



Cranbrook School

Parents' Association

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Oh what a night . . !

With dazzling showgirls and singing waiters, **Cranbrook School's grand Quincentenary Ball** proved to be a fabulous show-stopper that celebrated the last 500 years in superb style and raised nearly £20,000 towards refurbishment of the **Queen's Hall Theatre** and the **Sam West Foundation**.



Around 300 parents and friends donned their glad-rags for the black-tie celebration, held in the idyllic surroundings of Cornwallis Field on a perfect summer's evening, with dancing and entertainment until the early hours. This would not have been possible without the amazing efforts of the **CSPA Ball Committee** who worked tirelessly to put the memorable evening together. A special thank you must also go to **Estates Manager Tony Bailey**, whose unfailing help and support throughout proved invaluable.

And, lastly, all credit to **Felix Ward** who took a selection of excellent pictures during the evening. To see more of these and for a fuller report of the ball, go to the [CSPA website](#).

Keeping up appearances



A hearty welcome to **Siobhan Hinds** (pictured, left) and **Sarah Hues**, two new volunteers who have joined **Second-Hand School Uniform shop** co-ordinator **Corinna Holden** (pictured, right) and her team of helpers to run this thriving CSPA concern. Their arrival comes as we say goodbye to **Michelle West**, who has run the shop with Corinna over the last 15 months and whose sterling efforts and dedication have helped to raise hundreds of pounds for association coffers, for which we are extremely grateful.

We are looking for more volunteers to join the team, so if anyone can spare some time, please contact [Corinna Holden](#).

Meanwhile, please keep good quality donations rolling in (white and gold logo items accepted) and don't miss the shop's opening times, which generally fall on the first Saturday and Tuesday of each month. **Additionally, the shop is opening this Wednesday (July 11) and Friday (July 13) from 9am-11am. See the [CSPA website](#) for Autumn term opening times.**



Don't miss out on Quincentenary mementos

Cranbrook School may have been around for 500 years, but our special Quincentenary ties, scarves and beers won't be – so if you missed last week's deadline, make sure you **get your order in** for September's deliveries. New to the line-up of merchandise are stylish woollen scarves in smart school colours of burgundy, gold and black, which are now an optional part of the school uniform, and cost £28. Silk burgundy ties are a natty buy at £25, while leather-bonded drinks coasters are a steal at £3 each or £5 for two. And don't forget the ultimate thirst-quenchers – Cranbrook School's specially-brewed 500th anniversary ales that come in a delightful gift pack for £22 complete with a commemorative glass. The perfect treat for yourself or someone else.

Order via the [CSPA website](#), [ParentMail](#) or via the **Second-Hand Uniform Shop.**



Get in the picture

Don't forget to check the excellent line-up of shots taken by talented parent photographer **Ali Kittermaster**, funded in part by the CSPA, and displayed on her [Blush Photography website](#). More than 12 events, including **sports matches**, **DanSing** and **Speech Day**, are featured and images can be digitally downloaded free of charge.

Prints are available for a small fee. [Click here](#) for the links to the galleries (page access password: **PhotGal4CS**), or find links and passwords in your [ParentMail](#). [Contact Ali](#) directly with orders and questions.

Lead the CSPA's learning curve

We are looking for parent volunteers to join our **Education Support Team** to help develop crucial extra-curricular activities, namely the programme of informative events for pupils and parents each year. From the annual Careers Fair to our successful series of expert-led talks, **the sub-committee plays a vital role in enhancing the school's offering and providing additional opportunities for students**. This is a real chance to make a difference and enrich the experience of the entire school community, so please get involved. [Contact Henrietta King](#).



Goodbye & thank you

With the end of the school year, we bid a fond farewell to **CSPA Executive Committee** stalwarts **Susan May** and **Rob Miller**. Both are standing down after each notching up impressive five-year stints, not only on this committee, but at numerous CSPA events and activities where they have played key roles, and their hard work and dedication will be missed.



Hello and welcome!

OK - school hasn't even broken up for summer and we're already talking about the start of the autumn term! But we're keen to kick off the 2018/19 school year with a big welcome for new parents and are looking for volunteers to help us do this at the Y7 and Y9 induction afternoon, from around 2pm on Tuesday September 4. If you can come along to lend a hand, please contact CSPA chair [Henrietta King](#).



Talking of next term . . .

. . . keep your eyes peeled for the return of **Cranbrook School's very own apple juice** and place your bets for a repeat of the CSPA's highly-successful [Race Night](#).

More details to follow on the [CSPA website](#) in September.



Keep on top of the news

Start spreading the word . . . as not everyone receives this newsletter and we're on a mission to ensure it reaches as many parents as possible to keep them abreast of CSPA announcements and events.

If you know anyone who's been left in the dark, spread a little light and forward this on to them so they can [subscribe](#).



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New CSPA Secretary needed – can you help?

Do you want to play a key role in the CSPA? We are looking for a new secretary to join our Executive Committee which meets six times a year. It is a vital position for the smooth running of the CSPA and involves collating relevant information for each meeting, drawing up the agenda, taking minutes and subsequently circulating them to committee members.

If anyone can donate their time and skills for this very worthwhile post,

please contact CSPA chair Henrietta

