Dear parents/guardians of Cranbrook School,

Thank you all so much for your support during such an arduous term. Highlights for me have been the outstanding production of Hairspray which anyone attending will have found awe-inspiring. I would defy any school to improve on the quality of what we were treated to: superb acting, brilliant dancing and outstanding music. Well done to Mrs. Deeble, Mr. Bartle, tech team, all the students and a whole host of others involved.

Lent is the time when the school runs its traditional fundraising and fun events. I am delighted to report that Wear What You Like Day has been a fabulous success once again, with the Europe theme having more than made up for the farcical events in parliament recently. The outcome of House Shout showed that the quality of competition was as high as ever. The House singing competition is one of the true highlights of the school year. Head over to Page 5 to see how each group got on.

Hot off the press, it can be revealed that we have recruited an exceptional person to give our Piers Sellers Memorial Lecture on Wednesday 22nd May.

Felicity Aston MBE is a renowned polar explorer and researcher. In short, she is a very fitting person to help us commemorate the loss of our former student Piers Sellers, who became an astronaut and shuttle pilot with NASA, and was a highly regarded climate change researcher. And that’s Cranbrook School in a nutshell at the moment – reaching out and reaching for the stars! All are very welcome to attend this prestigious event on 22nd May.

Finally, for parents in Years 7, 8 and 9, please note that our first formal Junior Prizegiving will take place on the afternoon of Friday 21st June. The Guest of Honour will be children’s writer Sufiya Ahmed, author of the Young Adult novel ‘Secrets of the Henna Girl’ which was launched on International Women’s Day this year at the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office. Senior Prizegiving takes place on Saturday, 25th May. This will be for Years 10, 12 and 13. Year 11 students are welcome to attend, but it is not compulsory given that this will be examination season. All musicians and prizewinners in all year groups are expected to attend.

We are all so appreciative of your backing for the mobile phones initiative. We have already noticed a distinct change in behaviour: improvements in the Dining Hall, excellent take-up of library-based activities, polite and sociable behaviour in the Quad. It would be very helpful if you have anything to add and feed back to us on this matter.

Have an excellent, restful Easter break and see you all in a couple of weeks.

Yours truly,

Dr John Weeds
Head Teacher
WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY 2019

On a gloriously sunny Friday 29th March, the community of Cranbrook School gathered together in an assortment of bright colours and creations for WWYLD 2019. The theme was Europe and the students were very inventive in their interpretations, which of course included plenty of references to Brexit!

With every student paying £1, the school hopes to raise £838 to the school’s charity appeal.

Prizes:
- Best dressed individual (lower school): Number 10 front door; runner up: British weather
- Best dressed group (lower school): European coins; runners up: European painted flags
- Best dressed individual (upper school): Easy Jet; runner up: London Eye
- Best dressed group (upper school): Vikings; runners up: IKEA girls
This year’s whole school production was a musical spectacle!

There are not enough words, nor the space here, to describe the level of passion and hard work of the students and staff involved in this year’s production of *Hairspray: The Musical*. Set in Maryland during the early 1960s, the plot follows teenager Tracy Turnblad (played by Megan Stewart) as she dreams to dance on a local dance TV show hosted by Corny Collins (Tom Hayes). When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight, and advocates social change as Tracy campaigns for the show’s integration. The students performed to a packed Queen’s Hall Theatre as tickets sold out very quickly, and the positive reviews and praise came flooding in (review by one parent available to read online here).

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HOUSE SHOUT

One of the school’s most beloved annual traditions is the House Shout, and with the musical success of Hairspray, everyone was feeling as vocally confident as ever. The day houses went head to head on the afternoon of Thursday 4th April in the Queen’s Hall, with the boarders’ competition following that evening.

Each house performed one small group song and another whole house song. Of the day houses, Allan Girls won the big group song and Horsley won the small group, and of the boarders, Cornwallis won the big group and Rammell won the small group.

The excited crowd cheered on their teams with rapturous support. Well done to the winners and everyone who took part.

WHO NEEDS PHONES!

