

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 3rd November 2023

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

I really hope that you and your children had a restful half-term – though I would like to think that those in Years 11 and 13 set aside a good amount of time to revise for their mock exams. On that front, I was very grateful to the teachers who gave up their time in the holidays to host revision classes and I know that their students were particularly grateful for the additional sessions. I am also indebted to the staff who organised trips during the recent break. Feedback from Rome, Malaga and Lanzarote was invariably brilliant and, again, it is great to see how Cranbrook School values such enriching activities for their students. Thanks also to the intrepid CCF team who offered students more fantastic opportunities and particular congratulations are due to Jack in Year 13 for securing a highly-prized army scholarship.

There are some important events taking place next week that I would like to draw your attention to:

#### Careers Fair:

This is taking place tomorrow morning at 10am in the Sixth Form Centre and I would encourage you to bring your children along to speak to a range of interesting professionals.

#### Sixth Form Open Evening:

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday and I would urge all current Year 11 students to attend with their parents as it is critical for students to start thinking about their futures and to research their A-level options carefully.

#### CSPA Bonfire & Fireworks:

Thankfully, next week's weather forecast looks rather gentler so please do support the CSPA with their Fireworks Evening on Thursday – it promises to be a fun family occasion.

#### Remembrance:

I am reliably informed that Cranbrook School does Remembrance brilliantly. On Friday the School will pause and reflect on past sacrifices in our Service of Remembrance. If you are passing by Barham House before then you will see a wonderful display of poppies put together by our talented artists. You can read more about Project Poppy later in the Bulletin.

Before signing off, I wanted to share with you a lovely event that I enjoyed last week. One of the many privileges of being associated with Cranbrook School is that we are able to connect deeply with the community, as the School plays such a valuable role within the local area. Our next-door neighbour, St. Dunstan's Church, is a key stakeholder and I was honoured to be invited to attend the Licensing of the Revd Richard King by The Right Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover. It was a very special occasion - Richard's appointment is important for the town and parish and I look forward to welcoming him to the School soon to meet with staff and students.

Have a great weekend and best wishes,

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head

I trust you are all surviving the wet and windy weather storm Ciarán has been bringing in and that the half-term break isn't too distant a memory. Next week we are looking forward to joining in with the CSPA Bonfire Night on Thursday from 5:30pm, please do join us to make this a well-attended event.

The School's annual Remembrance Service is being held in the church as usual on Friday (10th November). Should students wish to wear a poppy, there are some for sale in Barham Reception.

Please see the attached [letter](#) and [poster](#) from Kent Police regarding the use of e-scooters and share this with your son/daughter as appropriate.



### Chris Johnson - Assistant Head:

#### Sixth Form Open Evening, Wednesday 8th November:

All Year 11 students and their parents are greatly encouraged to join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 8th November. We ask you to confirm your intended attendance, together with your thoughts at this early stage on post-16 study via [this form](#).

All year 11 students should attend, with an invaluable opportunity to speak with A-level teachers and students. Wider materials will be shared after the evening for those parents unable to attend. Our current A-level students will tour Year 11 students, so assisting them in getting the very most from the evening.



#### Year 11 Mock Examinations: Week Beginning 13th November:

Students will shortly embark on their mock examination period, with an invaluable opportunity to evidence progress and experience GCSE papers in a formal setting. A reminder that all students are to be in full school uniform and that when not in an examination, they will attend usual lessons. Students should bring in suitable revision material as they will be invited to revise in these periods.

### Annual Hockey Match Against Sutton Valence School - Friday 10th November

Our Annual hockey match against SVS 1st XI takes next Friday.

A jug has now been created in name of the legendary OC (Tim Barlow) and OS (Rob Harrison), hockey players who still play a part in both school hockey programmes. Therefore, it seemed fitting to name them for this classic annual clash.

The aim of this jug is to create an Ashes style format. Where whoever wins, keeps it...until the boys' season, where the 1st XI will have the opportunity to take the cup, or reclaim it.

