



CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

FRIDAY 9TH MAY

I hope you and your families had a restful bank holiday weekend. This week, pupils sitting GCSEs and A-Levels began their study leave and we wish them the very best of luck in the coming weeks. For the Upper Sixth this has been particularly poignant as they complete their lessons and Cranleigh routines for the last time. To mark this, we are sending them off this evening with a garden party in Crane House and we look forward to celebrating the completion of their Cranleigh journey at Speech Day.

Over the weekend, I attended the Cranleigh International Leadership Summit at Cranleigh Abu Dhabi. This was a hugely valuable opportunity for senior leaders from our Cranleigh International Schools to take part in discussions on topics affecting the education sector, including academics, operations and pastoral care. We were able to share learning and debate new ideas, reminding us of the benefits of being part of a family of schools. While I was there, Cranleigh Abu Dhabi also held their 10 year anniversary gala attended by the extended Cranleigh International family. It was wonderful to celebrate the incredible growth of Cranleigh Abu Dhabi since their opening in 2014.

Back in the UK, our Gold DofE participants visited Buckingham Palace today to collect their Gold awards – we hope they had a fantastic day. Yesterday, to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, our CCF played a key part in the celebrations in Cranleigh Village and we were addressed by Henry Rice (Normandy Vet) in assembly.

Over the last week we have also had exciting opportunities for our sport teams. Last week our girls' cricket players enjoyed a masterclass from Charlotte Edwards, Head of England Women's Cricket. And this week our tennis players took part in a masterclass from James Auckland and Jonny Marray, Wimbledon Doubles Champions. On the rugby side, I was also delighted to hear that, thanks to one of our parents, Jake LD, Max L. and Jamie M. were treated to a personal session with Jonny Wilkinson, the legendary England former rugby union player, at Pennyhill Park. They returned with a signed rugby jersey that we will proudly display in our Sports Centre. These are all wonderful opportunities for our pupils to learn directly from sport players who have excelled in their sport.

I look forward to hearing about even more sporting success following another weekend of sport fixtures to come.

Mrs Samantha Price
Head





SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

Read a full sports update by visiting [here](#).

As our Upper Sixth head off for Study Leave we take a moment to celebrate the outstanding contribution of our Prefect team. These pupils have led with integrity, warmth, and an unfailing sense of responsibility, acting as true role models within our community. Whether mentoring younger pupils in their Houses, chairing pupil committees, delivering thoughtful addresses in whole-school assemblies, helping to run Diversity Day, or leading fundraising efforts for our chosen charities, their leadership has shaped a culture of kindness, ambition, and inclusion.

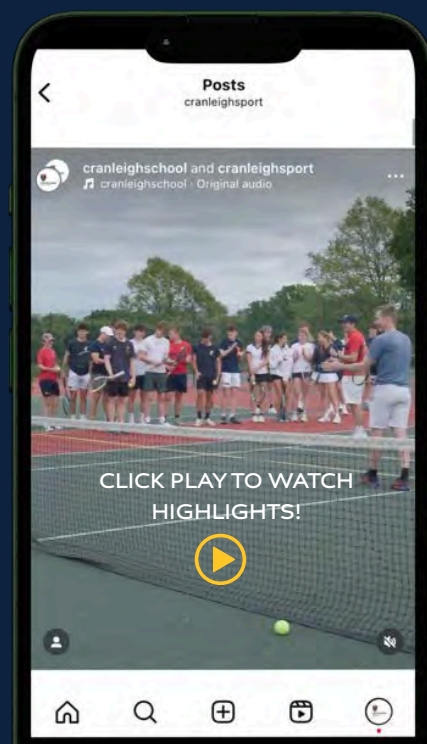
We are deeply grateful for the energy and commitment they have brought to their roles and wish them every success in the upcoming exams.



A VISIT FROM TENNIS CHAMPIONS

On 6th May, Cranleigh School was thrilled to host two former professional tennis players, James Auckland and Jonny Marray, for a special day of coaching and doubles training. Jonny Marray, a Wimbledon Doubles Champion in 2012, and James Auckland, a seasoned ATP Tour player with appearances in multiple Grand Slams, led two engaging sessions focused on key doubles strategies such as intercepting, approaching, volleying, and recovery.

