

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 22nd September 2023

**David Clark - Head**



Dear Parents,

It's never too early for our students to start thinking about their futures. Our Sixth Formers are busy researching university courses and potential careers, and the Year 13s are in the midst of drafting personal statements and it's good to see that they are getting excellent support from key staff. The current Year 9 cohort will soon be asked to choose GCSE options and there is no harm in starting those discussions as soon as possible. Equally important are the current Year 11 students who have big decisions to make about their post-16 options. We are very much hoping that most of them will stay at Cranbrook for their A Levels. However, for some, an alternative may be more appropriate, be that at College or via the Apprenticeship route.

For those students in particular, time is ticking and that is why our careers adviser, Mr Chris Targett, was on hand this week to speak at a Year 11 assembly to offer advice and guidance as students consider their next steps. If your son or daughter is in this final category, please encourage them to engage with the careers team here at School as the service they provide is really first rate (Mr Targett was named as the UK's Career adviser of the year in 2021!).

The Careers Team is also eager to engage with parents who are interested in helping with mentoring students or with offering them work experience placements. As a parent body, you are such a valuable resource and I would urge you to reach out to us if you are able to support in any way.

Some of our most supportive parents are members of the CSPA (Cranbrook School Parents' Association) and I had the pleasure of meeting up with the committee on Wednesday evening. They represent a broad range of families and, without exception, have a real passion for the School and they offer their services in many different ways. They have an important fundraising function which is invaluable but the group also does a great job of connecting parents together and of hosting social events throughout the year which I would encourage you to attend.

Finally, I want to celebrate a notable milestone in Cranbrook's rich history. Following the extraordinary successes of England's Lionesses in the summer, our senior girls are determined to put football on the sporting map at Cranbrook. An intrepid group of boarding pioneers is keen to establish their legacy in this field and have started a new tradition that is the weekly Blubery vs Scott girls football match in the sports hall (see photos on page five). The contest was brilliantly supported and played in a fabulous spirit and I am reliably informed that Blubery emerged victorious. Watch this space for more news about girls' football and how your daughters can get involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head



#### Vaccinations:

The HPV vaccinations went well this week, the Year 8s were well-behaved and we managed to clear most of the other year groups' catch-ups. Kent Immunisation Team will be back to carry out the annual flu vaccinations on Friday 6th October for Years 7-11. A reminder ParentMail will be sent out early next week, so please ensure that you either give permission or decline consent. As with all vaccinations, please can parents make sure that students have eaten breakfast on that day.

#### Key Stage 5 Information Evening:

The Key Stage 5 Information Evening takes place on Monday 25th September. Year 12 Parents should make their way to the Lecture Theatre and Year 13 parents should meet on the Gym Lawn (in front of the Sixth Form Centre) from 5.45pm, when we will move to the The Queens Hall.

#### House Cross Country:

Thursday 28th September, House Cross Country – Students can change into sports/house kit at lunchtime in preparation to leave after Period 5 and move swiftly up to Big Side to compete or support their House,. Students will be able to return home in their sports kit.

#### Moon Festival:

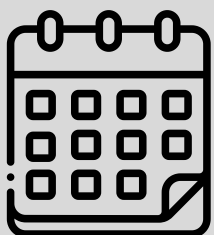
Friday 29th October is Moon Festival aka Moon Cake Festival. We wish everyone celebrating a great weekend and boarding houses will be celebrating within their individual houses.

#### Sunday 1st October: Nigerian Independence Day

There will be assemblies to celebrate this occasion w/c Monday 2nd October.

#### Charity Walk on Monday 2nd October:

Students were issued with sponsorship forms in Tutor time this week and spares are available in Barham if required. We would be grateful if you could contribute where you can. Thank you.



#### Dates for your diary:

Monday 25th September	KS5 Information Evening, 6.00 - 7.30pm
Tuesday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Monday 2nd October:	Charity Walk
Tuesday 10th October:	Open Morning for prospective Years 7 & 9 students
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](#).  
Menus can be found on the website [here](#).



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### Sports Notices - Mr Carter:

House Hockey will commence tomorrow at the astro from 10am through to 1.30pm.

Next Wednesday (27th September), Years 7 and 8 students will have their first fixtures for Cranbrook. Please do check SOCS if your son(s)/daughter(s) are playing. SOCS will also include timings, meeting points which will help you with collection and bus times.

