



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

FROM THE HEAD

What an extraordinary final week of term! I've been hugely impressed by the energy and vigour with which the staff and pupils have embraced these last few days. Alongside the House prayers and the House competitions, the performance at Rosslyn Park, a colour run, a parent and pupil football fundraiser, came three very special events.

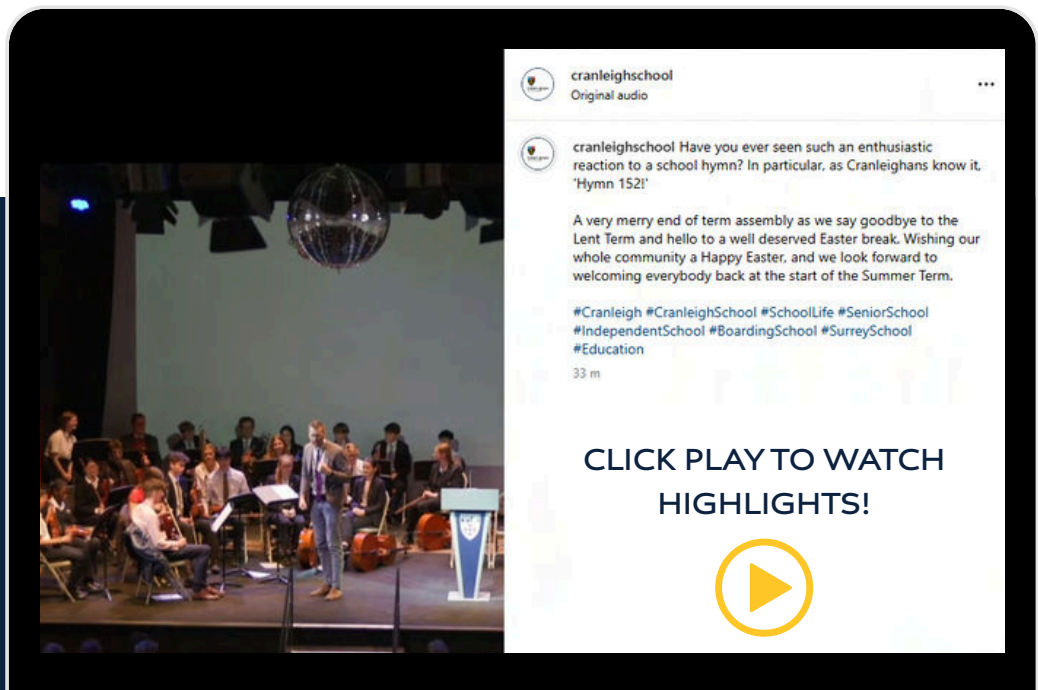
The first, an evening of impressive academics as our Fourth Form scholars gave presentations on topics of interest to them; the topics covered a huge range and the scholars excelled, even under some tough questioning. Then we enjoyed a wonderful black tie celebration evening as our Lower Sixth enterprise teams came together for the first ever CranDo Awards, a glittering evening of fun and recognition for the work they have put into the scheme. Today's Diversity Day was also exceptional, a celebration of every aspect of diversity with a host of inspiring guests from disability influencers to boybands and African drumming. I think we all need a restful break!

Wishing you and your families a very happy Easter break coupled with focused revision for the Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth (six hours a day) as well as the Fourth, Lower Fifth and Lower Sixth who have internal exams to prepare for next term. The grind now will be worth it and I look forward to having everyone back again on Tuesday 22 April for the Summer term.

Mrs Samantha Price

Head

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY



CRAN.DO AWARDS

After 10 weeks of dedication, collaboration, and creative thinking, the CRAN.DO Challenge culminated in a sparkling awards ceremony on Wednesday night. At the start of term the Lower Sixth students were given a mission: to use a £150 investment to design, market, and launch a profitable business that addresses a real need.

Divided into teams of eight, each group was purposefully curated to avoid friendship groups and housemates, encouraging fresh perspectives and diverse skill sets. The journey was not without its hurdles—students faced the complexities of opening bank accounts, selecting the right product or service, sourcing suppliers, and marketing to their target customer base. A key element of the CRAN.DO Challenge was its emphasis on developing future-ready skills. Beyond entrepreneurship, the students honed essential qualities like teamwork, leadership, communication, resilience, adaptability, and creative problem-solving.

From dog leads to tracksuit bottoms, crocs to budgie smugglers, the students showcased a range of inventive products and services. They hosted events such as a Football Tournament, Darts Flight Night, produced candles for Mother's Day, and even launched a Cranleigh delivery service. The final test was a nerve-wracking pitch to the CRAN.DO "Dragons' Den," where students stepped outside their comfort zones to present their business ventures to a panel of judges.