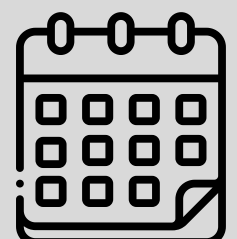
The game starts at 5:00pm and will be held at Marden Hockey Club, under the lights. The terrace and bar will be open. Last year over 200 people came to support and it was a terrific atmosphere. Please do come and support if you are free.



Mr Carter (Director of Sport)

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th November:	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 9th November:	CSPA Bonfire Night
Tuesday 14th November:	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th November:	DanSing, Queen's Hall Theatre
Wednesday 13th December:	School and Community Carol Service, St Dunstan's
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](#).



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### New Prayer Group

Starting in January, there will be a Christian prayer group for parents wishing to pray for the life of Cranbrook School. We will meet on the first Friday of each term at 9:00am to pray for all aspects of school life - for the Governing Body, the Head Teacher, the SLT, the teaching body, the support staff, the CSPA and the students themselves. To find out more contact Becky Addis ([rebeccaajaddis@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaajaddis@gmail.com)) or Karen Gillett ([karensgillett1@btinternet.com](mailto:karensgillett1@btinternet.com)).

### Sixth Form Tour Guides:

Last term we held a number of Open Events for prospective students and their families.

It is impossible to run these events without the support of our most valuable resource - our students. A dedicated group of Sixth Formers helped to showcase our wonderful school, and to say thank you, Mr Clark rewarded each student with a prized Cranbrook School pin badge and words of thanks.

Thank you again to all our fantastic ambassadors.



### A Big 'Thank You' for Fabric Donations and Opportunity for Further Donations to Art:

We cannot thank JDH Soft Furnishings enough for their thoughtful support. Their donation of high-quality fabrics has opened up new possibilities and enhanced the creative experience for our young artists. The materials provided will undoubtedly inspire their imaginations and enable them to bring their artistic visions to life.

We are extremely fortunate to have parents who work in local businesses who are willing to go the extra mile to support our students' artistic growth. With this in mind, we would like to extend an offer to other parents who may be interested in contributing to the art department. If you would like to support our budding artists with donations, we kindly invite you to reach out to us. Whether it's art supplies, or other materials, every contribution will be greatly appreciated and utilised effectively to benefit our students.

Once again, we would like to thank JDH Soft Furnishings for your wonderful donation, we look forward to the continued support and collaboration.

Mr Kenny (Head of Art)

### CSPA

#### Cranbrook Rewards:



Cranbrook Rewards is the exciting new CSPA digital membership card, giving members money off CSPA events and discounts at shops, restaurants and businesses in the local area, whilst at the same time raising much needed funds for the School for the benefit of all students. The membership card costs £75 per year, per named member (boarding parents are welcome to put their card in their child's name). Click [here](#) to sign up and for details of the shops and services offering discounts to Cranbrook Rewards members.

#### Secondhand Shop:

The CSPA Secondhand Shop will be open next Thursday (9th November) from 8:00-9:30am at the Hut behind School Lodge. Full details can be found [here](#) on the CSPA website.



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





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### The Remarkable Recycled Plastic Poppies Project

The sight of the plastic poppies adorning the grounds outside Barham House serves as a poignant and beautiful tribute to all those who have made incredible sacrifices for their country. The initiative taken by Mrs Pomeroy and the art club students represents a profound statement about the importance of remembrance and honouring those brave individuals who have played a part in shaping the world we live in today.

By repurposing materials that would have otherwise been discarded, this remarkable project has conveyed a powerful message about the potential for beauty and significance that lies within everyday objects. Inspired by the work of Paul Cummins, who famously installed 888,246 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London, each representing a British and colonial fatality during the Great War.

Thank you, Mrs Pomeroy, for your incredible contribution to our school and the wider community.

Mr Kenny (Head of Art)







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# IT'S SHOW TIME



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**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.