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Cranbrook's Quincentenary Ball gets rolling



Preparations are well under way for our grand **500th Anniversary Ball**, which promises to mark Cranbrook School's Quincentenary in spectacular style. So be sure to put the date – **June 30, 2018** – in your diary as tickets for this milestone event go on sale at the end of January. Guests can look forward to an evening of good food, fine wines and engaging entertainment designed to ensure Cranbrook School's ultimate birthday party goes with a bang.

*We're also looking for prizes for the silent and live auctions – signed memorabilia, cases of wine, theatre or sporting tickets, weekend breaks, artworks etc. Smaller prizes are also required for our balloon raffle.

If you can help, please send details to cspaballauction@gmail.com and remember that anyone who makes a donation by January 31 will be entered into a draw to **win two free Ball tickets**.

Burns Night is set to sizzle



Start your New Year with a lively Caledonian Ceilidh designed to set your feet tapping and pulses racing at our **10th annual Burns Night Supper**. One of the highlights of the CSPA social calendar, it's an evening of jigs and reels with Scottish country dancing preceded by a champagne reception and three-course feast that guarantees to keep the Celtic spirit flowing. The action kicks off at **7.00 pm on Saturday January 27 in the Queens Hall Theatre**. Don't miss it! **Tickets are £30** and you can [buy them online](#) on the CSPA website.

Yum, yum! Xmas puds for sale



It's enough to make anyone's mouth water – a delectable trio of Christmas puddings in three tantalising varieties: **Ultimate Plum Pudding, Triple Chocolate**, and **Sticky Toffee** now for sale on the CSPA website. Who can resist such a trio of temptations guaranteed to sprinkle a super-sweet flavour on your festivities? **Prices range from £6 to £12**. For details and to buy go to the [CSPA website](#).

Fundraising gets off to a racing start



Since the start of term, CSPA coffers have enjoyed a healthy boost led by its first-ever **Race Night** which romped home in winning style, raising **more than £700** amid the cheers of an exuberant bunch of parents.

Sales of CSPA merchandise from our stall at this year's **Cranbrook Apple Fair** raked in a further **£130**, but another big winner has been the **Second-Hand Uniform Shop** which has rung up a staggering **£692** since September. Please keep those uniform donations rolling in, but remember only gold logo items can be accepted.



Shop opening times are **10.30-11.30 on the first Tuesday of the month and 9.30-10.30 on the first Saturday**, but parents can make appointments outside these times by contacting [Michelle West](#)

Cranbrook goes depop



Our first ever **depop** saw students turn traders after clearing out their cupboards to sell clothes ranging from designer gear to glitzy dresses and jackets for nights out on the town. Lots of interested buyers came to browse and socialise, with some snapping up bargains as the school dining room was transformed into a busy marketplace for the afternoon. Next year we hope to repeat the event and sell more items by inviting parents to join in too. Watch this space . . .

Cranbrook School Lecture: Understanding the iGeneration



Multi-tasking is a myth, failures can be nurtured and our brains are wired for biological buzzes. These were the messages from acclaimed author and speaker **Nicola Morgan** who addressed a 200-strong audience at the latest **Cranbrook School Lecture** on issues affecting today's teens. Having written a number of educational books, including *The Teenage Guide to Friends*, Morgan stressed that the point of adolescence was independence and she warned that over-protective parents could damage resilience.

Teens needed to learn to look after themselves and have opportunities to daydream. Screens should be switched off well before bedtime and adolescents need at least nine hours of sleep each night.

'Tis the season of giving – so remember The Giving Machine



Calling all Christmas shoppers . . . turn your festive shopping into a seasonal gift for Cranbrook School by using **The Giving Machine**. It's an easy way to raise money at the click of a button whether you're stocking up on Xmas treats or splashing out on festive gifts, as a percentage will automatically be donated to the CSPA. If you haven't already, download **The Giving Machine mobile app** [here](#), and opt for **Cranbrook School CSPA** with sign-up code **59647**. For the desktops, go [here](#) to join and support.

STOP PRESS:

Can you take charge of Cranbrook School's 500th Anniversary merchandise?

We're looking for a volunteer who can keep their finger on the pulse of the school's pens, rucksacks, mugs and other merchandise that will mark next year's **Quincentenary celebrations**.

They will be responsible for ordering and monitoring items; selling them at school/CSPA events; and managing and co-ordinating supplies.

It's an ideal role for one or two people and you will be liaising with the rest of the CSPA team who can lend support as and when needed.

Can anyone take this onboard? If so, please contact CSPA's chair Henrietta King.

