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A warm CSPA welcome to everyone

**CSPA chair
Henrietta King**

At the start of this new school year, we want to welcome back all parents and extend warm greetings to all those **Y7 and Y9 parents** who have just joined the school community.

This has been a momentous year for **Cranbrook School** as it celebrates its **500th anniversary and Quincentenary celebrations** continue with a series of talks planned by the school this autumn and the school's participation in the Lord Mayor's Show in November.

As for the CSPA, following our spectacular *Quincentenary Summer Ball*, held in June, we are planning a series of social events, as detailed here, to bring new and current parents together. We would love to see you at those.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and fulfilling year ahead.

Hold your horses!

The **CSPA's annual Race Night** is under starter's orders for **Saturday November 3**. Get-set for an evening of fast-paced excitement and thrills, with the action starting at **7pm in the school Dining Hall**. So come on down and have a flutter on a series of specially televised races where you can place your bets. Tickets are £15, which includes supper and there's a bar too. Even if you can't attend, it isn't a non-starter as you can sponsor a race or a horse instead. **See the CSPA website** for more details.

Sweet taste of success

Cranbrook School now has its own **specially-pressed apple juice** thanks to an enthusiastic group of mothers who spent a sunny morning gathering apples in a Benenden orchard, courtesy of **Hannah Miles Watson**. The seven-strong group of pickers, led by **Emma Dear**, filled nearly two crates with the fruits of their labours. These were then taken to Ringden Farm to be juiced, making 300 bottles decorated with a beautifully-designed label by **Y12 pupil Helena Featherstone**, kindly organised and printed by **Emma Jordan**. **Cranbrook School Apple Juice will make its debut at the Apple Fair and can also be bought via the CSPA website, costing £3 a bottle or four for £10.**



Let's get fruity . . .

. . . because **Cranbrook's Apple Fair takes place on Saturday October 6 and as the CSPA is taking a stall, we're looking to harvest support from willing parents for scrummy apple-themed goodies to sell on the day.**

So grab your Granny Smiths, peel your Pink Ladies, and help us to serve up a (golden) delicious spread of apple pies, cakes, muffins and cookies – or any other pomme-themed delights you can rustle up to donate. Please leave contributions at Barham by the end of school on **Friday (October 5)** and come and visit our stall as we'll also be selling Cranbrook School Apple Juice, tasty Christmas Puddings, and a full selection of **CSPA merchandise too**.

You can also order these items via the [CSPA website](#), ParentMail or the **Second-Hand Uniform Shop**.



Date for the diary:

Tickets go on sale on **December 1** for the popular **Burns Night Supper** on Saturday January 26. **Don't miss out.**

Take a seat

The Queen's Hall is getting a spruce up with new moving lights and a snazzy new sound system thanks to the **£20,000 raised from the CSPA's Quincentenary Ball** which has seen **£18,000** spent on new enhancements, with the remaining **£2,000** donated to the [Sam West Foundation](#). But that's not all. Now's your chance to make a personal impression by sponsoring one of the seats in the theatre for £45, which will carry a plaque with your name. There are nearly 100 of them up for grabs – so you can leave your mark for years to come. If you're interested please contact **Henrietta**.

Here's a classy space

Take a look at this all-new haven outside the school's former DT block which has been turned into an al fresco chill-out zone thanks to a **£10,000 grant from the CSPA**. The area has been spruced up and the old shed replaced with this new terraced structure and wooden furniture, along with a drinking fountain.



Could you be a House Rep?

Are you willing to play a vital part in the life of Cranbrook School?

The **parent reps** for each of the 12 school houses are a key link between the school, pupils and parents; helping to organise regular social gatherings and welcoming new parents. **But we currently have a number of vacancies, which we need to fill for Cornwallis, Rammell, School Lodge, Scott and Allan Girls**. So if you have a child in any of these houses, please come forward. It doesn't have to be one person – the more the merrier as the role can be shared.

If you think you can do this, please contact [George \(Georgina\) Roberts](#) or [Henrietta](#)

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Can you help?

We urgently need volunteers to help with CSPA events and initiatives. Our successful **Second-Hand School Uniform Shop** is a thriving concern, but depends on its team of enthusiastic helpers – and more are needed. Please contact co-ordinator **Corinna Holden** if you can assist.

We also need ad hoc helpers who can pitch in for **Race Night**. Please contact **Emma Dear** if you are willing and able to help.

