

CRANLEIGH PREP CONNECT







FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

Weekly term-time newsletter for Cranleigh Prep School parents/guardians



Dear Parents and Guardians.

FROM THE HEAD

This week has marked the beginning of the ACE Programme for our Form 6 pupils – and what a cracking start. Huge thanks to Mrs Brice for masterminding such a rich and varied itinerary, as well as those parents who generously gave their time throughout the week to showcase their various careers. From rolling up their sleeves in a Bake Off, trying their hand at photography to giving back to the community, it's been a real mix of interest and enjoyment for the pupils. Add in some excellent guidance on the move to senior school from Mrs Flack and some students, and it's already been time well spent. A special mention too for those girls who took part in the Senior School's dance show on Thursday evening – they were brilliant.

Form 6 are also very much looking forward to the inaugural Leavers' Dinner in the marquee on Top Pitch tomorrow night. It promises to be a very special occasion in a wonderful setting – and I am quietly optimistic that Mr Shires' DJing will keep the dance floor busy into the small hours. Fingers crossed.

At the time of writing, Sports Days are still ahead of us, but the excitement building through the week has been palpable. I have no doubt that by the time you read this, the effort and spirit shown will have matched (and probably exceeded) the anticipation – not least in the sweltering sun. These are the sorts of occasions which underline that effort really brings reward.

Meanwhile, Form 5 are fully immersed in final rehearsals for next week's production of Oliver Jr!. There's real buzz around it – and it's exciting to be staging the show in the Speech Hall for the first time. The cast and crew have been working flat out and I know it's going to be a fantastic performance.

Have a great weekend and look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow.

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CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This week Forms 3 and 4 were visited by Jayne Mairs from Cranleigh public library to explain to the pupils about a fantastic free summer reading challenge!

There are two ways you can take part:

You can take part in person at your local library. The library will give you a special sticker poster and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, you take part online; set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a limited-edition online badge and certificate Happy Reading!



Check out https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ for more information. Pupils from Cranleigh Prep will also be given a Summer Reading postcard to document their reading over the summer break. You may use the same books for both challenges.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC - ORGAN DEMO

This week our Form 3 pupils visited the Senior School to see the wonderful Mander Pipe Organ in action. The instrument was installed in the Chapel in 2010 after a generous donation from Old Cranleighan, Hamish Ogston CBE FRSA FRGS. Mr Philip Scriven, Organist in Residence, enthusiastically explained the inner workings of the organ including its 2075 pipes! The pupils were hugely inspired, especially when they had a chance to play it themselves. It's always a joy to enthuse the next generation of musicians and there were several budding organists keen to have trial lessons. Thank you to Phil Scriven for spending the afternoon with us!















RESIDENTIAL TO SWANAGE

Further to our update on Swanage in last week's issue, we also wanted to share this highlights video!



POLO

See below the results of the SUPA Junior Summer National Championships (from the Polo Times). We came first in the Intermediate category - a achievement!



Youth The SUPA Junior Summer National Championships



season is always a favourite and 2025 was season is always a favourite and 2026 was no exception. 66 young players, aged 8 to 13, came from schools across the country, eager to show their pole abilities in the arena and on the field. The morning saw Beginners and Novices getting stuck in with super keen arena play, while Intermediate and Open Divisions took to the grass under glorious sunshine for a thrilling afternoon of polo.

of polo. From outstanding goals to medal awards, the day had it all. Arena players went home smiling with medals, exclusive SUPA T-shirts, and the latest issue of Polo Times, but it was the Open winners who received the utilimate surprise... Thanks to the absolute legend Tatty at Black Hound Sports, what started as a cheeky ask for a signed polo ball turned into a jaw-dropping prize: balls signed by Pelón, Porto, and the man himself – Cambiasol The look on the kids' faces? Priceless. On top of that, top team Beaudesert walked away with luxury Black Hound hoodies and Polo Times.

A huge thank you to our loyal partners: Black Hound Sports, for providing unforgettable prizes that inspire young players; Polo Times, for championing the sport through world-class editorial coverage; Beaufort Polo Club, for stepping in and hosting with such style.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated partners for their continued support of the School and Universities Polo Association and their shared commitment to the future of youth polo. Their involvement makes all the difference – not only in creating unforgettable tournament experiences, but in shaping the next generation of polo players. A huge thank you also goes to Dryden Power, for his outstanding umpiring with all abilities throughout the day.

Myself, Caroline, Luke and Nigel would like to say a massive thanks to Tatty at Black Hound, and to everyone who made the tournament one to remember. Carassroots polo is alive, thriving, and full of future stars.

The SUPA Junior Summer National Championships Results

Beginners 1st – Bryanston prep 2nd – Hill House 3rd – Bruern Blue

1st – Bruern Novice 2nd – Bryanston Novice 3rd – Papplewick Pegasus

Novice Blue 1st - Hall Grove 2nd - Cothill 3rd - Beaudesert Bears

3rd – Beaudesert White 4th – Dragon Eagles

1st - Beaudesert 2nd - Hampshire Polo School



RIDERS PERFORM FROM GRASSROOTS TO INTERNATIONAL

Following the success of Sophia T. at half term, when she was crowned National Surrey 1.10 Pony Show Jumping Champion, the Prep School riders have been out in action again to gain qualifications for the NSEA National Championships in October.

