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Parents' Association

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A momentous year ahead for Cranbrook School

CSPA chair Henrietta King

Welcome to what promises to be a historic milestone in the life of our school as we mark our **500th anniversary in 2018** with a string of events – culminating in a week of celebrations next June with the high point being the **Quincentenary Ball**.

This autumn term has got off to a flying start with our new intake of Year 9s and, for the first time in nearly 50 years, Year 7s too. Their arrival has been marked with the opening of the fabulous new **Sixth Form Centre** (for which the CSPA funded new furniture) plus the impressive **Year 7 Hub** exclusively for our new 11-year-old pupils. To maintain momentum for parents, we have a line-up of social activities planned, the first of which are detailed below.

I hope you can join us!

Saddle up for our first-ever Race Night



Race Night

Giddy-up and get-set for an evening of excitement and thrills at the **CSPA Race Night on Friday September 29**. The action starts at **7.30pm in the school Dining Hall**, so show us the colour of your money and have a flutter. **Tickets are £10**, which includes a hog roast or vegetarian supper, and there's a bar and raffle too. But even if you can't attend, don't be a non-starter – you can sponsor a horse or be a jockey instead. See the [CSPA website](#) for more information.



Savour the flavour of Cranbrook's Apple Fair

Come and get a slice of this year's **Cranbrook Apple Fair on Saturday October 7** 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. There will also be competitions and a scrumptious apple raffle.

Taking a uniform approach



We want to say a big thank you to the excellent team, led by **Michelle West (left) and Corinna Holden**, who run [Cranbrook School's Second-Hand Uniform Shop](#) and are looking for donations and volunteers.

The shop, which generally opens on the first **Tuesday** and **Saturday** of each month ([timings on the website](#)), stocks good quality second-hand items, along with sports equipment, GCSE and A-level books, plus other recommended school texts – with profits going straight into CSPA coffers.

Donations of uniform with the new gold logo are needed (white logo items are no longer accepted), which can be left in the cupboard at Barham House or brought to the shop during opening hours.

If anyone is interested in helping out and joining the team, please [contact Michelle](#).



A team effort on teas

It's time for a special shout-out to the fantastic helpers who give up their Saturdays during winter to organise **teas for our hockey and rugby teams**.

Alison Ward does a sterling job co-ordinating helpers for the rugby teas, but we are looking for anyone who can do the same for the hockey fixtures this winter. Please [contact Henrietta King](#) if you can lend a hand.

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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** which 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 Henrietta](#).

