

Craig House Newsletter

Summer term 2023

This summer term has lived up to expectations and we have probably had the best weather since records began (I realise this is a huge claim). The Y11s and 13s have had to put up with sweltering heat for their revision and exams but haven't complained and taken it all in their stride. We must remember that this is the first time either of these years have taken public examinations, so well done them. College field has been full of Cronkites in matches, none of which have been cancelled because of rain (as far as I can remember). We have had house golf, house tennis, house rowing and sports day. This final newsletter of the year aims to capture as much as possible from the classroom, stage, pitches, courts, house and many more places around the school.

We also say goodbye to the wonderful Y13s

How it started



How it ended



Michaelmas Term Dates

Thursday 30 August

House open

Induction programme for new pupils in Y12

Thursday 31 August

First day of term

Friday 22 September

U6 Parents meeting

Exeat 14:35

Friday 20 October

L6 Parents meeting

Half term 14:35

Monday 6 November

Term resumes

Friday 24 November

Y9 Parents meeting

Exeat 14:35

Friday 15 December

Term ends

15:45



Academic report

Congratulations to all those who have won subject prizes and in particular to James Dunlop in Y10 who has won three. Head of Scholars Mr Wood commends James for exceptional individual work on the philosophy of religion, entirely on his own initiative. Congratulations to Alexander Bailey who is the first pupil to score 100% in the Level 2 CISI finance qualification. In modern languages, congratulations go to Thomas Van Rensburg for receiving an area commendation for the German Level 1 translation competition of the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators.

End of Year Prizes

Harry Jordan	Latin Y9 Achievement Prize and Music Y9 Prize
Dan Clark	Chemistry Y10 Prize and History Y10 Prize
James Dunlop	Classical Civilisation Y10 Prize, Physics Y10 Prize and RS Y10 Prize
Harry Shouksmith	GG Mohring Junior German Prize, Young Musician of the Year, vocal (Intermediate and overall winner) and Young Musician of the Year, instrumental (Intermediate class winner)
Oliver Jones	Young Musician of the Year, instrumental (Junior class winner)
Dexter Bell	NJ Hill Junior Design and Technology Prize
Alexander Bailey	L6 Economics Prize
Struan Dunlop	L6 German Prize and the Gurney Travel Scholarship
Oliver Shouksmith	C Mackenzie Senior German Prize and RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize
Joshua Ansell	Maurice EM Sims Prize for Contribution to Boys' Sport
Harry Marson	RD Macklin Senior History Prize

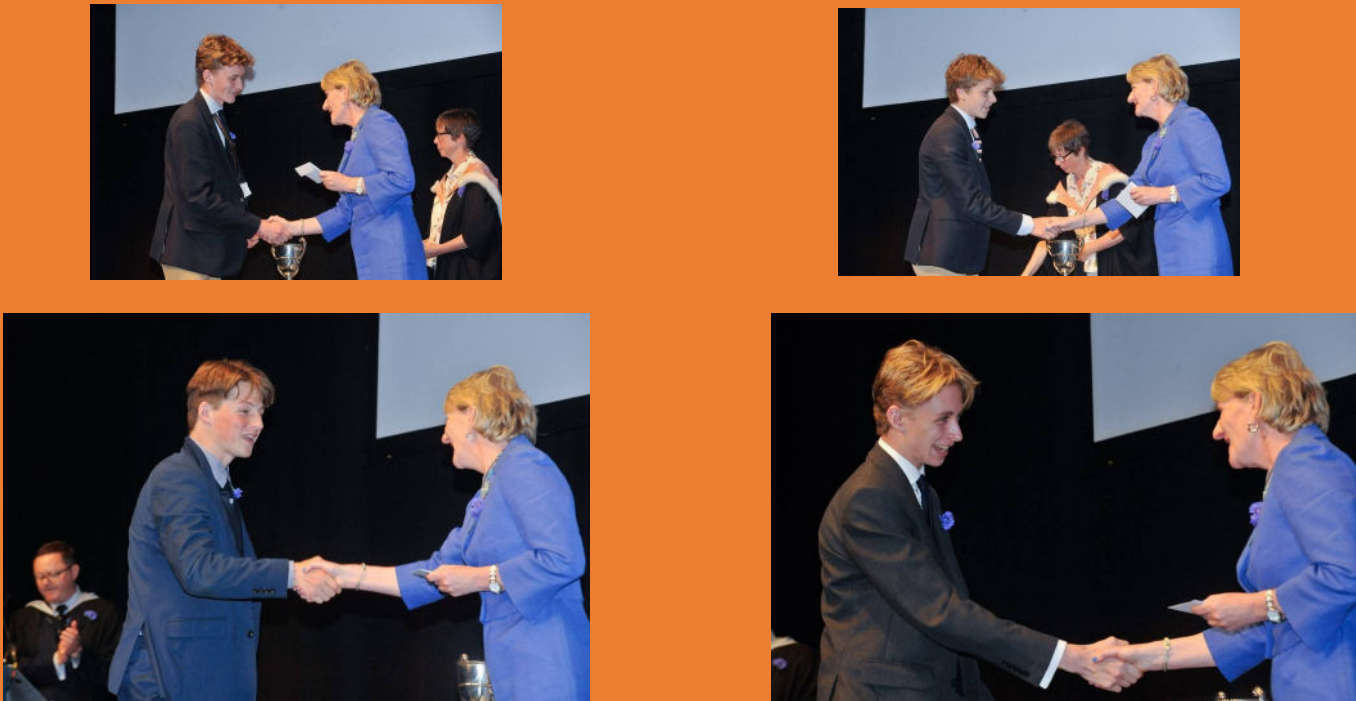
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Friday's Prize Winners



