

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 13th October 2023

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming new students to the School and yet, six weeks on, they seem like part of the furniture - and that includes me! It has been a really good start to the academic year and I have been hugely impressed with what I have seen both inside and outside the classroom. Equally, the ambition of our students has been notable, in particular from our Sixth Formers. I regularly pop into the Sixth Form Centre, it is good to see a very positive work ethic on show, and most Year 13 students are finding additional motivation from the university admissions process.

There is no respite these days from the assessment treadmill and I always empathise with students when they are preparing for or are in the midst of important exams. The mock exam cycle for Years 11 and 13 has started in earnest and I would like to wish everyone all the best for these important academic challenges. To assist with these, I am grateful to many staff for the additional support that they provide and thanks especially to those subjects that run after-school revision and even extra sessions during the half-term break.

Parent support is a vital element in helping our students to navigate through their educational journeys and I am delighted that face to face Parents' Evenings have resumed. It was good last night to meet with so many current Year 7 parents and I valued the time we had together to discuss how well their children had settled at Cranbrook. The time that parents give to assisting with CSPA events is crucial too and I am indebted to the committed group who organised last weekend's Cranbrook School stall at the Apple Fair - they contributed brilliantly to an excellent community event.

Talking about parental involvement, you will also receive a letter via ParentMail from me about financial giving. Thank you, very much, to all those parents who currently give to the School and, as I hope you are aware, your donations help us in many ways to offer additional opportunities to our students. However, if you have not done so already, I would ask that you consider helping out and the relevant information can be found [here](#).

Before signing off, I would like to say a massive well done to the U18 girls hockey team on their emphatic win on Wednesday. I only managed to watch the first half where the teams were evenly matched and the scores were locked at 0-0. I was delighted therefore to hear that they scored 5 unanswered goals in the second half and such a victory bodes really well for a decent cup run for the team.

Finally, I am envious of the students attending our many trips this half-term. The Classics department are currently in Rome, our linguists are en route to Malaga, the CCF cadets are preparing for their exercise in Crowborough and a fortunate group are heading to Lanzarote for a scuba diving adventure.

Here's to a happy half-term to everyone.

Best wishes,

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head



Thank you to all the staff and families who have supported our students in this busy term, especially the coming together to raise money for our charities, ensuring that our community traditions are kept alive. I would also like to thank all the students, parents and staff who supported Open Morning and Evening events through this term.

Congratulations to our young gardeners from Gardening Club who collected a certificate of excellence for their contribution towards 'Cranbrook in Bloom', a lovely way to be part of the local community. Also, thank you to Wildlife Club who maintain the beautiful wild flower meadow on campus.

This is the first time our students and staff will have experienced a two-week break for the October half-term. We hope you all have a well-deserved break and that the students return feeling refreshed and ready to tackle another busy half-term in the run up to Christmas.

With Remembrance events approaching, poppies will be available to buy from Reception when we return from the half-term break.

Can we please remind parents that Key Stage 3 and 4 students should arrive in school wearing full uniform each day, even if they have PE first lesson.

Boarders return on Sunday 29th October. Day pupils return and school opens at the usual time on Monday 30th October. All students should report to their tutor rooms in period one, where they will all be issued with new door entry cards and lanyards.

### Community Vaccination Clinics:

The School Immunisation Team would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics, if your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to school. Parents can book an appointment via their website using [this link](#). The website also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the School-Aged Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, parents are invited to complete the following surveys: [Parent/ Carer Survey](#) or [Young Persons Survey 11-19 year olds](#).

### Students' Medication - A Reminder from the Medical Centre:

A reminder from the Medical Centre that students should not be carrying medication on them. Where possible, day students should take pain relief in the morning before attending school and attend the Medical Centre later in the day if subsequent doses are required. For students requiring longer term pain relief, please provide paracetamol or ibuprofen to the Medical Centre, where possible. Other prescribed medication should be handed into the Medical Centre. This must be in its original box, with the student's name and directions of use. The student will then need to attend the Medical Centre to receive their dose. Where possible please try and work doses outside of school hours.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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### Performing Arts News:

#### Newcomers' Concert:

A huge thank you and well done from the Performing Arts Department to all those musicians who took part in the Newcomers' Concert in the Vickers Auditorium on Thursday. There are many talented musicians who are new to the school, alongside several brave beginners, and we are very grateful to you all for sharing your wonderful pieces. It was a very enjoyable concert for all in attendance.



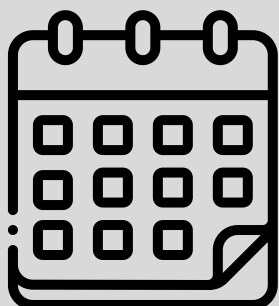
#### Chicago – The Musical:

I have been absolutely blown away by the talent and enthusiasm of the students here at Cranbrook. It has been a pleasure seeing over ninety students audition for the next school production, and I am very sad that I cannot have everyone in the cast. There is simply not enough space on the stage! It is clear that there is enormous enthusiasm for the Performing Arts at Cranbrook, which is fantastic. I urge anyone who didn't make it into the cast this time to keep on putting themselves out there and getting involved. If things haven't worked out this time, it is important not to lose hope. I will be looking to develop performance opportunities throughout the year, so watch this space.

