



# CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

**FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

## FROM THE HEAD

It's been another busy and purposeful week, with Upper Sixth assessments and the rest of school throwing themselves into concerts, lectures and fixtures as well. Sports results across the board have been excellent, there's more on that in Mr Houston's round up below.

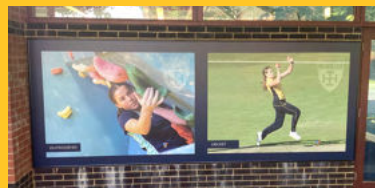
It was a great pleasure to meet so many of our new Fourth Form families at our London drinks event on Friday evening and we're really looking forward to introducing prospective families to Cranleigh at our open day tomorrow. Pupils are always wonderful ambassadors for the school and I hope they enjoy giving the tours and being reminded of everything we have to offer. There will be opportunities for other year groups to get together next term and plenty of social events in the second half of this term, including our fabulous Christmas shopping event on November 9th.

If you haven't yet completed our Parent & Guardian Survey, being run by experts RSGlobal, then please do so via the link below by the end of the week. It's really important that we hear everyone's views as we develop our vision for Cranleigh's future.

Samantha Price, Head

## SPORTS FACILITIES PHOTO BOARDS

We are excited to unveil the new photo boards that showcase our sporting provision, which you will notice on the walls of our Sports Centre and Swimming Pool. Do take a look next time you find yourself nearby!



## POLITICAL THEORY

On Monday, a group of Politics students participated in an online conference on political theory organised by Oxford High School. The event featured talks from distinguished professors and academics.

The conference provided students with a broad perspective on important political concepts, offering pupils a unique chance to engage with leading experts and deepen their knowledge.

## SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

Providing our students with enrichment opportunities is essential for giving them a competitive edge in their applications and future endeavours. One effective way to do this is by enrolling in a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). These courses, offered by universities like Edinburgh and Stanford, require no prior experience and typically take 10-14 hours over a few weeks, providing valuable certifications. A couple of examples are courses on [sustainable business](#) or [Google AI essentials](#) on Coursera, or the magnitude of options on [edX](#).

UCAS personal statements specifically look for students to:

- Provide examples: Suggest that they use concrete examples and evidence to support their claims, demonstrating their readiness for university-level study.
- Highlight key areas: Guide students to focus on the future goals, skills and academic interests in their personal statements.

MOOCs can enhance LinkedIn profiles and CVs, showcasing commitment and a willingness to learn alongside work experience. With half term approaching, it's an ideal time to explore MOOC opportunities.

## DIVERSITY AND ALLIANCE

The Diversity Alliance committee hosted a film social and pupils voted to watch the Marvel film *Black Panther* to celebrate Black History Month and highlight it's theme which this year is "Reclaiming Narratives". The theme focuses on bringing to light previously untold and unknown stories and highlighting a commitment to understanding the full complexity of Black heritage.

While *Black Panther* is a fictional film that forms part of the Marvel Universe, the character *Black Panther* originally devised in the 60's in the height of the American Civil Right's Movement, is the first Superhero of colour and the first of African descent. The *Black Panther* film boasts an impressive Black cast, creating role models for generations to come, and platforming talented Black actors who can often be overlooked for lead roles leaving Black characters stereotyped and underrepresented in Hollywood movies.

The fact the *Black Panther* film was so successful at the box office further proves that promoting diversity is much more than just doing the right thing, it is commercially justified too!

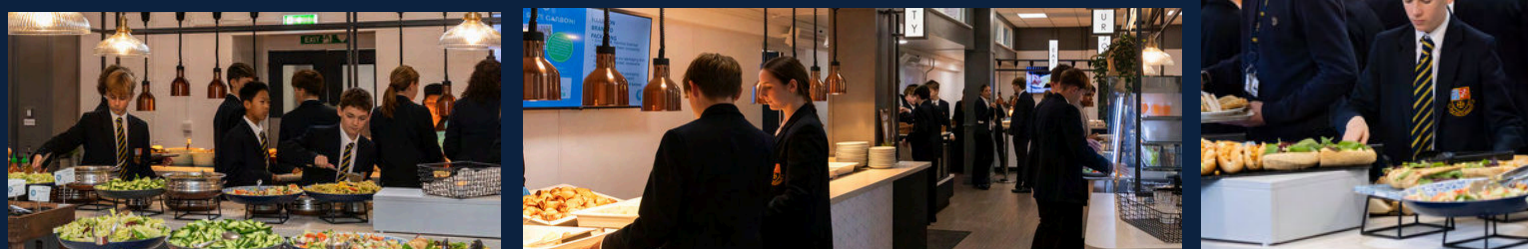
## PURVIS SOCIETY

The Purvis Society has had its regular meeting in our new meeting area in the refurbished Reading Room. Our photographer Lillie captured some shots of them in discussion!



