk this through with them and identify any areas that they may need any additional support with. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of these further, or any aspect at all of your child's learning journey, please get in touch with your child's tutor in the first instance who will be happy to assist you.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on 6th January to start 2025 in a positive way.

Mrs C Willmott  
Headteacher



## INCLUSION UPDATE

### PASTORAL

At the beginning of this academic year, I proudly introduced our new Inclusion Team to you to ensure that we were providing our students with the best possible support during their time with us. The team have worked tirelessly since September helping our students be Ready, Respectful and Safe and crucially prepared for their next steps. This new team have enabled the school to develop our interventions programme and I am pleased to share that every student that comes to Cranbury College receives appropriate Intervention from finishing their Induction period with us. This timely support has been embraced by our students who are keen to reflect and improve in which ever area has been identified.

We thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support and truly believe that by working as a team, our students can only benefit moving forwards.

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

From myself and my team, we wish all of our families a restful break and a very happy 2025!

Miss C Baggley  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Behaviour, Wellbeing and Personal Development**

## BEHAVIOUR & REWARDS

Lots recognition for our students this term, Points, Stars, Certificates Rewards assemblies and not forgetting Go Karting for our students with the best attendance and the most positive points. #POINTSmeanPRIZES

Expectations Reminders:

The Students entrance will be locked at 9:30am students that arrive after this time will be recorded as late. Students will need to come in through main reception

Cranbury expectations

- School uniform must be worn at all times no Crocs or Sliders
- Coats/hats/balaclavas must not be worn when on site at Cranbury
- Students to arrive at school with correct equipment

Mrs B Ifill  
**Behaviour Lead**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance has increased so far throughout this term which is encouraging and we are starting to see more Students attending including our Persistent Absentees which is brilliant. We will be sending out your Child's attendance certificate towards the end of this 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.

Mrs M Lucy  
**Attendance Officer**



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Staff CPI Training



Food Tech Chicken Preparation



Hairdressing Supplies Visit

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## SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

This Term we are continuing to benefit from a day a week counselling support from Lucy (Briym Therapist). 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. This term she has been supporting some of our students who have been transitioning back to Mainstream School. They have found these sessions really helpful and she has also been able to continue once they have made the move into their new school.

This term during tutor sessions, students have been learning about how to keep themselves and their friends safe and what our Safeguarding Team do when they come to us with a disclosure.

Students have also been reminded that staff have a duty of care to keep everyone onsite safe and that there may be times when students are displaying dangerous and unsafe behaviours which could cause harm to themselves or another person where staff may need to intervene with a Restrictive Physical Intervention in order to prevent potential injuries and keep everyone involved as safe as possible. We have also recently added some info about this to our Welcome Packs for new starters.

At the beginning of this term staff undertook an annual 6 hr training course with The Crisis Prevention Institute to ensure that they are trained properly to be able to restrain students confidently and safely. Staff will always use the least restrictive hold for the shortest amount of time.

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

It has been great to see students starting some of their Christmas projects in schools and provisions. As always when moving to times with fewer routines, structure and more freedom, we need to be mindful of our student's social batteries, especially over busier days. Think about whether a planned downtime needs to be built into your holiday routine to ensure a harmonious time over the festive period.

There are many free and low-cost events over the next few weeks, so don't forget to check out things like the Families magazine found [online here](#).

Well done also to our Y10 and Y11 students for trying their mock exams and being super resilient. Please also see below some coffee mornings that are free to attend on a range of topics to support parents and carers.

[MHST Spring Coffee Mornings 2025](#)

Mrs L Bedford  
SENDCO

## RE-ENGAGEMENT

Intervention are offered to students to support them in overcoming barriers to learning, developing their skills and improving academic performance.

A number of interventions have taken place this term to support students on a 1:1 basis to help them with their individual needs.

Some of the support sessions that have taken place this term are;

- \* School Readiness
- \* 1:1 Maths
- \* Emotional Literacy
- \* Key Working
- \* Sports Mentoring
- \* Anger Management

Many students have made progress such as successful transitions back to mainstream settings, improved skills in managing their behaviour outbursts and being better at building more positive relationships with others.