CRAN.DO wouldn't have been possible without the unparalleled teamwork of the entire Cranleigh community. From staff mentors to teachers who gave their time, house teams who provided ideas and support, the Finance team, Facilities, Marketing, Events, Cranleigh Friends, Catering and Theatre Tech. Their dedication and belief in this initiative have been extraordinary.

As we look back on the success of this year's challenge, we're excited to see what the Upper Fifth will create when they take on the CRAN.DO Challenge next year. The creativity, resilience, and teamwork on display this year have set a high bar, and we can't wait to see what's next!



CRANLEIGH DIVERSITY DAY

Today we celebrate our 2nd annual Cultural Diversity Fair.

This Diversity Day event will celebrate numerous aspects of diversity including...

- Cultural diversity
- Neurodiversity
- Impairment & disability
- Gender equity
- Ethnic diversity
- Religious diversity

The centre piece of the Diversity Day is the Cultural Diversity Fair which, similar to last year, runs in the Emms centre with 8 house stalls and Beyond Ourselves representing a total of 9 different countries from around the world. Stalls include food samples, drinks, games, artefacts and cultural information from the different countries and have been completely devised and run by the Lower Sixth pupils in that House.

We were honoured to welcome guests including:

TILLY LOCKEY

INFLUENCER, MODEL, SINGER, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER & DISABILITY ADVOCATE
- TALK



SAM PORDALE

'BREAKING DOWN MIGRATION STEREOTYPES'
- TALK



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BOYBAND LIVE PERFORMANCE AND TALK



MASAI CULTURAL ARTS

AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUMMING PERFORMANCE



The following photos from the day show a brief overview and we look forward to sharing video footage over the Easter holidays.



END OF TERM SPORTS UPDATE

To read an end of term sports update from the team captains, please visit [here](#).



A SPECTACULAR CONCERT OF CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

On Friday night, a full audience in Speech Hall enjoyed a spectacular concert of choral and orchestral music, featuring the combined forces of the Senior School Choir, the Prep School Choir, Cranleigh Choral Society and the Merriman Orchestra.

Huge congratulations go to the soloists, to the choirs and orchestra for their majestic sound, and finally to Dr. Andrew Thomas, who put together the whole programme and trained all of the many musicians taking part.

It was a most enjoyable evening demonstrating Cranleigh music at its very best.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

One of the greatest supported events in the Cranleigh calendar is House Cross Country which took place on Monday, with a beautiful golden sky as a backdrop.

Pupils raced around the School grounds supported by their peers who lined the route showing support and encouragement.

The competition was won by Martlet and Cubitt with winners in each category as follows:

- Junior boys - Benji W. (Loveday)
- Junior girls - Tahliah T. (Martlet)
- Senior boys - Rafe W. (East)
- Senior girls - Lucy S. (Rhodes)

A fun afternoon with anticipation for the next!





FOURTH FORM SCHOLARS' TALK

On Monday evening the Fourth Form academic scholars each gave presentations on a topic of interest to them to an audience of their parents, Sixth Form students and Mrs Price.

Topics ranged from whether emotions are innate or learned, to the history of military aviation, to international relations and the impact of President Trump and the rise of China.

The scholars also took an impressive range of questions from the audience, giving answers that were completely off-the-cuff. It was a fantastic event where all of us in the audience learned a lot!

COLOUR RUN FUN!

What an amazing way to spend a Sunday... thank you so much to Miss Hall and Mr Andrews for organising Colour Run last weekend!





DRAMA TRIP TO SEE PUNCH!

On Tuesday evening, Sixth Form Drama students attended a gripping performance of *Punch!* at the Young Vic, a powerful true story based on Jacob Dunne's journey of redemption. Performed in a compelling docu-drama style, the production blended real-life testimony with dynamic staging to explore themes of justice, responsibility, and personal transformation.

Students were captivated by the innovative storytelling and took detailed Live Theatre notes after the performance, reflecting on key moments and techniques to support their exam preparation. It was an inspiring evening that deepened their appreciation of theatre's ability to bring real stories to life.

ADOLESCENCE

It is hard not to hear the buzz around the new Netflix mini series, 'Adolescence.'

Brilliantly acted, particularly by Stephen Graham (Eddie, the Dad) and Owen Cooper (his son, Jamie), the series is hard hitting and highlights both the challenges facing adolescents and the ever-growing divide between what most adults believe children know and do and what children actually know and do.



Sue Fairbrother (Head of Safeguarding) has linked several interesting articles on Firefly's Teen and Parent Resources page regarding this topic and we will be addressing some of these issues in more detail in the Summer term.

Until then, please watch the series and take some time to look at the resources.

