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Planning for the future

CSPA chair Henrietta King

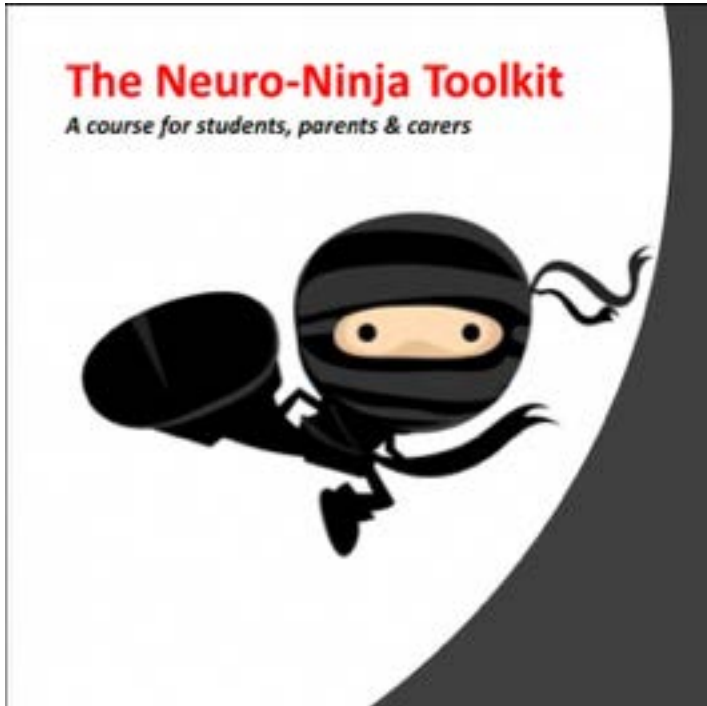


"Whoever could have predicted that such an unexpected turn of events would disrupt the final months of this academic year? Yet amid such upheaval and uncertainty, I want to stress that the CSPA has remained constant, with meetings continuing on Zoom as we plan for the future.

No one knows exactly what the new normal will be, but the CSPA intends to push ahead however it can. We hope to hold events during the autumn term, including our annual quiz (postponed from April), and take a stall at the Cranbrook Apple Fair if it goes ahead.

I feel now, more than ever, is a key time for the CSPA to come together and play its part in supporting the school community and we would welcome new parent volunteers to help us do that more effectively.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and do look out for our further updates in September."



