

July 2025

Message from Mrs Wilmott

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, and my first one as Headteacher of Cranbury College, I would like to reflect on some of the amazing things that have happened this year and the great achievements we have accomplished as a school community, as well as taking a moment to say goodbye to staff who are leaving us for pastures new. There have been so many highlights this year it is hard to know where to begin; I think maintaining our GOOD when Ofsted visited has to be up there with the most memorable, simply because the school community pulled together and really shone through. We have also welcomed several new members of staff throughout the year - Mrs Seymour, Assistant Head, joined us in January and has been making huge headway in our curriculum and outcomes, Mr Sparks, Assistant Headteacher, joined in April and has been really developing our Enrichment curriculum and culture - something that we continue to focus on for next year. Ms Johnson joined as our new SENDCO and is already having a great impact and we have also welcomed Mrs Hurt, HLTA at Primary, Miss Grant as a classroom teacher, Mr Pearson, Site Assistant, and Miss Rogers to our Outreach team, so all in all a busy year!

Sadly we are also saying farewell to members of staff this year; Mrs Russell leaves us to join Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, Mrs Pilinkiene is heading back to Lithuania, Mrs Fox is joining River Academy and we also say goodbye to Ms Hutt, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Carvill, Mrs Stockwell, Ms McGuire, Ms Cadogan and Ms Wilson - we wish them well on their new ventures.

I'd like to end by wishing you all an enjoyable summer, stay safe and have fun ready for the new academic year in September. For those who are returning we look forward to seeing you on 3 September (please refer to communications sent) and for those heading to a different setting we wish you well.



All of our students at Primary and Secondary are superstars in our eyes and we continue to promote our high expectations across all sites.

Mrs Baggley – Deputy Head

Ready

In order to celebrate the hard work of our Year 11 cohort as they prepared for their exams and indeed next steps, we thought what better way to 'rev them up' than taking them Go Karting.

Students and staff competed against each other to see who could complete the quickest lap times and we certainly saw some healthy competition!

It was a thoroughly rewarding day to see how our students are so very ready for their next steps.



Respectful

In April, we continued our partnership work with Thames Valley Police by holding a Knife Arch at school. Students were keen to engage and no concerns were reported. This is an ongoing focus area we have been concentrating on this year regarding our students working with outside agencies and providers and building positive relationships moving forwards. Our students are slowly getting used to this and by continually providing them with opportunities within the community we hope to build on our achievements to date.

This supports the positive feedback we received from Ofsted when they visited in January, highlighting how our students showed they were ready, respectful and safe, highlighting how students respect each other and feel safe at Cranbury College

Safe

In May this year, we held our Pastoral Drop Down Day with the focus of 'Keeping Safe'. We hosted a number of providers for this day including the school Nursing Team, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue, New Angle and Jeremy Indika and the day was certainly informative for our students. Our aim on these days is to deliver sessions where students are provided with real life examples and reliable information from professionals covering Sexual Health, Fire and Rail Safety, Online and community safety, and the dangers of smoking and vaping to compliment our Personal Development Curriculum. Students fed back that not only did that have an engaging day but they learnt lots and had a better understanding of how they can stay safe and what to do if they are not feeling safe.

Miss Kendall – School Business Manager

Ready

The significant building works last summer to improve our site and facilities have had an extremely positive impact throughout the academic year, with students making great use of our new Trades and Gym rooms.

We're also excited to have added two accessible minibuses to our fleet this academic year. These have played a key role in supporting our new enrichment programme, making activities more accessible for all students.

Looking ahead to this summer, the secondary site will see upgraded student toilets and the installation of a new student entrance cover. This will ensure every morning starts in a calm, welcoming way - helping students arrive ready to learn.

Our Primary site is also getting a refresh; new classroom layouts will be introduced to better support each year group, with dedicated learning spaces designed to enhance focus and engagement.



Respectful

This year has seen the start of our sustainability journey, with the appointment of our Sustainability Champion, Miss Lock, along with work completed across all sites.

