



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH



**SPRING HAS
SPRUNG! CLICK
TO SEE!**

FROM THE HEAD

There's been a rather celebratory mood at school this week! Lifted by the beautiful weather, some superb sporting results and feast of creative and performing arts. Our Boys' Hockey 1st team won the prestigious national tournament St George's Sixes and the Boys' Football 1st team beat Charterhouse in their Thursday fixture.

The sound of drumming has resounded through the buildings and the first of our special percussion concerts, Thrash, brought energy and joy to Wednesday evening. I continue to be impressed by the way Cranleighans throw themselves into every part of life and I very much enjoyed spending time with the Lower Sixth today as the Teams presented their CranDo enterprise challenges. I was blown away with the strength of their ideas and execution and I'm looking forward to next week's CranDo Awards. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Samantha Price

Head

**Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week**

In partnership with

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Empowering Neurodiversity

NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

This week was Neurodiversity Celebration Week.

Our Learning Support peer mentors shared resources, tips and guidance for students

Learning Support peer mentors are Sixth Form students who will have overall responsibility of promoting discussions around neurodiversity and providing support and encouragement in the boarding houses.

There are resources available online to learn and read more.

Celebrating our unique strengths and differences

March 17 - 25, 2025

www.neurodiversityweek.com

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We wanted to make you aware that today we held a dynamic lockdown. We talked to the pupils in advance so they were aware of what happened and what they needed to do. In essence, this is simply to move inside a classroom, stay calm and await further instruction. The vast majority were already inside when the alarm sounded and were advised to be simply be quiet and still.

We explained 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.



AN EXCITING TIME FOR CRANLEIGH MUSIC

Last week, our Senior and Prep pupils performed in a joint concert in the Cranleigh Arts Centre.

The Merriman Concert will take place this evening and we look forward to welcoming many of you. This will feature the CPS Chamber Choir alongside the Senior School Choirs, Cranleigh Choral Society and the professional musicians of the Merriman Orchestra.

MARATHON SUCCESS!

A huge well done to our runners who raised over £5000 for their chosen charities after running the Surrey Half Marathon on Sunday.

An incredible achievement and thank you to all those who showed up to support them.



NATIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CLIMBING COMPETITION

On Monday, the climbing team attended the National Independent Schools Climbing Comp. It marked an exciting milestone for our climbing team, as for most of our climbers, this was their first competition. Despite the new experience, they rose to the challenge with great enthusiasm.

SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

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



INTERNATIONAL RUGBY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Charlotte B. and Joe T. on their U18 International Rugby call-ups for England and Scotland.

Joe follows in the footsteps of team mate Cameron W. who was selected for England last August and travelled to South Africa to represent his country.

Charlotte makes history as our first-ever female rugby international player — a fantastic achievement that makes us incredibly proud.

Both Charlotte and Joe now join a distinguished group of over 20 pupils who have represented their countries at age-grade international level over the past 20 years.

Many congratulations both and we look forward to hearing about your experiences.

HOCKEY SUCCESS FOR OUR 1ST TEAM

Many congratulations to our 1st Team Boys' Hockey who won the St George's Sixes National Hockey Festival yesterday.

This is the first time the boys have won the cup since 2017, beating RGS Guildford 2-1 in the final.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support throughout the tournament. A wonderful end to the season!



OC VISITS ECONOMICS STUDENTS

OC Tom Merry, (1992 - 2003) visited Economics pupils to deliver a talk about his time at Cranleigh, his career at Accenture and his current role as Managing Director (Banking Strategy).

CAMBRIDGE VISIT

On Saturday 15th March Bella S. (Upper Fifth, Rhodes) and Anise R. (Upper Fifth, South) took part in a Choral Scholarship day at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

The day was aimed at inspiring and preparing students for life as choral scholars at Universities such as Cambridge and, following workshops and talks from the college, culminated in choral evensong in the Caius' beautiful chapel.

A long day for all concerned but a thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable academic enrichment experience for two aspiring singers.



TOUCH RUGBY

Cranleigh is excited to introduce F.I.T. Touch, a sport that is growing rapidly around the world. Already the ninth most played sport in Australia, it will make its Olympic debut in 2032, and now students at Cranleigh have the chance to be part of this exciting movement.

Touch is a fast-paced, inclusive, and dynamic sport that can be enjoyed by all, whether experienced in rugby or trying something new. It's non-contact, making it accessible to a wide range of players while still providing a high-energy, competitive environment.

The school is fortunate to have two international players on staff, with Mr. Reed and Mr. Rayer representing Wales in the Men's 40s and 45s categories. Their coaching has already made an impact, with a group of Fourth Form and Lower Fifth students quickly developing their skills. In their very first fixture, a friendly against Farlington, the team secured an impressive first win.



