



# CRANLEIGH CONNECT

*Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians*

**FRIDAY 2ND MAY**

## SENDING **BEST WISHES** TO ALL PUPILS STARTING EXAMS

The start of May signals the beginning of exam season. There are many resources online for parents and guardians to support pupils with exam revision, and of course pupils can access an array of support from their teachers.



## INTRODUCING NEW DAY AND DAY PLUS

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of these developments communicated to you yesterday, please do not hesitate to contact Simon Bird [sdb@cranleigh.org](mailto:sdb@cranleigh.org) or Andrea Saxel [aps@cranleigh.org](mailto:aps@cranleigh.org) who will be very happy to assist.

There will also be a parent briefing on Saturday 10th May at 12.15pm in the ALT, and on Friday 23rd May at 12.30pm (venue to be confirmed), where there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.



## SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

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





## VISIT FROM ENGLAND WOMEN'S CRICKET HEAD COACH, CHARLOTTE EDWARDS CBE

On Tuesday we were very lucky to be able to welcome the newly appointed England Women's Cricket Head Coach, Charlotte Edwards CBE, to join our 1st XI girls for their training session. Charlotte is one of England's most notable players and coaches, she represented her country over 300 times and captained the team for 10 years.

During her career she won the Ashes twice as a captain and led the team to a World Cup victory. Following her playing career, she has coached domestic teams across the world winning the Hundred, Women's Premier League in India and the Big Bash in Australia.



During the session Charlotte spent time with the batters, working on their technique and giving some individual feedback to help them to develop. Following a question and answer session she also presented the captain Abby S. with her 1st XI cricket colours.

Reflecting on the experience Abby said "it was an unbelievable experience for everyone - a once in a lifetime opportunity. Having followed women's cricket for a number of years the girls were all so excited to have a legend of the game in our midst and it was something we won't ever forget.

We are all hugely grateful to have been given the chance to learn from her."

## SWIFTS SCHOOLS GOLF TOUR NATIONAL FINALS

Last weekend the golf team travelled to the JCB Golf and Country Club to play in the Swifts Schools Golf Tour National Finals.

The scratch strokeplay competition was played over 36 holes and, from a very strong field, James M secured a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish (out of 72 players) with a fantastic one under par in the afternoon round.

He was the only player to post a sub-par score over the two rounds. Well done to him and to the other two Cranleigh players, Jack H. and James R.





## UPPER FIFTH PARENT CAROUSEL EQUIPS FAMILIES FOR SIXTH FORM SUCCESS

Parents gathered on Saturday for the Upper Fifth Parent Carousel, an afternoon designed to offer practical advice and support ahead of their children's transition into the Sixth Form.

Hosted by Dr Andrea Saxel, Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead, the event featured an insightful "I Wish I Knew" panel. Upper Sixth parents shared their experiences and offered invaluable advice on a wide range of topics, including navigating festivals, parties, relationships, time management, and wellbeing. The discussion provided attending families with reassurance and practical strategies for supporting their children through the challenges and opportunities of Sixth Form life.

Following the panel, parents had the opportunity to attend one of three specialist workshops: Stress, Anxiety and the Nervous System; Risk-Taking Behaviours; and Cranleigh Life Coaching – What It Is and How It Works. Each session offered expert guidance aimed at equipping families with the tools to foster resilience, communication, and confidence in their children.

We wanted to extend our thanks to all who contributed to making the event a valuable and inspiring experience.

## LOWER SIXTH CRAN.DO AWARD WINNERS ATTEND YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS EVENT AT IET LONDON

On Tuesday, a group of Lower Sixth CRAN.DO Award winners travelled to the IET Savoy Place in London to attend the OC Society Business Network event: Young Entrepreneurs – Empowering the Future. Chaired with energy and insight by OC Simon Broadhurst, the evening featured a dynamic panel of Old Cranleighans – Abigail Meaker, Bunmi Olaye, and Dylan Salamon – who shared their journeys as entrepreneurs. They spoke candidly about the highs and lows of entrepreneurship, the lessons learned along the way, and the realities of building businesses across different sectors.

Our students asked insightful questions about the advice the speakers would give their younger selves. The panellists' responses were both inspiring and practical: embrace every opportunity, believe in yourself, don't fear failure, and never underestimate the value of maths!

The event powerfully reinforced the importance of a future-focused education and cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset. It also highlighted the value of the CRAN.DO challenge, which students reflected on as a pivotal experience. Many also left with a stronger appreciation for the OC Society and the doors that networking within this community can open.

We hope this experience inspires our Lower Sixth to become advocates for the Futures curriculum, and that younger students are encouraged to seize similar opportunities to enrich their personal and professional development.





## FIFTH FORM PARENTS' DRINKS RECEPTION – A DELIGHTFUL EVENING

On Tuesday evening, Fifth Form parents gathered at the iconic IET, Savoy Place, for a relaxed and enjoyable drinks reception. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Thames and city skyline, it provided a perfect opportunity to meet and socialise with other Fifth Form Parents, HMs and Samantha Price.

The beautiful Spring weather added to the evening, allowing guests to make the most of the venue's stunning roof terrace. It was a pleasure to see so many parents connecting and sharing in the spirit of the school community. A memorable evening enjoyed by all.

## KORROS ENSEMBLE

Last Friday night's concert saw three of our A-Level composers have their pieces premiered by Korros (a professional ensemble consisting of flute, clarinet & harp), very well done to all involved!



## NATIONAL CHOIR PARTICIPATION FOR ANISE

Anise R. (Upper Fifth, South) attended the National Youth Choir of Great Britain course at Easter - you can see what she got up to by visiting [here](#).