Not Cranbrook students apparently! Since the banning of mobile phones during the school day the culture of playing board games in the library at lunchtime has really taken off. We have always provided a few games for students to play but this term demand has been phenomenal - many thanks to those parents who have kindly donated board games for the library, including brand new chess sets! We now have students playing Scrabble, chess, Bananagrams, snakes and ladders, chequers, dominoes and many more plus variations of card games on a regular basis each lunchtime. The noise level is often a bit intense but it’s great to see the students interacting and communicating with each other and not a phone in sight!
In addition, the Horsey Girls have been spending the last few months knitting squares! Not many girls knew how to knit, but it gave students the opportunity to teach others and those who were a bit ‘rusty’ enjoyed rediscovering this skill. The Year 12 and 13 students in particular found it a very relaxing pastime and a way to take their minds off work and exams. They made 80 6” x 6” squares and recorded each square on a wallchart in their house room, so they could check on progress. They are now sewing together all the squares to make up a blanket to be sent to the charity *Woolly Hugs*, who will send it out via the *Red Cross* and *Refugee Action* to refugees in camps in Kurdistan and Syria.

The Horsley Girls were incredibly busy on Tuesday 2nd April with their cake sale and raffle to raise money for the Lenton Appeal. They had made up hampers for the raffle too – and looking at the smiles of the students, everyone was very grateful for a little chocolate indulgence!
DEPARTMENT NEWS

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

LA SALLES DES ÉNIGMES

On Monday 25th March, the Year 9, 10, 11 French students were treated to 45mn of French fun with the play “La Salle des Énigmes”. Two young characters and a baby were locked in an escape room, let down by their friends and having to solve riddles with the help of some of our braver students. Clues with an Egyptian flavour were hidden on stage, and everyone was involved trying to solve the problems to unlock doors and escape. I feel all students enjoyed the play and understood a lot of French. It is always a bonus to be exposed to the vocabulary and structures being taught in class outside of the classroom!

Merci Onatti! Revenez l’année prochaine, s’il vous plaît!

YEAR 9 BAYEUX EXCHANGE VISIT MARCH 21ST – 26TH 2019

It was our biggest Bayeux Year 9 group ever this year who were welcomed into Cranbrook School for six days! The 27 students arrived after first stopping in Rye and were collected by their excited Cranbrook partners and families. In school, they toured around our Queen’s Hall, the Performing Arts Centre, the food tech and art rooms, the library and the gym.
They had one lesson with their partners and one astronomy lesson in the Observatory before visiting Blubery and getting a flavour of boarding at Cranbrook. There is no doubt that they were impressed by our campus and facilities!

Before tutor time, they were informed about the very British House systems (with thanks to Harry Potter for giving foreign students an idea of what it is like, sort of!), and many took part in the House Shout practices. They had their first school meal and then visited Sissinghurst Castle before picking up the Cranbrook students to go bowling in Tunbridge Wells. It was a busy first day that finished in the Goudhurst Inn, having been tasked to make as many pizzas and chips vanish from the buffet as possible. I must say, they all succeeded and left happy and full!

The weekend was very much in the hands of the host families, who organised many fun things for our guests to experience. I heard of trips to London; Wembley Stadium, the London Eye, the Globe, Camden market, the Science Museum, St Paul’s, Borough market, the Tate, Soho... Others went to Brighton, Canterbury, Hastings, Battle, and Rye, to visit the beaches. Some visited aquariums, lambing farms, went mini-golfing or trampolining, skating or mountain biking, walking or shopping. Cakes were baked, games played, films watched and a party organised. They ate English breakfasts and drank cream teas. They had so much to tell and share, and not a minute to get bored!

The students spent Monday exploring the touristic London sites, blessed by beautiful spring sunshine to picnic in St James’ Park and returned to Cranbrook with many visual memories of the capital. On their last day, we treated them to a school full English breakfast (devoured!) before giving them a chance to compare the bargains in the Hawkhurst supermarkets, visit the windmill and St Dunstan’s church, and explore the British children’s classics in the town library. One last school meal and it was time to say au revoir. Where did the time go?

It was such a full six days, and all the students said how welcome they felt in Cranbrook, how much fun was laid out for them, how great the food was, and even how the weather was on their side! The success of an exchange rests largely on organisation, but at the end of the day, it is all about the fantastic time each family gave the French students. For many of them, it was their first visit abroad, and they will keep many fond memories of this exchange and will want to learn and practise their English back in class at home.

