

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 8th December 2023

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

We are in the grip of Christmas fever. Amazing decorations have appeared around school with a particularly stunning display in the dining room. Last night's Winter Concert entertained us joyously and today's festive jumpers caught the eye (see pictures on page five), and everyone has enjoyed the various special activities on offer: drinks in the Coach House, House dinners, a trip to the ice rink and the whole school Christmas lunch. Huge thanks to all the staff involved in supporting our students – their efforts were hugely appreciated by all. There are more lovely events to look forward to next week and I hope that many of you can join us for Wednesday's Community Carol Service and, for boarding parents, coffee & mince pies on Friday 15th (please see details on page three).

Whilst many are enjoying rather light-hearted pursuits, spare a thought for our current Year 13 students who are in the midst of university applications. Our Oxbridge candidates, in particular, are feeling the pressure as they prepare for and embark on the incredibly rigorous interview process. I have had the privilege of conducting several mock interviews and I have been so impressed with how composed and insightful each candidate has been and I really want to wish them the very best when outcomes are confirmed in January.

The last couple of days have been spent interviewing prospective Year 9 boarders, as we start finalising our cohort for 2024. Once again, I am struck by how engaging the students are in what is an unfamiliar activity and their soft skills really set them apart. Having the ability as a 13-year-old to feel comfortable in adult company, to maintain eye contact, to answer as well as ask questions and to display passion and poise is some skill and, almost without exception, I look forward to those students joining our community next year.

That leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend and I hope to see some of you tomorrow as we embark on our final weekend of sports for the term.

Best wishes,

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head



It's the last week of term next week and the students have done well to get through this longer term - I am sure the break will be welcomed by all! We have had a lovely day raising money for Save the Children with Christmas Jumper day and having Christmas lunch together as a School community. Fantastic talent was shown at the Winter Concert yesterday, thank you to those who came to support the students.

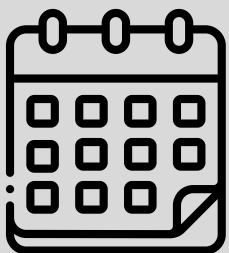
Please remind your child of the school policy to report to the Medical Centre at breaktime and/or lunchtime to be assessed when unwell during the school day. Students should not call home on their phones to say that they are unwell and request that parents come and collect them. Students should go to the Medical Centre to be checked and a member of the Medical Centre will then contact the parent/carer if it is deemed appropriate to collect their child. Parents should ensure that their child speaks with staff. Parents must not turn up and collect their child unless contacted by the school. Day students should not contact the Medical Centre before school (unless injured on the way into school.)

Everyone is welcome to the School and Community Carol Concert which takes place on Wednesday 13th December from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Dunstan's Church. I am also looking forward to the end of term Church service on Friday. School ends on Friday (15th) at 12.30pm. Staff have an Inset day on Wednesday 3rd January, with students returning on Thursday 4th January 2024 for the usual 8:30am start.

Please can we remind you that the last chance to drop off items at Barham Reception for the Toys, Tins & Tinsel appeal is end of day on Monday 11th December. Thank you to all those who have contributed to support local families in need over the festive period. Donations can also be made at the big Co-op or The George Hotel in Cranbrook over the weekend.

Horsley will continue to sell candy canes next week for a donation of £1. If students wish to write a message, they will be delivered on the last day of term. All proceeds go to the charity Porchlight.

Please can we ask parents to remind students check the lost property cupboard by the Lecture Theatre, racks along the corridors and the Sports Hall racks for any missing items. Lost property is open every day at break times for students only. Any items unclaimed by the end of term will be recycled.



### Dates for your diary:

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
Thursday 8th February:	Last 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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### Wellbeing:

Kooth are offering a free webinar on Thursday 14th December on how to support young people with anxiety and stress over the winter. Anyone who is interested can sign up [here](#).

### Futures Bulletin:

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

This week's edition is a special on Year 11 Work Experience, so please do take a moment to read through it.

## CHRISTMAS

### *Gathering*

To all parents of Boarding students:

The Head and Association of Boarding at Cranbrook Team would like to invite you to the Coach House for festive refreshments and a catch-up before you collect your son/daughter from their boarding house on **Friday 15th December**. Please drop in between **11.30am and 12.30pm**. You will then be able to collect your son/daughter and wish the boarding house team a Merry Christmas any time up to 12.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Friday 15th December 2023**  
**between 11:30am - 12:30pm**  
**The Coach House, Cranbrook School**  
**(located next to Cornwallis House)**



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### CSPA:

#### CSPA Secondhand Shop:

The Secondhand Shop will be open for the last time this term on Thursday 14th December from 8:00-9.30am. More details can be found on the CSPA website [here](#).

#### Burns Night 2024 - SAVE THE DATE!

The very popular CSPA Burns Night will be held on Friday 19th January - please save the date!



## 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.

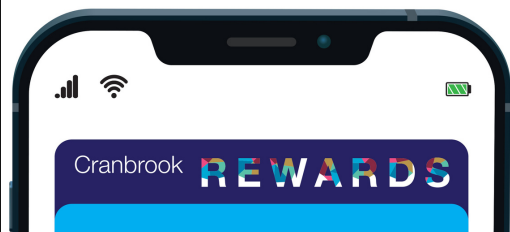


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and head to CSPA Cranbrook Rewards membership to sign up and pay your £75 annual subscription.

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School  
Parents'  
Association

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## School & Community Carol Concert

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

AT 7:30 PM

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH  
CRANBROOK

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CAROLS

*We look forward to seeing you!*



Menu for week commencing Monday 11th December

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