



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER



FROM THE HEAD

We've enjoyed the bright cold weather this week in the glorious colours of our autumnal campus. On Wednesday we marked International Men's Day with a focus on healthy male role models and support for the mental and physical wellbeing of men and boys. Thursday saw a day of Cranleigh Thinking with a focus on critical thinking and questioning across all subjects.

We've enjoyed a week of spectacular drama with a run of performances of *The Girl on the Train*, congratulations to all the actors, tech team and staff involved. Enjoy the long exeat with your children and wrap up warm for the weekend.

Samantha Price
Head

CRANLEIGH THINKING DAY

Once a year, we put a special focus on Cranleigh Thinking, an approach to learning which looks at the questions that lie beyond the test. Life is more than exams, and the most important questions of all don't come with mark scheme answers. Young people equipped with the knowledge and skills to think for themselves will go into the world better prepared for the challenges of an uncertain future.

So on Cranleigh Thinking Day, our pupils are invited to think for themselves about problems, challenges and questions that go beyond the test. In Economics, they may be part of a lively debate about deindustrialisation. In History, the arguments of historians may spark discussion of the role of chance and choice in the causation of the First World War.



In a Fourth Form Art class, students spent time in a mindfulness exercise before being invited to think original thoughts about their own artwork, or to contemplate the colour green. Over in the Politics department, pupils were at work on the project of designing their own electoral system. In each of these ways, Cranleighans are learning that there is so much more to a rich education than simply learning the answers for the next test. Life itself is richer and deeper for those who have learned how to think for themselves.

Visit our social media channels to hear Dr John Taylor share and show more about the day.



UPPER SIXTH VISIT TO SILENT POOL GIN DISTILLERY

Upper Sixth Business Studies students visited the local Silent Pool Gin Distillery. As a nationally known brand, the trip allowed an insight into the behind the scenes of the business.

SPORT

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



GIRL ON THE TRAIN

This week, audiences were treated to a very different theatrical experience in the Senior school production of *The Girl on the Train*, which was performed using the live cinema style of Katie Mitchell. Actors were tasked with both operating cameras and performing in front of them as they transported audiences into the world of Rachel Watson, who becomes obsessed with a woman she admires from her train window, discovers she has gone missing and becomes entangled in a thrilling mystery where she becomes both witness and suspect in the events that follow.

The play has been nominated for The National theatre awards in four categories for best play, best actress with Sophia F., best sound design from Maisy B. and best ensemble.



MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE

Our music students performed in a dazzling Musical Theatre showcase, with songs ranging from Wicked, Hamilton, The Sound of Music and much more.

The depth of musical theatre talent was apparent and this bodes well for the upcoming Junior Musical (High School Musical 2) and next year's senior musical.

All performers were excellent but of particular note were the mature and controlled voices of Alfie A. (Pure Imagination), Max F. (Luck Be a Lady) and Hettie S. (I'm Not That Girl) as well as the dramatic performances given by Georgina E. (I'd Give My Life For You) and Leah S. (The Sound of Music).



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIRS

Ron Moonesinghe (who was previously Music Administrator at Cranleigh Abu Dhabi) is a specialist musical instrument repairer.

He visited Cranleigh for two days this week, and returned a selection of unloved instruments to full playing capability, so if any pupils are interested in beginning music lessons, we have a stock of trumpets, clarinets, flutes and other assorted wind and brass instruments that are looking for some love and attention!

OLD CRANLEIGHAN RUGBY SUCCESS

We were delighted to see three former 1st XV pupils taking part in international rugby this weekend.

Oscar Beard (Harlequins) and Hugh Tizard (Saracens) represented England A against Australia A on Sunday at the Twickenham Stoop, winning 38-17.

Dino Lamb (Harlequins) at the same time played for Italy in their match against Georgia, also winning, 20-17. A great achievement!





DECKING THE HALLS

On Friday 6th December, we will be decorating the Chapel for Christmas, and are looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand. It's a lovely, Christmassy morning - no previous experience necessary.



We'll meet at 8 for coffee and pastries, decorating begins at about 8.30 and ends by lunchtime.

If you're able to help, please email friends@cranleigh.org to let us know.

BIG BAND SUPPER DANCE - SOLD OUT

Thank you very much to everyone who has applied for tickets to the Big Band Supper Dance. We have been delighted by the enthusiastic response to the event.

We're working out how to fit in as many of you as possible, and will notify everyone of the outcome of their applications early next week. Applicants from now on will be added to the waiting list.

Belinda Graham-Rack, Cranleigh Friends



22 NOVEMBER 2024
JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT

MUSIC



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

MUSIC



6 DECEMBER 2024
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

MUSIC



7 DECEMBER 2024
WELCOME MORNING - DECEMBER

OPEN EVENT



1 MARCH 2025
WELCOME MORNING - 1ST MARCH

OPEN EVENT



1 MARCH 2025
WELCOME MORNING - 8TH MARCH

OPEN EVENT



14 JUNE 2025
OPEN DAY

OPEN EVENT



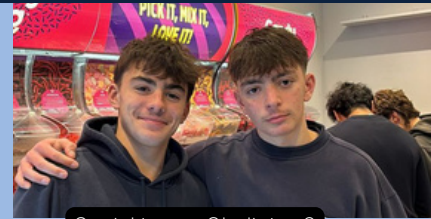
21 JUNE 2025
SIXTH FORM WELCOME MORNING (16+) JUNE 2025

ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



Congrats to Olly, Dylan, Rafe and Oscar and the 1st Football team for their 5-2 victory against Bristol Grammar. Well done Olly who was MOM!



Social to see Gladiator 2



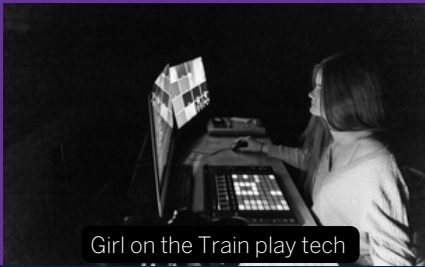
MARTLET



Matrons social



Prefect social



Girl on the Train play tech



Musical showcase



CUBITT



Cubitt Man of the Week



Upper Fifth trip to Ninja Warrior



Upper Sixth Curry



WEST



Well done Anya



House countdown



Stars of the Week



West girls in the School play

SOUTH



House Sport



LOVEDAY



Monday Night Football

NORTH



Charity Night raising funds for [@charliespromisecharity](#)

