

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 10th November 2023

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

Over the last couple of weeks, as we approached the anniversary of the end of World War One, several people have told me that 'Cranbrook does Remembrance really well.' Well, they weren't wrong and I had the privilege of being involved in this morning's service. It was an extraordinarily special occasion. Hosting the event in the magnificent setting of St. Dunstan's Church helps to add a level of poignancy to proceedings, and having the CCF and choir contribute so beautifully all helped to create a fitting tribute to those who had fallen in past conflicts. All members of the Cranbrook School community responded admirably and I am so grateful to all those who made everything run so smoothly. Sadly, I will be unable to attend the parade on Sunday as I will be representing Cranbrook at the Independent School's Show in London, but if you are free, I would highly recommend that you come along to watch the march past on the High Street.

Remembrance is clearly a long-standing tradition in the School calendar and I suspect that Fireworks Night will also become a much-anticipated November ritual, as last night's event proved hugely popular and successful. It was such a lovely family occasion and, despite the mud, everyone involved had great fun and enjoyed the spectacular firework finale. Huge thanks to the amazing CSPA team for their efforts and to all the staff who helped out – we are so grateful.

Finally, on Wednesday, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening which, again, was much appreciated by all the attendees. It provided a great opportunity for our current Year 11 students to investigate their A-level options and also to get a closer insight into Sixth Form life. It was particularly pleasing to welcome so many external families, too, who were interested in both day and boarding places from next September. Feedback from the evening would confirm that Cranbrook continues to be highly regarded in the local area and also increasingly known and valued by parents from further afield.

Have a great weekend and best wishes,

David



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Thank you to all the Year 11 students and their families that attended Wednesday's Sixth Form Open Evening, we hope you found it useful.



### Anti-Bullying Week:

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. All students will have House assemblies on the importance of speaking up, and will be asked to complete our whole school annual survey on bullying during tutor time.

This Anti-Bullying Week,  
let's make a noise about bullying.

**MAKE A  
NOISE  
ABOUT  
BULLYING**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
#AntiBullyingWeek  
#MakeANoise

Make sure you share your experiences by completing  
the whole school survey by the end of the week.

### Futures Bulletin:

The latest version of the Futures Bulletin is now available to view on the website [here](#).

### CADSAS Talk:

CADSAS are hosting an online talk from Russell Parry on "Meteorites and the Appley Bridge Meteorite Strike" at 7.30pm on Monday 13th November. It is free for staff and Cranbrook students to listen to the lecture. If you would like the zoom link to access it, please email Mrs Sutton [suttons@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:suttons@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk).

### CSPA

#### Firework Spectacular!:

A full report will follow next week, but a massive thank you to David Clark and Dave Carney for their outstanding support, to Tony and the Estates Team for being fabulous and to the staff in the Kitchen for the most delicious chilli. Thank you too, to the wonderful firework volunteers who made it all work - we couldn't have done it without you and are very grateful for your time and help.

#### Secondhand Shop:

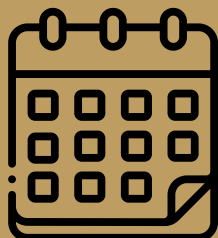
The shop will be open next Thursday 26th November, from 8-9.30am and next Saturday, 18th November 9-10.30am. Full details can be found on the CSPA website [here](#).





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### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th November:

Wednesday 22nd November:

Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November:

Wednesday 13th December:

Friday 15th December:

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 13 Parents' Evening

DanSing, Queen's Hall Theatre

School and Community Carol Service, St Dunstan's

Term ends (12:30)

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

### Sports Update:

On Wednesday the U13 hockey team competed in the annual U13 Tier 2 County Cup.

The team started well in the group stages winning all of their games, but narrowly lost their final match to St Michael's Prep School 1-0. Cranbrook finished second in the group stages, progressing into the quarter-final against Radnor House. With minor tactical changes, the girls adapted well and won convincingly 2-0. The momentum continued in the semi-final where they beat Highworth 2-0, playing exceptional hockey given the importance of the match. The team unfortunately lost to St Michael's in the final who had some fantastic individual players and were worthy winners. Nonetheless, Cranbrook were exceptional throughout the tournament and will hopefully progress through to the Regional Finals with St Michael's Prep School. Player of the tournament was Sylvie who was reliable from the back, consistent throughout the tournament and created many opportunities going forward. Another mention must also go to Leah who was exceptional on the right wing and was complimented by many other coaches on her electric speed and control over the ball, resulting in many goal scoring opportunities for the team.



### Group Stages

1-0 win against Weald of Kent Grammar

3-0 win against St Lawrence College

1-0 win against Highworth

1-0 loss against St Michael's

### Quarter finals

2-0 win against Radnor House

Semi Final

2-0 win against Highworth

Final

5-1 loss to St Michael's

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### Netball:

A huge well done to the U14s for being unbeaten in the Kent County Netball Tournament, meaning they have qualified for the Regionals - along with the 1sts - which take place in a couple of weeks' time. Special mentions to Cece (U14s) and Georgie (1sts) who both received Player of the Tournament for their respective teams.



Menu for week commencing Monday 13th November



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### Toys, Tins & Tinsel Appeal 2023



Cranbrook School

We are back for our **7th Year** with the support of

**Cranbrook CoE Primary School  
Cranbrook School & Cranbrook CSPA  
Co-Op Cranbrook  
The George Hotel**

All four donation points will be accepting donations between

**Monday 6th November and Monday 11th December**

#### HOW TO HELP;

- **New Toys & Gifts (ages from birth to 16 years old)**
- **New Christmas decorations**
- **Non-perishable food items and cupboard items; tinned goods, rice, pasta, cereal, tea, coffee, flour, sugar, spaghetti**
- **Christmas related food items and essential; Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, Christmas crackers**
- **Household Essentials; toiletries, laundry detergents, feminine hygiene products**







# Service of Remembrance

