



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

FROM THE HEAD

Welcoming the School back on Tuesday in beautiful sunshine set a very positive tone for the start of the new term. This was reinforced by four of our Upper Sixth pupils, Rafe, Lucy, Molly and Joe, who shared with the School memorable moments of their time as Cranleigh as well as advice, particularly around the importance of having high aspirations, navigating friendships lower down the school and the importance of kindness. We were all inspired by their words of wisdom and I was delighted to hear a number of younger pupils comment afterwards how much they enjoyed it.

Whilst the Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth hopefully had their heads firmly in revision over the Easter break, others were enjoying partaking in a number of trips that went out. Our tennis players spent time in sunny Portugal, a brilliant opportunity to play tennis in a new environment and socialise with different year groups. Our Gold DofE students completed their practice expedition in Dartmoor, ahead of their main expedition soon. Our Outdoor Education department led an Easter camp with a variety of outdoor activities and chance to learn vital skills. Our girls' cricket team also attended the Bradfield Cricket Festival in preparation for the upcoming cricket season. A huge thank you to staff who gave up time in their break to provide these wonderful opportunities for our pupils.

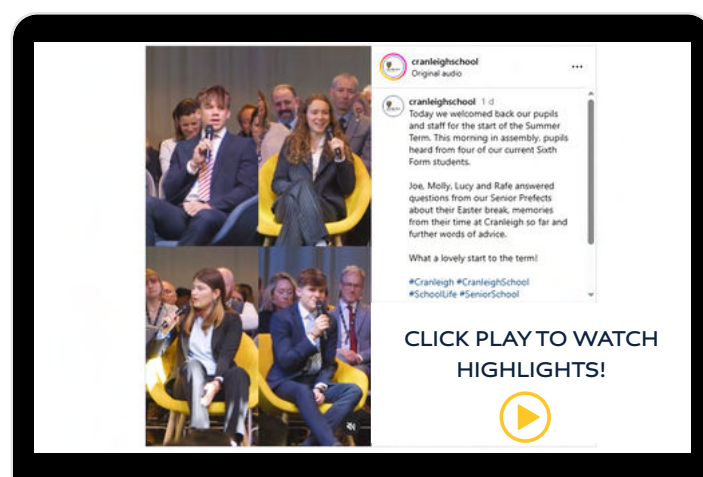
During the first week of the break, I was also away on Cranleigh business visiting our Cranleigh schools in China, meeting my counterparts, teachers and students and discussing how we might further strengthen the partnership opportunities with our Cranleigh family of schools globally.

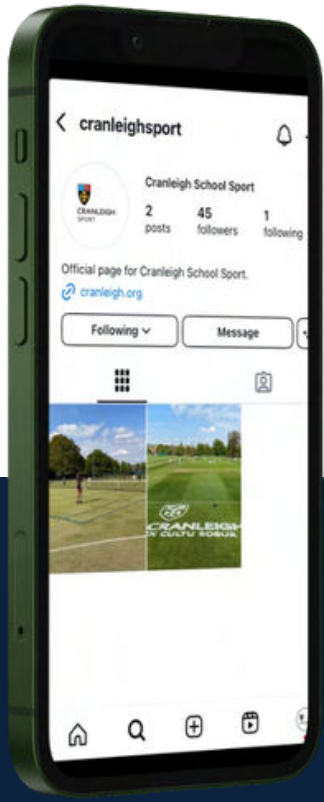
Last term we made a number of new staff appointments for the next academic year and I am delighted to share the first phase of these which you can read more about in an article below. As you can see, we have considerable talent here amongst our staff here at Cranleigh, some of whom have been promoted into new key middle management positions.

As we begin the Summer term, I look forward to everything that is to come and, of course, wish those sitting GCSE and A-Levels all the very best in their upcoming exams. We also have plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead and the pupils certainly had a spring in their step returning to school this week.

Mrs Samantha Price
Head

START OF TERM ASSEMBLY





SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

We are excited to announce a strategic update to our social media presence: the consolidation of all individual sport Instagram accounts into a single, unified Cranleigh Sport account.

This change aims to streamline our communications and showcase the collective achievements of our staff and students in one central location.

Click the phone to the left to stay up to date!



SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

As fixtures resume for the Summer Term, read a full sports update by visiting [here](#).

TENNIS TRIP

Our tennis players visited Portugal for a few days of tennis training. Here are some shots!



GOLD DOFE

Last week, our Gold DofE students took part in their practice expedition in the stunning area of Dartmoor.

Very well done to all who took part, in preparation for their next big challenge!

STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to share key staff roles starting from September.

NAME: MRS KRYSTLE FLACK

NEW ROLE: HEAD OF FOURTH FORM (AND HEAD OF LEARNING SUPPORT)



WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

I will have responsibility for our wonderful Fourth Form; supporting them as they transition and begin their Senior School journeys. Much of my work will focus on bridging the gap between prep and senior school, ensuring each student has high expectations upon themselves and can flourish as independent and aspirational learners in a supportive, inclusive and engaging environment.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

Working more closely with our Fourth Form, their parents and the Cranleigh team to ensure a successful and enjoyable start to the Cranleigh journey.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CRANLEIGH?:

The manner in which we maintain high aspirations whilst having the robust pastoral and academic support in a truly wonderful community.

