

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE



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



FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust this Newsletter finds everyone in good spirits after Long Leave. It has been good to catch up with the children, some of whom have enjoyed some time abroad but for most of the older pupils, the week has largely been spent bent over revision notes in readiness for this week's exams.

Whilst it can sometimes be hard for these pupils to see beyond the here and now, I have to say that I have been really impressed (ever since joining the Prep School) with the attitude towards exams and assessment shown by your children. They have been resolved, determined and ready to do what is necessary in order to perform to their potential. In adopting the right approach, they are also learning important study and revision skills.

Whatever might become of our public exam system down the line, there is little doubt that these are qualities that will benefit all of these girls and boys as they head through the rest of their education and into the world of work. I am really proud of the way they have knuckled down and put their best foot forward. As the sun comes out for the last few weeks of term, they can feel pleased with a job well done!

Speaking of which...I have to say that the screening of Julius Caesar, the Form 6 film produced on one day in the Michaelmas Term and since edited by the folk in Movie Club, was an absolute joy. I know that rest of the audience this morning felt the same and we all enjoyed a great finish to the week (along with coffee from the van!). Congratulations to all involved and my thanks to Mr Waller, Head of Drama.

Have a lovely weekend

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MUSIC



Just before Long Leave our talented musicians took part in the annual Summer Concert in the Wyatt Hall.

Our parents were treated to joyful melodies and incredible performances, ranging from singing and dancing to classical pieces. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces, and we couldn't be prouder of all their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to everyone who made it such a special occasion!



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SOPHIA REINS SUPREME!

Riding at the highest level, Sophia T. (Form 5) was amongst the youngest riders contesting the NSEA National County 1.10m Pony Show Jumping Championship at Hickstead during the first weekend of half term.

She steered her pony to a lovely double clear round in a time that was 3 seconds faster than her nearest competitor to be crowned the NSEA National County Champion 2025. A fantastic result for Sophia.



LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

FROG BREAD ROLLS!

The Form 3s have been making Frog Bread Rolls in Food Technology. They have now all mastered the skill of kneading bread dough. The smiles on their faces say it all - delicious!



FORCES



This week, Form 4 have been learning about forces. We have investigated friction created by different surface types using toy cars on ramps.



TRIP TO BLETCHLEY PARK

As part of their post-scholarship maths studies, pupils in 6Sc have been exploring the fascinating world of codebreaking, with a special focus on the work of Alan Turing during World War Two. This topic has allowed pupils to see how mathematics plays a vital role not just in history, but in many modern-day careers that demand resilience, perseverance, and sharp problem-solving skills.

On Tuesday, the class travelled to Bletchley Park – the historic home of Britain's wartime codebreakers. Pupils had the unique opportunity to visit the very hut where Alan Turing worked, view a replica of the famous Bombe machine, and learn exactly how the Enigma machine encrypted secret messages. They also took part in a hands-on, D-Day themed codebreaking activity that required them to listen to and record morse code, and then use an online enigma simulator to translate it. Did you know that the Enigma machine had 158,962,555,217,826,360,000 possible settings – can you read that number?

It was a wonderful trip that brought history, maths, and real-world problem-solving together, showing the importance of resilience and determination to achieve goals.





SPORTS ROUNDUP



The highlight of the half term break was Sophia Tooth being crowned as the NSEA National County Champion in the 1.10m Pony Show Jumping at Hickstead. Huge congratulations to her for such a momentous achievement and real reward for the amount of time she has spent getting to this point in her showjumping.

The first week back after a week's break has seen some variable weather. Wednesday's fixtures against Hoe Bridge were fortunately unaffected and all of the teams managed to play some high quality cricket. It was especially nice to see the Form 5 boys play up on top pitch and beat Hoe Bridge's 1st XI, as well as the Form 3 and 4 girls combining to form teams across both years.

