

**David Clark - Head** 



Dear Parents,

I enjoyed another very special aspect of life at Cranbrook School last Saturday when I spent time watching the various rugby and hockey matches. It is clear that sport and co-curricular activities generally are important dimensions of the student experience and I have been very impressed with the breadth of opportunities on offer. It is great to see how proud students are to represent their school at the weekend and many have told me this week how much they are looking forward to their upcoming matches. Equally noticeable was the support of the parents and it was lovely to speak with a few of you on the touchlines, and I hope to meet more of you in the weeks ahead.

There isn't much time in September to catch your breath before we turn our attention to the next intake of students. We have a full programme of open events this term and Wednesday's Open Evening gave me a great insight into how popular Cranbrook is for prospective parents. It proved to be an excellent event and visitors commented very positively about the interactive and engaging nature of their tours and on the warm and friendly welcome they received from both staff and students. Many thanks especially to the Year 8 and 12 tour guides and also to all those in Year 13 who assisted in departments.

You will note in the calendar that we have some Key Stage Information Evenings coming up, starting with Key Stage 4 on Monday, and I hope that as many of you as possible can attend. These are important occasions to connect you with key staff and I would value the chance to introduce myself to you all too.

Have a great weekend and best of luck to our sporting teams, both home and away.

Best wishes,

David





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### **David Carney - Deputy Head**

### **Successful Open Evening Event:**

Thank you to all the new perspective pupils and parents for attending a great evening last Wednesday. I would like to also thank our brilliant tour guides in Years 8 and 12 who did a fabulous job in making sure the event was a success. To all the staff and parent volunteers thank you also for supporting and showcasing Cranbrook School.



### **Open Morning: Wednesday 20th September**

We will be hosting an open morning for perspective students and parents this coming Wednesday. The event will run from 8:45am - 11:00am where new students and parents will see the school in action during normal hours. A reminder that students in Years 8 and 12 will be acting as tour guides.

### Years 10 and 11 Information Evening: Monday 18th September at 6:00pm

Our first opportunity to meet will be at the Years 10 and 11 Information Evening on 18th September (6:00pm). Both David Clark (Head) and I will be present. You will learn about the year's assessment and reporting milestones, Cranbrook Together, along with wider suggested pathways in key areas to include: study skills, e-safety and wider pastoral care.

### **Immunisations: Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations:**

A reminder for parents of Year 8 students that HPV vaccinations (single dose) will be taking place in school on Tuesday 19th September. For other year groups there will be a catch-up session towards the end of the day.

### **Charity Walk:**

A reminder that the annual Cranbrook School Charity Walk will take place on Monday 2nd October. Sponsor forms and more information will be issued in due course. We look forward to your support.

### Chyna Hulland-Rumley - Assistant Head, Sixth Form

A huge well done to all of our Sixth Form students on completing their first fortnight.

Please note, there will be a Key Stage 5 Information Evening for parents and carers on Monday 25th September. Full information will sent by ParentMail at the start of next week.





### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 18th September: KS4 Information Evening, 6-7pm

Tuesday 19th September: HPV vaccinations

Wednesday 20th September: Open Morning for prospective Years 7 & 9 students

Monday 25th September: KS5 Information Evening, 6-7pm

Monday 2nd October: Charity Walk Friday 13th October: Last day of term

You can find up-to-date term dates, lesson timings and A/B week calendar on the website here.



### Guest Lecture by former student Izzy Wynn-Carter: A Valuable Insight into University Life and Application Process

Last week we were joined by former student Izzy Wynn-Carter who is in her final year of her degree at the London College of Fashion. It is with great pride that we inform you that she returned to our school after completing her studies here at Cranbrook School, where she pursued her passion for Art.

Izzy graciously accepted our invitation to give a guest lecture to the Sixth Form students. Her lecture encompassed her experiences and first-hand knowledge of life at university, particularly the university application process. Izzy shared invaluable insights, tips, and guidance that will undoubtedly benefit our students as they embark on their own journeys towards higher education.

It is worth highlighting that Izzy is one of just 30 pupils chosen to be a part of a highly competitive course at the esteemed London College of Fashion. Entry onto this course is considered a great achievement, as over a thousand candidates vie for the limited spots each year. Izzy's accomplishments are a testament to her skill, dedication, and hard work.