So our heartfelt thanks go to all the students who signed up for this exchange and to their amazing families for making such a positive impact on these young French people! It will be our turn to join them in Bayeux in May; something to look forward to in the coming weeks!
FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM STUDIES

Modern Foreign Language students have been treated to a few film excursions this term to help with their language comprehension skills. Year 12 Spanish students attended a study day at the British Film Institute in London to watch the award-winning *El labertino del fauno*, otherwise known as *Pan’s Labyrinth* by critically acclaimed Guillermo del Toro. The theatre was very busy with a huge number of students all in attendance, and it was an eye-opening experience with plenty of thought-provoking material to revise with. On 8th March, French Year 12 and 13 students also went along to the British Film Institute for a day of cinematographic analysis on the French film industry. During the afternoon, they watched *Cléo de 5 à 7* as it was International Women’s Day. All the students benefitted hugely from these trips, with experience that will give them an edge when writing future essays.

Sixth Formers were also lucky to be invited to Benenden School to watch a Franco-Spanish film called *Les Femmes du 6ème étage* for their cultural week studies. The film, in contrast to the dark and gritty fantasy *El labertino del fauno*, was a light-hearted film about a friendship between a bourgeois Paisian and the Spanish maids living in the servant rooms above his elegant flat. The students enjoyed the combination of French and Spanish language, testing their comprehensions skills and taking notes for revision material.

GEOGRAPHY

On 2ND April, the Year 12 geographers spent the day travelling around the east end of London to gather information for their Changing Places and Urban Environments topics. They started off collecting information at the London Docklands museum and then walked over to Cabot Square and Canary Wharf and did some window shopping and had lunch in the rather plush shopping centre. In the afternoon they spent time at the former Olympic site and compared new Stratford with the more traditional Stratford and then looked at how Canning Town is rapidly changing due to the new Crossrail station. They finally did a whistle stop tour of London City Airport (making one very happy Max C!) and the Thames Barrier before heading off home via Starbucks.
**SPORT**

**Senior Netball Report 2019**

It’s been a very busy season, with 15 teams representing the school from U12 to Senior 1st team level.

93 matches have been played.

**U16 – Ella Aitkin (Captain)**

This season for the under 16As has been a series of ups and downs; when we won, we won by a lot and when we lost, it was neck and neck. Every player performed amazingly and we very rarely approached a match with negativity. With each of us battling the stresses of work, mocks and revision, our netball was a great relief and it helped us clear our minds and play as a team. Despite seriously good fluency and passing from the team there was definitely room for improvement, something we can hopefully work on in the future. The Captain’s Award goes to Emma Coleman for her consistency in shooting under pressure, and the Coach’s Award is to Liv Keene for her versatility. Most improved is Georgie Parsons who has become a really effective GK. It’s been a great season, with a 50:50 win/loss ratio.

**2nd team – Jess Withnall**

Overall, the season has been a great success winning all but one match against Colfes. This gives us an 86% win rate across the season. We have had some impressive victories, one being a 26-16 win against Benenden 3rd Team and another highlight was beating Kings in our first match. Within the 2nds there have been some great personal performances. We have had two new team members this year who have fit really well with noticeable improvement from both Adeola and Polly. It’s been a great season and it doesn’t end here as we have already played two matches in a summer ladies league based in Tonbridge and have many more after Easter to ensure that we are on top of our game when we tour South Africa in August.

**Awards**

- Polly has worked tirelessly in every match, being a player that can master almost every position on court and was given the Most Improved Award this season.
- Sophia continued to turn over the ball in defence and played up for the 1st a couple of times with much success and she gets the Captain’s Award.
- Finally, Lara who’s shooting has been outstanding and was given the Coach’s Award.
- Maddie Young gains the Most Improved Award for her defensive play and for rising from U14C to 1st team stalwart.
- Connie Turner gains the Captain’s Award.
- Izzy MacKinnon gains the Coach’s Award for her calm demeanour in the circle and outstanding shooting.
Colours are also awarded to the following girls for their commitment to school netball and for their high level performance in the 1st team this year. SBF National Finalists, Tonbridge Ladies League Division 2 winners and only 1 match lost at the start of the season to Kings:

- Izzy MacKinnon (Captain)
- Elsie Arscott (Vice Captain)
- Connie Turner
- Freya Black
- Ella Battson
- Emma Turner
- Maddie Young
- Olivia Tomalin

**Netball End of Season Report – Junior Teams**

It’s been a very busy season, with 15 teams representing the school from U12 to Senior 1st team level. 93 matches have been played.