This exciting opportunity was a reward from the charity Bright Ideas for Tennis, in recognition of Cranleigh's participation in a 24-hour charity tennis marathon held in February. The event, which supports disability tennis programmes across the UK, saw seven dedicated Cranleigh students raise an impressive £7,648. A special congratulations goes to Max V-G, who raised over £4,000 and was the top individual fundraiser, as well as Rafe B, Harriet B., Abi L., Rafe W. and Ollie A. for their outstanding efforts and commitment to this meaningful cause.



HELEN WAREHAM COMPETITION

We were once again delighted to hold the most prestigious of our Music Recitals, the Helen Wareham Recital Competition.

Featuring performances from our top musicians, Patrick A. received the award for this year - very well done! To read the full article, visit [here](#).



GOLD DOFE AWARD CEREMONY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

9 of the 10 Cranleighians who completed their Gold DofE awards, attended a celebration at Buckingham Palace today. Very well done to you all on this fantastic achievement.



BRONZE TRAINING FOR DOFE

95 students took part in a days Bronze training in School. Training included navigation, camp craft, route planning and cooking meals. Well done all!



MARKING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Yesterday marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Our CCF played a key part in celebrations in Cranleigh Village. Providing opportunities for our school community to reflect on the importance and significance of the occasion not only honours those who lost their lives but acknowledges the ongoing need for peace around the world.

Well done to our pupils for their involvement within the service and for their dedication to the CCF at Cranleigh School.



LACROSSE SUCCESS FOR MISS JULIE WISE

Miss Juliette Wise, Classics Teacher, competed in the Home Internationals for England in April (Easter holidays). They beat Scotland, Wales and Czech Republic. At the moment, Juliette is training with Team England and GB, with aspirations of selection for the World Cup in 2026 in Japan, and LA2028.

Lacrosse is a self-funded sport, and annually costs around £10,000 for training and competitions. Juliette is looking to find individual sponsors, as well as any interest in team sponsorship. If you would be interested in having any discussions on sponsorship or fundraising, please get in touch with Juliette jrw@cranleigh.org.



A UNIQUE SESSION WITH JONNY WILKINSON

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Tickets for the upcoming Junior Musical, High School Musical 2, can be booked [here](#).



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 HHS

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 HHS

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 HHS

SIXTH FORM OPEN MIC NIGHT

Contemporary music showcase concert.



FRIDAY 9TH MAY

5PM 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 Emms 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.



FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

7:30PM HHS

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 Saxel on piano.



THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

7:30PM WRECH 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. Please note the date change for the Jazz Quartet concert.



9 MAY 2025

SUMMER CONCERT

MUSIC



20 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
Enquiries: music@cranleigh.org or tickets@cranleigh.org
Music Office: 01483 542009

ROUND THE HOUSES



Upper Fifth Football and Ice Cream Social before study leave



Winners of Senior House Cricket



Winners of Senior House Tennis



Amazing night at House music with amazing performances and contributions from each year group, culminating in the Upper Sixth leavers song



Upper Fifth last matrons social of the year



House Photo Day



Helen Wareham Competition



Upper Fifth study leave pizza party



Cupcakes from a parent!

RHODES



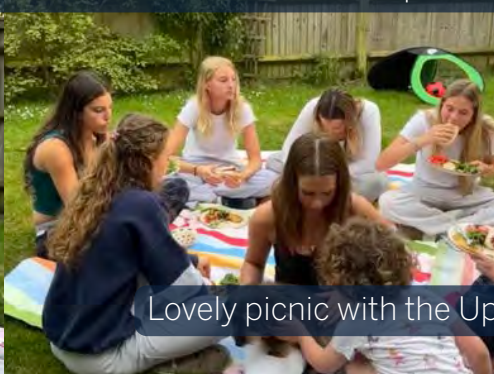
Tilda and Lucy representing the CCF at the Cranleigh village VE 80th Anniversary celebrations



House photos on Wednesday afternoon.



Well done to Fenella, Freya, Orla, Harriet, Abi and Emily on their victory for Rhodes in the senior tennis competition on Thursday.



Lovely picnic with the Upper Sixth, and bougie bagels with the Upper Fifth to celebrate the start of study leave.