England Touch, the sport's national governing body, has already taken an interest in Cranleigh's players. This week, two England internationals, Dom Tripp from the Men's Open team and Zan Hudson from the Women's Open team, visited for a training session. Both coaches were highly impressed by the talent on display and have even identified a few Cranleigh students as potential recruits for the England Touch development squad.

With such a strong start, the school is now looking to expand Touch in the summer term, with the goal of sending a competitive squad to the World Schools Festival in Abu Dhabi this December. There are still a few spots available for students who are keen to be part of this incredible opportunity. Anyone interested should choose Touch in the summer and speak to Mr. Reed or Mr. Rayer.

CRANLEIGH LUIS CERNUDA VERSE SPEAKING COMPETITION

On the 20th March, we have celebrated the second edition of the Poetry Competition, which brings together Modern Languages (French and Spanish) and Ancient Languages (Greek and Latin). We celebrate the life of Luis Cernuda, a renowned Spanish poet who lived and worked at Cranleigh School in 1938 until 1939 during the Spanish Civil War, living in exile from Spain.

This year, we have had four solid competitors in the final round – Susen S. (W), Olivia F., Alice Y. (S), and Freya E-Y. (M) and three exhibitions. Gabriella C-B. (Martlet) and Braden G. (East) read a poem by Francisco de Quevedo; Braden also managed to read a poem by Catullus in Latin and Tiana I. recited Baudelaire in French.

Congratulations to Olivia who won the second edition and Luisa B. (Martlet) presented the prize to her.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to the 1st Football XI on their 3-2 win over Charterhouse 1st XI, the first win against them since 2018.



PARENTS' SPORTS MORNING

Cranleigh Friends are delighted to invite you to join us for a fun and social morning on Saturday 3rd May with a Mens' Tennis Tournament, a Ladies' Tennis Tournament and a Golf Competition in aid of the [Cranleigh Foundation](#) and [Beyond Ourselves](#). Entry costs £35 per person, which includes a delicious breakfast, mid-morning refreshments and a barbecue lunch in Crane House garden.

Tennis players will be placed on courts with others of similar ability, to ensure that it's fun and enjoyable event for everyone. There will be separate tournaments for men and ladies.

The golf competition will be run as a Texas Scramble in groups of 3 or 4, and is not suitable for beginners. Players will need their own clubs.

If you would like to take part in either activity, please complete the [registration form](#) by Friday 4th April. Should you have any queries, please contact [Belinda Graham-Rack](#).

Please note this is an event for parents and guardians only, and not for pupils. There is plenty of space for tennis players, but there is limited capacity for the golf competition, so early registration is encouraged to ensure you don't miss out on a space.



Professional networking opportunity open to parents and students. A chance to 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.

OC BUSINESS FORUM

Tuesday 29th April at 6:30pm
IET London

Tickets £15.00 including refreshments
Any queries: vli@cranleigh.org

MUSIC EVENTS SUMMER 2025

As the days grow longer, this Summer term comes alive with a series of vibrant and memorable musical events. These performances showcase the talent of the students, featuring a wide range of musical genres and ensembles, from classical orchestras to modern bands. Whether it's the crisp notes of a string quartet or the energetic rhythms of a student-led rock band, these concerts not only highlight the hard work and dedication of the performers but also provide a joyful and inspiring experience for the whole school community

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL KORROS ENSEMBLE CONCERT A fantastic concert of music for flute, clarinet and harp, featuring compositions by three of our A level students who have worked with this professional ensemble throughout the year.	FRIDAY 2ND MAY HELEN WAREHAM RECITAL COMPETITION Our most advanced musicians give short recitals in our Ragshop competition, highlighting the breadth of musical talent in the school. Each performer presents a programme of their own choice, highlighting the department's commitment to musical diversity.
WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY SIXTH FORM OPEN MIC NIGHT Contemporary music showcase concert	FRIDAY 9TH MAY SUMMER CONCERT Our traditional summer celebration features some larger ensembles (including the String Orchestra and Choir), alongside some chamber ensembles. The beautiful surroundings of the Chapel host this celebration of classical music, followed by a jazz reception in the Ervins Centre featuring the Big Band in a party mood!
WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE JUNIOR TEATIME CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT & JUNIOR OPEN MIC NIGHT The junior year groups present two showcase concerts - one classical, one for contemporary music.	WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT Ruth Williams (flute) leads her jazz quartet in a performance of Claude Bolling's Suite for Flute & Jazz Trio. Featuring Tom Hollister (OC) on drums and Richard Savel on piano.