Yesterday's Lower School fixtures were not so lucky; the weather put paid to them going ahead. However, they all got the chance to have a decent net session and this will pay dividends in the long run.

We are still waiting to hear how our athletes have got on at the West Surrey Prep Schools' championships, which were held today at Guildford Spectrum. We have a really strong team competing and I will report back on individual successes next week.

Fingers crossed tomorrow's cricket fixtures will go ahead - RGS for the boys and house cricket for the girls!

Mr Stone, Director of Sport

DRAMA ROUNDUP



During Michaelmas Term, Form 6 (Year 8) rehearsed an abridged version of Julius Caesar, devised and directed by Phil Waller, Head of Drama.

Award Winning Shakespearean Actor, Edward Bennett then directed the filming at Cranleigh School during a day in October. The Media Club, after filming and running tech on set under Film production manager, Max Jewell-Smith's, careful eye and coaching, edited the 28 minute film with students from CPS and CS.

The premiere of the film was today, when parents alongside Form 5 and 6 children enjoyed the screening in the Wyatt Hall on the big screen. Well done to our budding actors and to the Media Club crew!

To watch the full film, visit [here](#).

Meanwhile, preparations are in place for our Summer play, Oliver The Musical! Tickets are now on sale - see poster and link below.

Year 7 proudly presents

LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!

JR.

Book, music & lyrics
by Lionel Bart

The Speech Hall
Cranleigh School


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

by special arrangement with
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BOOK OLIVER TICKETS

CRANLEIGH
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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](#).

<div> CRANLEIGH ACTIVITIES</div> <div>BOOK EXERCISE CLASS</div>			
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

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CPS LIVE!