And finally Girls Hockey next Saturday - Kent College and St Edmund's contacted Cranbrook School this week to confirm they cannot play all of the fixtures due to an error on their part. They have Open Mornings which has taken their staff away from fixtures. Therefore I can confirm that the only girls fixtures that are being played next Saturday will be the U14A and U14B matches.

### Cranbrook Scholarship Programme:

The Cranbrook Scholarship Programme provides an exhilarating chance for your child to explore their enthusiasm for a particular subject in greater depth. Within this programme, they will be matched with a Year 12 mentor and engage in weekly sessions that delve into the formation of knowledge within specific subjects. Furthermore, the programme includes educational outings and guest speakers.

Register your child's application for Cranbrook School's Music Scholarship programme and Academic Scholarship programme by Wednesday 27th September. Music auditions are on Tuesday 3rd October and Academic examinations are on Thursday 5th October. Students may register for both the Music and an Academic Scholarship. If your child is applying for an Academic Scholarship in: Art, Computer Science, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Religious Education, Physical Education or Drama they must register their interest with the relevant teacher by Wednesday 27th September. Students may not register for more than one Academic Scholarship. To register, please complete this form, which can also be found on the Key Stage 3 Teams group. Good luck!

### Important notice regarding access to School Site:

Please can parents note the following information regarding accessing the school site.

8:00 - 8:30am: In/Out car park is open, but exit is left-turn only. This eases congestion on Waterloo Road into Cranbrook. Cars can turn left again up the hill to get on to Angley Road for access to Cranbrook and Hawkhurst.

3:00 - 4:00pm: In/Out Car park is closed. This eases congestion on Waterloo Road in and out of Cranbrook. There will be a barrier preventing entry at this time. However, after 4pm parents are able to collect students from here as usual.

Alternative locations for pick up:

- Big Side parking area (on Quaker Lane). Students can walk through Bull Field and wait at the Big Side pavilion, under cover
- Co-Op car park (High Street)
- Tanyard car park (The Hill)
- Jockey Lane car park (Carriers Road)
- High Street

Please do not use Barham Drive as an alternative drop-off/pick-up area: this is always busy with students getting off buses, and so is not safe for lots of cars. It is also used by coaches and minibuses at those peak times.

At all other times, the In/Out car park will be open as normal, with no restrictions on turning out from it.

### CCF Year 9 Recruits:

Please can parents of the new Year 9 CCF recruits fill out the various entry forms this weekend as well as the forms for the Recruits Field Day to Crowborough Camp on Sunday 1st October. All details have been emailed. Any students in Year 9 who have not yet signed up for CCF but would like to join should sign the sheet which can be found in Barham Reception on Monday.



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### Art News:

As the Head of Art at Cranbrook School, I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the students who attended the Art Club this week. It was truly delightful to see the vibrant atmosphere and the immense enthusiasm for art displayed by each and every one of you. It provides an excellent platform for you to explore your creativity, learn new techniques, and foster a deeper appreciation for the world of art.



I would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs Pomeroy for her outstanding efforts in organising and running the Art Club. Her commitment and passion have made the club a vibrant and inclusive space, where every pupils feels inspired and encouraged to express themselves through art. Mrs Pomeroy's guidance has been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for her dedication.

Additionally, I want to extend my congratulations and appreciation to the Sixth Form prefects for their exceptional work in organizing the brand new Textiles Club. The club's success exceeded all expectations, attracting a multitude of senior pupils who displayed extraordinary talent and passion for this innovative fusion of textiles and art. The ingenuity and hard work demonstrated by our prefects in creating this club on their own merit is commendable and serves as a positive sign for the year ahead.



I want to applaud each and every one of you who participated in either the Art Club or the Textiles Club. Your dedication, creativity, and commitment have not only enriched our school community but have also showcased the immense talent within our student body. Your strong presence and active engagement contribute to the vibrant and nurturing atmosphere we strive to create at Cranbrook School.

Mr Kenny, Head of Art



### CSPA News:

Did you know that you can shop and raise funds for the school at no extra cost?



### Amazon Smile:

Whenever you shop at Amazon, go to AmazonSmile instead of the usual site. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know - same products, same prices - but for every eligible purchase you make, Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (exc. VAT, returns & shipping fees) to the CSPA! To sign up, please visit: <http://www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/amazon-smile>.



