

# Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 19th January 2024

### David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

The spring term acts, in many ways, as the engine room of a school's academic year. It is the term when students, especially in exam classes, begin to focus in earnest on preparing for their upcoming A Levels and GCSEs. As teachers, we are therefore beginning to up the ante and we have launched a series of checklists to support students over the coming months. These checklists are intended to ensure that each student is as organised as possible in the run up to exams and is provided with all necessary guidance and techniques to maximise their chances of success. In essence, we are demanding greater academic discipline from our students (and teachers) and I am hopeful that parents can support this drive by reinforcing the message to their children.

A key component of this academic strategy will involve us hosting revision sessions in the Easter holidays for those in Years 11 and 13. I remember discussing the idea with parents back in September during our Key Stage Information Evenings, and feedback then was universally positive. We are in the process of finalising the schedule, costings and logistics and we are also investigating the possibility of keeping one of the boarding houses open to support any student who would benefit from a residential course. In the meantime, please save the proposed dates – Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April - and I hope to have confirmed details to you before half-term.

With Burns Night celebrations taking place this evening, I thought it would be fitting to end with a quote from the Scottish bard for it ties in with what I hope we all strive for as a school – 'Dare to be honest and fear no labour.'

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

David



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### David Carney - Deputy Head

Over the next few weeks I will be sharing useful parent guides from Internet Matters. This week's is about WhatsApp, and you can read the guide [here](#).

### Al Carter - Director of Sport

Please [click here](#) to see the latest schedule of after-school sports activities.

Educational Talks for Parents:  
Monday 5th February 2024, 5.45 - 6.45pm  
Queens Hall Theatre, Cranbrook

## Adolescent Mental Health & How to Help

With Dick Moore

Dick Moore worked as an English teacher, rugby coach and was a housemaster and headmaster for 23 years.

He is a trained instructor in Youth Mental Health First Aid and is an Ambassador for the Charlie Waller Trust which raises awareness of depression in the young. Dick has a Ted Talk, has been on Radio 4 (now shortlisted for 'The Best Of...' collection) and spends his time delivering talks in schools, universities and organisations.

"you have literally changed everything about the way I'm thinking of parenting and communicating with my 3 children"

"Over my 25 plus years in education I'm not sure I have experienced or spent such an informed, truthful or real hour"

"Dick Moore has breathed life into a dialogue between me and my son"

"I found it utterly gripping and was very inspired... the best session I've ever been to in any school"

Buy your tickets at: [www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/educationaltalks](http://www.cranbrookschoolparents.com/educationaltalks)



Dick will speak to pupils during the day - **this talk is aimed specifically at parents**. Tickets: £12 or £10 with Cranbrook Rewards. For more information about Dick, see: [dickmoore.org](http://dickmoore.org)

### CSPA:

#### Bitesize Burns:

We are looking forward to seeing everyone later at the CSPA annual Burns Night later for food, fizz, auction and dancing!

#### Educational Talks for Parents:

The first of our guest speaker programme for this year starts with Dick Moore talking about 'Adolescent Mental Health & How to Help' on Monday 5th February at 5:45pm in the Queen's Hall Theatre. As part of the school's Mental Health Awareness Week, students will also be attending a talk from Dick on the same day.

Dick is a former headmaster and now teenage mental health advocate - a fascinating talk, not to be missed. Full details and tickets can be found [here](#).

#### Secondhand Shop:

The shop will be open next Thursday 25th February 8:00am-9:30am in the Hut. Further information can be found on the [CSPA website](#).



### 11+ Tuition Groups Cranbrook



#### Timings:

Mondays, term time only

Year 5 group:  
3.45-5pm

Year 4 group:  
5.15-6.30pm

#### Location:

The Hive, Stone Street  
Cranbrook

#### Cost:

£25 per session

SPARKS Education runs 11+ weekly tuition, mock tests and summer revision sessions. See our website for more details.

To book or find out more:

[sparks-ed.co.uk](http://sparks-ed.co.uk)

[info@sparks-ed.co.uk](mailto:info@sparks-ed.co.uk)

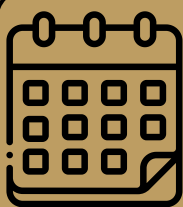


### The Buzz Lounge, Cranbrook

The Buzz Lounge at 19 Stone Street, Cranbrook offers a delicious & light menu, as well as coffee, tea and cakes. This is also a casual drop-in area open to all, for informal meetings with free WiFi if you purchase food and drink. **T&Cs apply >>**



Up to 1 hour. Buy a cup of coffee = FREE hot-desking  
Up to 2 hours. Spend £5.50 = FREE hot-desking  
Up to 4 hours. Spend £10.40 = FREE hot-desking  
Up to 6 hours (school-run friendly). Spend £14.70 = FREE hot-desking  
Up to 8 hours. Spend £18.40 = FREE hot-desking



### Dates for your diary:

Monday 29th January:

Online Boarding Information Evening

Thursday 1st - Sat 3rd February: Chicago, Queen's Hall Theatre

Monday 5th February:

Dick Moore talk, Queen's Hall Theatre

Thursday 8th February:

Last Day of term

Term dates, lesson timings and A/B week calendar on the website [here](#).

Menu for w/c Monday 22nd January.