



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



FROM THE HEAD

The beautiful late summer weather this week has enhanced a hugely positive and purposeful mood to the School. Your children are busy, thriving and having a great deal of fun. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting both East and Loveday this week and having the opportunity to chat with some of the boys and the House teams. Although I was put under pressure to declare the best House, I would not be drawn into such comparison! It's been a pleasure to meet with many of you on the touchlines and we are busy planning social events for families throughout the year.

The first whole year-group event, for Fourth Form parents and guardians, will be held on October 4th at Ironmonger's Hall - if there is anyone in that year who hasn't signed up the deadline to do so is Monday so please email kjd@cranleigh.org to ensure you secure your place. It promises to be a memorable evening.

My House visits will continue next week but before then, of course, everyone is looking forward to the House Performance evening tonight, which I am told is one of the absolute highlights of the year. My Monday email of the week to the students included the quote from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "Magic is believing in yourself, if you can do that, you can make anything happen" and I hope to see that spirit embodied.

Samantha Price, Head

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

As one of the the first boarding schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones in the younger years, we're wholly committed to our policy of restricting the use of these devices across all year groups. Managing the use of mobile phones carefully has a significant benefit to our girls and boys and its really important that they all comply with our policy and hand in their phones at the requested times.

House Staff are reporting that some pupils are returning to school with two phones: one which they hand in at the requested time and the other they then use outside of permitted phone use times. Please can you support our policy by ensuring that your sons and daughters do not return to school with a second phone. We promise that they will thank us and you for helping them manage the use of their smartphone in these formative years.

IVAN'S RESEARCH INTO RELATIVITY



Ivan S., Upper Sixth, has received the first Head's commendation of this academic year. Ivan is a keen student of Physics and spent the summer researching relativity, a topic outside the current A-Level syllabus. Having read the Oxford University Press 'Very Short Introductions' series, he decided to have a go at writing his own.

A member of Cubitt House, Ivan joined Cranleigh in the Summer term of the Lower Fifth, learning in his third language was a challenge, but his impressive work ethic meant that he was soon excelling in the sciences. Ivan, who also studies Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths is hoping to study Physics at Oxford University next year. The intellectual curiosity he has demonstrated this summer should stand him in very good stead.

CAMBRIDGE CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

At the end of the Summer term, three of our current Upper Sixth students participated in an optional 90-minute Chemistry exam alongside 13,000 of the highest-achieving pupils across the UK. The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge is designed to stretch and challenge students with a keen interest in Chemistry, encouraging them to engage with the subject in a manner reflective of university-level study. This annual event, held in June, is set by a team of university chemists.

We are pleased to announce that Brandon G. has been awarded the Gold Award, placing in the top 11% of participants nationwide. Daisy B. received the Silver Award, while Christian C. earned the Copper Award. Congratulations to all three students on their impressive achievements! Their certificates were presented by Mrs Price during Tuesday's assembly.



SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

Saturday 21st September is our Sixth Form welcome morning, and we are looking forward to welcoming many families to the School.

LOWER SIXTH UNIVERSITY EVENT

A date for your diary:

On Friday 27th September at 2pm in the Music Recital Theatre, there will be a talk for Lower Sixth students and parents on: 'An Introduction to Oxbridge and US University admissions.'

Lower Sixth parents will have received an email with a form to confirm their attendance. If you are hoping to attend this event please do let us know.



INSIGHTS ON THRIVING IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET

The Business Studies Department welcomed George Carson, Y1 Sport, to deliver an insightful talk to Sixth Form students about starting and growing a business in the highly competitive sports industry.

The students were offered a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about the entrepreneurial journey and how to succeed in a fast-paced and ever-evolving market.

In his closing remarks, George offered students some practical advice drawn from his own experiences. He emphasised the importance of taking action and not being deterred by the fear of failure. "Just get started and give things a go," resonated with students as he explained that no entrepreneur succeeds without encountering challenges along the way.

CO-CURRICULAR

SPORT

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





GO APE TRIP

Our boarders and day pupils enjoyed a fun packed tree top adventure at Go Ape Alice Holt over the weekend.

A chance to spend time outdoors, have some fun in a new setting and enjoy spending time together with different houses.



DRAMA CLUB

At Drama Club, pupils have the option of working towards their Bronze Arts Award qualification.

This week, they worked on and performed short comedy scenes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bella S. who last weekend was installed as Head Chorister at Guildford Cathedral. What a fantastic achievement!

Patrick A. who sang for HM The King at Crathie Kirk last week, as part of Caritas Choir. The concert was celebrating the anniversary of the King's accession to the throne.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Cranleigh hosted the CCF Target Sprint National Final.

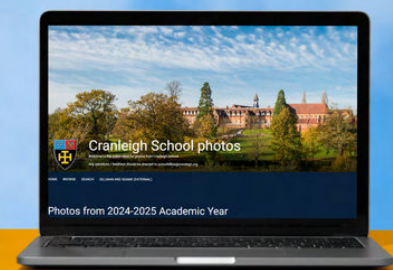
Target Sprint is a new discipline from British Shooting which includes running and 400m shooting, combining athleticism with skill and accuracy.



