



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

FROM THE HEAD

I've been hugely impressed with the range of things the pupils have been involved with this week and the quality with which they have delivered. Two weeks before the end of the busiest term has brought a return to wintry weather and yet the enthusiasm for Cranleigh life is unwavering. On Monday I was treated to a fine performance of *Welcome to Thebes*, a thought-provoking and challenging play with deep resonance for contemporary world politics. The cast was outstanding.

Our CCF contingent handled the challenge of a Biennial Inspection extremely well, despite the freezing conditions! House competitions were, as usual, hotly contested and our swim squad managed some impressive PBs at the Bath Cup. As an art lover I particularly enjoyed the wonderful work on display at the Exhibition of works in progress in the art school. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Samantha Price

Head



CCF BIENNIAL INSPECTION

This year marks 125 years since the formation of the Cranleigh Combined Cadet Force, and to celebrate this milestone, we organised our Biennial Inspection.

We were privileged to welcome Colonel Julian Salusbury from the Welsh Guards as our Inspecting Officer for the day. We were also joined by members of the South East Cadet Training Team, as well as parents of the RSM, Mrs Price and Mr Boddington.

To read more, visit [here](#).

JUNIOR MUSIC COMPETITION

Many congratulations to the winners from a fabulous evening last week.

Piano = Alexis H.

Woodwind = Brannon W.

Brass = Isla S.

Electric Guitar = Quinn H.

Art Song = Anise R.

Musical Theatre = Vivi G-A.

Pop Song = Coco B.

Strings = Ava S.



WELCOME TO THEBES

Huge congratulations to everybody involved in our school play of Welcome to Thebes which ran for multiple evenings this week.

It was a fantastic production, with an incredible set.



A NOTE FROM MR MANSON-LANE, DIRECTOR:

A production of this scale is only possible with the dedication of many. My deepest thanks go to our backstage crew, whose tireless efforts brought the world of Thebes to life. To Miss Williams, Mr Humphreys, Mr Royall and Miss Severs - your hard work and commitment to this production have been invaluable. To our talented cast, many of whom are stepping into leading roles for the first time, thank you for your dedication and the immense effort you have put into this performance. You are a proud representation of the students at Cranleigh, and your passion shines on stage.

Finally, to the parents - your support is felt in every aspect of this production. From helping with lines to making time for Sunday rehearsals, your encouragement is essential to the success of Cranleigh Drama, and for that, I am truly grateful.



LOCKDOWN DRILLS

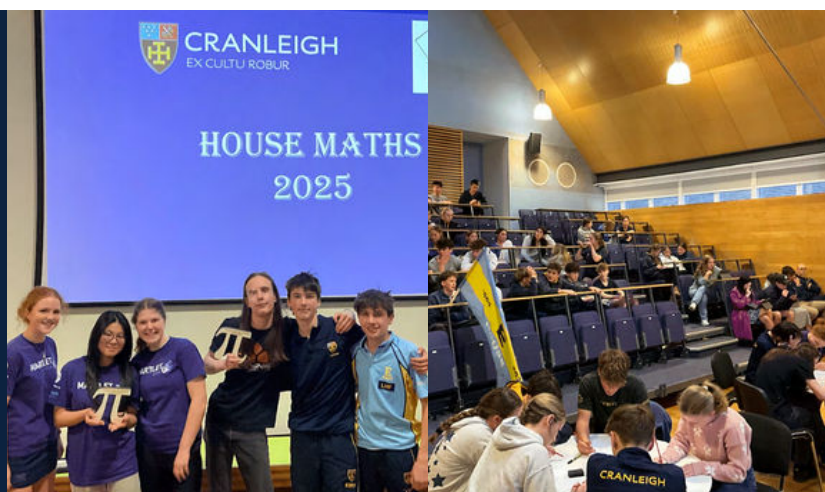
We wanted to make you aware that we are holding a dynamic lockdown drill next week. We will talk to the pupils in advance so they are aware of what will happen and what they need to do. In essence, this is simply to move inside a classroom, stay calm and await further instruction. The vast majority will already be inside when the alarm sounds and will simply be quiet and still. The specific actions and communications required are really down to staff.

We will explain that this is simply an emergency procedure for a whole range of possible scenarios other than fire. An example is that of a gas leak in Cranleigh village where the School has been advised to keep everyone inside. Conducting such drills is an important part of checking and refining our safety procedures. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATHS

Congratulations to the juniors of East-Martlet who followed in the seniors' footsteps and took the Lower School House Maths trophy on Friday evening.

Clearly Mr Bradnock and Mrs Scott have been training them hard this term! Well done to Cubitt-South for being excellent opposition.



INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our youngest mathematicians who between them won 4 gold, 1 silver and 10 bronze medals in the Intermediate Maths Challenge – a national competition for under 16s. The Lower Fifth and Upper Sixth contributed to an overall haul of 5 gold, 8 silver and 31 bronze medals.

Particular congratulations to Thomas C., Elliott K., Leo F. and Jasmine L. in the Fourth Form who all qualified for the next stage of the competition, the Grey Kangaroo round.

LOWER SIXTH ART EXHIBITION

The Lower Sixth 'Work in Progress' exhibition took place last week. It was a great opportunity for students to showcase their brilliant work.





SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

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



BATH CUP SUCCESS

Many congratulations to our pupils who competed in the Bath Cup at the London Aquatic Centre.

The pupils swam brilliantly with many PB's, including: Felix B. - 3 second personal best on his leg of the Mens 4x100 Freestyle Relay.

Boys captain Jamie T. swam a fantastic 26.40 for his fly leg of the 4x50 Medley, matching the times of the medal winning teams.