We've introduced a new waste system across the site, encouraging students to separate general waste, recycling, and food waste, and we will continue to focus on this throughout next year, starting with a recycling poster competition! Pupils have helped shape our Climate Action Plan, selecting three target areas for next year.

Students have also shared feedback on our school lunches, helping to shape future menus, including the introduction of 'low energy lunch' options.

We invite all students and parents to be part of this journey.

Safe

Finally, we would like to thank our students for their support and cooperation during this year's evacuation and emergency procedures. Throughout the year we have completed fire and lockdown drills, each successfully completed with students following staff instructions.

A special mention goes to our Primary site, where the most recent lockdown drill was particularly successful with all students following staff instructions, locking down to a safe space in under a minute. They remained calm, silent and safe throughout the lockdown drill.

We're proud of the way our students have responded during these safety procedures, helping to ensure our schools remain safe environments for everyone.

Mr Sparks – Assistant Head

Ready

Students have truly demonstrated what it means to be 'ready'—ready to engage, ready to challenge themselves, and ready to grow. Through a wide range of enrichment opportunities, they've embraced new experiences such as axe throwing, canoeing, and overcoming fears of heights at Go Ape. They've navigated confined spaces in escape rooms and interacted with exotic animals during animal encounters, showing both courage and curiosity. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes have not gone unnoticed, earning them over 600 house points as a well-deserved reward for their readiness and involvement.

Respectful

Students have consistently demonstrated respect during enrichment sessions, students have been treating visitors and each other with courtesy, participated with open-mindedness, and have supported one another during group tasks.

This positive behaviour has helped to create a safe, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and able to succeed.

Throughout next academic year we continue to develop our mutual respect towards each other and the wider community through a variety of different opportunities planned throughout - it is an exciting time for Cranbury!



Safe

Students have been not only challenging themselves and pushing boundaries, they have also been developing how to follow instructions, listening to safety briefings and working with each other to stay safe outside of their comfort zones.

There have been plenty of opportunities for students to explore how to take risks in a safe way, ensuring they assess the dangers and use strategies to overcome the barriers in a controlled manner. This is something we will continue to develop next academic year too.

Mrs Seymour – Assistant Head

Ready

This year, we've worked hard to help students become more prepared for learning each day. Through consistent class expectations and a structured learning environment, our pupils have shown real growth in their ability to engage with lessons and manage transitions calmly and positively. Attendance and punctuality have steadily improved for many, reflecting their growing commitment to their education. Students have embraced new subjects and challenges with increasing confidence. From developing their reading fluency to engaging in creative project work, their readiness to learn has been clear. Year 11s especially have shown great determination in preparing for exams and post-16 pathways.

