

CRAIG HOUSE

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

2024

Sun, rain, sport, music, charity and exams!

The summer term has been action packed, even though the relatively short time frame and years 11 and 13 heading off on study leave has meant the house hasn't felt quite the same.

There have been a number of excellent performances on the sports pitches, musical concerts and competitions as well as our own summer fayre to bring some light relief. The year 12s have stepped up to leadership roles and we have had to say goodbye to a wonderful group of year 13s (and a couple from the younger years too). Next year's cohort will have some big shoes to fill.



Michaelmas Term Dates

2024

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th September

Craig House Open 10:00-20:00

Wednesday 28th September

Welcome meeting for new pupils

Thursday 29th September

Term begins (08.20 latest arrival)

Friday 20th September

Exeat begins 2.15pm

Y13 parents meeting, 2.45pm

Friday 18th October

Half term begins 2.15pm

Y12 parents meeting, 2.45pm

Monday 4th November

Term resumes (8.20am latest arrival)

Saturday 16th November

House dinner

Friday 22nd November

Exeat begins 2.15pm

Y9 parents meeting, 2.45pm

Friday 13th December

Term ends, 3.45pm

ACADEMIC AND SERVICES REPORT

The term has been busy on the academic front with the clear focus for the year 11s and year 13s on their public exams and we said goodbye to them for their period of study leave just before half term.

Prizegiving saw a number of Cronkites recognised for their efforts over the course of the year and there was a notable mention for Miles and Matthew for winning the UK School Challenge Intermediate Plate final and Miels also won the Handcross Park School debate competition.



The year 10s completed a week of activities linked to their CCF choices with trips to London, an RAF week away with various teambuilding tasks, visits to Portsmouth, windsurfing, sailing, range days and kayaking to name a few.

Also in the final week, a few lucky year 9s managed to spend a few days in Sorrento and Pompeii whilst those that remained behind managed their own variety of tasks, including inflatable assault courses, a film making day, tree top trails and even a visit to a brewery!



PRIZES

Praise Points

	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1st	Jack Jordan	Harry Jordan	Theo Hazlewood	Harry Shouksmith	Marcus Skyrme
2nd	Matthew Murray	Felix Bordass	James Dunlop	Jasper Simpson	Ben Clark
3rd	Tommy Llewellyn	Henry Powis	Ollie Kirtley	Hunter Upton	Alfie Hunter
4th	Ollie Reed	Rory Ford	Wilf Medlycott	Dexter Bell	Jamie Gordon
5th	Miles Howlett	Thomas van Rensburg	Oscar Gibbs	James Speakman	Ridley Flind

Colours

Struan Dunlop	Tennis(Half)
Alfie Hunter	Cricket (Full)
Tom McDonald	Cricket (Full)
Ollie Kirtley	Cricket (Half)
Ridley Flind	Cricket (Half)
Alex Bailey	Cricket (Half)

Prizes

Ben Clark	Organ Prize	Harry Jordan	Latin & music
Sam Bordass & Theo Summers	PG & DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys sport	James Dunlop	Class Civ, Greek, Physics & Scripture
Jack Jordan	Chemistry & music	Dan Clark	DT & Arkwright Scholar
Alfie Crawford	Mathematics	Struan Dunlop	German & French
Tommy Llewellyn	PE	Marcus Skyrme	Chemistry
		Alfie Hunter	Economics

Tom Lewis award

Matthew Murray was the recipient of one of the major prizes on Speech Day, taking home the Tom Lewis memorial award for the pupil making the most of every opportunity, a determination to face challenge and the ability to make others laugh and inspire friendship.



SPORTS REPORT

Cricket

Over the course of the season it has been wonderful to see boys from across the age groups and ability range taking to the cricket field with their efforts noted, whether they be one of the 5 Craig boys representing the 1XI on a regular basis or being mentioned as players of the week in the fantasy cricket league.



Tennis

Tennis remains a popular sport for many in the house, whether as their chosen sport or simply disappearing across to Powell courts in their free time to have a rally with friends. The year 9s managed to secure the win in house tennis and all matches were played in great spirits.



Athletics

There have been a number of athletics meets this term with Diamond League taking centre stage. Jasper managed to secure the 800m title with a whole meet to spare!



Sailing

The facilities down at Buzz remain in continual use with a few of the Cornkites choosing to sail as their summer sport. The year 9s and 10s got a chance to taste watersports in their activity week at the end of term.



Armchair football

The common room TV has seen the most use of the year with the Euros starting just before the end of term.



SPORTS DAY



CREATIVES



There have been lots of wonderful performances throughout the term with dance, drama and music featuring heavily across the programme.



The music department has again seen some excellent performances, with Cronkites performing in vocal and instrumental Young Musician of the year competitions (well done to Harry S for the overall win in the vocal competition and Harry J for winning his category in both competitions).



There have been some other great concerts, from a Night at the Musicals, to the summer bandstand concert as well as the year 9 music pupils showcasing their skills and the inaugural Big School Band Night.





Dell Play

The annual Y12 Dell Playsaw Monty starring in the summer sun.



SOCIAL

The term began with a welcome darts tournament to introduce the latest addition to the house after being raised through the house council. The yard has seen plenty of action too with regular games of cricket or football alongside various integration events.



BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT SUMMER

A reminder that the boys should return ready for the events ahead, whether that be the right games kit, uniform or stationary. Most of the boys seem to be getting hair cuts right - nothing shorter than a grade 3, with no skin fades or significant difference in length. It is also worth noting the term dates on the front of this newsletter (and future ones on the school website) and I am grateful for your support in booking trips away once term ends - the school expects that all pupils (including long distance boarders) are present for the entirety of the term.

I hope that you and your sons can enjoy a wonderful summer break and look forward to another excellent year to come. There will be new year 9s to welcome and a number of exciting events for the boys to look forward to - whether that be house singing, the rugby season, the school play at the end of term or the house dinner. The new year 13 leadership team will be keen to get a number of integration events going to bond the boys across the house and I hope that all boys will want to get involved.





