

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 17th November 2023

David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

I am reliably informed that Cranbrook made a little bit of history last weekend. We had been invited up to Battersea for the Independent Schools Show, an event to promote top schools to parents in and around Greater London. Bearing in mind that this prestigious event is for independent schools, we were rather chuffed to be invited to speak as part of a panel discussing the benefits of state boarding. It proved hugely successful for us and particularly enlightening for those attending – most of whom didn't even know that state boarding schools actually existed. Without exception, members of the audience were bowled over by our location, site and facilities but, most of all, they were happily surprised by the value for money that a Cranbrook education provides for its boarders. Needless to say, I am a huge advocate of Cranbrook's boarding: please do pass the word to those in your networks who are interested in joining us but are based outside the catchment area.

Interestingly, my conversations at the weekend with prospective parents often focussed on Cranbrook's enviable co-curricular provision. They were invariably impressed with the range of clubs and societies on offer and with the impressive standards reached by our sporting, musical and dramatic students. On that note, a huge "well done" to the amazing netballers. Both teams recently qualified for the regionals and, as far as we are aware, we have never before had two teams progress in the same season.

The busy nature of life at Cranbrook means that I don't often get time to catch up with parents, so it was good to be at the recent Year 8 Parents' Evening. This cohort has clearly made a very positive impact at School and it was lovely to hear such good feedback from both staff and parents. Saturdays also provide an opportunity to meet parents when watching sport, and I am so grateful to those who cheer on our teams and also help with refreshments. Making my way from the astro to Big Side and then on to Jaegers is always something of a challenge but it works wonders for my daily step count and I get to see some wonderfully competitive matches – even if I am only able to watch one half of a game. This weekend, I will be helping to host all the 13+ candidates for their assessment day. Therefore, sadly, I may not be able to get to any of the fixtures but I would like to wish everyone well with matches against Sutton Valence and Mayfield.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope for more blue skies tomorrow.

David



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David Carney - Deputy Head

As you will have seen and heard from students, they have all now been issued (by House) with their school lanyards and electronic key cards. The lanyards help staff identify our pupils on site and should be worn at all times, which should help avoid the cards being wiped by a nearby mobile phone. If a student's key card stops working, they can be reprogrammed in Barham main reception. Please could you remind students that they are responsible for keeping them safe and if a new card has to be issued (including the lanyard and plastic wallet), there will be a charge of £5 payable via ParentMail.



From the Safeguarding Team - Nitrous Oxide Law Change (UK):

Last week the government announced that the possession of nitrous oxide, also known as NOS or Laughing Gas, is now a criminal offence in the UK. More information about the substance can be found [here](#), and information about the ban can be found [here](#).

From the Learning Support Team - Supporting Your Child:

We are shining a light on neurodiversity next week, to celebrate our community as one that is brimming with individual and collective potential.

We recognise that at times students sometimes require additional support with challenges they face and will be holding a drop-in session for any parents and carers who are interested in finding out more about neurodiversity. This will take place on Friday 24th November in Crane House between 3.00 and 4.00pm. We would welcome any particular questions in advance but do feel free just to drop by on Friday for a chat after signing in at Barham reception. If you would like further information, please email [Lea Dudding](#).

Links to information for parents/carers:

[ADHD](#)

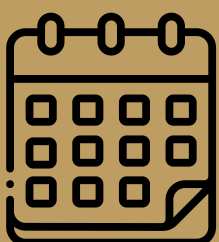
[ADHD and Autism - a Handbook for Families](#)

[Dyscalculia](#)

[Dyslexia](#)

Futures Bulletin:

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



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd November:

Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November:

Friday 8th December:

Wednesday 13th December:

Friday 15th December:

Year 13 Parents' Evening

DanSing, Queen's Hall Theatre

Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas lunch

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](#).

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Diwali - Exploring the Significance of Enlightenment in Art across Cultures

As we delve into the artistic realm during this festive season, we are exploring the theme of enlightenment and how it plays a significant role in art across various cultures.

Diwali, celebrated by millions around the world, represents the triumph of light over darkness and the victory of good over evil. Throughout history, art has been a powerful medium to convey profound ideas and emotions. The concept of enlightenment from dark places has been explored through various art forms, reflecting the beliefs, traditions, and values of different cultures. By studying and appreciating such diverse perspectives, we gain a deeper understanding of the world around us and foster cultural empathy. From Renaissance paintings depicting heavenly light to Chiaroscuro used in films and photography we highlighted the universal nature of seeking and embracing enlightenment.

May the warmth of the festive lights of Diwali brighten our hearts and bring us comfort.

Mr Kenny (Head of Art)

CSPA

Secondhand Shop:

The secondhand shop will be open tomorrow, Saturday 18th November from 9-10:30am and next Thursday, 23rd November from 8-9.30am. More details can be found on the CSPA website [here](#).



Fireworks Spectacular - what a night!:

A fantastic night was had by all last week at the CSPA Fireworks Spectacular. The weather was kind, the volunteers were out in force and the candyfloss makers didn't stop. A wonderful evening of fireworks, music, School community and goodwill, with a tremendous £4,575 raised - all of which goes back to the School for the benefit of all students. Thank you to the volunteers, staff, estates and kitchen teams and to the parents and students for your support. To view more photos from the event, please click [here](#).



Menu for week commencing Monday 20th November

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SPORTS RESULTS

W/C MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

KS3

Rugby U13B	vs	Ashford	Rugby U14A	vs	Dartford
6		8	14		19
Rugby U12B	vs	Ashford	Rugby U14B	vs	Dartford
2		10	15		7
Hockey U13A	vs	Ashford	Hockey U14A	vs	SVS
1		1	1		2
Hockey U13B	vs	Ashford	Hockey U14B	vs	SVS
0		0	2		1
Hockey U13C	vs	Ashford			
4		0			
Hockey U13D	vs	Ashford			
1		0			

KS4

Hockey U15B	vs	SVS
2		3
Rugby U15A	vs	Dartford
7		57
Rugby U15B	vs	Dartford
26		26
Hockey U15A	vs	SVS
1		1

KS5

Hockey 1st XV	vs	SVS
2		3
Rugby 1st XV	vs	Dartford
10		20
Rugby 2nd XV	vs	Dartford
27		7
Rugby 3rd XV	vs	Dartford
5		26
Hockey 2nd XI	vs	SVS
6		0
Hockey 3rd XI	vs	SVS
0		0



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Can you help Teddy Mayor spread a little magic this Christmas?

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps to bring joy to children and teenagers in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells who are in need, or whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of year.

We are looking for appropriate gifts for children aged between 1 and 18. Gifts can be bought locally or from our Amazon Wishlist or see the tags on our 'Giving Trees' at St George's Childcare, Chilston Road and in Royal Victoria Place.

**New toys only please, no guns or candles.*

Please drop your gifts off at one of these locations:
Maddisons Residential (The Pantiles); St George's Childcare (Chilston Road); The Amelia Scott (Mount Pleasant Road); Barsleys (Paddock Wood); Trinity Theatre or Royal Victoria Place.

Thank you for your support and for more information please visit www.twmta.co.uk
Any queries, please contact trevor.crawford@mayorstoyappeal.co.uk

Scan here to see our Amazon Wishlist.

Please donate your gifts between 10th Nov and 11th Dec

Logos: The Amelia, Royal Victoria Place, Big Self, Maddisons, St George's, Barsleys, Cranbrook School, Trinity.

Toys, Tins & Tinsel Appeal 2023

Logos: Cranbrook CoE Primary School, The George Hotel, 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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