25 APRIL 2025
KORROS ENSEMBLE CONCERT
MUSIC



2 MAY 2025
HELEN WAREHAM RECITAL COMPETITION
MUSIC



9 MAY 2025
SUMMER CONCERT
MUSIC



18 JUNE 2025
JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT
MUSIC

The music events to the left are available to book by clicking the event.

All other music events will be available to book shortly.

OTHER EVENTS:



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



14 JUNE 2025
OPEN DAY
OPEN EVENT

FUTURE READY:

HOW SCHOOLS CAN SHAPE WHAT BUSINESS NEEDS

Open Summit at Cranleigh School for Education and Business Leaders
1.30pm OCT 1st 2025

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FUTURE READY: HOW SCHOOLS CAN SHAPE WHAT BUSINESS NEEDS

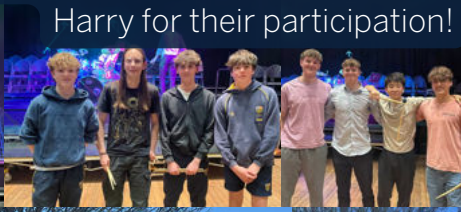
ROUND THE HOUSES

Monty and Jamie won the Senior Percussion competition, congratulations to Jonty, Rupert, Isaac, Simon, Digby and Harry for their participation!

EAST

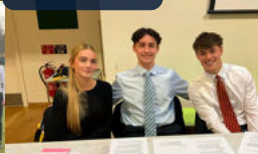


Well done Fred, Theo and Matt for winning the St George's Sixes Hockey tournament



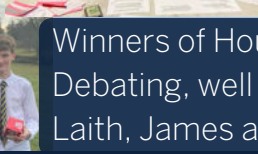
Senior House Challenge Winners!

Easter Bunny had a visit to East lawn...



Winners of House Debating, well done Laith, James and Coco

Well done to all East runners and supporters of the Surrey Half



MARTLET



Watching Welcome to Thebes



Winners of House Debating

2nd Place in House Squash



Lower Fifth Social with East

Surrey Half Marathon Runners

CUBITT



Men of the week

Upper Sixth dinner



Lower Fifth climbing social

Spanish Poetry! Well done Susen

WEST



Westies running the Surrey Half

Upper Fifth Revision



Lower Sixth Wagas Social

MNF football!

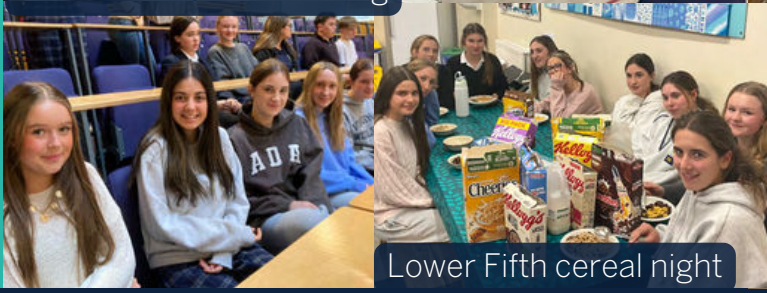
SOUTH



Second in house debating



Winners of senior house squash!



Lower Fifth cereal night

RHODES



Escape Room last week with the Upper Sixth



Third place in house squash; thank you to Freya, Lizzie and Olivia who represented Rhodes

LOVEDAY



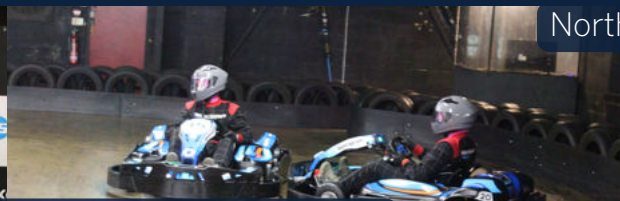
Arthur K. Surrey Gold with his Roslyn park team



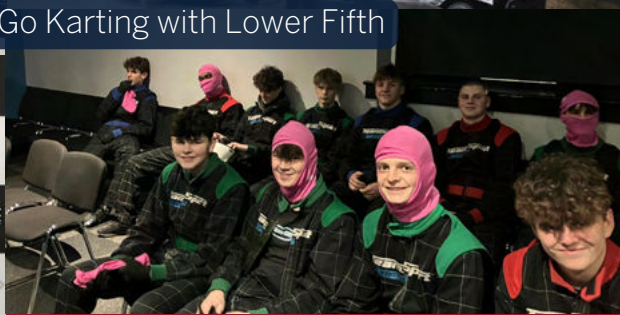
Joe T. playing for Scotland U18 Rugby

Mr Reed and Jago S. running the Surrey Half marathon

NORTH



Go Karting with Lower Fifth



North Boys Contingent from Hockey Sixes Winners