**U12**

The U12 entered the Tunbridge Wells league in the Autumn Term to give them a head start before the main season. This was a good opportunity for any girls that wished to experience netball competitively to get involved. Across the season the U12A won 3, drew 1 and lost 4, the U12B won 1 and lost 1. They all improved steadily with improved footwork especially. Ogochukwu Madu, Daniella Attwood and Lucia Lee deserve a special mention as they were selected to join the U13A at the County tournament in February. Ogochukwu is the star player for the U12s as she also played 7 matches with the U13A where she was a great addition as GK.

**U13**

The U13s won their Tunbridge Wells league in the Autumn Term convincingly having had a year of experience together in Year 7. They are the second most successful team in the school this season with an 80% win ratio. They came 4th in their pool at the County Championships (the first time Cranbrook has entered this) and played their most competitive match against Sevenoaks B team where they lost by just 1 goal. Captain Chloe Jones is the star player for the U13 as not only did she lead the team with confidence at every match, she attended every practice and played for the U14A several times. She was also selected for the Kent Squad this season and should be congratulated for this excellent achievement.
**U14C**

The U14C have had a good season and enjoyed a mixture of wins and losses. They show potential, especially those new to the game who have picked the skills and understanding of the game up quickly. There are also many more girls that have trained regularly and been keen to play matches. Their enthusiasm and dedication to improving their skills and game play has been impressive. Keep playing - we have had many girls rise through the ranks from U14C to Senior 1st team.

**U14B – Olivia Hazelwood (Captain)**

We had a really good season this year even though we didn't win all our matches. We developed our skills and teamwork as the season went on and worked especially well together to beat Duke of York 19-5! Special mention goes to Teresa Chan, as she worked with me in defence and improved very well throughout the season. Teresa had not played Netball before, neither had Alicia and Gabby, so well done to them.

Thank you to the shooters who scored for the team!

**U14A - Kate Lazarides (Captain)**

This has been a great first season, winning 3 and losing 4 against tough opposition and I have loved playing with everyone. We have all worked together amazingly well considering we are a newly formed team. We played some very difficult games to start the season; however, we gradually started to work as a team and won some challenging matches. Thank you to Chloe Jones for stepping up and playing with us when she was needed, it was very much appreciated. I would nominate player of the season as Evie Tapper for always playing her best, whatever position she was asked to play and always turning up cheerfully to both matches and training.

I can’t wait for next season!

**U15C- Kitty Hind (Captain)**

This season, we have been lucky enough to play in a greater number of matches then a C team usually would, including two which we won against Sevenoaks and Sutton Valence. We have made so many improvements this year and have retained a great team spirit throughout. We have fully enjoyed the season and are excited to pick up where we left off next season.

**U15B - Maddie Rolls (Captain)**

We have had a really enjoyable season, with a 50% win rate. We went into the season determined and enthusiastic and won a tough first game against Kings. From then on, our team was driven and played some great netball: with passes around and into the circle in attack into Erin and Alice who were our shooters; in the centre court area with Lily, Kate, Katie, Maddie, Imo and Jess making some excellent passes and dodges; and in defence were Sophie, Pippa and Grace making sure the oppositions goals didn’t go in and they did a very good job. We are all also proud to say that we won our last match. What a great end to the season!
U15A - Orla Reid (Captain)

The U15As have had a challenging season but everyone has been fully committed to training and developing as a team. We have played a range of schools in matches and took part in the Benenden tournament. Our results have been disappointing but we are aware what we need to work on. We have all enjoyed the season and become closer as a team.

The most improved player was Orla Reid, the player’s player was Atlanta Anley and the coach’s player was Elsie Christopher-Soares.

