

Dear Parents

Cranford Gala Music Concert and launch of our Centenary Bursary Fund

We are all very excited and looking forward to our Gala Music Concert which is taking place on Monday 3 July at 2:00pm at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. This is going to be a fabulous way to round off this academic year and will allow pupils from Reception to Year 13 to showcase their outstanding musical talents. It will include performances from all five of Cranford's Choirs and the Senior Orchestra and Concert Band.

Arrangements for the Gala Music Concert

All pupils from Reception to Year 13 will journey by coach to the Hexagon during the morning to rehearse. The doors will open for parents from 1.00pm and the performance will start promptly at 2:00pm. The Concert will last approximately 75 minutes. Formal Summer uniform (including blazers for Years 3 and upwards) should be worn for the event please. Senior School pupils should wear full uniform with blazers and Sixth Form should wear black and white. Pupils will be provided with a packed lunch which they can eat after the morning rehearsals have finished.

After school clubs will not be running on this day, however Junior and Senior Prep and After School Club will be available to those who require it. This can be booked through the main school office. Please <u>click here</u> to give permission for your child to travel to The Hexagon and to also confirm if you wish to collect your child directly after the concert, or you wish them to return to school.

Tickets for the Gala Concert

Tickets for our Gala Concert can now be booked through the Hexagon Website from midday on Monday 12 June, by <u>clicking here</u>. Please note, tickets are <u>limited to two per family</u>. Please adhere to this rule to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to attend.

Tickets will be on sale until Monday 19 June after which we will allocate any remaining tickets to families who have requested additional tickets. For additional tickets, please indicate via SchoolCloud from midday on Monday 12 June using the same link as with school parent's evening events: https://cranfordhouse.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Tickets will be free of charge, but we ask that a suggested donation of £10-£15 be made via this link (donation page open until Friday 23 June) with all proceeds going to the following charities:

The Cranford Centenary Bursary Fund

The Centenary Bursary fund is our new Hardship and Bursary scheme that has been designed to support families who need financial assistance to access a Cranford education. This bursary fund will be available to both current and prospective families on a means-tested basis. We very much hope you will be willing to support our fundraising efforts towards this important fund.



Mary's Meals

This is the whole school chosen charity for the next twelve months, the Sixth Form have been busy raising funds for this very worthwhile cause throughout the year. You can find out more about the activities of Mary's Meals by here Homepage | Mary's Meals (marysmeals.org)

"Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. Our meals make it possible for hungry children to come to school and give them the energy they need to concentrate and participate in class."

The proceeds of the concert will kick start our Centenary Bursary Fund, benefiting children in the UK and those 2.4 million children who benefit from the wonderful efforts of Mary's Meals. We are grateful to our parent community for supporting us in this initiative and look forward to sharing our Centenary Bursary fundraising plans in the run up to 2031.

We are delighted to be able to hold our final concert of this year in The Hexagon and do hope you will join us for what promises to be a very memorable event.

Kind regards

Dr James Raymond Headmaster