

Welcome to the Summer Term 2022 edition of the CSPA Newsletter

Issue 29



Cranbrook School
Parents' Association

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter!

Hasn't the summer term gone quickly? Exams taken, speech days held, leavers' parties celebrated - so busy for students, staff and parents. As we move into the summer holidays, the CSPA are already looking forward to next term, bringing the parental body together and raising much needed funds to benefit all students.

We were very sad to lose some key CSPA executive committee members at the end of this term, but hope to welcome on board some new faces in the coming months.

If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you [here](#) - all are welcome!

A few thank yous must be made to those volunteers who have readily responded to the CSPA's cry for help at various events this term - thank you to **Justine** for helping out at the (very busy) recent School open day, to **Hayley, Emma, Camilla, Henrietta and Stephen** for all their help setting up the CSPA Ball (of which more later) and to the amazing **Hayley**,

Sara, Tracy, Emma, Sarah, Jen and Kristin who regularly give up their time to help in the Secondhand Shop.

We couldn't do any of this without your help!

The big event of this term - the **CSPA Summer Ball** was a fabulous evening of wine, food, dancing, entertainment, auctioneering and fun. See a full report and photos further on.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all next term!

George, CSPA Chair



Cranbrook School
Parents' Association
CSPA



YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

It's A



Lotto players must be 16 years or older

Cranbrook School Parents' Association registered charity no.1002558

If you haven't yet, then why not sign up to the **CSPA Lottery**?

So far we've raised a fantastic £4,189 and currently have 226 tickets in each week's draw.

This is your chance to help raise funds for the School and win cash prizes - the more we all put in, the more the weekly prize fund and the more we raise for the School to benefit the students.

Click [here](#) to find out more and buy tickets.

Tell your friends and family, so that they can get involved too!

It's a win-win! Good luck!

A sad goodbye to our longest-serving CSPA Executive Committee Members.....

We were so sorry to say goodbye to our dear friends and fellow executive committee members, **Helen Stevens (Vice Chair)** and **John Harrod (Secretary)** this term. Their input, guidance, counsel and support has been immeasurable and they will be very much missed.

Not sure how we're going to manage without you both!



Helen has been a parent at the School since 2013. Mum to Loucka – now at Manchester studying Business and Marketing - and twins Effie and Xani who have just left Cranbrook, Helen joined the CSPA as Treasurer five years ago. An editor by profession specialising in the technology sector, Helen is known locally as the owner of Cranbrook's fabulous sports shop, Ubersports.

Helen's involvement in the CSPA has covered so many areas - designer in chief, fount of all knowledge, a steady and calming hand and, dare we say it, matriarch of the Committee! She will be sorely missed but we look forward to seeing her around and about in Cranbrook.

John spent twenty years as the Principal Percussionist of the English National Opera Orchestra and for the UK's finest opera, symphony and ballet orchestras, as well as a ten year spell at the Royal National Theatre.

Moving into the corporate world, he spent 20 years in local, regional and global corporate affairs roles.

John's son Adam started at Cranbrook in 2014 - he's now at Sheffield studying medicine; Daniel is moving into Yr13.

Supporting the local community has always been important to John and he's been the conductor of the School's symphony orchestra for several years.

John's input on the Committee has been invaluable - his secretarial skills are second to none, he has kept us all organised and he leaves very big shoes to fill!



We are delighted to announce that **Lucy Howells** has agreed to become Vice Chair, taking over from Helen, and **Cara Hughes** will be our new Treasurer, taking over from John. Thank you both!

Goodbye.....

We also say goodbye to CSPA Committee members **Andrew Nadin** and **Graham Cook** - thank you for your help and contribution over the last few years.

The CSPA Summer Ball hits new heights!

The last Friday in June saw 190 parents and friends greeted by the **School's very own and extraordinarily talented jazz band**, a glass of bubbly and a plethora of CSPA volunteers all eagerly encouraging purses and wallets to be opened, drinks purchased and auction lots signed up for.

Within the wonderful surroundings of a woodland-inspired marquee on Cornwallis field, the **Headmaster** opened the Ball by regaling attendees with details of the School's ***GETOUT!*** project to develop outside spaces for our students, to which funds raised by the Ball will contribute.

A welcome from CSPA Chair Georgina Stephenson was followed by hilarious **comedian Russell Hicks** who really worked the room, evidenced by the raucous laughter of those he didn't pick on!

First course was followed a **live auction** led by the man with the gavel, governor **Richard Vinton**. Guests were also invited to bid on the **silent auction** and buy the fabulous **balloon prizes**.