Junior Boys’ Hockey End of Season Reports

U12 and U13 – Mr Wilson

It was a season of mixed results for our junior hockey sides this season. After a tough loss to Ashford in their opening game, the Under 12s and Under 13s bounced back to put in a much more convincing performance against Marlborough House School, where they won 2 games from 4. This was followed by two emphatic wins for the Under 12A and Under 12B teams against local rivals Skinners. The season finished with the boys getting their first chance to experience full pitch 11 a-side hockey. They unfortunately lost narrowly to Norton Knatchbull in this game but the signs are promising for the future. Special mention must go to Cody Walsh for his leadership in the Under 13s and to the entire Under 12s squad, whose dedication to training was outstanding all season. We are very excited to watch this talented group of hockey players as they progress through the school.

U14A – Tom Errington

We began the season with a solid 2-0 win against Skinners School. The second fixture against Ashfield School was a tight 1-1 draw which really could have gone either way. These were good fixtures to build up our team’s confidence, and having come from different schools it was our first time playing together competitively as a team. Unfortunately, we suffered heavy losses but our biggest win of the season came from a 4-0 victory over King’s Rochester, which was a relief on the back of the last disappointing losses. We ended the season on a high, winning 3-2. The Top Scorer goes to Jack Ross, Most Improved Player to Zander Howells, Coach’s Player to Ethan Mathers and Player’s Player to Tom Errington.

Special thanks to Craig, Matt and Mr Wilson for being very supportive coaches for the team and inspiring all the lads to enjoy this hockey season.
U14B – George Flanders

We played six games this season; won 2, drew 1 and lost 3.

We started well, with a 3-3 draw against a very good U15 Claremont team, with Harry Morrell hitting a hat-trick. This was followed by two unlucky defeats, against St Lawrence and Sutton Valence, where we lost 2-1 and 1-0 respectively. They were both great sides but despite playing well, we didn’t manage to break them down well enough to create chances.

Our first win came at home to Eltham. Tobi made some great saves at the start and we went 2-0 up. Eltham got one back but we carried on attacking and eventually won the game 4-1. We put in a great effort against Battle Abbey U15As but weren’t able to create many chances, losing 2-0 at Marden. The last game of the season was brilliant. A 1-0 win against a good side from Simon Langton was topped with Max Payne’s great goal.

Player of the season goes to Alfie Leach for the high standard of his play, and the commitment and effort he put into every game.

U15A – Victor Thorne

Our hockey season was a short but entertaining one with eight games and a tournament. Straight away we started our great bond with each other and with our coach, this bond only got stronger and it showed in our hockey. Throughout the season we had our ups and downs but with Archie Rutter, Ed Hues and Oscar Roberts as our midfield three we didn’t have too many massive disasters. Also with our top goal scorer, Benjie Bignell, we managed to score a decent amount of goals. Undoubtedly our best performance came against our rivals Sutton Valence. Even though we lost 3-2 we played some amazing hockey and congratulations had to be awarded to Horatio Thomson who made some outstanding saves. Our tournament didn’t go as well as we liked, losing 3 of our 4 group stage matches. We just got through our group stage and narrowly got through our quarter finals. Unfortunately, we got knocked out by Ashford on P-flicks. Our final game of the season was a depressing loss to Simon Langton. We definitely improved on the whole immensely. Thank you Matt for such an amazing season and for making it so enjoyable.

U15B – Tom Morgan

The 15 B’s struggled this season to find numbers to play but the commitment and determination on the pitch never failed from the players. Although they failed to win a match, they massively improved their skills and teamwork throughout the season and never let their heads drop. Key player Charles Drew was an essential addition to the team, creating many attacks and strong in defence. By the end of the season, the team was playing fluent and attacking hockey, and were unlucky not to come away with a victory, and look forward to playing again next year.
Senior Boys’ Hockey End of Season Reports

2nds - George Lowe

The boys endured a wonderful season, having only lost one game, to a rather ‘stacked’ Sevenoaks team. The boys learned from this and went on undefeated for the rest of the season, picking up some notable results on the way, a very credible draw on the road to Eltham, and picking up a point against St Lawrence, and finally overcoming our demons and beating Eastbourne College, although it was through a forfeit. Although all these were hard fought team wins, there were some stand out individual performances. Ben B-C in-between the sticks was solid and ever present, although his job was made easier by the two solid rocks in front of him, Alex Brown and George Lloyd-Taylor. In the midfield Marcus Hinge combined well with Finn Alexander-Birch, who found a new role sitting behind the strikers, which was more suited to his skill set. To finish off up top was a deadly partnership between Luke Alderwick and George Lowe, their deadly pace and a keen eye for goal, was evident on countless occasions.