Mrs S Quittenton  
Re-Engagement Lead

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## PRIMARY

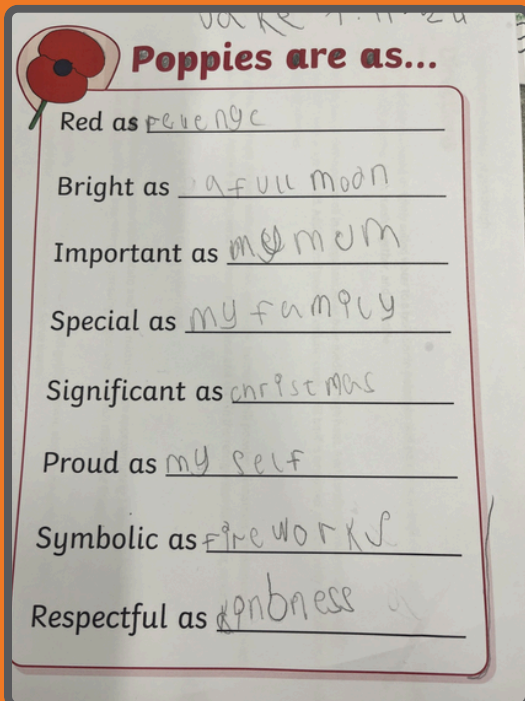
Wow! This term has gone so quickly and I can't believe we are already starting our Christmas break. The pupils at Primary have been very busy as they have fully emerged themselves into their learning and activities to help with emotional regulation and developing their motor skills. We have learnt about World War 1 and about the different religious festivals that occur at this time of year. The pupils have enjoyed cooking different foods which are eaten during these festivals. I recently carried out reading assessments and was very proud of the progress each of our pupils has made, they certainly seem to enjoy our Lexia programme which supports reading and comprehension. We have welcomed new pupils and many visitors and I am proud of how our pupils have made everyone feel welcome and part of our growing community. None of this is possible without the amazing work my team of teachers and Admin support carry out each day and also to your support as parents and carers we are very thankful. I would like to finish by wishing you all a very happy holiday and hope you are all able to spend time with loved ones, celebrate and relax.

Miss G Albone  
**Hospital and Primary Lead**  
**Associate Assistant Headteacher**

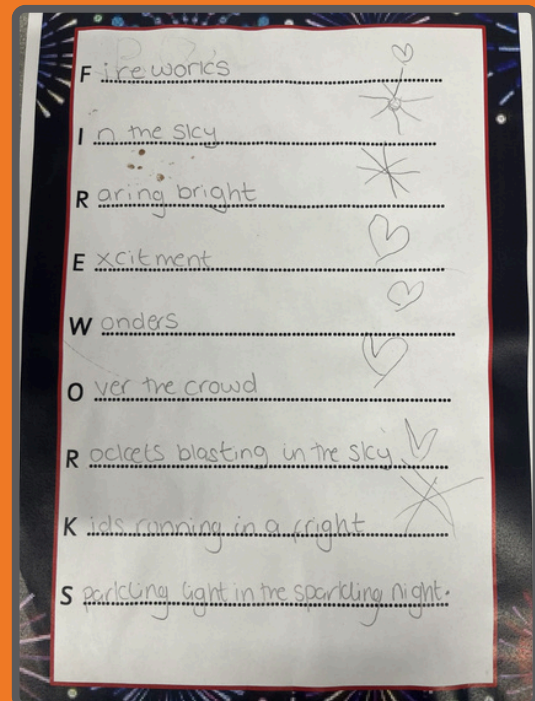
## HOSPITAL

The hospital team have been extremely busy this term as they continue to work with staff deployed to other sites. The numbers at the hospital have been consistently high and we have welcomed back familiar faces to the ward with their re-admissions. It is always nice to see a past patient and continue to be part of their journey to diagnosis and good health. This work is very important to the patient and their families as the teaching team are able to provide some continuity and normality to their days whilst ensuring that when they are finally able to return to school they are able to re-join their peers without large gaps in their education. The Hospital Team have welcomed some of our Trust Directors to the wards throughout the term and it is always a privilege to share with them the amazing work that the teaching team carry out each day. It is often difficult to describe how schooling works within a hospital and really does need to be seen to appreciate the enormity of the work that is carried out. We would like to wish all our young patients and their families a very happy holiday and we hope we don't see you again too soon...!

Miss G Albone  
**Hospital and Primary Lead**  
**Associate Assistant Headteacher**



Written by Yr 5 Jake



Words by Yr 2 Marnie

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## CURRICULUM UPDATES

### ILP Provision

This term the hub has been a hive of activity. The students have been preparing for their mock exams as well as functional skills exams.

In English, students have been learning topics focused around Christmas. We have been looking into the history of Christmas traditions and the story of Krampus. They have enjoyed reading the story together before making Krampus masks.

For the Christmas Fair, students made wooden Santa plates, dummy clips, messy slime and cloud putty which was sold at the fair.

The students fully embraced the Christmas theme and we ended the term with a festive celebrations to reward them for all their hard work.

Mrs J Syed  
ILP Lead

### Hair and Beauty

This term KS4 students have been learning basic hair colouring theory. We visited our local hairdressing suppliers and looked at different types of colours and brands. We even tested a temporary hair colour on a willing member of staff, which looked amazing.

Mrs P Clarke  
Vocational Lead

### PE

This half term students attended STMA boxing to develop many skills across the time they were there, including hand eye coordination, resilience, fitness and strength. It also extremely helpful in relieving stress and anxiety and the students found it so beneficial that we will be attending again next half term to continue working on these extremely important elements.

