



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



FROM THE HEAD

A very warm welcome to the start of the academic year and the first of our new weekly news bulletins for parents and guardians.

I'm delighted to be leading Cranleigh through the next exciting stage of its development; I've really enjoyed meeting with some of you over the past week and am very much looking forward to meeting others in due course.

It has been wonderful to have the school community back this week and to welcome over 160 new students to Cranleigh for the first time. The site has been buzzing with the return to School, quickly settling into the routine of lessons, House dance rehearsals, Drama auditions and eager preparation for the first matches of the new term tomorrow. A definite highlight for me this week has been experiencing the uplifting singing in Chapel.

Below you will find some photographs of the extensive work that has been carried out over the summer to upgrade the facilities and create welcoming spaces for visitors and dining. Please do come and have a look when you join us for sports fixtures and events.

I have so enjoyed starting to meet your daughters and sons around the site; they have started term very positively, in smart uniform, walking with purpose and we are working on being Two Minutes Early for all commitments!

Samantha Price, Head

FOURTH FORM WELCOME

Our new Fourth Form have begun their journey at Cranleigh and settled in to their new Houses.

They're pictured here at our welcome event with introductions from the House staff and Senior prefects.

Over the last few days, they have been learning all about life at Cranleigh, taking part in an orientation programme and preparing to start the academic year.

Fourth Form parents have also been invited to a social event in London on the 4th October via email. If you are yet to confirm your attendance, please re-visit the email or contact kjd@cranleigh.org for details.



SIXTH FORM WELCOME

Current and new Sixth Form students along with parents and guardians were welcomed in a ceremony on Tuesday.

We extend our best wishes to our students as they begin or continue their journey through Sixth Form life.



SUMMER HOLIDAY RENOVATIONS

KITCHEN AND SERVERY

Pupils were excited to return to school to discover that our servery has been transformed over the summer holidays!

One of the most important areas of a boarding school, the servery's new look combines a fresh, modern feel, whilst blending with the traditional elements of Cranleigh.

A huge thank you to our staff, in particular the catering and works team for their hard work in making this project a success from start to finish.

The final look is incredible and breakfast, lunch and dinner has become even more of a joyous time!

Samantha Price asked some pupils their thoughts to which they said: "We all absolutely love it! It looks and feels so modern and cool!"



READING ROOM AND RECEPTION

The front of school has also undergone a fantastic transformation reshaping how visitors are welcomed to the School, whilst preserving the historic features.

We continue to look forward to welcoming visitors to Cranleigh.

AWARDS

We are incredibly proud of the excellence of every area of life in our School, and thrilled to see it being recognised. Please see below the awards Cranleigh has been shortlisted for over the summer holidays.



PERFORMING ARTS

The Independent School Parent awards have recognised our Performing Arts provision, in particular the last academic year which saw our school musical of West Side Story.



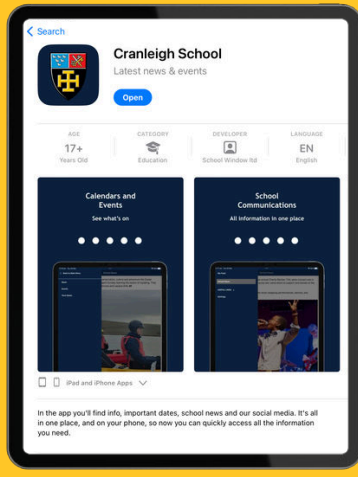
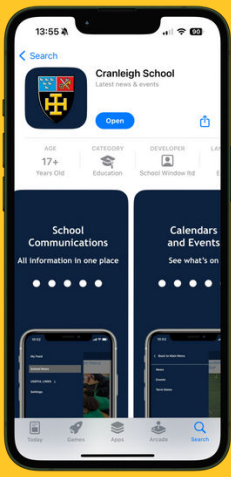
THINKING BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

The Talk Education awards have recognised our focus to put thinking at the heart of our approach to deeper learning.



CHARITABLE WORK CHAMPION

The School House Magazine awards have recognised our partnership between Beyond Ourselves and Cranleigh, as well as the charitable work Cranleigh provides in the local community.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOOL APP!

To make it easier for parents and guardians to find our school information in one place, we have developed a school app which is available to download on iOS and Android. To download, search for Cranleigh School on the App Store or Google Play store.

Upon downloading, users are able to select their chosen area of interest, to receive tailored communications.



MEET THE HOUSE CAPTAINS & PREFECTS

Introducing the new House Captains & Senior Prefects for this upcoming year:

Senior Prefects: Phoebe Gray & James Fortescue

| | House Captains | Deputy House Captains |
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| Cubitt | Jamie Farris | Ted Mills and Archie Leaver |
| East | Will Copson | Monty Neve and Olly Faulkner |
| Loveday | Jago Skrypec | Felix Jackson and Ted Scott |
| Martlet | Molly Bertram | Scarlett Williams |
| North | Oscar Carey | Charlie Maskery and Ben Floydd |
| Rhodes | Lola Norwood Perkins | Fenella Waller |
| South | Emily Wates | Bella Walton |
| West | Abby Stevenson | Cara Mackenzie |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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



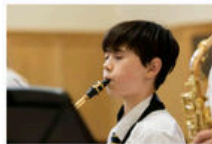
4 OCTOBER 2024
DR JYOTSNA SRIKANTH MBE 'CARNATIC NOMAD'
MUSIC



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



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



22 NOVEMBER 2024
JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT
MUSIC



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

PARENT SURVEY

In order to better understand the views of families and to help us in setting strategic priorities for the school, we have engaged educational consultants RSAcademics to conduct a parental survey this term. You can expect to see the survey link in your inboxes in early October and we hope that all families will be able to complete it before half term. It is incredibly important that the views of all families are represented so please do take the time to complete the survey when it is issued. The survey is fully anonymised, but if you have questions concerning confidentiality or any other queries, please do contact RSAcademics via surveys@rsacademics.com, for reassurance.