Hana A. and Siena R. swam brilliantly on their legs of the 4x50 Free at 30.38 and 30.79 respectively.

Overall, the girls ranked 22nd for the 4x50 Free and 17th for the 4x50 Medley, both in the small schools division. The boys ranked 15th in the 4x100 Free and 12th in the 4x50 Medley (just missing out on the final!) in the small schools division.

GOLF SUCCESS FOR SIENNA

Many congratulations to Lower Fifth pupil Sienna V., who has been selected again for the Surrey Women's Junior Golf performance squad!

Sienna's selection is an inspiration for pupils who enjoy a game on our very own golf course.



#FOODIEFRIDAY

Monday night dinner was Street Food themed this week, where pupils had the chance to create their own ramen bowl complete with a variety of tasty sides!

Childline's new '#BehindtheScreen' campaign seeks to raise awareness of the sexually coerced extortion of boys and young men. The campaign has specifically been designed for boys and young men, to let them know its okay to reach out and that a place for their concern exists at Childline.

#BEHINDTHESCREEN

In line with this aim they have produced a supporting guide to accompany their 'Behind the Screen' campaign. Please follow the link on the Teen and Parent resources on Firefly.



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



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-brexit world.

Tickets £15 including refreshments

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19 MARCH 2025
JUNIOR AND SENIOR DRUMS COMPETITION
MUSIC



21 MARCH 2025
MERRIMAN ORCHESTRA – THE CHICHESTER PSALMS
MUSIC



14 JUNE 2025
OPEN DAY
OPEN EVENT



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

ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



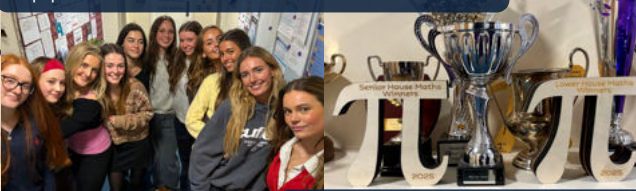
Huge well done to Olly, Ollie, Alfie and Fred who competed with the 1st team at the Hampton Sevens. Great to see members from 3 different years playing together and bringing home

MARTLET



International Women's Day

Upper Sixth Drinks with Mrs Price



CCF Inspection

Senior House Challenge

- pictured, Molly B-S.

Winners



Junior House Maths Winners

CUBITT



Junior House squash winners



Senior house challenge final



Junior music competition



Upper Sixth dinner with South



WEST



Huge well done to Alex, Hettie, Charlotte, Molly and Zoe, for their stellar contributions to the Junior Music Competition



Sienna V. (Lower Fifth) has been selected for Surrey Women's Junior Golf performance squad - well done!



Very proud of Siena and Hana (Lower Sixth) for their performances at the Bath Cup last week

SOUTH



House challenge final

Lower Sixth in house dinner

Proud of our girls in Welcome to Thebes

Success for our South girls in the music competitions on Friday

RHODES



MNF last week covered by our Lower Sixth

Congratulations to all our musicians who took part in the Junior Music Competitions on Friday last week.

Fantastic performances from Amber, Dalya, Iris (Upper Sixth) and Tiana (Lower Sixth) in Welcome to Thebes this week.

LOVEDAY

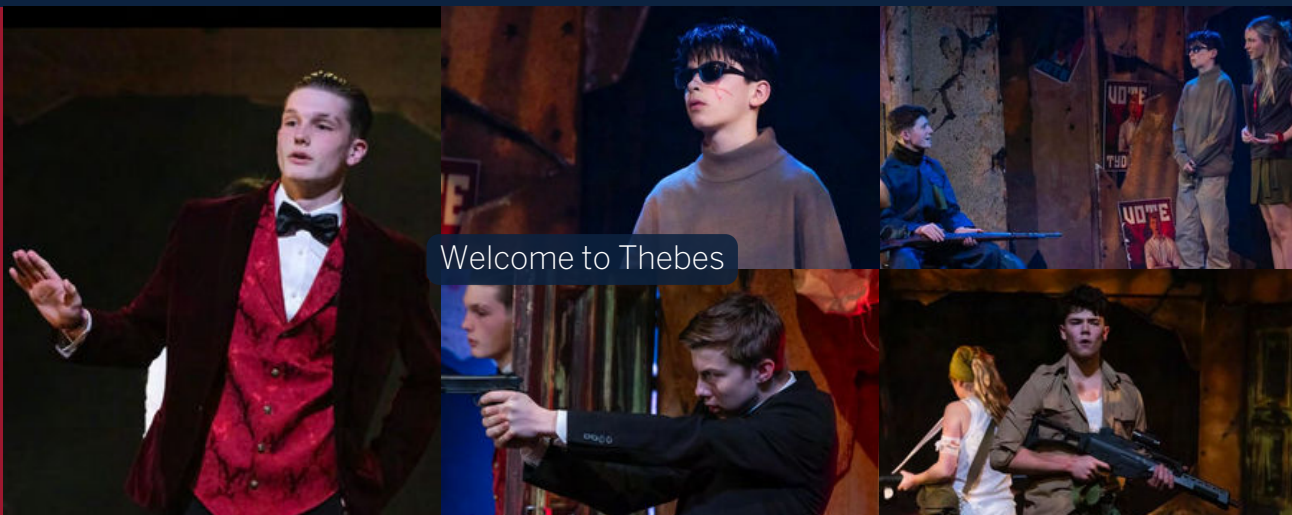


Thank you to everyone who attended our charity night last weekend.

U15 Rugby Sevens.

Junior House Squash

NORTH



Welcome to Thebes