After a wonderful dinner, guests danced to **The Masqueraders**, only finishing in the early hours when everyone was exhausted.

We are delighted to report that we raised a magnificent **£8,000** towards the ***GETOUT!*** project.

This thoroughly enjoyable and fun evening was only made possible by the super human hard work of the **Ball Committee - Honey Barras, Katharine Coltart, Emma Dear, John Harrod, Henrietta King, George Stephenson, Helen Stevens, Annelise Tyler and Kristin Watt-Bonar**

The CSPA would also like to thank **Rob Greenfield and the Cranbrook School Jazz Band, Tony Bailey and the Cranbrook School Estates**

team, Kester & Chyna Hulland-Rumley, Mark Coltart, Rachel Freeman, Mark Payne, Gavin Kean, the very generous parents and governors who donated to the live and silent auctions and the balloon prizes, our incredible local sponsors and all those who attended and supported the event (for a full rundown, see the CSPA Facebook page [here](#)).

Thank you everyone!









MENU



Cocktails £8

Passion Fruit Martini
Absolut Vanilla vodka, fresh lime, passion fruit, pineapple and raspberry. Titan of the British bar scene aka The Pornstar Martini. Like a boozy Solero Lolly.

Cosmopolitan
Cranberry infused Absolut vodka, fresh lime and handmade triple sec. Slowly infused with fresh and dried orange peels. Not your average Cosmo.

Espresso Martini
Absolut vodka, Kahlua, cold brew coffee, salted caramel. It's like your regular Espresso Martini has slipped into something more comfortable.

Pink Spritz
Rosé, Martini Bianco, Campari, fresh pink grapefruit and cherry blossom. A stunning aromatic spritz - floral and bright. Very pink and very moreish with just enough bitterness.

Gin & Tonic
Single £6, Double £9

Choice of fabulous gins:
Anno
Bathtub Gin
Birch Gin
Copper Rivet Distillery
Add **Fever-Tree**, ice and a slice for a chilled classic!

Mocktails £5

Strawberries & Cream
Fresh strawberry, pineapple, lemon and handmade vanilla brown rice syrup. Wimbledon in a glass!

Guava Colada
Fresh pineapple, guava, lemon and coconut syrup. All out Summer.

Jungle Juice
Cold brewed camomile tea, cucumber, hibiscus, lemon and lemongrass syrup. Refreshingly chilled.

SCHOOL 2022 SUMMER Ball

BUY A BALLOON

Every one a winner!

£20 balloons
Store gift vouchers for a little retail therapy
Home & garden delights
Outdoor pursuits & fitness sessions

£40 balloons
Fabulous leisure & pleasure experiences
Dining out or chill at home
Hair & beauty pampering treatments

Our gratitude to all the parents and companies who have generously donated products and services for tonight's prizes

 **GETOUT**
Developing our school's outdoor spaces









Secondhand Uniform Shop

The CSPA Shop is run by a small team of dedicated volunteers and is located in the Coach House next to Cornwallis. It stocks good quality secondhand uniform and sportswear in various sizes.

All profits go directly to the CSPA.

We are hoping to open during the summer holiday - dates tbc, keep an eye on the CSPA website for details.

The Shop will be open on Saturday 3rd September from 10am - 12pm and then weekly on Thursday mornings 8am - 9.30am up until

Thursday 13th October.

Click [here](#) for full details.



amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon Smile

Did you know that if you sign up to Amazon Smile, Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the CSPA? Quick, easy to do and completely free.

Use it now for all your online shopping!

[Click here to find out more](#)

>>



The Giving Machine™

The Giving Machine

When you buy online, you can generate a free cash donation to the CSPA with every purchase via The Giving Machine.

Sign up now for all your online shopping!

Click here to find out more

>>

Association for Boarders at Cranbrook (ABC Committee)

New President appointed!

The ABC Committee are delighted to welcome boarding parent **Gigi Bromage** as President of the Committee, taking over from the wonderful Andrew Nadin.

Gigi has a son in Cornwallis and a daughter in Blubery - find out more about her [here](#)

The ABC Committee was created for parents, guardians and carers of boarding students at Cranbrook School. Its main purpose is to provide a support network and to allow better communication between boarders' parents, guardians and carers and the School. For further information or to join, click

[here.](#)

Follow the CSPA on social media:

Contact us: [click here](#) if you'd like to get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

www.cranbrookschoolparents.com

Created with
Ascend by Wix.
[Explore Ascend](#)