NAME: MR JAMES LADD GIBBON

NEW ROLE: HOUSEMASTER OF EAST

WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

As Housemaster of East, my primary responsibility is the pastoral care and wellbeing of the pupils in the house. This includes creating a supportive, respectful, and aspirational environment where every pupil feels known and valued. I will also lead and support the house team, ensure clear communication with parents, and maintain the high standards and traditions that make East such a special place.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

Building strong relationships with the boys and their families, and creating a warm, consistent atmosphere where pupils can thrive — both academically and personally. I'm also looking forward to working with a new pastoral team, shaping the next chapter of East together.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CRANLEIGH?

The genuine sense of community and care.



NAME: MRS HELEN CARSON

NEW ROLE: ASSISTANT HEAD, HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

My role is all about shaping the Sixth Form experience into something that's aspirational, innovative, and full of energy. I want each student to feel that their journey is tailored to them — encouraging independence, ownership of their learning, and the confidence to take risks and push themselves. At the same time, I will be ensuring that the Sixth Form is a true stepping stone between school and the wider world — giving students the tools, mindset, and experiences they need to move forward with purpose and ambition.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

I'm most looking forward to getting to know the Sixth Form students on a deeper level — understanding what motivates them, what challenges them and what inspires them. I'm excited about the opportunity to support and guide them as they grow, and to play a role in helping them realise their ambitions.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CRANLEIGH?

The community — inspiring, supportive, warm, and like a family. There's a real sense of belonging here.

NAME: MR PETE BRADNOCK

NEW ROLE: ASSISTANT HEAD, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHAT ARE THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

As this is a completely new role at Cranleigh I am looking to create a Middle School experience which is fun, aspirational, and has a culture of inclusivity and respect. To do this, I'll be fully invested in the academic, the pastoral and the co-curricular lives of all the pupils in these three year groups and provide plenty of support for parents and the staff on my team.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

Getting to know pupils, parents and families across the three year groups, and creating a really vibrant and caring culture that supports our pupils in becoming the best they can be, whatever their skills and talents.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT CRANLEIGH?

The friendly community – simple as that! Lots of places talk about their family vibe, but we have real soul and character. It is what everyone comments on favourably when they come here. And the school custard: it's the perfect consistency!





TRIATHLON SUCCESS FOR UPPER FIFTH PUPIL BENJI

Many congratulations to Benji W. who was selected as a member of the GB Triathlon Youth Academy earlier in the year and has been going from strength to strength since then.

The 2025 Super Series kicked off with the Performance Assessments used to select and tier the participants. Benji came second in his AG, so second in the UK!

This involved a 400m swim on the Saturday and then a bike and run on the Sunday with the competitors being released onto the course based on their swim times, faster first.

His swim time was a 16 second improvement on last year which is amazing. Well done Benji!

ZOE'S ARTWORK DEBUTS IN KNOWLE PARK

'A Face in the Trees' was a local art competition organised by The Arts Society Cranleigh in collaboration with the Knowle Park Trust. Students were invited to submit original drawings of imaginative faces, with the winning designs to be transformed into wooden carvings.



Zoe G. (West) drew inspiration from Echo, the mountain nymph from Greek mythology who was silenced by Hera. Her compelling design, accompanied by a richly imaginative and detailed painting, captured the judges' attention.

They were particularly impressed by the narrative woven into her artwork, which referenced the myth of Echo, Zeus, and Hera.

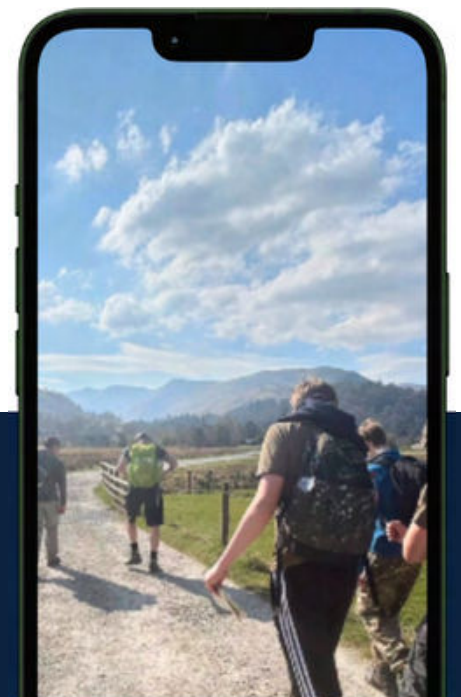


The winning designs were brought to life in wood by local artist Ella Fielding and displayed in the secret garden at Knowle Park over the Easter holiday. Following the exhibition, the wooden faces will be placed in trees throughout the park, becoming part of a long-term treasure hunt trail for visitors to enjoy for years to come.

During the Easter break, Zoe was invited for a private viewing of the seven winning sculptures and had the opportunity to meet the artist behind their creation. Well done Zoe!

