

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 12th January 2024

David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the snow descend earlier this week and, as ever, its appearance generated much excitement amongst our students. Sadly for them, it didn't settle enough to provide sufficient 'ammunition' for a sustained snowball fight and not enough fell to create the usual array of winter sculptures. Also, the cold weather rather disrupted our outdoor sports programme and I hope that fixtures manage to go ahead tomorrow as planned.

House dinners are events that are equally anticipated and this week's Lynx dinner was no exception. I managed to pop in for the first 20 minutes or so. The dining hall looked fantastic and the evening proved hugely enjoyable by all accounts. These traditions are important in the life-cycle of Cranbrook School and I am indebted to the staff, both teaching and catering, who give of their time to facilitate these memorable occasions.

January tends to be the month when student spirits and energy levels tend to sag so it's important to remind your children that there is always much to look forward to this term – both inside and outside the classroom. For those who need a bit of an extra boost, I would recommend that you have a glance at the list of residential and overseas trips being offered next academic year which can be found on the website [here](#). There are some wonderful destinations to choose from including Rome, Malaga, Berlin, Jersey and Lanzarote as well as the glories of the Brecon Beacons and the South Downs and I very much hope that every Cranbrookian gets the chance to take part in at least one of these fantastic opportunities.

That leaves me to wish you all a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,

David



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David Carney - Deputy Head

Well done to all for navigating a cold week. A reminder that our procedures for adverse weather conditions can be found [here](#).

If you have had a change of circumstance or details such as moved house or change of phone number, please contact reception@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk so that we can update your details. We require the details of at least two contacts per student who we can speak to in case of an emergency.

Please remind all students that whilst it is still dark outside, they should take care when crossing roads.

I will be sharing useful parent guides from Internet Matters on a variety of topics. This week's is about Snapchat and you can read the guide [here](#).



Chris Johnson - Assistant Head:

Year 11 parents and students should expect to receive early next week a Parentmail from me detailing:

- Schedule for the mock examination period (Monday 19th February - Tuesday 27th February)
- Further mock dates to note:
 - The Art exam will take place on Tuesday 6th February
 - The Music exam will take place on Wednesday 7th February
- Examinations in English Language (Paper 2 and Maths Non Calculator) will take place on Thursday 1st February
- Information on public examinations
- Forecast grades
- The wider Year 11 timeline (including study leave and Sixth Form induction)



Chicago - The Musical:

Tickets are selling fast for the upcoming school production, the musical extravaganza "Chicago". Set in 1920s America, and featuring a cast of over fifty talented actors and musicians, this "razzle dazzle" production guarantees to delight, amuse and entertain.

"Chicago – The Musical" is a particular favourite of mine, and I am absolutely delighted that this show is to be my directorial debut here at Cranbrook. The enthusiasm, passion and sheer talent of the students continues to impress and amaze me. They have all worked incredibly hard putting together this fantastic, but very demanding show, and it is an absolute pleasure seeing everything coming together as we embark on the final few weeks of rehearsals. I am very much looking forward to sharing the fruits of their labours with the school community at the beginning of February. It promises to be a show to remember!

Performances take place on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February. For more details and to reserve your tickets please visit The Queen's Hall Theatre [website](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

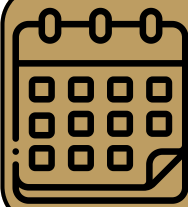
Mrs Rebecca Watson, Director of Performing Arts





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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16th January: Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 19th January: CSPA Bitesize Burns Night
Thursday 1st - Sat 3rd February: Chicago, Queens Hall Theatre
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](#).

Menu for [w/c Monday 15th January](#).

CSPA:

The Secondhand Shop will be open tomorrow Saturday (13th January) 9am-10.30am. More information can be found on the [CSPA website](#).



CSPA Bitesize Burns Night: Friday 19th January

A Cranbrook School tradition. Our fabulous Burns Night celebration will be a slightly more informal format this year:

- Fizz reception
- Traditional Scottish menu while you mingle
- Piper
- Toasts and poems
- Live music and Scottish country dancing with the Craigievar Ceilidh Band
- Bar and raffle
- Auction - including the chance to win a one day private guided tour of WW2 battlefield in Normandy for up to six people (donated by [www.francecustomtours.com](#)) and a Sparkling Tasting Flight for four people from Gusbourne.

To buy your tickets, please visit our website at: www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/bitesize-burns.

Cranbrook Rewards

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Wealden Times competition which was open to all those who signed up for Cranbrook Rewards by the end of last year.

Clare Morris and Chris Beckerman have each won a pair of tickets to the Wealden Times Midsummer Fair at Hole Park which takes place from 6th - 8th June. Congratulations to Clare and Chris and thank you to the Wealden Times for their support of Cranbrook Rewards.

If you would like to sign up for Cranbrook Rewards, please click [here](#).

NEW TEEN YOGA
NEW LATER START TIME
YOGA FOR 13YRS+
WED 5PM
LIFEWORKS STUDIO
CRANBROOK HIGH ST
ONLINE BOOKING ESSENTIAL
WWW.LIFEWORKSWITHKAREN.COM/NEW-YEAR-SCHEDULE
NAMASTE KIDS & TEENS YOGA

Date & Time: Fridays 18:30-19:30
Location: Cranbrook School
Cost: £3.00 per session
Register: www.cranbrookjuniorsfc.co.uk/teams/squad
SQUAD GIRLS' FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS
AGED 12-14 WHO WANT TO PLAY THEIR WAY

Bitesize Burns
Cranbrook School
Friday 19 January 2024
7.30 - 11.30pm
Enjoy a traditional Burns Night celebration with a slightly more informal format this year
Toasts and poems
Live music and Scottish country dancing with the Craigievar Ceilidh Band
£25 per person (£22.50 for Cranbrook Rewards members)
Price includes a glass of fizz and traditional Scottish food while you mingle
Bar and raffle