

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 24th November 2023

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

As I pen these words I can't seem to keep certain songs and dance moves out of my mind. It appears that I am experiencing 'post DanSing syndrome'... something that I suspect everyone in last night's audience is currently feeling. I had been told about DanSing for several weeks by numerous students and I had been instructed to make sure I bought my ticket early for fear of missing out. Needless to say, I am rather delighted I did as the Queen's Hall was sold out last night for the first performance. I went along with my family and we just loved it. My son was beaming throughout and it is all he has talked about since and he is now on a mission - he desperately wants to perform on that stage when he's older. It was such a special evening and one of the best 'feel-good' school events I have ever been to. The whole show was brilliantly organised by the staff and senior students and the range of acts was great to see. Students from Year 7 all the way to Year 13 performed and the talent on show was spectacular. From start to finish it was a truly great Cranbrook occasion and it is clearly a tradition that will live on for future generations to enjoy. And I wanted to share with you a message I received from a parent which rather captures the essence of DanSing – it says this "I think it embodies what Cranbrook School is all about - everyone celebrates other people's talent and their nerve to get up there and dance or sing, and I think you will be blown away by the talent. It's another amazing string to Cranbrook's bow!"

On a different note, a personal reflection if I may...

I finally know and understand how it feels. After all these years in teaching, I can now fully empathise with parents in one key area of their child's life. For the first time, I truly get it and it's pretty tough and probably tougher than I imagined. What am I referring to? Preparing your child for the Cranbrook entrance exam! My eldest sat the 13+ entrance test last Saturday after what has been several months of preparation and no shortage of angst. Whatever the result, however, I feel very proud of him as he worked hard, sacrificed a good deal of free time and he faced the challenge with no shortage of stoicism. We are relieved that it is all over and, like many of you, we now await the outcome with a sense of trepidation.

Best wishes and happy weekend.

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head

Well done to all of our talented students who took part in DanSing this week. Tickets always sell out quickly, so thank to you for your support.



Following on from the letter regarding absences which was sent earlier this week, here is a reminder of how you can report a student's absence. Please use the most convenient way from the list below. Please leave a message with the student name, Year, House and Tutor Group (if known), reason for absence and likely date of return to school.

- Telephone School Office on: 01580 711 800 and select OPTION 1
- Email: [absence@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)
- Use ParentMail App



### Year 9 Scholars:

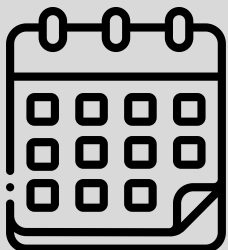
Introducing our talented Year 9 scholars, who are beginning a two-year commitment to their specific scholarship subjects. These young learners are starting an enriching educational quest, focusing intensely on their selected areas of study, and working hard to fulfil their scholarship objectives. Their journey will include attending masterclasses led by guest speakers, engaging in scholarship tutorials, and experiencing educational excursions. This marks an exhilarating start for these students as they embark on this extensive academic expedition.

Dr Darby

### Sellers House:

Years 7 and 8 have been filling shoeboxes with gifts for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Appeal in collaboration with the Congregational Church of Cranbrook and the Cranbrook Charity Committee. Students will be delivering our gifts to the Church on Tuesday and they will then be winging their way to bring Christmas cheer to children around the world.

Mrs Rahtz



### Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th December:	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13th December:	School and Community Carol Service, St Dunstan's
Friday 15th December:	Term ends (12:30)
Wednesday 3rd January 2024:	Boarders return (18:00)
Thursday 4th January 2024:	First day of term

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



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### Futures Bulletin:

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

### Dyslexia and Neurodiversity:

As November is Dyslexia Awareness Month, I thought this would be an opportune time to shed some light on this often misunderstood condition and its impact in the field of education. In the article, I not only delve into my personal journey of discovering and managing dyslexia but also highlight the challenges I faced as a dyslexic teacher. I discuss how I have learnt to manage my dyslexia, overcame self-doubt, but also provided valuable insights into the difficulties and challenges I have had to face as a pupil and professionally. My intention is to create an authentic account that would resonate with pupils, parents, educators and individuals with dyslexia. You can read it [here](#).

Mr Kenny

### CSPA:

Raise funds for the CSPA and Cranbrook School at no cost to yourself with The Giving Machine. If you're buying your Christmas presents online this year, sign up to The Giving Machine and every time you make a purchase, you'll generate a free cash donation for the School at no cost to yourself!

To sign up, please visit the CSPA website:  
[www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/  
the-giving-machine](http://www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/the-giving-machine)

### Secondhand Shop:

The secondhand shop will be open tomorrow, Saturday 25th November and on Thursday 30th November from 8:00-9:30am. More details can be found on the CSPA website [here](#).



## Cranbrook REWARDS

The CSPA is the social network for parents of Cranbrook School pupils. We hold quizzes, balls, artisan evenings, lectures and dinners that brings parents together and raises money to support the school.

**This year we're offering a loyalty card - Cranbrook Rewards.**  
Members will qualify for discounts and rewards from shops, restaurants and businesses in our community as well as discounts off CSPA events.

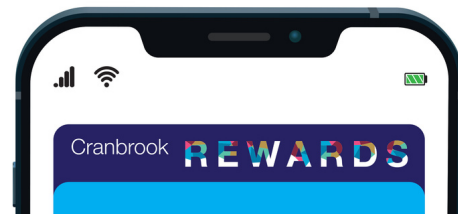


**Scan this code**

and head to CSPA Cranbrook Rewards membership to sign up and pay your £75 annual subscription.

[cranbrookschoolparents.com](http://cranbrookschoolparents.com)

**Thank you!**



Menu for week commencing Monday 27th November

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



# SPORTS RESULTS

W/C MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

## KS3

<b>Hockey U13A</b>	vs	Radnor House	<b>Hockey U13B</b>	vs	Radnor House
<b>10</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Hockey U13B</b>	vs	Radnor House	<b>Hockey U13C</b>	vs	Radnor House
<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Hockey U13C</b>	vs	Radnor House	<b>Rugby U14A</b>	vs	SVS
<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Hockey U12A</b>	vs	Radnor House	<b>Rugby U14B</b>	vs	SVS
<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Hockey U14A</b>	vs	Radnor House
<b>0</b>		<b>2</b>

## KS4

<b>Rugby U16A</b>	vs	SVS
<b>52</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Rugby U15B</b>	vs	SVS
<b>24</b>		<b>22</b>



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### Student Travel 2023-24

Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution! Arriva Student and Child Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education and, is a cost effective and flexible way of paying for travel costs.

**Unlimited travel** - You'll get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, at any time, across all routes in your chosen area.

**No restrictions** - The Saver tickets will cover your travel to and from University, School or College, evenings, weekends and throughout the holidays too at any time of the day.

**Flexible payments** - Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole Academic year, without paying upfront.

**Sign up in advance** - Either set your direct debit to start at a future date for when you need the ticket or, you can start your ticket now to get used to the local bus routes.

**Plan your journey** - Please use our 'Plan a journey' tool on our website to work out which bus you require or, download our app on the Apple Store or Google Play: [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk)

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please use the link or scan the QR code below and, select the region the school, college or university is in:

[www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets)



Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your mobile phone, so you won't have to worry about paying every time you board the bus. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: [talktous@arriva.co.uk](mailto:talktous@arriva.co.uk)

**\*Our tickets do not cover Arriva London/TFL routes**



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