

# CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

# FROM THE HEAD

As we approach half term the School has had a very busy six weeks with a huge amount achieved both inside and outside the classroom. Although we seem to have had weeks of cold, grey days, fixtures, rehearsals, talks, debates and performances have been in abundance with plenty of positive 'Cran – do' spirit around site. Plans for the new Sixth Form centre and library refurbishment are progressing at pace and with input now from groups of pupils we hope to have these firmly in place shortly after half term. Turning to our Prep School I am delighted that we opened registrations for a new Pre-Prep this week which will open for Years 1 & 2 from September – look out for the mini Cranleigh uniforms! On Tuesday we welcomed back former Senior Prefect, Macca Garlick, currently reading Medicine at Bristol, who spoke powerfully in Assembly about his experiences in school and society as a man who identifies as gay. It was one of the strongest talks I have heard for some time, and I was struck by the warmth his words received from our pupils. Yesterday evening I had the privilege of sharing my interest in the political art of the French Revolution with the Purvis Society which generated an interesting debate on the moral responsibility that artists must convey the truth, whatever that may be of course! Last Friday, there was a lively debate around President Trump's first few weeks back in the White House which was well attended no matter what political beliefs we hold encouraging the students to engage in debate, listen and share views is so important.

On a completely different matter, I would ask you to please read the letter from me regarding vaping which was sent out today and to take some time over half term to talk with your daughters and sons about vaping and the very clear dangers it presents to health.

Everyone is ready for the half-term break and deserves a well-earned break, although the Upper Sixth have mocks to prepare for as soon as we return. A healthy balance of study and downtime is advised. I very much look forward to seeing you during the second half of term all the better as Spring approaches.

**Mrs Samantha Price** 

Head

# Sam

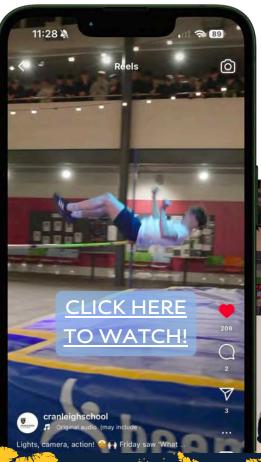
## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PRE-PREP

We are delighted to share that from September 2025, we'll be offering Year 1 and Year 2 classes in a new Pre-Prep School.

Our youngest pupils will learn in a dedicated classroom block surrounded by green fields. They will have access to specialist performing arts and sports coaching alongside lessons.

Cranleigh Prep's friendly team welcomes all enquiries via admissions@cranleigh.org.





## WHAT GRAVITY

Lights, camera, action! Friday saw 'What Gravity' take place, indoor high jumping with a full pupil audience and an incredible atmosphere!

Pupils Ben and Elias did a great job filming and editing this clip in Film Club, capturing all the action



# LONG LEAVE TRIP TO THE MALDIVES

Some of our pupils and staff are travelling to the Maldives over Long Leave.

We wish them a safe trip and look forward to sharing their incredible adventures!

# OXBRIDGE SUCCESS FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

We are incredibly proud of our students who have received offers to study at either Oxford and Cambridge University!

Molly B. - English at Cambridge Ivan S. - Physics at Oxford Lucy S. - English at Oxford Brandon G. - Natural Sciences at Cambridge

Many congratulations!





# SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

To read a full sports update from Mr Andy Houston, please visit here.

# TRIP TO GUILDFORD ESCAPE ROOM

Our boarders took a trip to the Guildford Escape Room on the weekend - both teams made it out before the time limit!

# VOLUNTARY ACTION

ONGRIME

Our Voluntary Action committee have been visiting Elmbridge. Hear our pupils share their experience here.



# CRAN.DO

2 DO YOU WANT PJS?

Navigating a steep learning curve, students have juggled busy schedules, managed supplier lead times and conducted market research — all while gaining invaluable real-world experience. We will be showcasing the teams on Instagram over half term, please do follow them and support their endeavours.

Tails and Trails have worked with Pampeano to create limited edition Cranleigh Dog leads targeted towards Cranleigh families! They are taking orders now and giving a 10% discount for parents who order before 24th February. Place your orders here.



Our upcoming open events are a great way for people who are interested in joining Cranleigh to visit.

Please share the word to anybody who you may know are interested in Cranleigh.



WELCOME MORNING -1ST MARCH

OPEN EVENT



1 MARCH 2025
WELCOME MORNING 8TH MARCH

OPEN EVENT



JUNIOR MUSIC COMPETITION

MITE



12 MARCH 2025
RISING STARS CONCERT
AT CRANLEIGH ARTS
CENTRE

MILISIC



14 MARCH 2025 SCHOOL PLAY: WELCOME TO THEBES

DRAMA



19 MARCH 2025
JUNIOR AND SENIOR
DRUMS COMPETITION

MUSIC



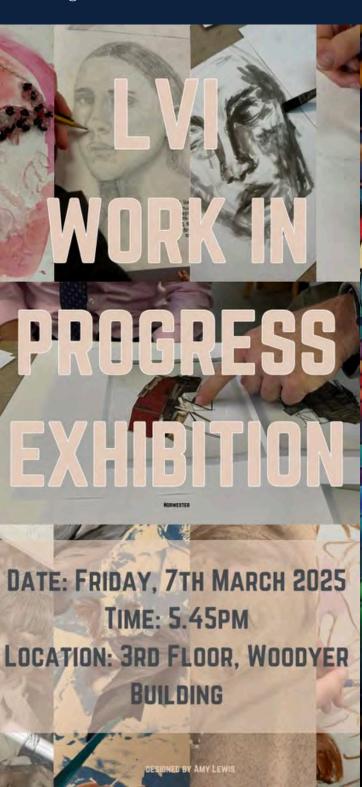
21 MARCH 2025
MERRIMAN ORCHESTRA
CHOIR CONCERT

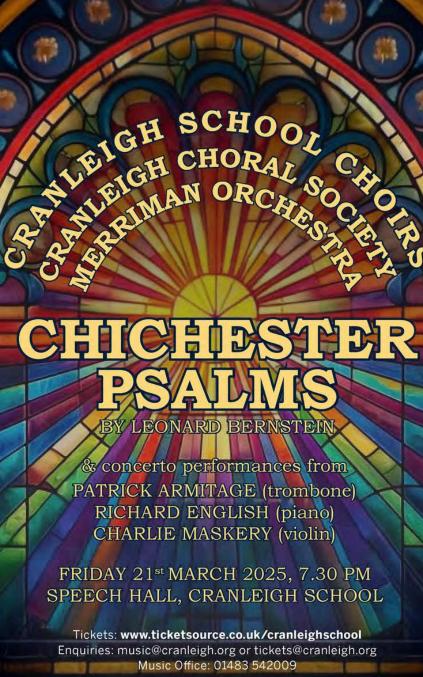
CONCERN



OPEN DAY

OPEN EVENT





CRANLEIGH

# **ROUND THE HOUSES**

**EAST** 



Monty, Gus and Digby compete in the Gravity High Jump competition with Monty winning at a height of 1.80m. Isaac, Ben and Elias all part of the behind the scenes crew, managing the heights and filming the event. Congratulations to all!





# MARTLET





# **CUBITT**





# **WEST**









# RHODES









