



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

FROM THE HEAD

The first full week of term has been a whirlwind of activity. Alongside a full week of lessons and programme of sports fixtures, performance workshops and social activities, pupils have started their Priority Time activities and you can see the huge range of activities on offer below.

This term we have started meeting as a School for a weekly Assembly in Speech Hall on a Tuesday. This week the House Captains did a fabulous job introducing themselves and their roles to the School and I gave a short talk which summarised a teacher survey of the various excuse's students have given over the years for being late to lessons: the message of course being that there is no excuse! Then on Thursday evening at our 'Life in the Sixth Form' event for the Upper Fifth and their parents, a panel of Upper Sixth were interviewed by the Senior Prefects about life in the Sixth Form, which was very well received and the Upper Fifth left feeling excited about next year. I have to say that I have been hugely impressed by members of the Sixth Form speakers who have spoken in Assembly or sat on a panel in the past two and we look forward to more of this in the future.

And finally, it was a pleasure to wander around the pitches last Saturday and meet a number of you. I was delighted that we did so well against Sevenoaks and Eton in Hockey and Rugby respectively. I very much hope to meet more of you on Saturday afternoons as the term progresses.

Samantha Price, Head



SPORT

To read a full sports update from Mr Andy Houston, Director of Sport, please click [here](#).



PRIORITY TIME

Priority Time activities started this week, with all pupils signing up for fun activities from baking and board games to film production and yoga. Here's the full list they can choose from, with thanks to the staff who run the groups:

- GCSE Art
- GCSE Design (Lower Fifth)
- Music ensembles & Choir practice
- Fourth Form Choir
- Strength & Conditioning
- Archery
- Arts Awards (Drama club)
- Baking
- Calisthenics
- Chess
- Climbing
- Crochet / Embroidery
- Dance / Zumba
- Film & Film Production
- Fives
- Golf
- Jewellery making
- Kayaking
- Lego Activity
- Music Practice
- Netball shooting
- Riding
- Spinning
- Squash
- Strategy Boardgames
- Tech Theatre
- Water-polo
- Yoga
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football (Boys)
- Football (Girls)
- Junior Tennis Squad
- Pickleball
- Recreational Tennis
- Table Tennis



ROUND THE HOUSES

SOUTH



House Bouldering



Lower Fifth Cereal Night Social



The new Fourth Form

Looking forward to welcoming all our parents to our South Charity Curry + Quiz Night on Saturday 5th October. More details to follow via email.

EAST



The new Fourth Form



On the Exeat starting on September 28th, East Upper Sixth student Jamie Tappin has organised the 'East House 2 Million Metres' challenge, involving 20 of the Upper Sixth boys from East, all individually covering a distance of 100km in order to total 2 million metres.

It is for MWMT — Max Windle Memorial Trust — to raise funds and awareness in order to prevent similar tragedies. The boys are cycling, with a few running and rowing.

Click [here](#) to read more and donate.

WEST



House Bouldering



The new Fourth Form with the Upper Sixth prefects



Molly (Upper Fifth) and Daisy (Lower Fifth) have been selected for the 1st Hockey Team!

To be in the lower school playing for the 1st Team is particularly impressive.

Huge well done.

LOVEDAY



The Sixth Form at the start of term

The house at the start of term

Pulled Pork BBQ night



The new Fourth Form



RHODES



House dance rehearsals in full swing



The new Fourth Form



House Bouldering



NORTH



North/West BBQ



The new Fourth Form

CUBITT



Fourth Form in their dance rehearsals



Fourth Form and Prefects



Lower Sixth

The new Fourth Form settling in



Drama Workshop with The Paper Birds Theatre Company

MARTLET

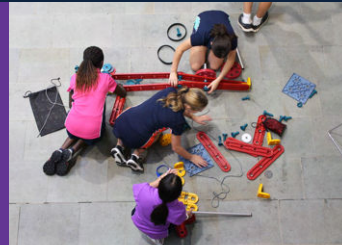


House Bouldering



Socials this week in house:

Matrons with Upper Fifth, House Buddy Catch up, House Bouldering, Fourth Form squash and catch up, Lower Fifth Pudding, Upper Sixth UCAS in-house evening, Upper Sixth Form evening, treat break every Friday, House Family Dinners. Saturday Sixth Form in-house breakfast.



Fourth Form team building

Upcoming Events
Charity Night Saturday
21st of September

International Borders Trip to
Go Ape
Sunday 14th September

#FOODIEFRIDAY

If you follow our social channels, you will have seen that before the summer holidays we began the #FoodieFriday series, where every Friday on our social stories we showcased some of the meals that pupils had during the week.

This week we showcased Tuesday's pie with roasted potatoes, green beans and homemade gravy.

Head to our Instagram to view, or see the photos to the right.



Our new horsebox serving refreshments on match days made its debut last weekend. It is open on a Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm.

It will be selling hot and cold beverages and snacks, in addition to the complimentary match tea which is on offer in the Emms Centre this term.

Thank you to Diane, pictured, who will be running it. An extended thank you to the catering team for their work.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SIXTH FORM

Thank you to those who attended our Life In the Sixth Form Event. We hope you found it insightful.