Finally, we’d like to all wish Matt Walcott all the best next year and were sure he’ll be a success no matter where he ends up. We could not have had the success we did, without him. Thankyou as well to Denbie Timlin, Jack Stewart and the other year 11’s that stepped up well.

- 2nd Team Most Improved: Blaise Hanson
- 2nd Team Players’ Player: Luke Alderwick
- 2nd Team MVP: George Lowe

1sts - Will Farmer

Our training weekend began on the weekend of the 12th of January and showed what we could expect from the season as the likes of Ben Errington and Percy Christopherson dominated proceedings whilst Bill Betts unleashed his repertoire of abysmal chat. Our first game came against Ashford whom we brushed aside with a 5-1 victory- Bill Betts getting a surprise goal, one of only three for the season... Weather interrupted our next two fixtures meaning we came up against Langley Park in the county cup. The game ended 2-2 thanks to two moments of brilliance up front from Finn Piper and a valiant defensive effort from the back three, marshalled by Anthony Williams. We lost on P flicks, a reoccurring theme for the season, but it was a match which Matt described and I quote “the best game of hockey I’ve witnessed by a Cranbrook side”. Admittedly, this doesn’t say much considering he has only watched the girls 1st XI play but it undoubtedly shows our ability. A tough loss to St. Lawrence followed before victory against SV lead us to the rearranged Frank Mason. We were drawn into the ‘Group of Death’ as St. Lawrence and Tonbridge were the other quality teams in our group. Having beat the other two teams in our group and losing to St. Lawrence it all came down to Tonbridge in the last game of the group. It was a nail bitter. Some spectators were forced to watch through squinted eyes as they couldn’t handle the tension. The game ended 2-2, a fantastic result.
against one of the leading schools in the area but it was not enough to get us through to the cup.

We met SV in the semi-final of the plate only for a last minute equalizer to level things up for them. Again we lost on P flicks. Player of the tournament went to self-proclaimed ‘England non-travelling reserve’ Ben Errington who was in fine goal scoring form. Comfortable victories against Sevenoaks and Skinners soon followed before a lazy performance resulted in a 4-2 defeat to Eltham. We finished the season with a convincing 6-2 victory over Norton Grammar- a game which could and should have finished with a double digit score-line.

Overall, it has been a fantastic season winning 8 games and losing only three games in open play. Two of those losses coming against St. Lawrence, a side packed with national standard players and coached by Kwan Browne, Trinidad and Tobago’s hockey king.

I would like to thank all the year 13’s for their efforts in their last year: Will Adey, Rufus Ross, Ben Hillier, Seb Terry, Finn Piper and Bill Betts. They have been exceptional and showcased their talents.

Finally I am going to thank our coaches, Craig and Matt for their tireless work. I think I speak on behalf of every player when I say our season would not have been as enjoyable and successful had it not been for your endeavours. You have made my last season of hockey very memorable.

I wish the team all the best next season and know that you will be in capable hands with the likes of Olly Addis, Percy Christopherson, Ben Errington, Bear Pearse, Anthony Williams and Huw Mathers at the core of your side.

- 1st Team Most Improved  Bill Betts
- 1st Team Players’ Player  Ben Errington
- 1st Team MVP  Percy Christopherson

Full colours awarded for performance and full 1st team representation over 2 years;

- Will Farmer
- Ben Hillier
- Finn Piper

Sports colours for performance and commitment in the 1st team in Year 13;

- Seb Terry
- Will Adey
- Bill Betts
- Finn A-B
- Rufus Ross

...And for holding the 2nd XI captaincy for two years, demonstrating outstanding leadership both on and off the pitch:

- George Lowe
Junior Basketball End of Season Reports

The year 9 team had a tough start to the season, losing their first two games against Bennett and Skinners before a closely fought victory by 1 point over St Greggs rounding out a short season. Stand-out players include Charlie Edwards in Year 9 and Miguel Hinijosa-Berrocal of Year 8.

