

# CRANLEIGH CONNECT

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh School parents/guardians

**FRIDAY 6TH JUNE** 

I hope you and your families had a restful break over Long Leave. It has been great to welcome pupils back to school for the final four weeks of the academic year. Whilst many pupils have spent their break working hard for the upcoming exams, I hope they have managed to take some time to recharge.

There were a variety of trips over half term; our Fourth Form went to France to explore the historic Battlefields and a group of Lower Sixth members of the CCF attended a parachuting course although were then unable to jump owing to bad weather! Our geography department have led trips for several year groups around the country with varied weather conditions. Thank you to the staff who gave up time to provide these opportunities for our pupils.

Yesterday evening I attended the GCSE and A-Level art exhibition where I was astounded at the quality of work on display. The exhibition will be open for the next two weeks and I would thoroughly recommend you popping in to see it if you have an opportunity to do so. I have been incredibly impressed by the work ethic from all pupils during exam season, and evenings like this demonstrate the talent and high standards of our students.

I am hoping the wet weather clears soon so we can all enjoy the full weekend of sports fixtures!

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**Mrs Samantha Price** 

Head





## SPORTS UPDATE FROM MR ANDY HOUSTON

Read a full sports update by visiting here.

### GCSE AND A-LEVEL ART EXHIBITION

Yesterday evening we were delighted to welcome families to the opening of our GCSE and A-Level Art Exhibition. The evening provided an opportunity to look at the incredible creations that pupils have worked so hard on over the last few months.



### FOURTH FORM BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

Over Long Leave, Fourth Form pupils went on a trip to the French Battlefields. They visited a number of fascinating battlefield sites and cemeteries to learn about this important part of history. They enjoyed fun team building activities to balance out the trip!





### NATIONAL CADET TARGET SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Since 2019, the Cadet Council for Rifle Shooting (CCRS) has been working to establish a National Cadet Target Sprint competition. After several delays, this year Cranleigh was proud to host the first ever closed Cadet championship, open to all three services, by adapting our annual Cranleigh Open into a full weekend event.

The top five in each category qualified for the National Final, which will take place in Wales this September. We're incredibly proud that James W secured a silver medal in the U16 CCF category — a fantastic achievement!

The weekend concluded with a fast and entertaining relay race, which was a brilliant way to wrap up the event.

A huge congratulations to all Cadets who competed, and sincere thanks to Lou Dickers for her tireless efforts across the weekend, as well as to CCRS for their invaluable support with timing and organisation.

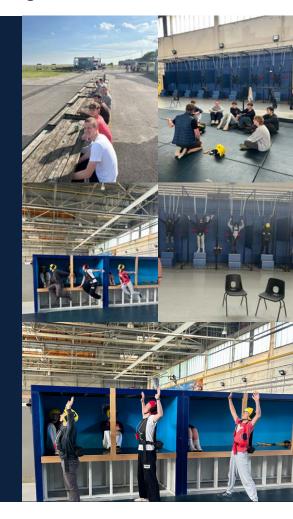
# LOWER SIXTH CADETS PARACHUTE TRAINING WEEKEND AT NETHERAVON

A highlight of the year for the Lower Sixth Cadets is the annual trip to Netheravon, home of the Army Parachute Association, to undertake the Static Line Parachute Course.

The two day trip covered essential training, watching experienced performance skydivers. Major Money and Russ, the Chief Instructor, kept a close watch on wind speeds and cloud cover throughout the day.

Watching experienced performance skydivers land with precision brought the experience to life and made the challenge ahead feel very real.

At one point, there was a glimmer of hope as conditions briefly improved, prompting a collective effort across the drop zone to prepare parachutes and ready the aircraft. Unfortunately, the weather closed in again just before take-off and we were forced to stand down.



### **EMAIL MIGRATION**

As part of our continued investment in streamlining digital systems across the school, all staff and pupil email accounts were migrated to Gmail over the half-term break. Contact email addresses will remain the same but pupils will begin accessing their messages via the Gmail app on their iPad or through a browser at <a href="mail.google.com">mail.google.com</a> from Thursday 29th May.

Please note that existing emails will not be migrated from the old system with the exception of Year 13 pupils who may need continued access. Pupils can still view older emails using Outlook until the end of term.



