



Weekly Bulletin

w/c Tuesday 29th October 2019

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Notices:

- **Sniffer dogs:** Staff and students welcomed trained sniffer dogs Ted and Chester and their handler Lisa into school on Monday. This was part of a joint exercise by Cranbrook School and the High Weald Academy to raise awareness amongst our students of the dangers of the drug culture and specifically the threat posed by involvement in 'county lines' activity. We have had positive feedback from parents in both schools about the stance we have taken.
- **Digital awareness:** Following last night's well-received CSPA talk by Digital Awareness Ltd, please do check out their website: www.digitalawarenessuk.com. You will find some of the resources which were presented at the talk and we will send parents further information after the half-term holiday.
- **For Year 11 Parents:** This is a reminder that Year 11 students need to have sorted their work experience placements by December. The half term break would be a good opportunity to research placements if work on this has not yet been started.
- **Short Story Competition:** Please remind your sons/daughters that the deadline for the annual CSPA sponsored short story competition is Wednesday 30th October. Click [here](#) for full details of the competition and the rules.
- **Careers Fair:** A reminder that the school annual careers fair takes place on Saturday 9th November, 10:00am to 12 midday in the Sixth Form Centre. All students are invited to drop in to this informal event during the course of the morning.
- **Sports round-up: (Rugby)** It has been a positive first half of the season in senior rugby. Some strong performances from the 1st and 2nd XV have showcased the development in the rugby program. The 1st XV, led by Bear Pearse, have won games against Gravesend Grammar, Maidstone Grammar and Roger Manwoods and been unlucky to be on the wrong side of some very close and competitive games with Skinners, Duke of York and St Lawrence College. The 2nd team, led by Jacob Holroyd, have also had close and competitive matches, the highlight being their away win at Duke of York in which some high quality rugby was played. We have also managed to get out a 3rd XV for the first time in three seasons, their highlight was the dominant performance which saw them beat a Bethany 2nd team 17-14. There is a clear strength in player depth this season which is helping drive the quality of rugby, long may this continue! Although some fixtures have not gone their way, the U16A, led by Benjie Bignall, have made huge progress this season. Developing new skills in the lineout and scrum as well as developing new structures and ways of playing the game is a lot to take on and the boys have done very well in this regard. Very close games with Skinners, Tonbridge and Langley Park show just how far they have come in a very short period of time. A great win against Duke of York was good reward for the fantastic attitude they have demonstrated so far. The U16B, led by Bertie Barwick, have shown that as in the seniors, there is a good strength in depth at this level. Wins against Tonbridge and Ashford are proof of the hard work they are putting in. The Junior rugby has had a very strong start to the year too. The U15A team have proven their strength with three wins in four matches; their only defeat was at the hands of rugby powerhouse Judd School in a cup fixture. There have also been very positive performances from all teams in Years 7, 8 and 9 showing that we have a skilful group for the future at Cranbrook.

(Hockey) The girls did brilliantly yesterday and have now qualified for the East Region Finals day on the 19th of November at Ilford. This has been one of the most successful seasons in recent memory for the Cranbrook Hockey girls. Our 1st XI has performed fantastically at tournaments. They finish second in the Tier 4 County championships, went to the regional rounds and succeed in qualifying for the finals and managed to progress to the final stages of the SBF cup. This success has been further backed by a great run of results for our 2nd XI. After a very tough start in the first game, the girls have managed to win their last four games and are really pushing the quality of training and competition for places. The U16A squad performed strongly at their regional competition against some strong school boasting county, region and national players. In the end they finished in 5th position narrowly missing out on a semi-final spot. Showing top quality goal scoring is our U15A team. Their wins coming by clear margins of 5-0 and a whopping 10-0. Not to be out-done our U14As have had a great start to their time at Cranbrook. Starting out with very tough matches against Brighton and Eastbourne College the team has grown into the season. The highlight being a magnificent run in the Tier 2 County competition where they finished against stiff competition in second place. They move on to the regional competition after half term.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 16th October End of Term 1 (3:35pm)
- Monday 28th October Boarders return (from 6:00pm)
- Tuesday 29th October Return to school, first day of Term 2
- Wednesday 30th October Year 12 Information Evening, Queens Hall Theatre (refreshments from 6:30pm, presentation from 7:00pm)

Links to attachments (this will redirect you to the website)

- [Futures](#)
- [SRC sports coaching - October half term](#)

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