The Year 10 team had a slightly better season, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1 of their 4 games. A game to note was against Sackville where the Year 10s kept their opponent to only 2 points for the whole game.

They were led by Stanley Brown and Charlie Drew, both of whom also got minutes in the senior team.

Year 11 and Senior Basketball End of Season Reports

Year 11 went undefeated in their 4 games as they showed their talent as a year group. Malachi Hallett, Max Anderson and Tobi Odusanwo impressed and all three played starting roles in the senior team on top of their year 11 games, contributing massively and asserting dominance in games when needed. Other individuals that deserve mention are Michael De Souza, Dami Atere, Jack Jacobs and Todi Odedele as well as many more.

Many Year 11 Basketball players may be leaving at the end of this year and will be sorely missed by the team.

Now onto the seniors, who almost went undefeated for the season as well, if not for a close loss in the final tournament of the year. The best game of the year came against a Tonbridge team who Cranbrook hadn’t beaten for years, winning by an impressive 55-46 at home.

Other games to mention include a comfortable win against Claremont, and a closely fought match against Sevenoaks to start the season.

Year 12s like Aaron Bello demonstrated the impact they could have defensively.

Oliver Roper and Henry Stowell acted as co-captains this year, and they just want to say they couldn’t have asked for a better squad to be a part of and they will miss Cranbrook basketball.

They would also like to say a massive thanks to Nadine for taking over the coaching and committing to their development.
**INTERHOUSE RESULTS**

**Girls’ Interhouse Scores:** Allan and Webster (joint 1\textsuperscript{st}), Horsley (2\textsuperscript{nd}), Blubery (3\textsuperscript{rd})

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**Girls’ Sellers Cup:** Wallace (1\textsuperscript{st}), Tullet and Henry (joint 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd})

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**Boys’ Sellers Cup:** Tullet, Wallace and Henry all tied at the top!

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**SPORT NOTICES**

**Summer Clubs 2019**

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In core PE, we will be concentrating on cricket initially and then moving onto tennis after half term. We will also look at developing cricket in games and then move onto swimming. We will cover other striking and fielding games and athletic track events as time allows.

Students will need a plain black swimming costume/shorts, a big towel and goggles are advised. There are hot showers available afterwards and we will allow time for this. If your son/daughter is unable to swim, they must bring a note with the reason and normal PE kit as they will still be encouraged to exercise wherever possible. If your son/daughter is a non-swimmer, please email Mrs Liz Coleman to let her know: ColemanE@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk

The top four students in each year have been entered in the Aegon Tennis League for Year 7 and 8, and once ability has been assessed, friendly matches will be organised with other schools. Tennis is a great sport to learn and play for life, and Hotshotz are running coaching sessions on Wednesdays after school. We hope many of your children will enjoy this.
Swimming club is run by the Tri Club and if there is evidence of regular commitment, galas will be organised.

Squash club is offered by Gary Marshall on Fridays after school throughout the year, but please be aware that this can clash with matches and is offered more as an alternative for non-team players.

There are some cricket matches on Fridays in games and Saturdays for both girls and boys at U13. Please check SOCS for details of all matches as days do vary depending on the sport.

Although we have had some extremely keen and enthusiastic students attending netball and hockey clubs this term, others have had some difficulties over the last two terms with availability for both the clubs we are offering, as well as fixtures. Going forward, this needs to be resolved. We are working hard as a department to provide the minimum of a games session and one practice per week. Mindful of keen and capable students joining us in Year 9, we are unwaveringly focused on ensuring our current Year 7 and 8 students adopt a committed approach, establishing both high participation and achievement in all areas of sport - both representative and inter school.

Thank you for your continued support.

**SQUASH AT CRANBROOK**

Fridays after school club: 4:00pm to 5:00pm, Years 7 to 13

To sign up, please email Gary Marshall, squash coach: gmsquash@live.co.uk or let Mrs Coleman know.

