



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

FROM THE HEAD

Last Friday evening I was treated to my first Upper Sixth Music Scholars' concert (see below) which was nothing other than superb. Saturday saw our first Open Morning of the year with over 125 families visiting to look around the School. I was immensely proud of the pupils who toured our guests, supported the various activities that were put on, singers from East and Martlet who performed their part-song from the House Dance competition and then the four who joined me on stage for the speeches and Q&A. Families commented on what superb ambassadors for the School they all were and the wonderful sense of community which prevails.

This week we've all enjoyed four evenings of brilliant House Drama productions and my congratulations to all of those who took part in these in whatever capacity. I know the judges had a very difficult task in deciding the overall winning performance which went to East and Martlet, with numerous outstanding actors and talent to watch being awarded from the other Houses.

I've also had the pleasure of hosting Tracy Crowder-Cloe, principal of our sister school in Abu Dhabi, with some of her colleagues, to further strengthen our partnership and ensure that we stay aligned with best practice in teaching, wellbeing and inclusion to benefit both our schools. Cranleigh Abu Dhabi has just been listed as one of the top 15 Middle Eastern Schools in this year's Carfax Education Schools List. A well-deserved accolade.

As we race towards Cranleigh's first two-week half term, I'm so impressed with the energy and enthusiasm the pupils are still finding for every aspect of our busy school life. We have eight trips going out over half term and I wish them all a fabulous experience with thanks to the staff who are taking them. You can read more about where they are headed below.

On a completely different note, we are aware that a number of pupils are returning to school with a second phone. Please can you ensure that when you send your daughter/son back after the break they have only one phone. I know you will appreciate how hard it is for the House staff managing phone use and will want to support them with this.

I hope everyone has a restful half term and I wish you all some relaxing family time.

Samantha Price, Head



SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

We are extremely fortunate to be welcoming Serial Entrepreneur James Averdieck, founder of GU and The Coconut Collaborative, to speak to the Sixth Form on Monday 4th November.

James will be inspiring our students by explaining the secrets of his success, how to find that gap in the market and bring leading brands to fruition.



GU

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FUTURES

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER
19.15 | ALT

We are extremely fortunate to welcome speaker and

ENTREPRENEUR JAMES AVERDIECK

FOUNDER OF GU AND THE COCONUT COLLABORATIVE

James knows the secrets to success and creative marketing. He is an expert in finding a gap in the market and leading a brand to fruition.

Listen to his story | Learn from his insights

Compulsory to Business Studies students
Highly recommended to UVI & LVI

James will bring products (yum!!)

LONG LEAVE TRIPS

Over Long Leave there will be 8 school residential trips heading out on exciting adventures. 217 pupils and 29 staff are involved and we wish them all a safe and fantastic time! Do follow our Instagram page @CranleighTrips to stay up to date.

Take a look at where they are jetting off to:

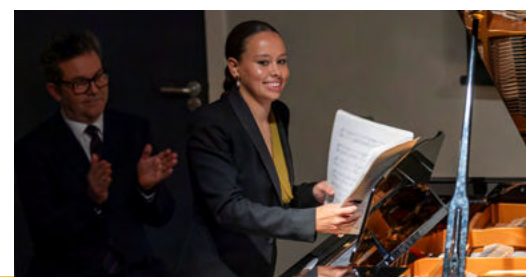
- 📍 Lower Sixth Charity trip to Zambia
- 📍 Golf trip to South Carolina
- 📍 Greek Theatre trip to Athens
- 📍 Spanish trip to Madrid
- 📍 Senior Rugby trip to Barcelona
- 📍 Art trip to Berlin
- 📍 Junior Rugby trip to Northampton
- 📍 Hockey trip to Holland



UPPER SIXTH MUSIC AWARD HOLDERS CONCERT

It was a wonderful evening on Friday for our Upper Sixth Music Award Holders concert, showcasing their considerable talents and hard work.

Very well done to all students involved! To read Mr Saxel's full review, click [here](#).





SENIOR AND PREP PUPILS CHAT TO MRS PRICE

Mrs Price welcomed Ethan Y. and Olive K. who are in Form 6 at the Prep School, alongside Immy M. (South) and Seb H. (Cubitt) who are in Upper Fifth at the Senior School, to talk about their Cranleigh journey.

It is always wonderful to hear pupils from both the Senior School and the Prep School talk about their experience as Cranleighans.

VOLUNTARY ACTION

Our pupils are busy on Wednesday afternoons with their voluntary action. Here they are at Knowle Park nursing home.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Many congratulations to the mathematicians in the Sixth Form who participated in the UK Maths Challenge at the beginning of October. We are thrilled to announce that 41% earned bronze certificates, 15% earned silver certificates, and an impressive 6.8% - five students - earned gold certificates!

Special congratulations to our gold medallists: Jason S., Simba K., Brandon G., Ted M., and Simon F. Jason and Simba were the best in year for the Lower Sixth, while Simon achieved best in year for the Upper Sixth and best in the entire school! Jason, Simba, Brandon, and Ted have qualified for the Senior Kangaroo round, and Simon, with an extraordinary score, will compete in the British Mathematical Olympiad round 1, all taking place in November. Well done to all!

LAMDA

Very well done to some of our LAMDA students who collected their certificates this week.

This included 7 pupils who were awarded their grade 8 gold medal.



