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Who's up for Quiz Night?

As **Cranbrook School's Quiz Night** approaches, the big question is: *are you coming?* Parents can pit their wits against each other in teams of 8-10 strong or individuals can join together to form teams on the night. Quiz master extraordinaire Rob Miller will be firing the questions during a fun evening of facts and frivolity. **The action takes place from 7pm-10pm in the School Dining Hall on Saturday March 30. Tickets are £15pp and include a delicious home-cooked supper.**
[Book online](#)



Memorial to Sam West

The pale pink blossom of winter flowering cherry tree, donated by the CSPA in memory of **Sam West**, has added welcome colour to the school lawn in front of the Performing Arts Centre, complementing a rustic wooden bench donated by the West family, which bears Sam's name on a plaque. A talented artist, Sam's work is due to be displayed at school.

Take a seat . . .

. . . because there are still chairs in the [Queen's Hall Theatre](#) waiting to be sponsored. The cost is **£45** for each chair, which will carry a plaque with your child's name, helping to leave a lasting legacy. More than 100 chairs need to be replaced and while some have already been sponsored, more are needed. [Anyone who's interested should go through the link on the CSPA website.](#)



Burns Night turns up the heat

Cranbrook School turned tartan for its annual **Burns Night Supper** which celebrated all things Caledonian as more than 120 parents and friends kicked up their heels at this Celtic ceilidh. Dressed in their kilted finest, **David Leckie** masterfully piped in the haggis, accompanied by drummer and **CSPA Secretary John Harrod** before the evening finished with reels of spirited Scottish dancing.

Our thanks go to **Graeme Edmonds** and his team for serving up a haggis-inspired feast during a fun-filled evening which **raised more than £1000** for CSPA coffers which will go towards replacing badly-needed chairs in the Queen's Hall Theatre. Check the [CSPA website for action shots](#) of the evening's festivities. (link pls)



Tackling teenage troubles



Downloadable resources:
[CWMT slideshow](#)
[Langley Parents' Communication Guide](#)
[Langley Resource Guide](#)

Believing in your kids and remaining positive despite whatever problems arise was the gripping message by youth mental health expert **Jenny Langley from the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust** at the latest **Cranbrook School lecture**. More than 250 people attended her engaging and thought-provoking talk on **Teenage Emotional Wellbeing**. Cranbrook School mum **Michelle West** also addressed the audience about the **Sam West Foundation**, set up in memory of her son who took his own life last year. The CSPA funds counselling for Cranbrook School pupils and hopes to step up support for mental health initiatives, but relies on fundraising through the CSPA Lotto and The Giving Machine and Amazon Smile (see below) to help fund this.

*If all this fine weather makes you thirsty, don't forget that there is plenty of **Cranbrook School Apple Juice** for sale at £3.50 a bottle (or three for £10) along with special **Quincentenary merchandise** with smart **silk red ties** costing £25; **wool scarves** in burgundy, gold and black for £28; and burgundy **leather-bonded drinks coasters** at £3 each or £5 for two. But you need to hurry as stocks are running low. Don't forget the limited edition **quincentenary ale glasses**, which are a steal at £10. [Purchases can be made through the CSPA website](#) or look out for them at school events.*

Snap up school goodies



Let your spending help the school



If you're an online shopper, don't forget to use the **Giving Machine and Amazon Smile** to ensure that your spending helps to raise money for the school at the same time. It's money for nothing as there's no extra cost to you, but it makes all the difference to the CSPA's fund-raising efforts. **Simply register with [The Giving Machine](#) and [Amazon Smile](#) and register **Cranbrook School Parents' Association** as your chosen charity.** It's even easier if you download the Shop&Give app which automatically ensure the donations are made. [All the details on the website.](#)

STOP PRESS: Can you shoot or edit?

We urgently need parents or friends of school who could help with some basic film-maker training for a small number of students next term. It does not have to be a regular commitment, but it would be a huge help to have more support for students who would like to increase their skills.

Please encourage your friends to get in touch if you know they have a secret talent for this!

Email [Ann Booth-Clibborn](#) for more information.