Saturday Prize Winners



MORE PRIZES

Class effort prizes

Thomas Van Rensburg	Chemistry
Alex Bailey	Politics
Oscar Gibbs	English
Rufus Piper	Economics
James Speakman	Maths
Dexter Bell	Geography
Freddie Powis	Biology
Theo Summers	English
Marcus Skyrme	DT
Dan Clark	DT and Classical Civilisation
James Dunlop	Geography

Congratulations to Herbie Sleep who has completed his Trinity Musical Theatre exam gaining a distinction.

Congratulations go to Harry Marson for completing his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Congratulations also go to Ben Clark who received the Headmaster's Award. Recipients of this award have been recognised for making an all-round contribution to the College.

Half Colours

Name	Prize
Marcus Skyrme	DT
Ben Chambers	DT
Herbie Sleep	Dance
Struan Dunlop	Tennis
Tom McDonald	Cricket
Matteo Chu	Golf

Full Colours

Name	Prize
Josh Ansell	Cricket
Alfie Hunter	Cricket

Top 10 Most reward points Y9-11

Harry Jordan	59
Wilf Medlycott	58
Archie Smith	57
Thomas van Rensburg	55
Steven van Rensburg	52
Theo Hazlewood	51
Dan Clark	50
Liran DiPasquo	50
Oliver Jones	50
Nic Luckmann	50
James Dunlop	47

Top 5 most reward points 6 form

Harry Marson	53
Alexander Bailey	40
Struan Dunlop	40
David Udegbe	30
Rufus Piper	29



SPORTS REPORT

SPORTS day

Unfortunately the weather beat us this year and sports day was cut short. The boys participated well and braved the elements for as long as they could. Below are the Gold, Silver and Bronze positions.

Silver Medals

Alfie Hunter	1500m
Dexter Bell	1500m
Al Wearne	Long Jump
Freddie Russell	Hurdles
James Dunlop	400m
Ollie Kirtley	High Jump Heptathlon
Harry Jordan	800m
Jax Putland	Javelin
Jacob Gibbs	800m

Gold Medals

George Auer	Shot Put
Josh Ansell	Triple Jump
Gryff Watkins	100m
Jasper Simpson	800m
Al Wearne	Shot Put Discus
Freddie Powis	Javelin
Henry Powis	Shot Put Discus

Bronze Medals

Tom McDonald	Javelin
Sam Bordass	200m
Theo Summers	400m

Seniors	5th
Y11	3rd
Y10	5th
Y9	5th
Overall	4th



We were going to peak in the relays.....

Well done and thank you to Harry Jordan, Ollie Kirtley and Marcus Skyrme for competing in the first ever Heptathlon events.



Sports day photos, before the rain



Sports report continued

Cricket dominates the summer term and with 29 Cronkites playing in the Craig cricket match there is no wonder we see so many cricketers from Craig out on a Saturday afternoon. Alfie Hunter, Josh Ansell and Tom McDonald were selected (when fit) for the 1st XI this season. Alfie also captained the U17 team. Ollie Kirtley captained the U15As and played with Orlando Soucek, Freddie Russell and Nick Beech. The U14As were captained by Harry Jordan and he was joined by Thomas van Rensburg, Mo Heath, Jax Putland and stepping up for one game, Henry Powis. The fantasy cricket results are found below.

Y9s and Y10s both won house cricket which suggests the future is bright for Craig house cricketers!

Congratulations to Josh Ansell and Alfie Hunter who were both selected for Sussex U18s and Ollie Kirtley for Sussex U15s (All in Cricket).

Felix Bordass, Rory Ford, Struan and James Dunlop competed regularly on the tennis circuit this season with Struan receiving half colours.

Matteo Chu was regularly selected for the College golf team.

Thanks must go to Ben Chambers, Victor Delaney and Rory Ford for stepping up for the house to compete in house rowing! They finished 5th overall but most importantly put their hands up for the house. Well done to them.

Alex Bailey, Tom McDonald and Freddie Russell finished 3rd in house golf (or 2nd if you don't count the Powell professionals???). Struan Dunlop, Ben Clark and Will Laws enjoyed a round together and were pleased not to finish last.

