



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY

FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. I hope you all enjoyed restful breaks over the festive period. Well done to our team and individual skiers for their success on the slopes, to our history and politics students and staff who had a great US trip before Christmas and to our geographers who visited Iceland. Despite some typically miserable January weather, the new term has started with great energy. Lower Sixth students are already getting stuck into our new enterprise scheme, Cran.do and I'm excited to see what ideas they come up with. The scheme is part of our refreshed programme for Sixth Formers and we'll be advertising for a Head of Sixth Form next week to co-ordinate the exciting changes to the Sixth Form experience.

In assembly on Tuesday I asked all pupils to think about some things they want to Start, Stop and Continue this term; they'll be discussing their intentions with Tutors but do chat to your children about their plans too. I'm also delighted to welcome our new Prep School Head, Will Newman, and his wife Liz who is our new Events Manager and look forward to working with them both this year. 2025 is already shaping up to be a fantastic year for the school and I hope to see as many of you as possible at events and shows or on the touchlines.

Mrs Samantha Price
Head

A WARM WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new Head of Cranleigh Prep School, Mr Will Newman, his wife Mrs Liz Newman, our new Events Manager and labradors Lottie and Pippa.

They have settled into life at Cranleigh, meeting members of our community. The pupils have enjoyed getting to know them both, especially Lottie and Pippa as you can see!



BEING CAUTIOUS IN WINTRY WEATHER

This week has seen intense wintry conditions, with an increase in icy surfaces.

Our grounds team have been on the School site everyday, sometimes as early as 5.30am to grit roads and pavements to ensure that the area is as safe as we can possibly make it.

While our School grounds do look beautiful in the winter, please do take extra caution around the School site and throughout the local area, particularly when driving.



SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

Please click [here](#) to read a full update.

The term has begun with freezing and wet weather, but a huge thank you to our staff and pupils for approaching their sessions with such positivity, even in tough conditions.

This weekend marks the first matches of the season for several teams in netball, boys' hockey, and football.

Sadly the freezing conditions has meant all football matches both at Bede's and at Cranleigh have been cancelled.

Those football players may leave after lunch on Saturday.

We are hopeful that the weather will not impact the rest of the games and any changes will be communicated directly to the pupils as well as our sports desk being updated immediately.

Sadly one or two matches have been cancelled due to player numbers at other schools, but we will be running internal games for our pupils. All locations and timings can be found on our sports desk page.



LAUNCH OF CRAN.DO

Brand new for 2025

cran.do

ENTERPRISE . ENTREPRENEURSHIP . TEAMWORK



On Monday evening, the Futures Team and Business Department at Cranleigh officially launched cran.do, our exciting new entrepreneurship, enterprise, and teamwork challenge for the entire Lower Sixth year group.

The concept is straightforward: over 10 weeks, 16 teams (eight students per team), with a £150 investment each, will compete to:

Design, market, and launch a profitable business that addresses a genuine need.



Cran.do has been carefully designed to suit the needs of our school, focusing on the development of key employability skills, presentation techniques, public speaking, and, most importantly, practical business experience.

We're thrilled to welcome a group of young OC mentors who will guide the teams and collaborate with staff to help participants maximise this valuable opportunity.



The challenge also prioritises cognitive diversity, inclusion, and belonging, ensuring that each team is a blend of different personality types, houses, and genders.

Students will receive coaching in self-awareness, active listening, and adaptability to enhance their teamwork.

Max Jones, an OC who has been mentored by Dragon's Den star Steven Bartlett, was instrumental in launching cran.do to both pupils and parents, giving the initiative his full endorsement.

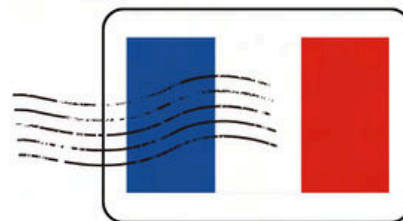
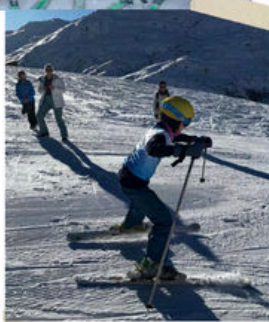
Stay tuned for updates on how the teams are progressing!



A FUN PACKED CHRISTMAS BREAK

Over the Christmas break, some of our pupils went on a variety of trips. Have a look at the postcards below to see where they went and what they got up to! To read a full review of the trips, visit our website.

FROM. FRANCE

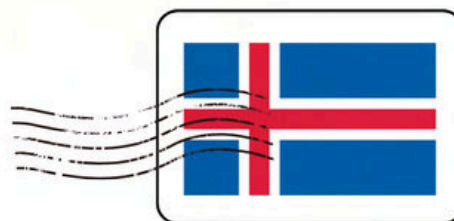


TO, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL
HORSESHOE LANE
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UNITED KINGDOM

Hello from Les Menuires!

The Cranleigh Ski Team had an exceptional trip enjoying fantastic conditions, excellent facilities, and some truly outstanding performances.

FROM. ICELAND

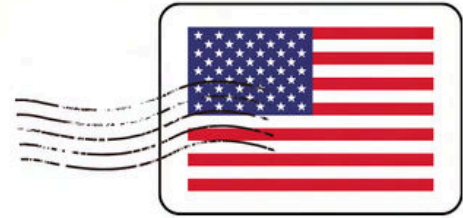


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Hello from Iceland!

We saw the northern lights, took part in Icelandic horse riding, visited glaciers and dipped in the famous Blue Lagoon.

FROM THE USA



Hello from New York and Washington D.C!

