CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

FROM THE HEAD

My thought for this week was a Ralph Waldo Emerson quotation: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm". Nothing embodied this quite so much as the wonderful House Performance Evening on Friday. Your Fourth Form and Upper Sixth children threw themselves into creating a truly memorable event, enthusiastically supported by their Houses, and I hope that you enjoy the photographs. Well done to everyone who took part – they were all brilliant. We also enjoyed a busy weekend welcoming admissions visitors on Saturday and schools taking part in our rugby festival on Sunday, thank you also to the Fourth Form parents who came to take part in our pastoral carousel. We're proud of the strength of our pastoral care and it was good to see the home-school partnership getting off to a great start. As we're hosting a full Open Day for the school on October 12th, do share the date with friends and family considering joining our community – they will be most welcome!

As the expectations on the public exam year groups continue to increase, with the Upper Sixth assessments starting on Saturday 5th October, we are going to add an additional online parents' meeting for both parents and their daughters/sons of the Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth in the second half of this term. Following their mocks we are going to return to an in-person parents' meeting in the Lent Term (remote for overseas parents). Mr Boggitt will be in touch with details over the weekend.

As we approach Long Exeat, this first part of the term is the longest unbroken stretch in the academic year. It is also the busiest, with new timetables, teachers, and teams. Your children have thoroughly deserved their weekend, not only because all that novelty is tiring but also because they have thrown themselves into the opportunities of the new academic year with such enthusiasm and success. This has set a really positive and strong tone for the year ahead and I've been really impressed by the energy and spirit of the School. As I said to the parents of the Fourth Form last Saturday, this weekend needs to be one to rest and re-charge batteries in preparation for what will be a very busy three weeks leading up to half term.

Samantha Price, Head

RSACADEMICS SURVEY

Your opinions and feedback are incredibly important to us and we'd like to invite you to provide your thoughts on your own and your child's experiences at Cranleigh via a short, online survey. We have commissioned RSAcademics, a respected consultancy within the independent schools sector, to conduct this research, ensuring that your responses will remain completely anonymous. No-one within the School will see your completed survey and the findings will be analysed independently.

The Survey link will be sent out in the week commencing October 7th and remain open for two weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions about completing the survey, confidentiality or any other queries, do contact RSAcademics using the email that follows: surveys@rsacademics.com

ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT GRADES

Continual assessment and feedback is vital in allowing you and your children to see how they are progressing and make any necessary adjustments. This is particularly important during the public exam years. Please ensure that you read through the reports and discuss them with your children and their Tutors. Reports are all accessed via your child's record in Firefly, which is also accessible via our school app. This week, Upper Fifth results are available.

SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

Visitors to our Sixth form event were given an overview of approaches for our Futures pathways. We're always looking to enhance the ways we make our pupils future-ready and are happy to hear from parents and guardians who'd like to support our professional and networking events.

CAREER AND WORK EXPERIENCE DAYS:

With Lower Sixth beginning to think about university options, the organisation Career Days (www.careerdays.co.uk) is here to help.



They offer online work experience and careers advice days to students, to give valuable insights into course options and university life and first-hand knowledge of what life is really like in that career. For a small fee you are given a day of expert advice, skills training, Q&A sessions and a certificate that can be included in CVs and applications.

The following days are available during half term and long exeat, so students can both attend and log in from home.

Psychology Career Day—Saturday 19th October 2024 Architect Career Day—Saturday 26th October 2024 Performing Arts Career Day—Sunday 27th October 2024 Law Career Day—Saturday 2nd November 2024 Computer Science Career Day—Saturday 23rd November 2024

FOURTH FORM PARENTS' CAROUSEL

On Saturday 21st September, we hosted our first Parents' Carousel for Fourth Form parents which proved very popular! Themes included Challenges of Teenage Boys; Girls in Boarding - navigating friendships; Positive Coping Strategies; Online Risks and Safety and Managing Teen Anxiety for Parents.

A huge thank you to all of the parents/guardians that attended and to all the staff who delivered such great quality information. We are looking forward to rolling out similar sessions for different year groups in the near future.



SPORT

To read a full sports update from Mr Andy Houston, Director of Sport, please click <u>here</u>.







HOUSE PERFORMANCE

Well done to Fourth Form and Upper Sixth pupils for the House Performance evening, not just for a brilliant show but for all the hard work and preparation.

Three weeks is no time at all to pull off such a feat! It was a great evening really well supported by the School showing the great strength of Cranleigh House spirit. Congratulations, of course, to Rhodes/Loveday on their overall victory.

You can view a selection of photos below:



















HOUSE PLAYS

Tickets for House Plays are now available and can be booked via the website: <u>www.cranleigh.org</u> <u>/tickets</u>



+ OCTOBER 2024 DR JYOTSNA SRIKANTH MBE 'CARNATIC NOMAD'



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...!!!'



22 NOVEMBER 2024 JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT MUSIC



27 NOVEMBER 2024 SENIOR MUSIC COMPETITIONS (STRINGS, VOICE & GUITAR)

#FOODIEFRIDAY



For #FoodieFriday we are showing our Thursday lunch.

This week, it was chicken & pepper stroganoff, or a vegetarian - mushroom, pepper and white bean. This was served with vegetable pilau rice with steamed broccoli, beans and peas.

Pupils had the choice of baked potatoes (savoury and sweet) with a variety of toppings, and the usual pasta, sandwich and salad bars.

SAFE DRIVING

Our campus is home to our boarders and pedestrians take priority on the roads through the site.

Please bear this in mind when you are driving through, collecting or dropping off and remember to drive at the required 'dead slow' speed at all times, without using a mobile phone or any other distraction. It is equally important that you do not speed on the roads leading to the school or though the village. Thank you.



We have many trips outside of school throughout the school year, from Duke of

Trips Instagram account for images and updates.

Please follow @CranleighTrips to see more!

Edinburgh's Award expeditions in Wales, to diving in The Maldives and Skiing in France.

So that you can see everything your children enjoy on their trips we have set up a new



TRIPS

ROUND THE HOUSES





WEST







West/North Upper Fifth Social



Lower Fifth Pizza Express social











Sixth form Curr













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Congratulations for Charlotte B for being selected for U18 England Rugby Camp in October

Ella S. will be completing 4 miles every four hours for 48 hours running this weekend, to raise money for Zambia Beyond Ourselves.









Huge well done to Kitty W. for completing a charity Sky Dive to raise money for BEAT.

