



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

FROM THE HEAD

I do hope that you all had a lovely half term break with your children. After what had been a very busy and strong start to the academic year, they were certainly in need of a break and opportunity to recharge. Having a two week half term also provided the opportunity for a total of eight school trips to go out to destinations across the globe and our Instagram account @cranleightrips has been buzzing with photographs of everything they got up to. My thanks to the staff for leading these trips and offering these very enriching opportunities to the students.

As we start back for the second half of term our mantra is to stay focused, sharp and punctual and on Tuesday I reminded the Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth pupils that they only have 100 school days until their GCSE and A-Level exams start, so making every lesson count is imperative. It makes me smile that the urgency to get to sports practice certainly outweighs the lacklustre pace to get to period 1 but once chivvied earlier this week, the boys were certainly able to shift it when challenged the other day! It's about balance and of course the Two Minutes Early mantra is an important one to take into any workplace in the future.

This weekend we are looking forward to a large number of home fixtures, and good luck to our teams playing away, and to this end I hope you will be pleased to hear that we have listened to your concerns about knowing which team your child will play in on Saturdays and have set up the SOCS system to share that information. Full details on how to add and manage this system appears below. The CCF have been preparing hard for the Cranleigh Village Remembrance parade and service this Sunday and we do hope that many of you will be able to join us in the village from 10.30am on Sunday for this.

Yesterday evening, Dr Saxel and I gave a webinar on 'parties' for parents in the Fourth and Lower Fifth specifically but if anyone else would like to listen to what was said, the link is [here](#). We see this as the first in a series of webinars on various topics that are of interest to parents and future dates will be published in due course.

In Assembly on Tuesday, Dexter G., Tom H., Ludo D. and Felix J. gave a very compelling presentation on the importance of mental health in young men to mark the start of Movember. Some pupils have decided to support male mental health charities this month and Movember is in full swing as they grow moustaches to raise money, and take part in mental health workshops to understand more about the initiatives. Don't worry, the facial hair will disappear at the end of the month but hopefully the message will impact long term.

The next few weeks will be filled with events and we're looking forward to seeing you at the carol services and concert as well as tomorrow's brilliant Christmas Fair, which starts at 10am at the prep school. Do also Save the date on February 1st for our Big Band Supper Dance, more details to follow soon.

I very much look forward to seeing you at various events and pitch side in the weeks ahead.

Samantha Price
Head

SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

On Monday evening, we were thrilled to welcome James Averdieck, the visionary founder behind Gu, The Coconut Collaborative, and the new cookie dough brand, Spooners, to speak to our Sixth Form students. In the Lecture Theatre, James shared his invaluable insights on the key ingredients of entrepreneurial success: Idea, Timing, Hard Work, Teamwork, Money... and of course, the X Factor! His impressive journey and ventures serve proof in the "pudding"!

Students had the opportunity to sample a variety of desserts, including the new Spooners cookie dough (now available in Sainsbury's), and posed some incredibly thoughtful questions. The evening left everyone feeling inspired, with many students taking away key lessons to apply to their upcoming Enterprise challenge.

The Futures Department will be reaching out soon with opportunities for parents to get involved in future careers events.



VISIT FROM BAMEed NETWORK

We were delighted to host Allana Gay at Cranleigh this week. Allana, co-founder of the BAMEed Network is also a coach for women leading in education, an experienced head teacher and a champion of diversity in education.

Cranleigh will be partnering with the BAMEed network on some new recruitment and training initiatives. Image shows Allana with our Assistant Head EDI, David Mulae.

CROSS COUNTRY

This week, Fourth Form took part in House Cross Country, supportively cheered on by their fellow pupils from their houses.

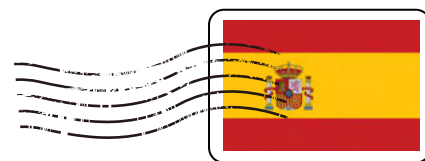


POSTCARDS FROM LONG LEAVE!

Over long leave, 8 school trips departed all across the world, including 217 pupils, and 29 members of staff!

Have a look at the postcards below to see an insight into their adventures!

FROM, BARCELONA



TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
HORSESHOE LANE
CRANLEIGH, GU6 8QQ
UNITED KINGDOM

Hello from Spain!

We visited Cambrils, Barcelona for Senior Rugby training. Here are some photos of us all in action.

From, Senior Rugby teams



FROM, TILBURG



TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
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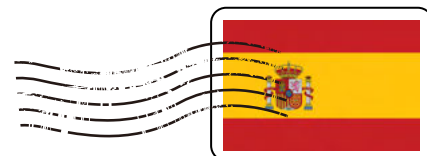
Hello from The Netherlands!

We visited Tilburg, for a trip full of hockey. We took part in tournaments and friendly matches with the local teams and explored the city.