LOVEDAY



Loveday boys at athletics



Lower Fifth fun after exams



Jago S. House Captain leading by example



House Swimming Champs....again



Well Done Ted S. in the Helen Wareham comp



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Senior house golf



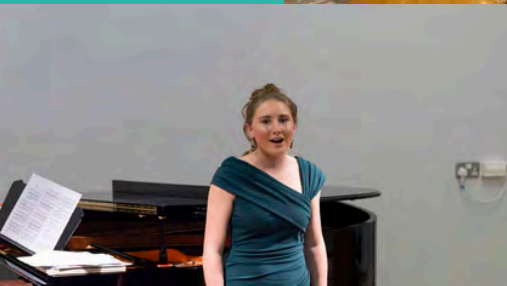
Fourth Form pizza social



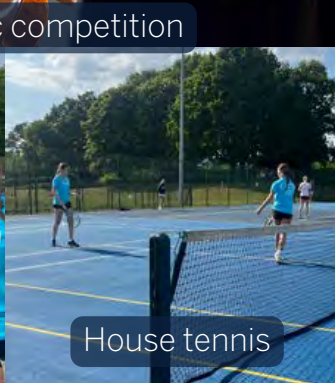
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Lower fifth trip to wagamamas to celebrate the end of their exams



Talented girls performing in the Helen Wareham music competition



Flora performing in the sixth form open mic night

House tennis

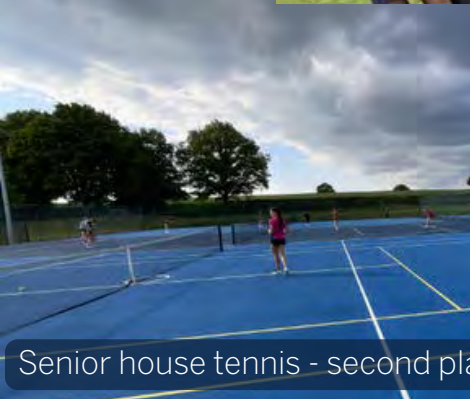
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House photo day



Fourth Form Pizza Social



Senior house tennis - second place



Upper Fifth revision social



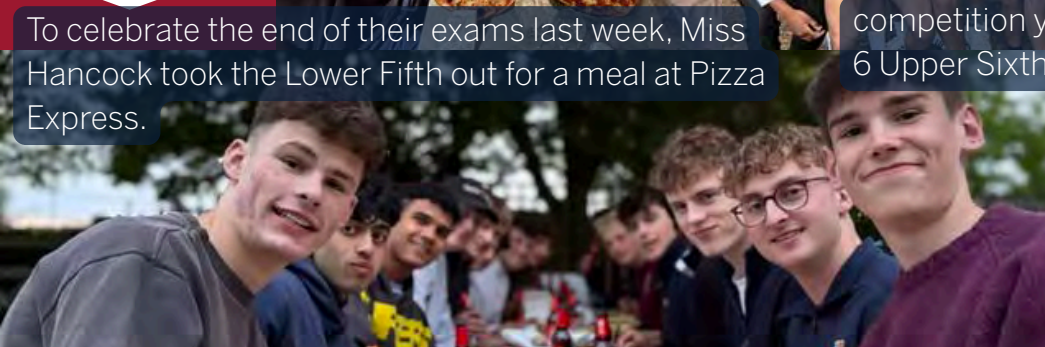
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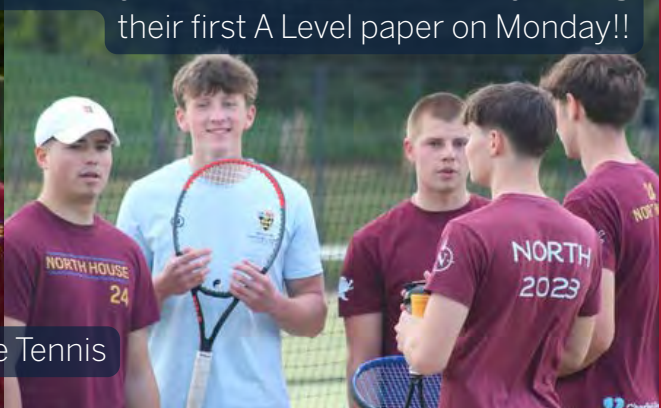
To celebrate the end of their exams last week, Miss Hancock took the Lower Fifth out for a meal at Pizza Express.



Some great support at Senior House Golf competition yesterday afternoon. Well done to our 6 Upper Sixth who competed: Patrick, Ivan, Oscar, Ben, Charlie and Rory.



A wonderful night for the Upper Sixth as they begin to disperse onto study leave next with - with many having their first A Level paper on Monday!!



House Tennis