EASTER CAMP

Our Outdoor Education department led their annual Easter Camp. Their Instagram page was up to date with fun videos of their adventures, do take a look by clicking the phone to the right!



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

CRANLEIGH MUSIC 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.

<p>FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 7.30PM HHMS</p> <p>KORROS ENSEMBLE CONCERT</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FRIDAY 2ND MAY 7.30PM HHMS</p> <p>HELEN WAREHAM RECITAL COMPETITION</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 8.30PM HHMS</p> <p>SIXTH FORM OPEN MIC NIGHT</p> <p>Contemporary music showcase concert</p>	<p>FRIDAY 9TH MAY 8PM CHAPEL</p> <p>SUMMER CONCERT</p> <p>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 Erms Centre featuring the Big Band in a party mood!</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 8.30PM VIVIAN COX THEATRE</p> <p>JUNIOR TEATIME CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT & JUNIOR OPEN MIC NIGHT</p> <p>The junior year groups present two showcase concerts - one classical, one for contemporary music.</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 7.30PM HHMS</p> <p>JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 7.30PM SPEECH HALL</p> <p>CRANLEIGH LIVE</p> <p>The highlight of the year for our contemporary musicians! Our budding rock stars strut their stuff in an epic programme of hit songs!</p>

<p>25 APRIL 2025</p> <p>KORROS ENSEMBLE CONCERT</p> <p>MUSIC</p>	<p>2 MAY 2025</p> <p>HELEN WAREHAM RECITAL COMPETITION</p> <p>MUSIC</p>
<p>9 MAY 2025</p> <p>SUMMER CONCERT</p> <p>MUSIC</p>	<p>18 JUNE 2025</p> <p>JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT</p> <p>MUSIC</p>
<p>21 JUNE 2025</p> <p>SIXTH FORM WELCOME MORNING (16+) JUNE 2025</p> <p>OPEN EVENT</p>	<p>14 JUNE 2025</p> <p>OPEN DAY</p> <p>OPEN EVENT</p>

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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ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



Well done George (and rest of the team) for getting to the final of the Harlequins Cup - a huge achievement!



New hats!



Throwback to our amazing charity night which happened the last Saturday of Lent term. Thank you to all parents who came and supported the @max_windle_memorial_trust ! Congratulations to all quiz and auction winners.



MARTLET



Charlotte B. played for England U18 Rugby at the Six Nations.

House Families met to discuss holiday news before exam year groups fly the nest.



RHODES



Lucy, Georgia, Tilda and Poppy completed their Gold DofE Practice Expedition over the break.



Welcome back to everyone. We started the week with an assembly, led by members of our Upper Sixth, including our own Lucy S.



In holiday news, 7 of our Rhodes girls, Fenella W., Orla RD, Freya A. (Upper Sixth), Harriet B., Emily A., Abi L. (Lower Sixth) and Bella B. (Lower Fifth) went out to Portugal over the break on the tennis trip.



LOVEDAY



Congratulations to Ted and the boys for their win at the Stoop.

CUBITT



Charlie at RP 7s



Jason at RP7s



The new BBQ is here for the summer!



Dexter and Tom running a half marathon for Sarcoma

SOUTH



Liv and Lara doing their Gold DofE practice exped over the holiday



Lucinda, Arabella, Chloe and Annabel on the tennis tour to Portugal



The girls enjoyed putting together our Belgium stall for the diversity fair at the end of last term

WEST



Well done Zoe for your art success!

West girls representing the 1st Cricket!



Fourth Form Social



House prayers



NORTH

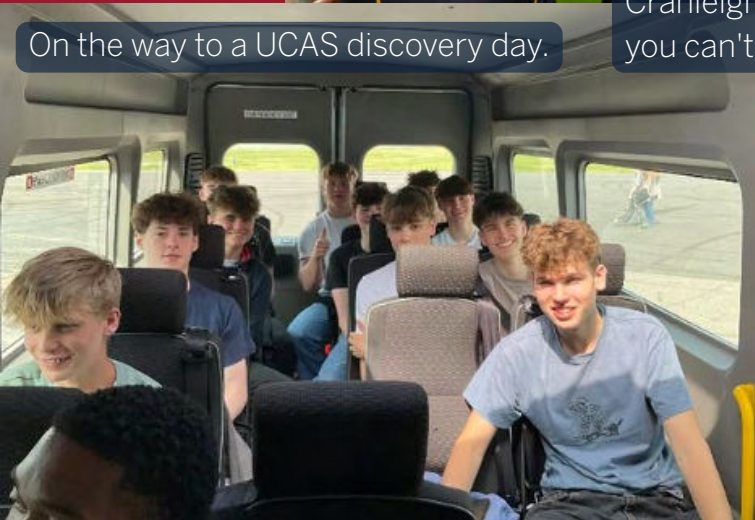


Oli and Sam reached the final of the Harlequins cup.

A great home fixture for our 1st XV against MCC today. A win for Cranleigh. Despite North OC, Harry giving it his best shot for the oppo!!



On the way to a UCAS discovery day.



Cranleigh Cricket has a YouTube channel to watch the games, if you can't make it. Just search for "CranleighCricket".

