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## Calling ALL Disco Divas

**Come and strut your stuff at the CSPA's 80s Night as we party through the decade that fashion forgot.**

So put **Saturday October 12** in your diaries and join us in the **Queen's Hall Theatre** for an evening of feel-good hits from the likes of Wham, Bananarama and Duran Duran as we relive the heyday of big hair, shoulder pads and legwarmers. Don't worry, you don't have to wear them - just turn up from 7.30pm until midnight to indulge in this nostalgic 80s fest. **Tickets are £15 and include a welcoming glass of fizz to get the party started. You won't want to miss it!**

**[Online ticket sales are open.](#)**



Come and get a slice of this year's **Cranbrook Apple Fair on Saturday October 5** and make sure you visit the **CSPA stall** where we will be selling a line-up of goodies that include our tasty Christmas puddings and specially-made Cranbrook School apple juice plus a selection of CSPA merchandise, including beer glasses, scarves and coasters. There will also be a scrumptious apple raffle and "Guess the Apples" contest.

## School goodies on the go

There's no better autumnal tippie than **Cranbrook School Apple Juice**, costing £3.50 a bottle (or three for £10). You can even sup it from our special limited-edition **Quincentenary ale glasses** (costing £12 for a pack of two glasses with a small bottle of beer or apple juice; or £30 for a box of six glasses) and stand them on our smart leather-bonded **drinks coasters** (£3 each or £5 for two). Other Quincentenary merchandise still available includes natty **red silk ties** (£25) and **wool scarves** in burgundy, gold and black (£28). [Purchases can be made through the CSPA website](#) or look out for them at school events.



## Surviving the online world



Learn how to avoid the pitfalls of the digital world from award-winning sisters and social media aficionados Emma and Charlotte Robertson who founded [Digital Awareness UK](#). The campaigning siblings will be giving advice on how to survive and thrive online during an evening talk at the **Queen's Hall Theatre** at 7.30pm on **Tuesday October 15**. **Tickets are £5.**

[Online ticket sales are open.](#)

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## Don't forget . . . The Giving Machine



If you're embarking on a spending bonanza, snapping up a few bargains or simply doing the weekly food shop online, don't forget to use **The Giving Machine** or **Amazon Smile**. It costs you nothing, but makes all the difference to CSPA funds as amounts soon tot up, with some parents notching up as much as £30 in just a month or two. Simply register with [The Giving Machine](#) and [Amazon Smile](#) and submit Cranbrook School Parents' Association as your chosen charity. It's even easier if you download the **Shop&Give** app which automatically ensures donations are made. [All the details on the website.](#)

## Sponsor a chair

So far, more than 30 chairs in the **Queen's Hall Theatre** have been sponsored, so don't miss a chance to leave your mark on one too. It costs **£45 per chair**, which includes a plaque inscribed with your child's name, helping to leave a lasting legacy. **Anyone interested should go through the [link on the CSPA website](#).**



## Give us your old uniforms

With the start of the new school year, if you're having a clear-out of old uniform, don't forget to donate any unwanted items to the **CSPA's Second-Hand School Uniform Shop**, run by a dedicated team of volunteers led by **Siobhan Hinds** and **Sarah Hues**. So far this year, the shop has raised nearly £600 for our funds, but with your contributions we could push up takings even further. **So please keep donations rolling in and look out for opening dates which will be posted on the CSPA website.**

Every month:  
**First Tuesday 10.30-11.30**  
**First Saturday 9.30-10.30**  
During school holidays open by appointment only.



## Quiz Night scores top marks

**There's no question about it – the CSPA's annual battle of brainpower was a runaway success, raising a fantastic total of more than £2,300.** Nearly 150 parents and friends battled it out in a fun-filled evening as quizmaster extraordinaire Rob Miller kept the questions rolling. A big thank-you to Rob and the team of CSPA helpers who provided the food and, particularly, Georgina Stephenson whose splendid organisation helped to make Quiz Night such a hit.



STOP PRESS:  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all new parents (and existing ones too!) we are looking for a new crop of willing helpers – without whom the CSPA could not function. Whether it is ongoing assistance or ad hoc help, we are keen to hear from you.

Anyone interested in lending a hand at CSPA events can [contact chair Henrietta King](#) via this link.

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