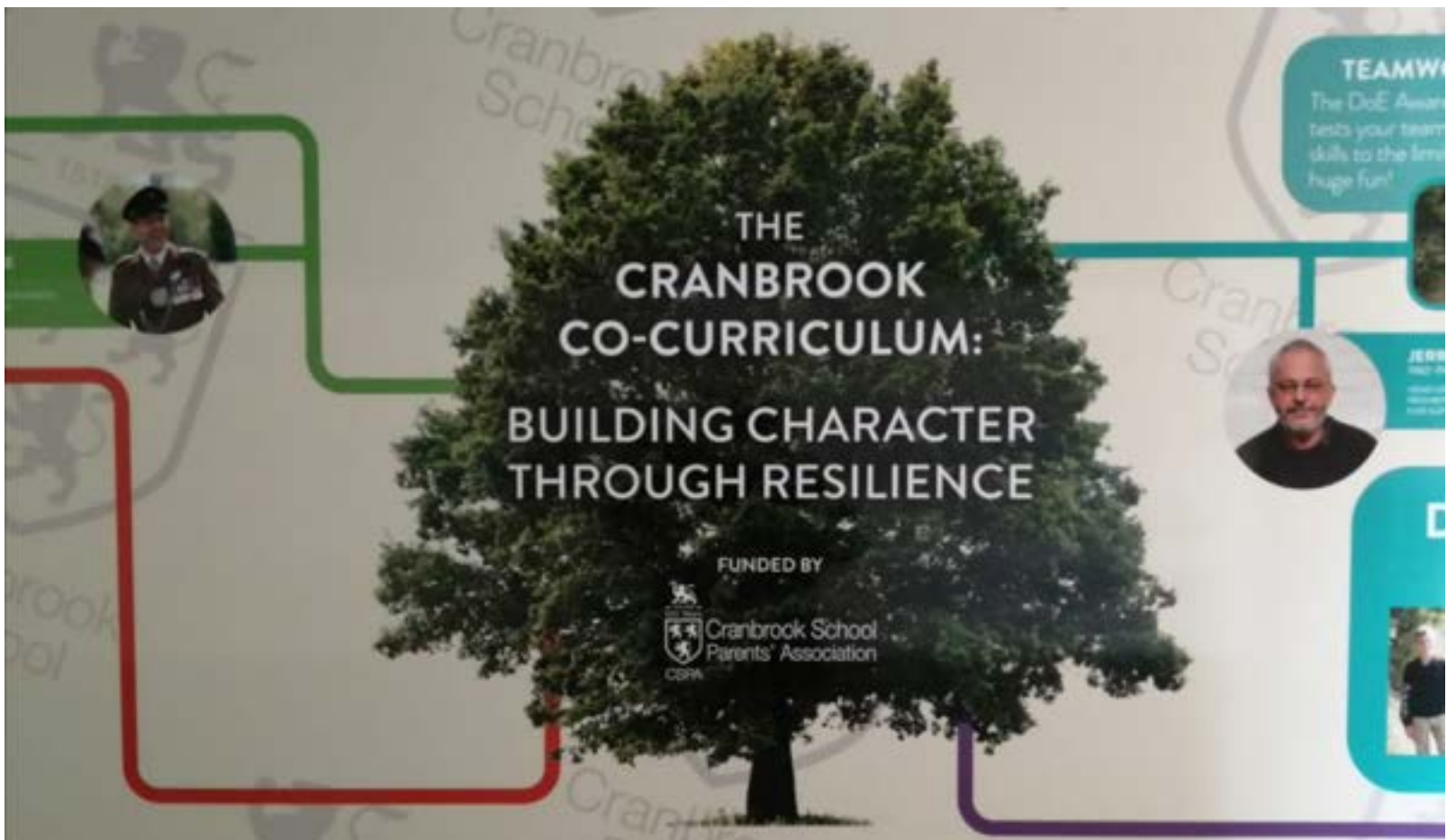
Catch the final Neuro-Ninja webinars

Tuesday night (June 9) is the first of the final two sessions in the nine-strong series of seminars aimed at parents and students by self-confessed brain nerd Andrew Wright. Having kicked off his talks in the Queen's Hall Theatre last December, the seminars evolved into webinars as lockdown started and these can be [accessed on the CSPA website](#) along with slideshows that correspond to the earlier sessions. Tomorrow's hour-long webinar, entitled [Habits of Neuro-Ninjas](#), starts at 7pm. The session is free of charge, though donations are welcome.

Register

Donate

A panel of pastoral pride



Students returning to school won't fail to miss a colourful addition to the corridors of the maths block with a new storyboard-style panel highlighting Cranbrook School's established record of pastoral pursuits. Funded by the CSPA, it includes details of music, sporting, CCF and DoE activities with special mentions of notable alumni, including England rugby international Ruaridh McConnochie; NASA astronaut, the late Dr Piers Sellers OBE; chief executive of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Victoria Wallace; and comedian Harry Hill.

Whacking up the



Wi-Fi

Staying connected has never been more important and thanks to the CSPA, students and staff can enjoy **enhanced WiFi access** after we financed an extra **30 wireless access points** throughout the school to the tune of nearly £2,500. They are being installed in time for the planned reopening on June 15, and will greatly help to support more pupils working on mobile devices.

A core request: Does anyone have a spare orchard?

Calling all Pink Ladies, Granny Smiths and all that Jazz – because the CSPA is looking for a Golden (Delicious) opportunity to make another batch of tasty Cranbrook School apple juice. Can you help with this ap-peel?

We are keen to hear from anyone who has an orchard and would be happy to donate their crop of apples to us this autumn. We are also on the hunt for a team of volunteers to come and pick the pommes in early September. If you can help, please [contact Emma Dear](#).



A trio of fond farewells



As we bid adieu to **Year 13 parents**, we want to thank three longstanding executive committee members for their valuable contribution.

Ann Booth-Clibborn and **Catherine Pearse** both played key roles in fund-raising efforts for the new Sixth Form Centre and establishment of Cranbrook Together. Additionally, Ann has been a driving force behind improving school communications through photography and film, including running film club this year. **Sara Ford** was instrumental in the relaunch of the new-look CSPA website in 2016 and, for the last four years, has written the CSPA's termly newsletters.

A parting memento?

If you're a Year 13 parent searching for a fond keepsake of your children's years at the school, then look no further than our **special Quincentenary merchandise**, with a box of six beer glasses (complete with school crest) for £30 and leather-bound commemorative coasters for £3 each or two for £5. Why not add a reminiscent flavour of Cranbrook School to your wardrobe with snappy woollen scarves in burgundy, gold and black for £28 and natty silk burgundy ties for £25.



Orders can be made through the [CSPA website](#) and deliveries will be carried out locally.

Take me to the shop!

STOP PRESS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The departure of Year 13 parents at the end of term, including our long-term executive committee members, leaves a significant gap that we need to fill with a new crop of enthusiastic helpers. Without such volunteers the CSPA cannot function, so we are keen and eager to hear from anyone who can step up to offer either ongoing commitment or ad hoc help.

The strength and success of the CSPA depends entirely upon the support of Cranbrook's School's parent community – it is a vital partnership that underpins our future. Anyone interested in assisting the CSPA at specific events, compiling the newsletter or serving on committees can [contact chair Henrietta King](#)

Contact and Join