Thursday 26th June 2025
CS Vivian Cox Theatre, 5pm



BOLLING SUITE FOR FLUTE

and JAZZ PIANO TRIO

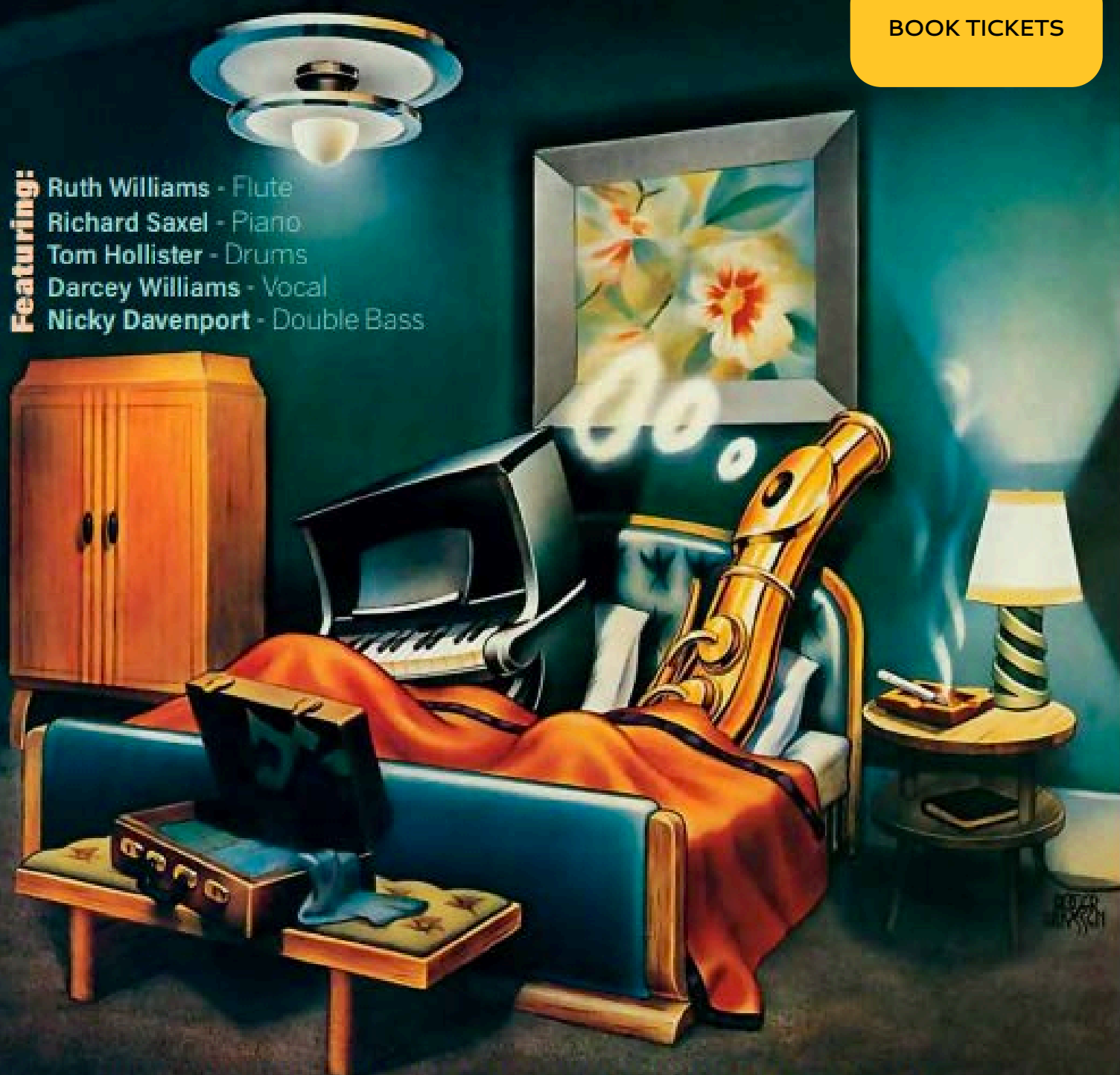
Jean-Pierre **RAMPAL**

Claude **BOLLING**

Friday 20th June 2025, 7.30pm in the Recital Hall, MMS

BOOK TICKETS

Featuring: Ruth Williams - Flute
Richard Saxel - Piano
Tom Hollister - Drums
Darcey Williams - Vocal
Nicky Davenport - Double Bass



Tickets available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranleighschool

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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK



KEY EVENTS	
Mon 9 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme / Form 1-4 Exams & Assessments All Day: Form 6 Trip to Swanage 08:40 - 12:05: Form 5 Drama: Singing Rehearsal
Tues 10 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme / Form 1-4 Exams & Assessments All Day: Form 6 Trip to Swanage
Weds 11 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme / Form 1-4 Exams & Assessments All Day: Form 6 Trip to Swanage 08:40 - 12:05: Form 5 Drama Rehearsal - selected roles
Thurs 12 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme / Form 1-4 Exams & Assessments All Day: Form 6 Trip to Swanage 09:00 - 12:00: VR Science Visitor - Forms 1 - 3 14:00 - 15:30: New Pupil's Day - Years 1, 2 & 3 14:00 - 16:00: Nearly New Uniform Sale in the Hub 16:00 - 16:45: Parent Forum: New Initiatives
Fri 13 th June	All Day: Form 6 ACE programme / Form 1-4 Exams & Assessments All Day: Form 6 Trip to Swanage All Day: Form 5 Trip: Portsmouth Docks 13:00 - 15:30: New Parents' Afternoon 14:00 - 16:00: Nearly New Uniform Sale 14:00 - 16:00: New Pupils & Moving Up day 16:00 - 16:30: Parents' Chapel
Sat 7 th June	All Day & Sunday: Form 6 ACE programme 09:00 - 17:00 Dance Mock Exams

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SPORTS FIXTURES	
Mon 9 th June	14:30 - 17:00: Form 5 Sports Masterclass
Weds 11 th June	14:00: Cricket Fixtures: Boys U11 A vs City of London Freeman's 14:30: Tennis Fixtures: Boys' 1 st Team & Girls' 1 st Team vs Epsom College

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