From, Senior Hockey teams



FROM. MADRID



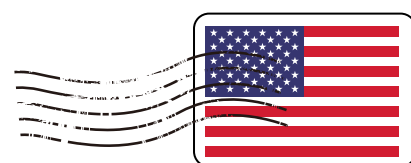
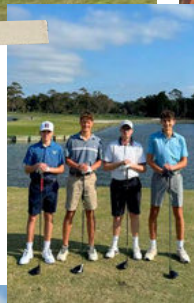
TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
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Hello from Spain!

We visited Madrid to learn about the Spanish culture. We explored the city and its rich history, ate some delicious Spanish food and did lots of sightseeing.

From, GCSE & A-Level Spanish pupils

FROM. SOUTH CAROLINA



TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
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UNITED KINGDOM

Hello from the USA!

We visited South Carolina in the glorious sunshine of Hilton Head Island. We enjoyed golf tournaments, playing at some of the top golf courses in the country and visiting fantastic venues.

From, the Golf Team

FROM, ATHENS



TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
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UNITED KINGDOM

Hello from Greece!

We have been in Athens visiting
ancient Greek theatres and landmarks
and exploring the city and surrounding
areas.

From, the Sixth Form



FROM, NORTHAMPTON



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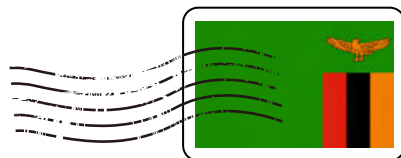
Hello from Northampton!

We spent a few days in Rugby
training, visiting Northampton
Saints at Franklin's Gardens and
Northampton Town team.

From, Junior Rugby



FROM. ZAMBIA



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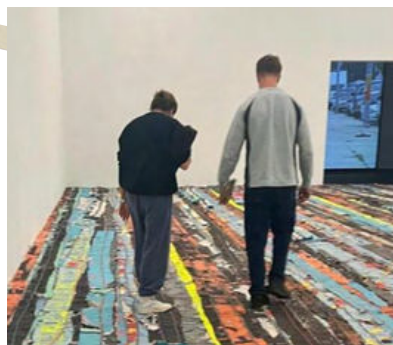
Hello from Africa!

We went on our annual trip to
Zambia as part of the Cranleigh
Beyond Ourselves charity group. We
visited local schools and spent time
with their pupils.

From. Lower Sixth



FROM. BERLIN



TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
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UNITED KINGDOM

Hello from Germany!

We went on an art trip to explore
the amazing culture of Berlin. visiting
art galleries and historical sights
such as the Brandenburg Gate.

From. the Sixth Form



SPORT

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



ACCESSING SPORTS FIXTURE DETAILS FOR YOUR CHILD

We are pleased to inform you that you will now be able to view the sports team your child has been selected for via your Firefly account from 7:00pm the evening before the match.

This will give time for staff to enter the team lists and ensure they are as up to date and accurate as possible. Even then, please be aware that team lists can change on the morning of matches due to illness or injury so we would advise checking again later in the morning.

To give you access to this information, please follow the instructions [here](#).

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to get in touch.



ALEX'S CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Alex F. who has been named in the England Cricket U19 squad for an upcoming training camp in South Africa.

Alex is also part of the Surrey Cricket Academy.

A brilliant achievement, well done Alex!



To view our upcoming events, visit our website [here](#).



15 NOVEMBER 2024
'SOMETHING FAMILIAR, SOMETHING PECULIAR...!!!'
MUSIC
Musical Theatre Showcase



22 NOVEMBER 2024
JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CONCERT
MUSIC



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



6 DECEMBER 2024
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
MUSIC

SCHOOL PLAY - GIRL ON THE TRAIN

The School Play of Girl on the Train, takes place week commencing Monday 18th November.

Tickets are now available to book [here](#)!

ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



East came second overall in the Fourth Form Boys' Cross Country this week, with Noah O. winning the race comfortably in a time of 13 minutes - he appeared not to have broken a sweat!

As part of a House Captains' initiative, East hosted Rhodes Fourth Form from this week and enjoyed a quiz in the Ship.

Alfie Perrett was selected for Quins U17s over half term and played against Northampton Saints.

MARTLET



Fourth Form Cross Country



CUBITT



Fourth Form Cross Country



Dexter completing press ups in callover for Movember fundraising

WEST



Big Sister/Little Sister Social
Upper Fifth outing



House Cross Country
Winners



Happy 18th!

SOUTH



Well done to Harri, Olivia, Louis and Eli for their efforts in Junior Spelling Bee.

Well done to the Indoor Hockey team who fought valiantly on the final day of last half term.

Well done to Lydia W who came 2nd overall.

Lower Fifth enjoying a pamper evening of face masks with the Upper Sixth this week.

RHODES



Junior Spelling Bee, through to the final this week
Senior indoor hockey win after a hard fought final

Fourth Form Cross Country, amazing result with our 4th coming 2nd out of the girls

LOVEDAY



Fourth Form Cross Country

NORTH



Will (Upper Sixth) who over Long Leave has competed in two national trampolining competitions. He came third in the English National Championships then a week later competed in the National League Finals. He competed in the synchronised competition for the first time with his friend Oli and they came 1st place!



Fourth Form Cross Country