Mrs C Willmott  
Headteacher

### Food Technology

The vast majority of students have been engaging really well with food tech this term. KS3 have been working on soup & sauces, learning the different classifications of both, how to prepare and cook, including thickening with a roux.

KS4 have been working in cakes, pastry and sponges including genoise sponge and oil based cakes.

BTEC option group have moved on to meat & poultry this half term with some quite complicated dishes and got to grips with how to butcher and portion a whole raw chicken.

Mr M Bedford  
Hospitality and Catering Teacher

### Art

This Term we have been getting behind the annual Christmas Fair with a creative enterprise to make a variety of handmade craft products which were sold at the fair.

Students made soap from Coconut Oil and Shea Butter in a variety of scents, they made festive candles, a selection of cards, some diamond art tree decorations and much, much more all to an astounding level of professionalism that you would not expect at any run-of-the-mill school Christmas market.

Students were ready to man their craft stalls and shared with visitors all about how they made them!

Mrs A Hutt  
Head of Art



Created by students of ILP Hub



Created by Yr 11 Jay

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### Trades

Both KS3 and KS4 have been busy this term preparing for our Christmas Market. KS4 have been making wooden reindeers and KS3 have been busy making scarves and pom-pom noses for the reindeers.

Mrs P Clark  
**Vocational Lead**

### Childcare

This term in childcare the students have been learning about how children see natural environments, services and organisations in local communities that promote children's learning.

When looking at the natural environment, it was important to understand that young children see objects of interest and don't always know the dangers. The students did a lot of research and came up with some great ideas of how to extend learning outside whilst keeping young children safe, looking at local communities and what they offer. Students found out that there are some exciting things available for young children in their local community that they didn't know of before like singing classes and sensory play.

All of the research that the students collected was then used to finish their final assessment tasks which meant that all students have complete the first unit of the course.

Mrs J Syed  
**Teacher**

### Science

A busy term in Science! KS3 have been learning about cells and electricity, and doing really well with their practical work. KS4 have been busy preparing for their mocks and we were very pleased with their results, which were testament to the hard work they have put in.

We look forward to the next term where the exam prep continues and the Science fun carries on!

Mrs A McShee  
**Head of Science**

### Mathematics

It has been a busy and productive half-term for our students in the Maths department. I am delighted to share some of the fantastic work and achievements from recent weeks.

Our KS4 students have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their mock exams. Their effort and determination paid off, as we saw some truly fantastic results that reflect their commitment to learning. Meanwhile, our KS3 students also took part in less formal mock assessments during lessons to prepare for their Functional Skills exams, which will have already taken place by the time you read this. Many students surprised themselves with how well they performed, and this has given me great confidence as we look ahead to the real exams.

In lessons, we have been focusing on essential number skills, covering topics such as rounding, decimal arithmetic, and the order of operations (BIDMAS). These skills form the foundation of much of the work we do in Maths and are vital for building confidence and fluency.

Looking forward, after the winter break, we will be moving on to shape, space, and measure. This is always an engaging and practical area of Maths that I am sure the students will enjoy exploring.

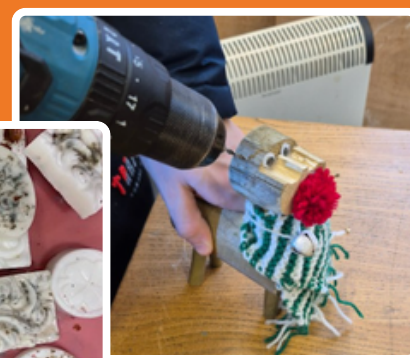
Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of your child's education. Your encouragement at home plays a huge role in their progress and success, and it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful winter break.

Mr J Alcock  
**Head of Maths**



Shea Butter Soaps



Christmas Reindeers

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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](https://twitter.com/cranburycollege)



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024**  
[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

<p><b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p><b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p><b>SAINSBURYS CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p><b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p><b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p><b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p><b>TRAVELODGE &amp; PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 &amp; up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p><b>SIZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p><b>TGI FRIDAYS</b> Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p><b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p>	<p><b>EMBER INNS</b> Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)</p> <p><b>COCONUT TREE</b> One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.</p> <p><b>LAS IGUANAS</b> Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.</p> <p><b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p><b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p><b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p><b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks &amp; a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p><b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p><b>HUNGRY HORSE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p><b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**20 JANUARY - REWARDS AFTERNOON**

**27 JANUARY - PARENTS EVENING TEAMS 3PM-5PM**

**30 JANUARY - PARENTS EVENING (IN-PERSON) 2:30PM-4PM**

**10 FEBRUARY - STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK**

**14 FEBRUARY - REWARDS AFTERNOON**

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