Congratulations to Nate Cahill who was the U17 champion in the 800m at the Sussex Independent schools Diamond League. He scored enough points across the three meetings to come out on top and he is still a year young.

Overall Cricket MVPs

3rd Harry Jordan	1363
5th Alfie Hunter	1124
10th Ridley Flind	771
14th Josh Ansell	663
18th Ollie Kirtley	590

Overall Cricket Fantasy Managers

5th Alfie Hunter
5th Theo Hazlewood
7th Mr Longden
8th Freddie Russell
9th Rufus Piper



Sports photos from around the grounds



Social Report

Socialising is what the Craig boys do well and this summer has been no exception. The Y11s had a year group dinner, looking dapper in the Craig bow ties. Y13s had one final game of yard cricket. Alex beat Struan in the final of the pool competition and Y9s enjoyed their new house meeting chairs. Y11s, when not revising, were found in the yard for most of the time. Can you spot Y13's final lunch together? - not surprising most of them came in on the alfresco lunch day. Finally the Y12s enjoyed the return of Fifa after their exams.



Craig house cricket



CREATIVES Report



It has been a term filled with music and drama again. In the top row of photos we have Harry, Oliver J and Seb performing in the informal concert. Towards the end of the row we have Harry winning the Young Musician Competition (Vocal) and was the overall winner. In the second row Oliver S performs to the Y13s in the leaving assembly. Harry has his trophy and the three from the informal concert are posing. Harry is then pictured in the instrumental Young Musician Competition which he won (in his class). In the next row we have Archie and Harry in the Y9 music concert followed by both Olivers playing the trombone in the final of the Young Musician competition . Oliver Jones won his class and Oliver Shouksmith's prodigy is born. In the bottom row Herbie Sleep and Jamie Gordon were excellent in the Dell Play (Macbeth) and we wish the cast luck as they take it to Edinburgh's Fringe festival.

LEAVERS

As Oliver has said in a couple of speeches, it is fitting that we go out together after five years. These boys have stuck together through thick and thin. 11 started, a couple of substitutions over the years and 11 have finished. It is a shame they couldn't put out 11 in their final house football match, but they don't have many regrets. Below are some photos of their final few days together including their final Craig Cricket, leavers' trip to bowling and the Cornflower ball.



We also say a sad farewell to Mr Longden who moves on from the College after 12 years and 2 stints as a Craig house tutor. He is wearing a fitting outfit in the photo to the right having been a super tutor. He has been very willing to give up his time for the house and his tutees and has shown a great deal of care to both too. We wish him well and I am sure he will be around.



Y13 memories



THE FUTURE



With Oliver leaving big shoes to fill, Mr Kuchta had a very difficult task of selecting the next head of Craig. Having such a strong field apply is great for the house but makes the hsm's job very difficult. Ben (top middle) was selected and congratulations to him. Top left (sporting the new Craig beanie) we have Ben with Rufus and Alex who were also selected as prefects. They can be seen in a more formal photo below. We say goodbye and thank you to David and Oliver top right for their service as prefects.

A few weeks later Herbie and Struan were selected as deputy heads of house (bottom right). Rufus can be seen being congratulated by Harry as his successor in the peer mentor role. Matteo and Marcus were selected as Sport and Academic mentors respectively.

At the very bottom, the prefects and Mr Kuchta welcome the new crop of Y9s. They say the future is bright, the future is orange. I wish you all the best of the luck in the future.



SEPTEMBER

For those of you joining or coming back in September we look forward to seeing you then. Please remember some key points below in order to get off to a fantastic start.



Please make sure your son has a suitable hair cut in September. It shouldn't be noticeably different lengths. It shouldn't be noticeably different colours. It should be the natural hair colour and the skin shouldn't be seen through the hair. Therefore they should ask for a grade three as a minimum. Hair should not cover the eyes or ears. Thank you for your ongoing support and no doubt some battles at home.

Sports Kit



Sports kit can be purchased on www.playerlayer.com

A couple of items are pictured. Order early to avoid disappointment. Everybody needs a Craig shirt so please can 6 formers make sure theirs fits.



Uniform

www.Schoolblazer.com

The school uniform is pictured left for **All Y9—11.**

A reminder that no pupils can wear home coats into school. (including 6 formers)

6 form suits must be plain, dark blue, dark grey or black. They need to be a business like fit rather than drainpipe trousers. The trousers should reach the shoes so we can't see the socks.



Goodbye from The Holgates

Craig moves onto a new era in September and we wish Mr Kuchta, his wife Laura and children Isla, Harrison and Freddie many years of happiness here. I have enjoyed the five years I have been in Craig and that is testament to the boys within it, the support from my family, the tutors and Mar-yann. The highlights for me are the same each year: House song, a Cappella, CHAPS, Sports Day and the unique family cricket / BBQ. I would like my legacy to be the kindness and integration among the year groups that the boys have worked so hard to achieve.

My family have also enjoyed being part of the house and we will look back fondly on the five years we have spent here.