## FOODIE FRIDAY

Our pupils have spent the start of this term settling into the new servery. Here are some photos of them collecting their lunch from the variety of different food counters.





## SPORT

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



## CARNATIC NOMAD

On Friday, Cranleigh Music welcomed renowned violinist, Dr Jyotsna Srikanth MBE, to present a workshop for our music award holders, followed by an evening concert titled 'Carnatic Nomad'.

'Carnatic' music is the music of southern India: one of the oldest living systems of classical music in the world. Some of the compositions featured by Dr Srikanth were around 500 years old, and the mix of traditional and contemporary compositions opened our eyes and ears to new scales (raga) derived from the 'Mēḷakartā' system, rhythmic cycles (tala) and the interaction between 'fixed' composition and improvisation.

The music was underpinned by the percussive accompaniment of a double-headed drum (mridangam), percussive vocalisations (a sort of Carnatic beat-boxing), and a single drone note (produced by a tanpura), creating cohesion throughout the programme.

It was refreshing for our award holders to explore such an unfamiliar stylistic framework, and for our string players to have a breather from the technical stipulations of western classical music in order to practically explore Indian techniques, such as approaches to sliding between notes (glissando), and new scale patterns which are the basis for Dr Srikanth's melodic improvisation. All the musicians present were in awe of the seemingly effortless virtuosity demonstrated by this duo, and the vibrancy and colourful expressive scope of Carnatic music.



## ORGAN OUTREACH EVENT

On Tuesday morning, we held our fifth annual Organ Outreach Day, and were delighted to welcome a group of pupils from Feltonfleet School to enjoy listening to and playing the wonderful Mander organ in the Chapel. None of the pupils had played an organ before, most of them being pianists who were clearly enthusiastic to "have a go" on the instrument.

After an introduction and short demonstration from Mr. Scriven, each of the children took it in turn to play their prepared piano pieces on the organ, and to discover what a totally different feel and character the two instruments have. The Chapel organ has a terrific reputation both locally and nationally, and it is always a joy to see the looks of pleasure and surprise on the faces of visitors who come and play it for the first time.





EAST



Jack R. is racing at Silverstone in his Honda Civic in the Civic Cup.



Rafe B., Jamie T. and Monty N. are performing in the Upper Sixth Music Award Holders' Concert on Friday evening - they are part of a cohort described by Mr Saxel as 'Collectively the best musicians I have taught in 25 years here'.

Pete and Rachael Bradnock hosted the Lower Fifth parents on Friday in Fairfield for an East coffee morning.



East and Martlet Upper Sixth enjoyed a curry night at the Rania restaurant in Cranleigh to mark the end of their assessments.



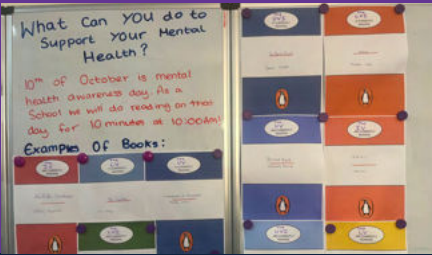
MARTLET



Reading in house for Mental Health Awareness



Upper Sixth Curry with East to celebrate the end of assessments



House Play final rehearsals ahead of next week

CUBITT



Games room fun before P1



House Fives



WEST



West girls in the Netball 1sts



Star of the week



House Fives winners





# SOUTH



On Saturday we had our annual Curry and Quiz evening to raise money for our charity, Mercy Ships. It was so lovely to welcome loads of South families to school for the evening.

On Monday, our Fourth Form took a trip to Pizza Express.

Well done to our quiz winners and thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

House Fives



# RHODES



Post exam curry with the Upper Sixth



Crudites at break!



Lower Sixth Rhodes and Loveday Mario Kart social

# LOVEDAY



JNR House Challenge Champions L/R

The U5th had a social at the Curry inn



Benji W came 3rd place in the regional academy trails in Eastbourne (duathlon run-bike-run)



# NORTH



Upper Sixth post exams movie night - we watched Ratatouille

Senior House Fives – North/West won. Oscar won all of his games with his partner from West, Charley.