#### DanSing (Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November):

The annual Cranbrook tradition of DanSing was launched this week, with auditions taking place every day in the Wilkinson Studio. There is a fantastic array of acts that have put themselves forward and the list of successful candidates will be circulated as soon as possible. What is even more pleasing is the range of year groups that have put themselves forward to take part. Tickets are now available to purchase from the [Queen's Hall Theatre](#).

Mrs Watson (Director of Performing Arts)



#### Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th October:	Last day of term
Sunday 29th October:	Boarders return
Monday 30th October:	First day of term
Wednesday 8th November:	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 9th November:	CSPA Bonfire Night
Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November:	DanSing, Queen's Hall Theatre
Friday 15th December:	Term ends (12:30)

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

### CSPA

#### Cranbrook Apple Fayre:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, supported and helped at the CSPA stall at the Cranbrook Apple Fayre last Saturday. It was a great success and we raised £425, breaking all previous records!

#### Secondhand Shop:

The Secondhand Shop at The Hut will be open next Thursday, 12th October, 8am-9.30am. As we are now able to accept card payments, there no need to bring cash or cheques.



### Boarders' Bulletin:

The Boarders' Bulletin is now available to view on the website [here](#).





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### Futures Bulletin:

The latest version of the Futures Bulletin can be viewed on the website [here](#).

### Year 11 Trip to Rome:

Year 11 Latin students are currently having an incredible time in the sun in Rome enhancing their Roman civilisation knowledge. They went to Ostia on Wednesday, have done the sights of Rome on Thursday and are visiting Hadrian's Villa on Friday before flying home.



# IT'S SHOW TIME



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buy!

**CSPA**  
Firework Spectacular  
Warming chilli bowls  
Firework + music show  
Giant bonfire  
10% off with  
Cranbrook Rewards

Thursday 9th November 2023  
5.30 - 7.15pm Cornwallis Field

Tickets £10 pp includes chilli bowl or vegetarian alternative  
Tickets only available online (not at the gate)  
[cranbrookschoolparents.com/fireworks](https://cranbrookschoolparents.com/fireworks)

Disclaimer: Children are the responsibility of parents or guardians. Adults to accompany school age children. No pets. In the event of extreme weather conditions where it is deemed unsafe to continue, a reserve date will be 16 November. Safety is a prime consideration and sparklers will not be permitted at the event. Tickets only available to Cranbrook School families due to crowd and safety restrictions.

23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER



CRANBROOK SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

# DANSING 2023

**CRANBROOK'S SELL-OUT SPECTACLE IS  
BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR!**

**TICKETS FROM: [WWW.QUEENSHALLTHEATRE.CO.UK](http://WWW.QUEENSHALLTHEATRE.CO.UK)**



# SPORTS RESULTS

W/C MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

KS3

Rugby U13A	vs	Duke of York	Rugby U13B	vs	Sevenoaks
12		7	2		4
Rugby U13B	vs	Duke of York	Rugby U13C	vs	Sevenoaks
6		6	0		8
Rugby U12A	vs	Duke of York	Hockey U12A	vs	Sevenoaks
8		4	0		1
Hockey U13A	vs	Sevenoaks	Hockey U12B	vs	Sevenoaks
2		9	3		1

## SATURDAY FIXTURES

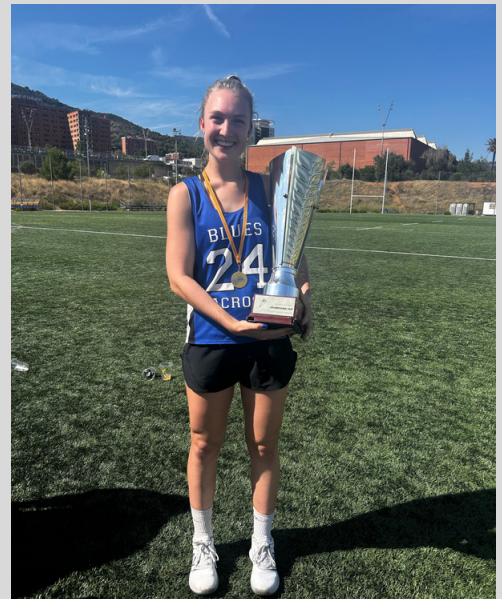
Rugby U14A	vs	Duke of York
15		28
Rugby U14B	vs	Duke of York
41		10
Hockey U14A	vs	KC Canterbury
0		1
Hockey U14B	vs	KC Canterbury
0		5





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