



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

FROM THE HEAD

I hope that you had a restful half term break with your children. I particularly enjoyed seeing the films of the extraordinary diving trip to the Maldives and will be hoping to accompany that next year!

Over Long Leave I spent a few days in the UAE and was delighted to meet with Old Cranleighans as well as enjoy a visit to our flagship international school in Abu Dhabi and spend time with Tracy Crowder-Cloe and her staff. We are a wonderfully strong international community. This week I was proud to award Gold DofE badges to seven pupils who will collect their certificates from HRH Prince Edward at a future date.

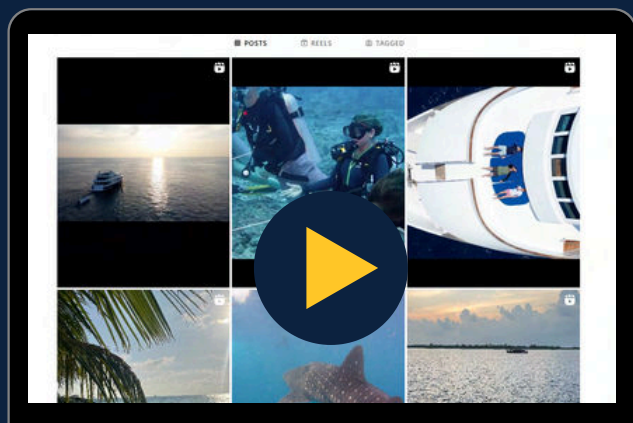
I was also deeply saddened by the news of the tragic death of a young OC after an accident when trekking in the Himalayas. Tom Howard was just 27 and staff and pupils spent time reflecting on his life together. A former Cubitt House Captain, talented sportsman and bright academic, he will be fondly remembered.

Mrs Samantha Price

Head



AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE



Our Outdoor Education department led an incredible trip to the Maldives over Long Leave. Pupils were able to complete diving courses and stay on a purpose made yacht.

Over on their Instagram, they shared a series of brilliant videos made with a professional organisation that specialises in diving.

We are looking forward to sharing more, but do visit their page if you haven't already!



SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

To read a full sports update from Mr Andy Houston, please visit [here](#).

FROM THE ARCHIVE

We recently shared clips from a prospectus video filmed in 1997 on our social channels. Click the phone screen to the right to watch!



TENNIS CHARITY MARATHON

On Sunday morning between 4am and 8am, six students from Cranleigh took part in a 24 hour charity tennis marathon, where they played tennis with and against professionals such as Laura Robson, Jonny O' Mara, Katie O' Brien, blind tennis player Tracy Compton as well as paraplegic tennis player John Willis. They got to experience tennis with impaired vision as well as wheelchair tennis.



These six students have been raising money for charity called BrightIdeasforTennis, who run free disability tennis programmes up and down the country.

If we manage to get into the top three fundraising teams, then our students get to go to The All England Tennis club and top three individuals have the opportunity to go to the Wimbledon Championships and meet the players.

To find out more and to donate, click [here](#).

SURREY HALF MARATHON

A reminder that on Sunday 16th March, fifty five members of the Cranleigh School Community are taking on the Surrey Half Marathon to raise worthwhile funds for four charities selected by the runners: Sarcoma UK, The Royal Marsden, The Max Windle Memorial Trust and Dementia UK.

They would welcome any support [here](#).

Everybody is very welcome to come and support on the day. To find out more about attending, visit [here](#).





CLASSICS THEATRE TRIP

Pupils in the classics department went to see *Frogs* at UCL's Bloomsbury Theatre.

They also attended a lecture by Professor Rosie Wyles. Lots of fun and laughs!

CHARITY BOOTS

Lower Sixth pupil Theo has written about the charity initiative of East House:

Beth (East House Matron) and I had the pleasure of meeting Neil Smith, the director of 'Charity Boots'. 'Charity Boots' is a charity set up to give sports boots 'a second chance'. They aim to help reduce the unnecessary waste in the world. They encourage people to donate their used football boots so they can be reused by the less fortunate around the globe. At the moment they are running multiple projects in Africa, working with schools and villages in Zambia and Kenya. They also do projects within the UK for example, currently, they're donating boots to schools in Birmingham to people who are unable to afford such an item.



This is where East House came in; we realised that dozens of boots were being neglected by leavers or people who grow out of them, our boot room was full of boots that were being wasted. With our matron Beth leading the idea, we found 'Charity Boots'.