### The Giving Machine:

When buying online, you can generate a free cash donation to the CSPA with every purchase via The Giving Machine. There are over 2,000 top retailers taking part in the scheme, making it easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item. You can download a free desktop reminder and mobile app. To sign up, please visit: <http://www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/the-giving-machine>.



### Cranbrook Carer's Support Group:

Parents are welcome to join the Cranbrook Carer's Support Group courses, which take place in October. These cover aspects of youth and adult mental health, and full details can be found [here](#).

For any queries, please contact: [development@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:development@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)



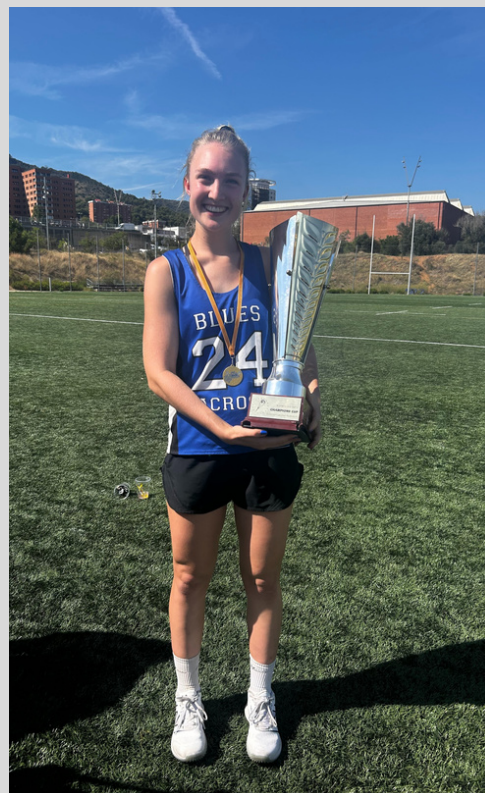


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### This week in pictures:

Students have been busy this week: Blubery v Scott Girls' football, Warhammer Club, second place in the U19 Kent Schools County Netball Tournament (and qualification for the regionals in November), Year 8 students finding their inner witch - one of many exciting themed spaces in our recently refurbished library and and celebrating Sofia's summer win with her Premiership Lacrosse team.







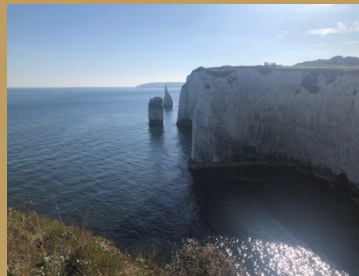
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### Year 12 Students visit Dorset

Last week, Year 12 Geography students spent three days exploring the Isle of Purbeck and Jurassic Coast in Dorset. They visited many of the classic landforms including Old Harry's Rocks, Studland Beach, Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door and Chesil Beach as well as the settlements of Corfe Castle and Swanage.

Mr Penny



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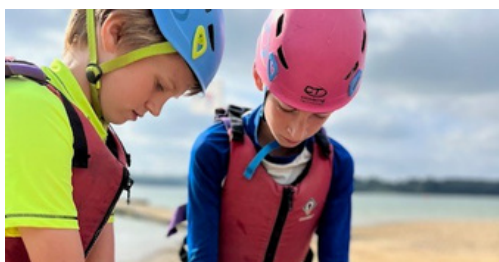


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### Years 7 & 9 Induction Events at Bewl Water

Students from Years 7 and 9 enjoyed sunny and fun-filled days at Bewl Water. Here are a few photos from their action-packed sessions.





# SPORTS RESULTS

W/C MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

## KS3

Rugby U14A	vs	King's Canterbury
17		10
Rugby U14B	vs	King's Canterbury
32		0
Hockey U14A	vs	Sutton Valence
0		0
Hockey U14B	vs	Sutton Valence
0		0

## KS4

Hockey U15B	vs	Sutton Valence
2		2
Rugby U15A	vs	King's Canterbury
15		12
Rugby U15B	vs	King's Canterbury
0		47
Hockey U15A	vs	Sutton Valence
0		3

## KS5

Rugby 1st XV	vs	King's Canterbury
14		20
Rugby 2nd XV	vs	King's Canterbury
21		24
Hockey 2nd XI	vs	Sutton Valence
4		0
Hockey 3rd XI	vs	Sutton Valence
5		1