We appreciate Izzy taking the time and effort to share her experiences with our younger pupils. By imparting her knowledge and providing a glimpse into the rigorous yet rewarding world of university life, Izzy has undoubtedly inspired and motivated our students. Her presence and insights have left an indelible mark on their minds.

If any students are interested in hearing more about Izzy's experience or have any follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Kenny

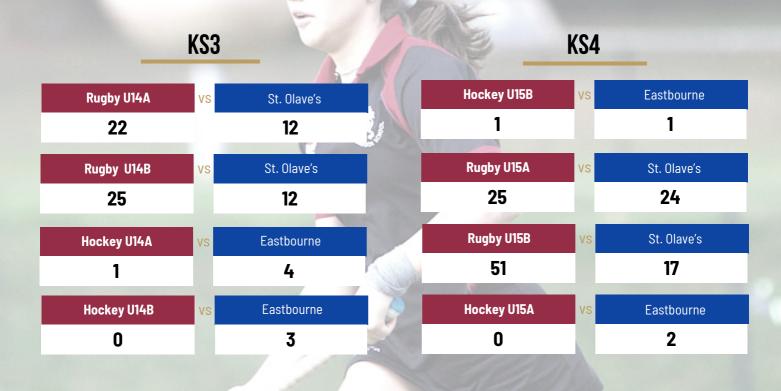
### Match Teas - can you help?

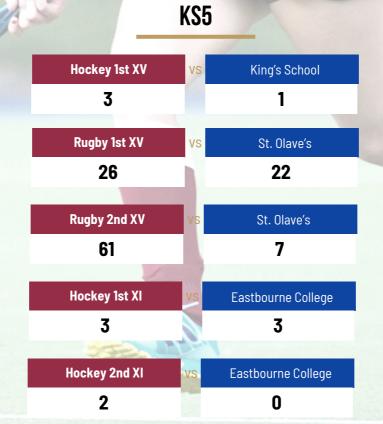
Saturday sports fixtures are an important part of Cranbrook School life and it's great to see parents standing on the sidelines cheering the teams on. Over the past few years Marie Bottle and Becky Addis have helped with the players match teas, and also organised parent / sports staff teas as well - especially welcome when it's really cold on the sidelines. If you would like to help with this please contact Marie or Becky - all that is involved is serving the coffee and tea, and maybe bringing a cake along to serve with the hot drinks. Please email either Marie or Becky if you can help: marietbottle@aol.com rebeccajaddis@gmail.com - they would love to hear from you. Thank you.



### SPORTS RESULTS

### WEEK 1







### **CSPA News:**







The CSPA will be having a stall at this year's Cranbrook Apple Fayre on Saturday 7th October from 11:00am.

We will be running our very popular tombola and would be grateful for donations of biscuits, chocolates, gift items, alcohol etc. Please leave items in the hall cupboard in Barham on Friday 6th October.

We will also be selling homemade cakes, biscuits, muffins etc and would be grateful for your support. Please either leave in the hall cupboard in Barham on Friday 6th October, or bring along to the CSPA stall on Saturday 7th October from 9.30am.

This is our first fundraising event of the year and we would really appreciate your support. All funds raised go directly back to the school to benefit all students, but we rely on parents and guardians to support us.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### Cranbrook Literature Festival Friday 13th - Saturday 14th October:

The Cranbrook Literature Festival is just a month away! There has been much interest in our schools' programme and tickets are selling well for the adult events.

Please do take a look at the programme details below for more information about the author events which include crime, fiction, romance, contemporary, historical as well as food writing and poetry with authors Elizabeth Buchan, William Shaw, E Hannavey Cousen, Alex Preston, Lulah Ellender, Jenny Linford, Vanessa Nicolson, Christy Lefteri and Nicci French. For more details and to book tickets please take a look at the website.

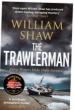
### CRANBROOK LITERATURE FESTIVAL

October 13th and 14th October 2023

Lots of author events in the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook, Kent



















Tickets now available on our website cranbrookliteraturefestival.com