We went up to the top of the Empire State building, watched Hamilton on Broadway, explored Times Square and much more. We then travelled to Washington D.C. seeing iconic political landmarks such as the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument.

PARENT AND TEEN RESOURCES – BLOG

Just a quick reminder about the Resources blog that we have available to parents on Firefly; it is full of useful information including guides to apps, documentaries to watch, mental health support, news articles and so much more!

If you happen to come across a resource that you feel other parents could benefit from, please do contact sff@cranleigh.org and the resource will be added.

Log into Firefly, click on Resources/Parents/Teen & Parent Resources and enjoy!

Resources	Parents
Subjects	Calendar & Term Dates
Co-Curricular	Fixtures & Results
Examinations	Routines & Daily Life
Staff	Social Media Channels
Parents	School Photography
Pupils	School Shop Online
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	Staff List
	PSHE (Parents)
	PSHE (Pupil Resources)
	School Reports
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	Trips
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WINTER FESTIVAL

WITH CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI

26th JANUARY – 1st FEBRUARY 2025
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL



SUNDAY 26th JANUARY

15:00 ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
(ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, LONDON)

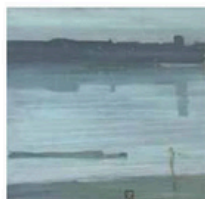
Vasily Petrenko conducts this explosive concert with music by Alban Berg, Beethoven and Stravinsky.



TUESDAY 28th JANUARY

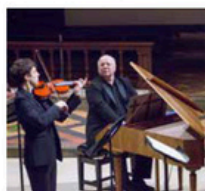
17:00 INFORMAL CONCERT (CPS CHAPEL)

Young musicians from Cranleigh Abu Dhabi join our prep school pupils in what promises to be a vibrant, fun and entertaining concert.



19:30 ART & MUSIC LECTURE RECITAL WITH
DAVID VAIANI & RICHARD SAXEL (MMS)

Exploring the links between Art and Music through a selection of paintings, in what promises to be an illuminating evening!



WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY

19:30 BAROQUE CONCERTO CONCERT
(CHAPEL)

Showcasing some of the repertoire from the current GCSE and A-Level syllabus.



THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

17:45 LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
(DINING HALL)

A traditional Chinese Lion Dance performance and workshop for the younger pupils.



20:30 CELEBRATION CONCERT
(EMMS CENTRE)

Embracing the whole Cranleigh family with bands, soloists, classical performers and musical theatre singers.



FRIDAY 31st JANUARY

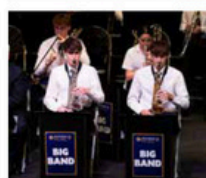
08:00 CHAPEL SERVICE

Chapel Brass ensemble accompanies the hymns in Chapel for our early morning Service.



19:30 SENIOR PIANO, WIND & BRASS
COMPETITIONS (MMS)

Our Sixth Form performers compete in these three instrumental categories.



SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY

18:45 BIG BAND SUPPER DANCE
(SPEECH HALL)

Cranleigh Schools' combined Big Band provides the entertainment for a wonderful night of dancing and jazz.

ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



Lots of happy faces back in house with plenty meeting up over the holidays! Many East boys enjoyed trips in Iceland, New York and the Ski Trip

Simon F. got a distinction in the British mathematical Olympiad competition, congratulations!



MARTLET



Our dazzling new sign made its debut!

Martlet

This term we are challenging ourselves to expand our knowledge of world news



Social with Rhodes house



Social with Matron



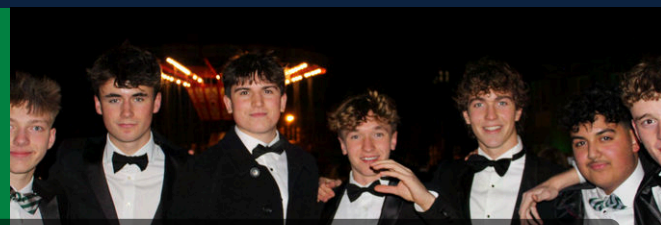
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A throwback to the last week of term, with Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth at their Christmas dinner



House rugby



Lower Sixth vs Upper Sixth Football

WEST



Lower Fifth Matron's social and book review



Upper Sixth treat break to celebrate 18th birthdays!



Big sister/little sister social



Epipen training



SOUTH



South House in the snow!



Anoushka and Olivia earned their berets this week in CCF, congratulations!



Upper Fifth revising hard for their rehearsals



RHODES



A lovely first week catching up. Loom bands with Martlet for the Fourth Form, and the first House Bingo of 2025 on Thursday evening!

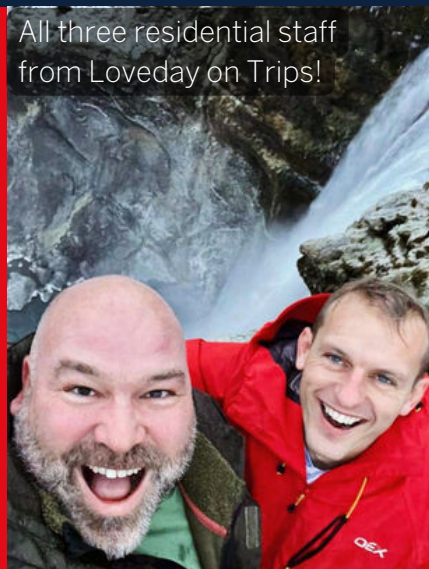
LOVEDAY



A huge well done to Tom S - 2nd overall in the GS at the First Snow Ski championships



All three residential staff from Loveday on Trips!



NORTH



Pupils were enjoying a brand new pool table, with thanks to the Adams Family who have donated it to us. (We were equally happy to donate our old pool table to High Upfold!)