



Festive Greetings!

Merry Christmas from Craig house!

It is now just over a week since the end of term and I'm pretty sure that no matter where you are in the UK, or further abroad if you're that lucky, moments from the last term are the furthest things from your mind right now. However, as we do every term this newsletter is a collection of just a handful of things that took place during the last term.

We've had the house a cappella competition, school musical productions, house singing competitions, house fives, house rugby, a new tutor team based Shw HSM competition, charitable work, Yr 9 drama and CCF just to name a few activities.

I hope this small newsletter gives you a taste of some of the things that Craig have done as a house together, along with a few other things that don't get as much press during the year as they maybe should.

Enjoy a great Christmas break.

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Above; Craig & Blackwater house L6th integration afternoons. Who can resist an ice-cream in September? I'm not sure that they would be quite so keen now!

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Never too old, maybe just a little too big.....



Music

Adam Howard and Charlie Milner contributed to the live lounge evening along with a number of other students from around the school.

Adam Howard, Ben Scanlan, Arthur Lewis and Joseph Shouksmith took to the Birley stage to compete in the house a cappella competition.



Academics

This term saw the Shw HSM competition take a new format. Teams were created through the tutor system and the Shw HSMs were then averaged out against the number of tutees in that team. 6th form Shw HSMs, because of their illuiveness, were credited as three Shw HSMS.

Congratulations to Team Bunce for wining the inaugural competition. And well done to George Pool, Tom Stewart-Blacker, Will Meikle and Scott Williams for leading the pack individually.

George Pool won the Y11 book review competition for his work on a *A Street Cat Named Bob*.

Euan McGreevy came in second place in the national Stephen Spender translation competition for his rendering of a brand new Spanish poem.



Service:

Euan McGreevy lead the fundraising for this year's chapel charity, the Lunchbowl Network, who feed and educate orphans in Kiberia outside Nairobi, Kenya. All pupils donated £2 to the charity and many also took part in a quiz that Euan himself created. Entrants paid £3 and which again went to the Lunchbowl Network. The charity has raised £2302 so far this term. Edward Armitage won the Y10 quiz receiving a prize in the final assembly of term.



Top left; Arthur Lewis, Joseph Shouksmith, Ben Scanlan and Adam Howard get ready for the house a cappella completion, #voiceofangels
Bottom left; The men of Craig get ready to go at the house singing competition in All Saints'.

House Singing Competition

This year saw the men of the house choose 'The Climb' by Miley Cyrus. The school's second house singing competition. The boys took to the challenge well, and quite often the calm sound of the evening would be hijacked by the Y9 boys practising the chorus over and over again. This year the competition ended in a really tight finish between Craig and Powell and unfortunately the judge decided to fall on the side of Powell. The experience was certainly enjoyed by all.

CCF

Tom Stewart–Blacker has been promoted to Sergeant while also completing his cadet leadership course at Sennybridge during the half term holidays .

Edward Armitage was also awarded the position of Able Cadet during the term.

Jimbo Culme–Seymour was runner up in the best cadet award on CCF field day, while Scott Williams and Arthur Lewis were also nominate for that award.



Craig House Fives

So close but yet so far for the house in this year's house fives competition. Ollie Ashdown and Harry Clarke took on the challenge and competed fantastically well every Tuesday afternoon, collecting many victories through out the term. In fact so excited were the house that the weekly announcement of the result was the most anticipated notice of the week. Alas in the final game of the competition, where success would have given them the title, Pennell emerged victorious and Craig were resigned to second place. Nonetheless a credit to the house.

College Colours

A number of boys have played an integral part in the life of the College over the last few years and have been awarded full or half colours for their added value, effort and commitment to the College's cause:

Drama:

Charlie Milner (Half)

Art:

James Allan (Half)

Sport:

Joe Pocklington (Half), Harry Clarke (Half), Ollie Ashdown (Half), Harvey Warren (Full), James Allan (Full)

#colours

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the following boys who have now been awarded their silver award:

- Jamie McGonigal
- Harry Clarke
- Rahul Radia



Drama

This year's Yr 9 House Drama Festival saw Craig house walk the stage in a short version of a 'Oliver' by Oscar Boulter, Hobie Vickerman. All the pupils performed fantastically well and were very unfortunate not to repeat last years success of finishing top of the tree.

A Christmas Carol:

Adam Howard took part in the school production of A Christmas Carol, playing the parts of Fezziwig and Old Joe in a production that spanned a whole week in the penultimate week of term.

Inter-house Sport

This term saw the addition of not on the College steeplechase but also the inaugural biathlon competition to the Michaelmas term, were we already have the house rugby competition.

Craig did come out victorious in the biathlon (See next page for photo) with Adam Armitage winning his year group.

Unfortunately we were not able to win the steeplechase outright; however, we did cruise to victory in the inters competition with George Pool topping the class.

In the inter-house rugby all junior year groups were won by Craig in what was quite an outstanding achievement. That now makes it six competition wins in 6 attempts over the last three years at these levels.

Cronkite of the Week



Above; All the men of the house that make this term's gallery for the Cronkite of the week award. At various points in the term, they were awarded it for either exceptional support of the house or performances around the school. Below; Y9, Y10 and Y11 house rugby teams that completed the triple crown, winning their own house rugby competition. Below centre; the inter house biathlon team who won the inaugural competition.



Michaelmas Term Gallery



Important Details



For the 2017 diary...

Sunday 7th January

House Open 9am through 5pm for drop off

Monday 8th January

Term Starts 8:20am Roll Call in house

GCSE Mocks Begin

Thursday 25th January

Weekend exeat from 4:00pm

Friday 9th February

Half term exeat from 4:00pm

Friday 9th March

Weekend exeat begins from 5:00pm

Friday 23rd March

Term ends 3:45pm

Reminders:

- House Registration
 - Monday 0820
 - Rest of the week 0825
- Assumptions that boys are going home when they leave etc etc.....sdf gg
- Please can those parents of boys travelling in on buses make sure boys are in uniform.
- Saturday afternoon sporting commitments are compulsory. Please could parents contact Mr Torri at least a week in advance with any requests for absence.
- Those in the U6th, who have consent to drive, may use their cars to drive into school and to return home in the evening. Pupils must not use the car during the day for any other purpose.