Our Sixth Form welcome morning for new students is on Saturday 21st September.

It would be great to welcome as many families as possible, so please spread the word to those who are looking at options for Sixth Forms for their children. To register, visit our website.

WELCOME MORNING
Saturday
21st
September

REGISTER FOR 2025 BY
Tuesday 1st
October

HOLISTIC REVIEW DAY
Tuesday 8th
October

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Towards the end of the summer holidays, some of our Sixth Form set off on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Here are some photos of them in action!



PERFORMING ARTS

This week our A-Level drama students were treated to a two hour workshop with a member of The Paper Birds theatre company. They study this company as part of the A-Level course which requires them to devise an original piece of theatre using their methods and techniques.

The students were able to physically explore a number of their techniques including verbatim to create short performances. A great introduction to the study of this company.

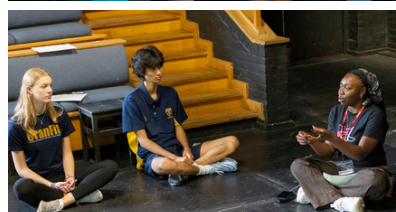
Rehearsals are now underway for both our senior school productions this year: The Girl on the Train to be performed in November directed by Mrs Emily McGhee and Welcome to Thebes to be performed in March directed by Mr Cameron Manson-Lane.

Drama club which now offers pupils the opportunity to gain a Bronze level Arts Award has begun in the Monday priority time. Film production and performance has also started, with pupils able to work across both activities to create dramatic performances in front of the camera and learn the skills to operate behind the camera. A showcase will be held at the end of term.

Theatre tech crew activity has also begun and the pupils are working hard to support the set up and running of the upcoming House Performance competition.

Houses have been busy auditioning and casting their performances for the Drama House Drama Competition which takes place in Week 7. Well done to all of the directors for getting this organised in the first week and to all those who put themselves forward to audition.

Mrs Emily McGhee, Director Of Drama



Paper Birds Workshop



Senior Play rehearsals



THEATRE TECH

Performing Arts is a large part of Cranleigh life, not possible without the hands-on support of the teams behind the scenes.



Here is a look at the theatre tech team this week during preparation for upcoming House Shows.

Pupils are able to be part of the team as part of their priority time activities.



This year's Cranleigh Christmas Fair takes place at Cranleigh Prep School on Saturday 9th November from 10am to 4pm.

It's a fabulous gift fair, full of over 80 top quality stalls, many of which also exhibit at Spirit of Christmas and Country Living.

There's a food court with delicious delicacies to take home, and superb catering outlets to tempt you. Funds raised at the Fair go to [the Cranleigh Foundation](#).

Everyone is welcome – please do come and kick-start your Christmas shopping in style here in Cranleigh.

CAREERS AND FUTURES SPOTLIGHT

Introducing our new Head of Futures, Mrs Naomi Ambrose. Naomi joins Cranleigh after six years as CEO of employability charity The Talent Tap. Prior to this, she had a career in brand communications. Naomi is passionate about giving young people the skills, knowledge and first hand experiences they need to propel them to future success, and brings a raft of industry insights with her.

Naomi is excited to bring a renewed focus to Cranleigh's Futures provision, with a keen emphasis on Enterprise and transferable skills; ensuring every pupil leaves Cranleigh with a strong direction of travel, an understanding of how to get there, and the tools needed to achieve this.

Her door is always open and would welcome parental involvement in careers insight sessions, networking and work experience opportunities. Contact her at njda@cranleigh.org



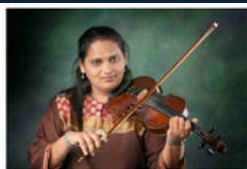
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please remember on Monday 16th September all pupils in the school will be asked to complete their STEER tracking assessment as part of either PSHE or their tutor session.

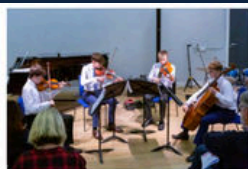
To enable this to happen effectively, please could you ensure pupils bring headphones/earphones to school on Monday so they can take them to PSHE/tutors.



21 SEPTEMBER 2024
SIXTH FORM WELCOME MORNING (16+)
OPEN EVENT



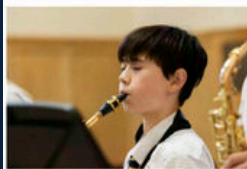
4 OCTOBER 2024
DR JYOTSNA SRIKANTH MBE 'CARNATIC NOMAD'
MUSIC



11 OCTOBER 2024
UPPER SIXTH MUSIC AWARD HOLDERS IN CONCERT
MUSIC



12 OCTOBER 2024
OPEN DAY
OPEN EVENT



18 OCTOBER 2024
JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT
MUSIC



9 NOVEMBER 2024
CRANLEIGH CHRISTMAS FAIR
CHRISTMAS



15 NOVEMBER 2024
'SOMETHING FAMILIAR, SOMETHING PECULIAR...!!!'
MUSIC



22 NOVEMBER 2024
JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT
MUSIC