At least six participants are needed for the club to take place. Squash is charged at £40.00 per term.

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED**

For boys and girls aged 10-12 years with a love of football: Smarden Juniors FC is looking for players for the 2019-2020 season. They play friendly league games and tournaments on Saturday mornings, and train in Smarden on Thursday evenings.

Come along to training for a kick-about. All abilities welcome.

For more information, please contact Mark on the Estates Team by emailing mzwenbourne@btinternet.com or call 01233 770292.

**Cricket enthusiasts, your school needs you!**

Over the last term, the sports department has worked hard to resurrect the cricket programme at Cranbrook School. We have brought back regular Saturday fixtures, appointed some excellent coaches from Invicta Cricket and tried to generate enthusiasm for the sport amongst the entire student population from years 7-13, boys and girls.

We are now seeking parent helpers with a background in cricket to help out on match days. We desperately seek umpires and scorers for our U15 teams (years 9 and 10 combined) as well as for
our 1st XI. If you can help in any way, even if only for one day, it would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Ruairidh Wilson on wilsonr@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk if interested. A full list of fixtures for each team is available on SOCS.

**STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS**

This section is dedicated to Cranbrook School students who have achieved something fantastic, either academically or through extra-curricular activities, in or outside of school. If your son or daughter has a recent achievement that we do not know about and you would like them to be featured in the next newsletter, please email Development@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk

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<td>Lucia Lees</td>
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<td>Victor Thorne</td>
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<td>Eleanor Young-Min</td>
<td>Grade 8 Violin - distinction, and Grade 7 Piano – merit</td>
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Supporting young people during exams

With exam season fast approaching, parents might like to look at the information provided by Young Minds (one of the leading teenage mental health organisations) on how to support their children during this time. The guide offers practical advice on how to help manage anxiety and stress, as well as contact information for a wide range of organisations who can offer more specialist help on a range of mental health issues. Please click here to head to the website.

The Cranbuzz! Student Newsletter

The first edition of The Cranbuzz, the school’s student-led newsletter coordinated by Nnamdi and Eleanor in Year 12, is now available to view on the school’s website. Further editions are planned for the future.

Year 11 Work Experience

Work Experience starts after the public exams finish on June 24th and the majority of students have now passed on their placement details. However, there are a small number of students who have yet to do this. Please could you make sure your son/daughter finalises their Work Experience details over the Easter break if they have not already done so, and that these details are passed to Christine Newman NewmanC@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk by the start of the next term as a matter of urgency.

Exercise for exam success

Scientific research has shown the benefits of exercising, whether walking, running, playing tennis, swimming etc, and the positive effect it has on learning, both short and long term. The endorphins released help to relieve stress, making us feel better and helping to ensure we sleep better. Playing sport also allows your brain to focus on something different which is good for us. This is useful information when considering that exams are right around the corner. For more information on exercising and exams, click here.

Marathon News

On Sunday 28th April, Alex Crews will be running his first marathon! Having enjoyed the challenge of doing the Bedgebury Park 5km each week, he has decided to take on one of the ultimate tests of endurance running. Speaking on the upcoming challenge, Mr Crews comments:

‘Fitting the training in is always difficult (especially with a couple of injuries!) and although I am excited, the second half of the race will be unchartered waters for me. This has been a lifelong ambition of mine, and I am delighted to have this chance to complete my first marathon before I turn 40 later this year. I was given this opportunity through Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala (FUM), a charity that has links with the school and one I gained first-hand experience of when I went to Tanzania
back in 2009. I am delighted to have this opportunity to help raise some money for such a worthwhile cause.’

If you would like to sponsor Alex, the link is https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlexCrews

In other marathon news, Mrs Jade Deeble completed the Maidstone Half Marathon and Mrs Elly Hills did the Hastings Half Marathon, both raising money for the Sam West Foundation. Congratulations!

Junior Bake Off on Channel 4

Applications are now open for the fifth series of Junior Bake Off, and the production company is looking for talented young bakers between 9 and 15 years old. Filming would take place from late July 2019 and applications close Monday 6th May 2019. For more information on how to apply, visit the website.

We hope you have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing our students again on Wednesday 24th April.