SPORT

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



HOUSE DRAMA

This week saw the first annual House Drama Competition take place. The theme this year was taken from a quote by Walt Disney 'the past can hurt. You can either run from it or learn from it'. The plays were completely student led with the directing, casting and design all driven by the Sixth Form directors. To put on a play in 5 weeks is a huge undertaking and it has been clear that many skills have been gained by all involved from leadership, creativity, patience, team work and resilience.

On Thursday evening there was a formal awards ceremony. Congratulations to the following winners:

Best Design: Teddy B. and Harry C. lighting design for The IT.

Rising Star award: Hafiz A.

Best Supporting Actor: Max V. G.

Best Supporting Actress: Olivia P.

Best Actor- Ted S.

Best Actress- Coco K.

Best Directors- Lucy S. and Amy L. for 12 Angry Jurors

Judges Commendation for best comedy scene- Ruby P., Katie A., Kitty W., and Alfie B.,

Overall best production: East/Martlet - The IT

Well done to all those involved! To read more about the plays, visit [here](#). Photos can be found on SmugMug.



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CHRISTMAS
FAIR

The Cranleigh Christmas Fair takes place just after half term, and we do hope you all have the date in your diaries.

There are over 80 fabulous stalls to tempt you. The full list is on the Christmas Fair [website](#), so please do have a browse and see some of the brilliant gift ideas on offer.

The Fair runs from 10-4 on Saturday 9th November in the Wyatt Hall and Quad at Cranleigh Prep School.



SUSTAINABILITY VISIT TO KNEPP CASTLE ESTATE

Four members of the eco council, Lucy S. (Eco Prefect and council chair), Tiana I. (Deputy council chair), Lola N-P and Florence A., visited Knepp Castle Estate (just south of Horsham) to meet eco prefects from other local schools that make up the Surrey Environmental Action School group, run by Mr Leamon.

The pupils took part in a meet-and-greet with the other schools' prefects and swapped ideas for sustainable initiatives. They were also treated to a tour of Knepp's amazing rewilding and species reintroduction projects, including storks, beavers, nightingales, purple emperor butterflies. Also, using free roaming Longhorn Cattle and Tamworth Pigs to replicate the grazing habits of ancient wild animals such as aurochs and wild boars that once roamed the British Isles.

It is an inspiring and fascinating place and Lucy recommends you read *Wilding* by Isabella Tree, which records the establishment of Knepp (now also a film) and visit it yourself.



APPLE PRESSING

As part of our yearly cycle of apple based events, helping pupils understand the natural processes that provide our food, as well as the effort that goes in to make even the simplest of food products, this week saw the popular Apple Pressing Session return. Two sessions were run, one for the Senior and one for the Prep School, teaching pupils about picking, selecting, chopping, scratting and, finally, pressing the apples to make delicious fresh juice.

We pressed about 400 apples in total, of different varieties, all collected by pupils from the CPS orchard. It was a wonderful afternoon, with lots of fun and much juice being made. This is part of the cycle-of-the-year events which makes up an aspect of our Environmental Education programme and hopes to promote connectedness and wonder about our amazing, beautiful world, whilst remaining true to Cranleigh's original heritage of being a school for the children of local farmers.

Look out later in the year for the Cranleigh Wassail and our Midsummer Celebration events, all of which use our amazing apples.



ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



Lower Fifth parent coffee morning



All in pink (nails too!) for Mufti day

At MNF, both Junior and Senior lost to Cubitt by 1 goal, 2-3 and 1-2.

East/Martlet House Drama Competition: 'The IT' by Vivienne Franzmann performed by 13 East boys and 8 Martlet girls. Directed by Lower Sixth from both houses.



MARTLET



East/Martlet House Play performance



Izzie P. ran the Royal Parks Half Marathon and raised £1,340 for the charity BEAT - huge well done!

CUBITT



Big Brother social



Well done Ralph for scoring 5 at the weekend for his club!



Upper Sixth dinner with South in Cubitt (prepared by the students!)



House Performance

WEST



Wearing Pink for Mufti Day in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness



Fourth Form bracelet making



House Play & awards

SOUTH



We raised £195.50 in the Bake Sale in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness featuring some amazing edible creations!



Not quite the whole cast of the South/Cubitt House Play "Animal Farm". A huge thank you to Maddy K, Sophie D, Jos H (directors), Lucinda L, Poppy H, Hannah-May F, Chloe G, Anoushka W, Otilie W, Olivia P, Orla R. & Lydia W.



On Tuesday, the Cubitt boys hosted us and cooked delicious pasta with the South girls bringing along yummy salted caramel brownies and they all shared a lovely meal together.

RHODES



Some lovely shots from our Loveday/Rhodes House Play, 12 Angry Jurors.



Good luck to our Lower Sixth girls heading to Zambia this week.

We've also got girls going off to Spain, Greece, Tillberg for hockey, Berlin for Art, and our riders competing in the NSEA National Championships.

LOVEDAY



Battle archery with our weekend boarders



Congratulations to Bertie H for being awarded a Merit in the prestigious John Locke Essay Competition. Among over 19,000 entrants, Bertie's essay was shortlisted, a testament to his intellectual curiosity and ability to engage thoughtfully with complex ideas.

This is a significant achievement, and we are incredibly proud of his hard work and dedication.



Will A. and Max G. in Ethiopia on their way to Zambia

NORTH



West/North House Play & awards