SMUGMUG - ONLINE PHOTO SYSTEM

A reminder to all parents to explore our [SmugMug online photo system](#). Our professional photographers attend many school events - covering art, music, drama, sports, and large-scale occasions - capturing these special moments. You can browse the galleries for free or if you'd like to download photos or create photographic products, there are various options available.

Each Boarding House also has its own hidden gallery, with photos taken by house staff to give you a glimpse into everyday boarding life. The housemaster or housemistress will share the link in their individual newsletters when galleries have been uploaded.



ROUND THE HOUSES

CUBITT



Codewords with Mr Weighton



Games nights



House dance practice

MARTLET



Back to House Dinners



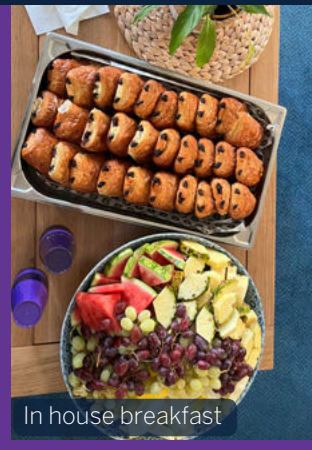
House social nights

WATERPOLO CHARITY NIGHT



Saturday 21st September is the Martlet Charity Night

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In house breakfast

NORTH




House dance practice



Pizza night!



WEST



Upper Fifth Social



House dance rehearsal



SOUTH



Last Friday the South Families formed teams and played games of rounders and ate ice cream. So much fun was had by all.



RHODES



Congratulations to Lucy S. for her role on the student panel in the Life in Sixth Form event



House dance practice



Whole house socials: ice cream, s'mores and cheese toasts!

EAST



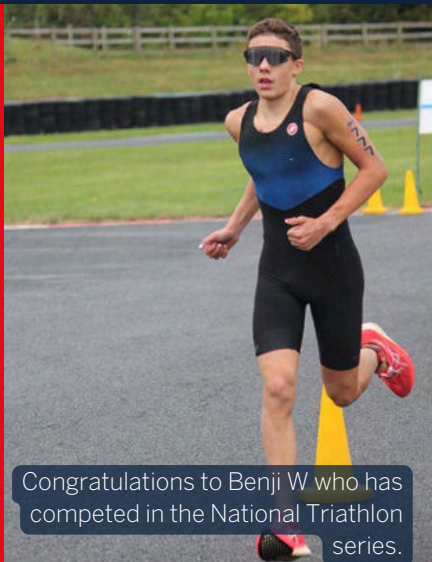
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Good luck to Jack R. (Upper Sixth) who is racing this weekend at Thruxton Circuit in the Mustang and Civic in four races.



LOVEDAY



Congratulations to Benji W who has competed in the National Triathlon series.



Congratulations to the School Golf Team who won the West Sussex invitational event. 3/4 of the team are from Loveday House (James M, Jack H. and James R.)

#FOODIEFRIDAY

This week for #FoodieFriday we're focusing on the variety of savoury options pupils can choose from for lunch, aside from the main course.

Whether this is a pre-made sandwich from the sandwich bar, a jacket potato (plain or sweet), pasta with a range of sauces, there is something to meet everybody's needs.



**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

HOUSE DRAMA

This term marks the debut of our House Drama Competition. Over the course of four evenings, each affiliated House group will perform twice with the winners announced on Thursday following the final performances.

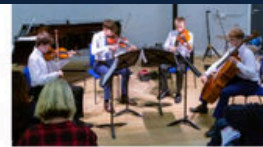
Tickets for the plays will be released on Thursday 26th September at 5:00pm and can be booked via the website: www.cranleigh.org/tickets



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



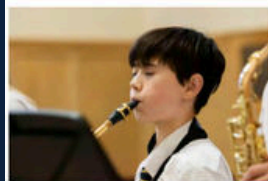
4 OCTOBER 2024
DR JYOTSNA SRIKANTH MBE 'CARNATIC NOMAD'
MUSIC



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



North/West House Play - DNA by Denis Kelly
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Mon 14 Oct 2024, 5:30PM



Cubitt/South House Play - Animal Farm adapted by Ian Woolldridge
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Wed 16 Oct 2024, 5:30PM



North/West House Play - DNA by Denis Kelly
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Mon 14 Oct 2024, 7:45PM



Cubitt/South House Play - Animal Farm adapted by Ian Woolldridge
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Wed 16 Oct 2024, 7:45PM



East/Martlet House Play - The It by Vivienne Franzmann
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Tue 15 Oct 2024, 5:30PM



Loveday/Rhodes House Play - 12 Angry Jurors Adapted by Sherman L. Shergel
Vivian Cox Theatre (VCT)
Surrey
Thu 17 Oct 2024, 5:30PM



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SUPER STABLES STRIKE AGAIN!

Congratulations to the Cranleigh School stables team who have retained their 5* rating from Waverly Borough Council, for their Veterinary Inspection.

Each year, the council complete a comprehensive check of all of our horses and ponies. The inspection is a detailed examination of internal and external factors including the health of the animal, the environment and their wellbeing.

The inspecting vet was extremely impressed with Cranleigh Stables, our animals and our hardworking team awarding them the maximum 5* rating. Well done all!

If you are interested in our Pony mornings which take place in the school holidays, please enquire directly with stables@cranleigh.org.

*** Coming Soon – Residential Equine Camps – Register your interest at stables@cranleigh.org ***

