

CRANBROOK SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTICES

Will Chuter – Head

Dear Parents,

I want to single out for special praise this week for a few groups of students who have been working particularly hard recently. Firstly, well done to our Year 13 Oxbridge applicants, who have had their interviews this week. Next, bravo to our musicians, who are busy recording pieces to camera for our end of term celebrations, including our joint online service with Cranbrook Primary School (a link will follow). Next, congratulations to the girls' U14 A hockey team, who have been unbeaten this season. Finally, thank you to the 19 members of our new School Council, who will have their first meeting next week, chaired by School Captain, Alice Roberts.

I am very much looking forward to the Christmas events next week (don't forget: Christmas Jumper non-uniform day on Wednesday – bring £1 for the school charities), and I have everything crossed that we will be able to sing in church on Thursday. The Covid numbers are heading in the right direction!

Wishing you all a terrific weekend,

Will



Mandy Smart – Deputy Head

Covid: We are expecting a further delivery of LFD test kits next week to keep people going over the holiday and will distribute as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to test twice-weekly during the Christmas holidays and especially one day before they return to school. As I mentioned last week, we will be testing students on site, as required, on their return to school in January. I am hugely grateful to the parents who have repeatedly volunteered to run the on-site testing. Thank you to those parents for giving up their time to support the testing process in this way. As these volunteers have become very adept at the testing procedures, we hope to facilitate more students in less time and so will be able to test Years 11, 12, 13 as well as Year 10 on the INSET day, Tuesday 4th January. This means fewer students will miss learning time. They should arrive for their testing slot and can then return home. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be tested on Wednesday 5th January. The schedule will be sent out via Parentmail.

The Cranbrook Standard Operating Procedures and the Outbreak Management Plan have been updated to reflect recent Government advice and can be found [here](#).



Festive Fun: Here are some lovely ideas for making your own Christmas decorations during the festive season:

[Free Craft Instructions - How to Make a German Paper Star \(Froebel Star\)](#)
[Hans Christian Andersen Hearts - YouTube](#)

Enjoy - with a mince pie, or two...



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