Instantly we were inspired by their work, the fact that you can see genuine photos of where your boots end up is incredible. Therefore it was a no-brainer to invite Neil around to pick up the boots we had collected from around the school. We ended up donating just over 70 pairs!

We look forward to seeing where our boots end up, and the people they will inspire.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Alec C.J. (Lower Sixth, North) and 1st XI Boys' Hockey Coach, Mr Ed Carson, were part of the 12-player squad that won the gold medal at the Euro Hockey Indoor Club Trophy in Budapest, Hungary, played over 3 days during half term.

Playing for their club side, Old Georgians, they competed against top indoor teams from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Portugal, and France, drawing one and winning the other four matches.

As one of the top two teams in the competition, they gained promotion to play in next year's Premier European Indoor Hockey Cup. Congratulations to both of them.



**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

You are warmly invited to the launch of
James Harpur's new verse memoir,
The Magic Theatre

Thursday 20th March at 7.00pm
Cranleigh School, Horseshoe Lane, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8QQ

Drink, food and good cheer guaranteed, and even late-70s music.

Following on from his prize-winning account of his school days at Cranleigh in *The Examined Life*, James now recounts the ups and downs, the pratfalls and the poetry, of his student years at Cambridge.

RSVP to Vickie Ingle: VLI@cranleigh.org



OC SOCIETY
CRANLEIGH

OC BUSINESS FORUM

Tuesday 29th April at 6:30pm
IET London

Professional networking with the opportunity to catch up with old friends, and listen to a debate on topics such as problem solving for start-ups, harnessing investors that fit your business, and sustainability and growth in a post-brexite world.

Tickets £15 including refreshments

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Tickets for the school play 'Welcome to Thebes', from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March, are now available to book.

To book tickets, visit the Upcoming Events page on our website or click [here](#).



1 MARCH 2025
WELCOME MORNING – 1ST MARCH
OPEN EVENT



1 MARCH 2025
WELCOME MORNING – 8TH MARCH
OPEN EVENT



7 MARCH 2025
JUNIOR MUSIC COMPETITION
MUSIC



12 MARCH 2025
RISING STARS CONCERT AT CRANLEIGH ARTS CENTRE
MUSIC



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
MUSIC



14 JUNE 2025
OPEN DAY
OPEN EVENT

LVI WORK IN PROGRESS EXHIBITION

DATE: FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH 2025

TIME: 5.45PM

LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR, WOODYER BUILDING

**CRANLEIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS
CRANLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY
MERRIMAN ORCHESTRA**

CHICHESTER PSALMS

BY LEONARD BERNSTEIN

& concerto performances from
PATRICK ARMITAGE (trombone)
RICHARD ENGLISH (piano)
CHARLIE MASKERY (violin)

**FRIDAY 21st MARCH 2025, 7.30 PM
SPEECH HALL, CRANLEIGH SCHOOL**

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranleighschool
Enquiries: music@cranleigh.org or tickets@cranleigh.org
Music Office: 01483 542009



ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



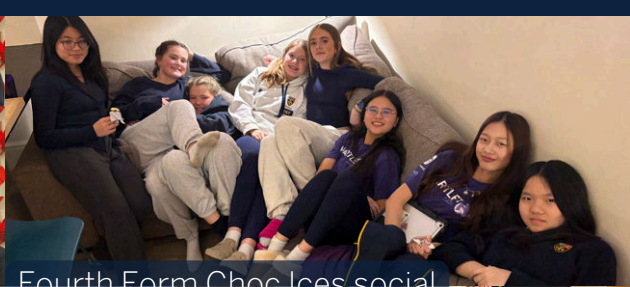
Charity Boots



MARTLET



Valentines Celebration before long leave



Fourth Form Choc Ices social



Upper Sixth Revision for Mocks in full flow



Junior House Maths Semi Final Winners

CUBITT



Junior house maths



Hampton Founders tournament

WEST



Gold DofE success for Amelia!



West Music night



Fourth Form Birthday Celebrations



SOUTH



Through to the final of the junior house maths, well done team!



Upper Fifth cereal night



Lower Sixth trip to see the new Bridget Jones film

RHODES



Lower Fifth visit to Wagamamas



LOVEDAY



Declan C Music NEA



NORTH



Junior House maths