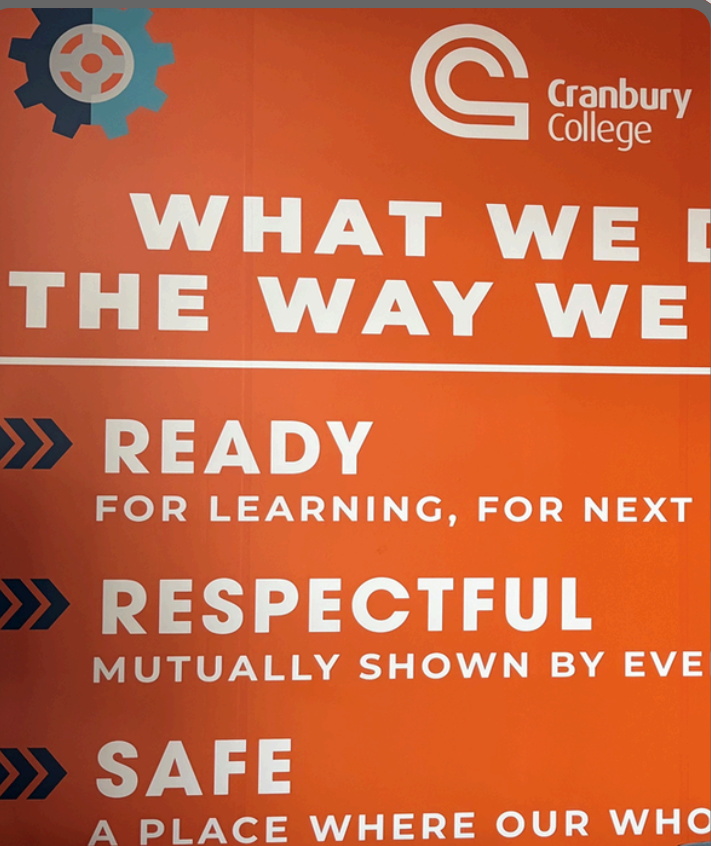
Respectful

We've seen developments in students' ability to work cooperatively, listen actively, and give constructive feedback in lessons. There is still work to do in this area, so this will remain a priority in the next academic year.

Staff have further developed restorative approaches, helping students to reflect on choices and understand the impact of their words and actions in the classroom.

Cooking has been a real highlight this year, with consistently respectful behaviour between students and staff.

As always, we continue to ensure mutual respect is woven into every aspect of our curriculum at Cranbury.



**WHAT WE DO
THE WAY WE**

- ▶▶▶ **READY**
FOR LEARNING, FOR NEXT
- ▶▶▶ **RESPECTFUL**
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Safe

Students have developed their strategies for coping in the classroom, and, on the whole, we have seen safer behaviour in classrooms which has allowed for more meaningful engagement with learning and, naturally, has led to better progress.

Lessons and workshops on topics like consent, exploitation, and healthy relationships have helped students make informed, safe choices in their lives.

We will continue to build these opportunities into our curriculum offer for 25-26 so that students are equipped to live both safe and fulfilling lives.

Ms Albone – Associate Senior Leader



Respectful

Pupils demonstrated how respectful they could be when we welcomed Bramble Animal Encounters to Primary. Pupils were able to hold and find out a lot of fascinating information of a range of insects, crustaceans and amphibians.

Within school we have seen a noticeable improvement in the way pupils not only interact with each other and staff but also their ability to recognise when mistakes have been made and apologise. This shows a growth in empathy, an increasing awareness of the world around them and their ability to cope with the real world.

Ready

What an action-packed last term we have had at Primary. This term the pupils have embraced new challenges as we have participated in weekly climbing lessons at Oakwood Climbing Centre. It has been humbling to witness the pupil's confidence and skills grow each week as they take on new heights. They have used a wide range of skills from listening to instructions, resilience when the climb became difficult, perseverance and a willingness to improve and most importantly socially as they have supported and praised their peers. From an academic perspective pupils have continued to thrive, with the biggest improvement being in every pupil having made a minimum of nine months progress in their reading ages throughout the year.

Safe

As we end the academic year we are sad to say goodbye to a large number of our pupils. We have pupils who have successfully re-integrated back into mainstream schools, alongside pupils who are moving onto specialist schools.

As these pupils move on to exciting new adventures we welcome new pupils and staff for the forthcoming academic year. We would like to thank our pupils for creating some wonderful memories and we wish them lots of luck in their new settings. I am sure you will join me in thanking my staff for making this year a success and we look forward to a new chapter in September!

Message from Mary Morris, Chair of Governors

As another busy and successful academic year at Cranbury College draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the entire governing body.

It has been a fantastic year for the college, marked by the incredible hard work and dedication of our truly wonderful staff. Your unwavering commitment provides the foundation for the fabulous support and wealth of opportunities offered to our students, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

A particular highlight this year was, of course, the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in January. To have maintained our 'Good' rating is a significant achievement and a testament to the high-quality, inclusive, and supportive environment that everyone at Cranbury College works so hard to create. The report rightly praised the high aspirations we hold for our students and the strong sense of community that is evident to all. We are all so very proud of this public recognition of our collective efforts.

The progress and achievements of our students this year have been a joy to witness. We are exceptionally proud of each and every one of them.

I hope that all staff, students, and their families have a very well-deserved and restful summer break.



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