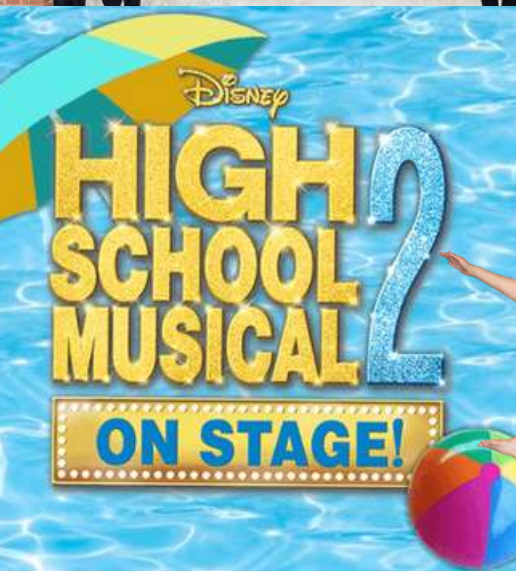






## CRANLEIGH CHOIR AND CHAPEL WARDENS DINNER

Our Choir and Chapel wardens had their annual dinner this week!



Tickets for the upcoming Junior Musical, High School Musical 2, can be booked from 5:00pm today [here](#).



## CRANLEIGH MUSIC 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 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

7.30PM MMS

### 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 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

7.30PM MMS

### 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 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

8.30PM MMS

### SIXTH FORM OPEN MIC NIGHT

Contemporary music showcase concert



FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

5PM CHAPEL

### SUMMER CONCERT

Our traditional summer celebration features some larger ensembles (including the String Orchestra and Choir), alongside some of our smaller ensembles. The beautiful surroundings of the Chapel host this celebration of classical music, followed by a jazz reception in the Emms Centre featuring the Big Band in a party mood!



WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

7.30PM MMS

### JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT

Ruby 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 Saxel on piano.



THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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!



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



9 MAY 2025

### SUMMER CONCERT

MUSIC



18 JUNE 2025

### JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT

MUSIC

## OPEN EVENTS



21 JUNE 2025

### SIXTH FORM WELCOME MORNING (16+) JUNE 2025

OPEN EVENT



14 JUNE 2025

### OPEN DAY

OPEN EVENT



Events requiring tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranleighschool](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranleighschool)

Enquiries: [music@cranleigh.org](mailto:music@cranleigh.org) or [tickets@cranleigh.org](http://tickets@cranleigh.org)

Music Office: 01483 542009



# ROUND THE HOUSES

EAST



2nd place at house swimming!



Great fun at the Slip n Slide!



MARTLET



Martlet 2025 House Photo before the exam year groups leave

Upper Sixth Matrons  
Goodbye Afternoon Team



OC event up in London



Tutor time out on South Field





RHODES



The sun has been shining this week, and Rhodes families enjoyed some lovely ice creams in the sunshine!



LOVEDAY



Nat A. bowling v MCC



Nat A. with a 100 v MCC



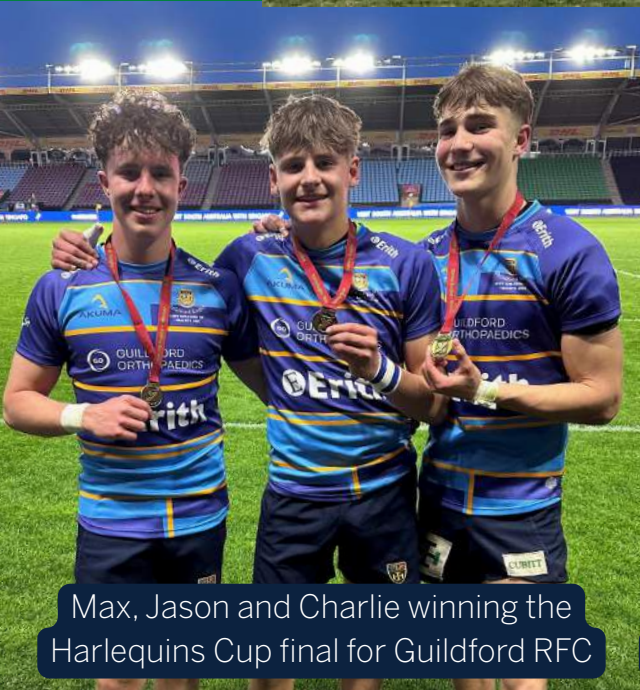
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Fourth Form volleyball and ice creams after prep



Volleyball net up for the summer!



Max, Jason and Charlie winning the Harlequins Cup final for Guildford RFC



Congratulations to Tom after completing the London Marathon



Boys' House Swimming

SOUTH



Lower Fifth chocolate fountain



Fourth Form enjoying outdoor ed



New sundae social for the Ruby and Topaz families



WEST



Well done Abby!

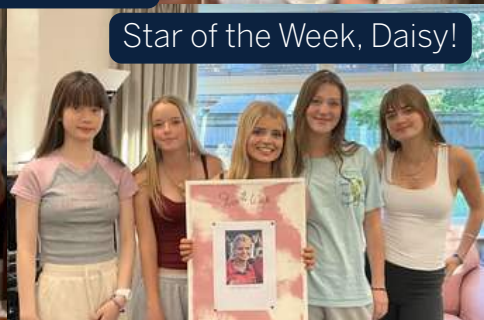
Cricket Colours for our House Captain Abby!



Upper Sixth Leavers' Social



Star of the Week, Daisy!



Lower Sixth and Fourth Form Games Social



Lower Sixth and Fourth Form Firepit Social!

West House Charity Night



NORTH



Tennis — Boys v Bradfield



Great being outside in the sun playing frisbee



House swimming