### SURREY CRICKET SUCCESS FOR OC

Congratulations to Adam Thomas, (Loveday 2024) who secured his first professional contract with Surrey during the half-term period. Adam joins Ollie Pope, Tom Lawes, Yousef Majid, and Tommy Ealham on the Surrey cricket staff currently. Adam had an outstanding season at school last year, scoring 1,037 runs at an average of 64, which included four centuries, breaking the school record for runs in a season.

Additionally, Adam scored 367 runs at an average of 61 on a pre-season tour to Sri Lanka, where he played against some of the strongest teams on the island. Director of Cricket Stuart Welch praised Adam's hard work while at school, saying that Adam led by example both on and off the field. Despite his impressive achievements on the cricket front, Adam remains a modest young man and serves as an excellent role model for other students to follow. We all wish him the very best of luck as he starts his cricketing career.

### MADELEINE DANCES TO DRESSAGE GLORY

Madeleine R. (Upper Sixth) started the half term break with a bang, taking the NSEA National County Novice Dressage title with an outstanding score of 75%. She was delighted to be standing on the top of the podium.

She had a busy afternoon, however, switching tack and dress immediately after she had trotted down the centre line, to join Rory S. (Upper Sixth) and Tara M. (Lower Sixth) to contest the Open Eventers Challenge Championship class. With just three in the team this year, so no discard score, it was going to be tough to retain the title they won in 2024, but they put in three great rounds to take silver medal position. Madeleine also finished in 7th place as an individual.

Following this success she then headed to the BEU18 eventing qualifier at Blindley Heath on the Monday of half term, finishing the competition on her dressage scores in 1st and 2nd position with her two horses. For the rest of half term A-Level revision took over!

For Tara M. it was then a long trip up to Northumberland for the Belsay International Horse Trials, where she contested the 2\* event. Amongst the youngest of the 43 riders who started in her section, Tara added just 2.4 cross country time penalties to a good dressage score to take 8th place. A top 10 finish in only her second event at this level was an outstanding result and we will be following her progress over the rest of this season as she seeks to impress the GBR selectors.

Rory and Madeleine have been at the centre of our Equestrian teams since they joined the Prep School and have both been part of several National Championship winning teams. We will miss them next year but wish them every success in both their A-Levels and their future riding endeavours.





### **NEW FITNESS CLASSES AT TASC**

We are excited to introduce a range of new fitness classes at the Trevor Abbott Sports Centre, now open to external guests! Whether you're looking to get fit, tone up, or simply have fun while working out, we have a variety of classes designed to help you reach your goals.

Our schedule includes something for everyone, including yoga, boot camp, Zumba and more to come! Our friendly instructors are here to support and motivate you throughout your fitness journey, ensuring you enjoy a welcoming and engaging environment.

After your class, feel free to relax, rehydrate, and replenish at the TASC café, which will be open for your convenience.

For classes and times, please see the timetable. To book your class please visit here.

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

Please note the date change for the Jazz Quartet concert.



11 JUNE 2025

JUNIOR TEATIME CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

MUSIC



20 JUNE 2025

MUSIC

JAZZ QUARTET CONCERT



Other upcoming events:



7 JUNE 2025 SIXTH FORM OPEN

MORNING



OPEN MORNING



# MUSIC EVENTS

# MER 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 MMS** 

#### TICKET 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 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.

7.30PM MMS

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY

8.30PM MMS

### 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

Emms Centre featuring the Big Band in a party mood!



5PM CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

5PM MMS 8.15PM VIVIAN COX THEAT

### JUNIOR TEATIME CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT & JUNIOR OPEN MIC NIGHT

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The junior year groups present two showcase concerts - one classical, one for contemporary music.



FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

7.30PM MMS

# JAZZ

### QUARTET CONCERT

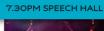
Ruth Williams (flute) leads her jazz quartet in a performance of Claude Bolling's Suite for Flute & Jazz Trio. Featuring Tom Hollister (OC) on drums and Richard Saxel on piano.



THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

### **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!



TICKET





Events requiring tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranleighschool Enquiries: music@cranleigh.org or tickets@cranleigh.org Music Office: 01483 542009

# ROUND THE HOUSES