Ete M. and Alex S. joined forces with two senior riders to win the Novice Jumping with Style qualifier this weekend, with Ete also going on to be part of the Intermediate winning team and gaining an individual qualification by finishing in second place.

Jessie H. continued her exciting improvement by finishing 5th in a big show jumping class and qualifying for the NSEA Grassroots Festival in August. Ella S. came out to compete for the first time on her new pony and is certainly one to look at for the future.

Sophia will represent Cranleigh in the iconic Hickstead International Arena at the end of June, when she contests the NSEA Elite Showjumping Final.











To celebrate the end of exams, the boarding team laid on a fun filled extravaganza for the boarders last Monday. After relaxing on Top Pitch with a BBQ that included lamb koftas; burgers; chorizo and halloumi kebabs - as well as an array of sumptuous salads, the entertainment really kicked off. There were laughs aplenty on the inflatable bungee run and the climbing tower proved to be an addictive challenge for those determined to conquer the toughest routes. As if that was not enough, an ice cream van also arrived to provide cooling refreshment...with the savviest of boarders remembering from last year that if you mentioned to Tony the vendor that you supported Arsenal F.C. you got a bigger portion of ice cream. It's amazing how many Arsenal supporters there are in the boarding house...!!



Reminder – new fitness classes at the Trevor Abbott Sports Centre (Senior School). For classes and times, please see the timetable below or visit the website here.

CRANLEIGH ACTIVITIES		BOOK EXERCISE CLASS	
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOOTCAMPS 6.45AM - 7.30AM 8.00AM - 8.45AM	STRENGTH & MOBILITY 11.15AM - 12.00PM	MUMMY & ME FITNESS 11.30AM - 12.30PM	ZUMBA® 9.30AM – 10.30AM

BECOME A LIFEGUARD - GET QUALIFIED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Ready to dive into a rewarding summer opportunity?

Join our week-long NPLQ Lifeguard Course at Cranleigh School, starting Sunday 29th June, and earn a nationally recognised qualification that could help you save lives.

Whether you want flexible work, a great hourly rate, or to learn a valuable life skill, this course is perfect for you. It combines practical pool sessions with classroom learning, all held in our excellent indoor facilities.

Course Schedule:

- Sunday 29th June: 4:00pm 8:00pm
- Monday 30th June: 8:00am 12:00pm
- Tuesday 1st July: 9:00am 4:00pm
- Wednesday 2nd July: 9:00am 4:00pm
- Thursday 3rd July: 9:00am 4:00pm
- Friday 4th July: 9:00am 1:00pm (final assessment follows)

Course Cost: £275 (includes instruction, materials, and assessment)

Email us at sportscentre@cranleighactivities.org to register or learn more.

Looking for work after qualifying?

We offer year-round lifeguarding shifts on an ad hoc basis for course graduates.





CPS LIVE!







Tuesday 24th June 11am, 3pm & 6pm

by special arrangement with CAMERON MACKINTOSH licensed by Music Theatre International

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL



Click here to read the Senior School Newsletter

WHAT'S ON IN OUR LAST WEEK OF TERM

KEY EVENTS		
Mon 23 rd June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme All Day: Form 6 Trip to Thorpe Park All Day: Lower School First Maths Challenge (during Maths lessons) All Day: Carrot Reward Treats! 14:40 - 16:35: Form 4 Humanities: Loxwood Joust 15:00 - 18:00: Art Exhibition open for viewing	
Tues 24 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme All Day: Lower School First Maths Challenge (during Maths lessons) 08:30 - 11:45: Form 3 Humanities Trip to Guildford Cathedral 10:00: 11:00: Science Quiz Club Finals Various Times: Drama - Oliver Junior!	
Weds 25 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme 08:30 - 12:00: Lower School French Morning	
Thurs 26 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme All Day: Cranleigh Cares - Service in Action 10:30 - 12:00: Form 6 Charity Fete 10:45: Forms 1-5 Charity Events 17:00 - 18:00: Cranleigh Live! including CPS Live! (Cranleigh School)	
Fri 27 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme 15:00 - 16:30: Prize Giving 18:00: Reports available on parent portal	

VIEW FULL CALENDAR

SPORTS FIXTURES		
Mon 23 rd June	14:00: Cricket Fixtures - Boys U11 A vs Whitgift School	
Tues 24 th June	17:00: Golf Fixtures (Mixed U13 A vs Hurstpierpoint College)	
Weds 25 th June	14:00: Cricket Fixtures (Girls XI vs Wallington High School for Girls) 14:30: Cricket Fixtures (Various Boys/Girls vs Aldro, Hoe Bridge, Highfield School, St Edmund's School) 14:30: Squash Fixtures (Boys U13A vs Aldro)	
Thurs 26 th June	14:30: Cricket Fixtures (Boys/Girls vs Aldro)	