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Let's get quizzical



It's that time of year when Cranbrook School parents pit their wits against each other during the annual **CSPA Quiz Night on Saturday March 25**. And the big question is: Will you be there? Contestants can come along in teams of 8-10 strong or individuals can join together to form teams on the night. There's a Greek theme to this year's contest, so consult your oracles and count on cuisine with a Hellenic flavour – perfect brain food for amateur Aristotles!

[Tickets on sale now](#)

There were bagpipes aplenty (masterfully played by **David Leckie**); inspirational addresses by **Dermot Woolgar** and **Sarah Maxwell**; and a heap of spirited Scottish dancing as nearly 130 Cranbrook School parents and friends kicked up their heels in a Caledonian celebration at the CSPA's annual **Burns Night Supper**.

Our thanks go to **Graeme Edmonds** and his team for their support, in addition to serving up a tremendous haggis-inspired feast. This helped to fuel a **fun-filled evening** which raised more than **£1,600** for CSPA coffers.

Burns Night was a flaming success



Spread the word



The CSPA has joined forces with Cranbrook School librarian **Christine Newman** to launch a **Book Buddies scheme** aimed at encouraging Sixth Formers to link up with new Year 7 students through a mutual love of reading. The idea is that Y12 and Y13 students will buy a book they enjoyed when they were 11, to donate with an inscription inside where they explain why it was their favourite read. Anyone interested in taking part needs to **contact Mrs Newman** to ensure there are no duplicates. The deadline for donations is March 31.

The **Second Hand School Uniform Shop** has been an undisputed success story of the CSPA's fund-raising efforts thanks, in no small part, to the dedication of **Himali Peiris** and **Hazel Matthews** who have led an outstanding team. Sadly, both of them have had to stand down, so we need volunteers who can step into their shoes and build on the shop's sterling performance. We also want to say a **big thank you to Himali and Hazel**, who really have been top of the class.

A uniform approach



Sports screen debut

Visitors to the **Sports Hall** can't fail to notice the impressive shiny monitor that has added the finishing flourish to this newly-revamped facility. Donated by the CSPA, the screen will carry details of the latest sports fixtures and team lists. Students will also see themselves in action thanks to PowerPoint presentations of sports events and inter-house contests. [See the post on the CSPA website](#).

Year 9 CCF students are learning how to save a life thanks to a series of regular **First Aid Sessions** organised by a tireless member of the CSPA Education Support Subcommittee with the British Red Cross. The stints are being held on Wednesdays for members of Cranbrook School's Combined Cadet Force, who will receive a total of 4.5 hours vital training, which includes learning how to use a public service defibrillator. Participants are encouraged to download the [free British Red Cross app](#) on to their mobile devices.

First Aid training



STOP PRESS:

We need your support

The **CSPA** is looking for volunteers and fund-raisers to assist with events and participate in committees. In this challenging climate we **really** need all hands on deck. Even if you can't commit too much time, ad hoc contributions are welcome, along with fund-raising ideas. If you think you can help, please contact Henrietta King or come to our next **Social and Fund-Raising Committee meeting: 7pm, Thursday March 2 at The George pub in Cranbrook**. We hope to see you there.