VISIT TO LORDS CRICKET GROUND

On Tuesday a group of 12 girls from the 1st XI cricket squad had the amazing opportunity to visit Lord's, the home of cricket, to train and look around the ground. The girls were treated to a two hour net session with some expert coaches from the MCC, before heading to the Pavilion for tea and an opportunity to discuss the season ahead.

They then toured around the ground, spending time in the famous Long Room, home and away dressing rooms and finally taking in the stunning view from the Media Centre. It was a fantastic opportunity and one that will hopefully inspire them to great things in the coming months.



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 7.30PM MK43**
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 7.30PM MK43**
HELEN WAREHAM RECITAL COMPETITION
Our most advanced musicians give short recitals in our flagship 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 8.30PM MK43**
SIXTH FORM OPEN MIC NIGHT
Contemporary music showcase concert
- FRIDAY 9TH MAY 8PM CHAPEL**
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 Emvris Centre featuring the Big Band in a party mood!
- WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 8.30PM MK43 & 8.30PM VIVIAN COX THEATRE**
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 7.30PM MK43**
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.
- THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 7.30PM SPEECH HALL**
CRANLEIGH LIVE
The highlight of the year for our contemporary musicians! Our budding rock stars strut their stuff in an epic programme of hit songs!

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

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

14 JUNE 2025
OPEN DAY
OPEN EVENT

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:

FUTURE READY: HOW SCHOOLS CAN SHAPE WHAT BUSINESS NEEDS
Open Summit at Cranleigh School for Education and Business Leaders
1.30pm OCT 1st 2025

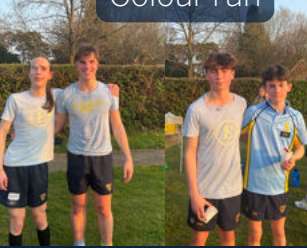
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FUTURE READY: HOW SCHOOLS CAN SHAPE WHAT BUSINESS NEEDS

ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



Colour run



MARTLET



House Waterpolo



GCSE Drama



Cran Do Awards Evening



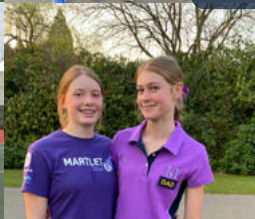
Music Concert



House Cross Country



1st team Netball vs 1st Team Rugby



Junior House Netball

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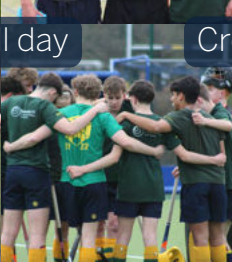
Charity football day



Cross-country runners



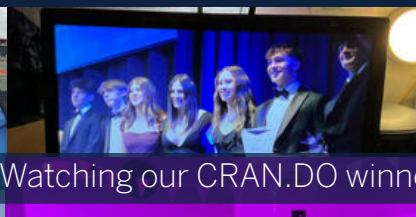
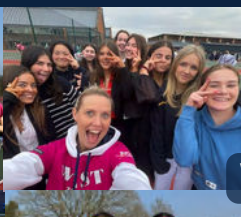
House hockey



WEST



CRAN.DO



Watching our CRAN.DO winners



Junior House Fives



House Netball



Upper Sixth Social

House Prayers



SOUTH



SOUTH HOUSE PRESENTS

HOUSE PRAYERS MUSIC NIGHT

27 MARCH 2025
POPPY - STAY (RIHANNA)
GINA - SILVER SPRINGS (FLEETWOOD MAC)
FOURTH FORM - EENIE MEENIE (JUSTIN BEIBER)
MIA - A LIFE THAT'S GOOD (NASHVILLE CAST)
LILY - LOGICAL (OLIVIA RODRIGO)
ANISE - THAT'S THE WAY IT IS (& JULIET)
LIV P - LOSE CONTROL (TEDDY SWIMS)
HANNAH-MAY - SOMEONE YOU LOVED (LEWIS CAPALDI)
BELLA W - THE HARDEST PART (OLIVIA DEAN)
FLORA & MADDY - SOMEWHERE ONLY WE KNOW (KEANE)



Junior house netball



House cross country



Music night line up for house prayers

RHODES



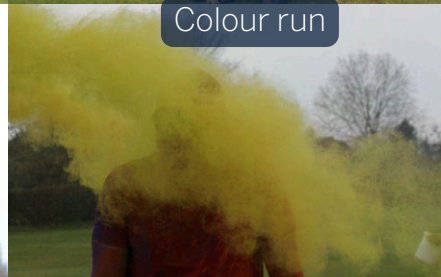
RHODES HOUSE CHARITY NETBALL TOURNAMENT 2025



LOVEDAY



Colour run



NORTH



House Hockey

