

EFFINGHAM
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EFFINGHAM SCHOOLS TRUST

Round up 2025



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MANOR HOUSE

ST TERESA'S

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 10 families to the Effingham Sixth Form Open Evening. Guests had the opportunity to explore A Level options, meet subject teachers, and hear about the Trust's exciting new developments. The evening provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to ask questions and begin planning their future studies.



SIXTH FORM OFFER HOLDERS

We were pleased to welcome so many new students to the Trust's Offer Holders' Event. It was fantastic to see everyone engaging in a series of team-building activities, getting to know their future classmates, and ending the evening with a well-earned Domino's pizza party.



DAY IN THE LIFE

Year 10 pupils took part in a Sixth Form “Day in the Life” event, where they experienced first-hand what life in Sixth Form and A Level study entailed—not just at Effingham Sixth Form, but within post-16 education more broadly.

They enjoyed exploring a range of subjects throughout the day, gaining valuable insight into the options available to them. The event also provided an opportunity for pupils to strengthen friendships and build new connections across the Trust community.

They made the most of the sunny weather with a BBQ lunch and relaxed garden games, rounding off an engaging and enjoyable day.



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PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Trust's Key Stage 3 Debate Team achieved a triumphant win in the inaugural Effingham Schools Trust Public Speaking Competition. They researched and delivered a passionate argument on the motion 'Why electric cars are the only road to take', competing against teams of Year 9 pupils.



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

St Teresa's hosted the annual Effingham Schools Trust Public Speaking Competition for Senior pupils. The topics covered a wide range of issues, including cloning, AI, the death penalty, conspiracy theories, and the power of words.

St Teresa's Team 1 were the winners, with Amelia B as Chair, Georgina W as Proposer, and Ella G as Opposer. The team delivered a highly entertaining debate on the motion: Cloning is Unethical. Runners-up were St Teresa's Team 2, who spoke emphatically on the abolition of the death penalty, with Catherine L as Proposer, Lucy T as Opposer, and Ava S as Chair. Congratulations to all pupils who worked incredibly hard researching, writing speeches, and rehearsing for the competition.



FUTURES FAIR

We were delighted to announce the success of the inaugural #EffinghamSchoolsTrust Futures Fair.

The event brought together over 20 exhibitors from a wide range of industries, who engaged with more than 200 students and parents to offer valuable insights into the world of work. In addition to the main fair, pupils attended a panel debate on How to Thrive in Today's Modern Workplace. Panellists included representatives from Google, Starcom, BlackRock, and St. James's Place, covering topics ranging from gender bias to the impact of AI on the job market.

Year 12 students also took part in individual 20-minute workplace interviews, where they received feedback on their CVs and engaged directly with professionals currently working in industry. Exhibitors praised the level of student engagement and the quality of questions asked. Some students have already begun following up on opportunities for work experience, mentoring, and internships.



WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

St Teresa's hosted the World Scholar's Cup London–Surrey regional round for the fifth consecutive year. This year marked a milestone, as it was the first time teams from all three schools within the Effingham Schools Trust took part.

Over 170 students and 20 teachers arrived ready to compete in either the junior or senior division across the four main events of the competition. By the end of the first day, teams of three had completed the Team Debate, Collaborative Writing, and Scholars' Challenge. Students returned to compete in the Scholar's Bowl, followed by the Debate Showcase in the afternoon, where Malia G represented the negative team. Pupils also took part in the Scholars' Show, sharing their talents in dance, singing and piano. The event concluded with a closing ceremony and presentation of awards.

Most teams from across the Trust qualified for the global round, and plans were put in place for a trip to Ljubljana, Slovenia to compete.

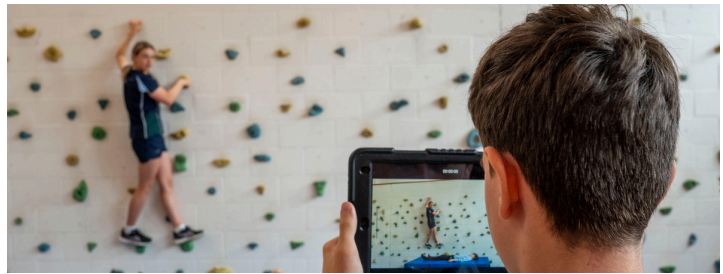


YEAR 9 ONE DAY FILM

Pupils from across the Trust took part in a Film Day hosted at Cranmore, bringing together students from St Teresa's and Manor House for a day of creativity, collaboration, and fun. Working in mixed teams, pupils produced their own 10-shot films, showcasing impressive imagination and teamwork.

Whilst not every group received a prize, the true highlight was the opportunity to share and watch each other's work. The event was filled with laughter, applause, and encouragement, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere.

It served as a valuable opportunity to strengthen connections across the Trust, and plans are already being considered for the next collaborative venture.



MOVIE NIGHT

The Trust hosted an open-air movie night for Year 11 pupils at St Teresa's, with pupils from Cranmore, Manor House, and St Teresa's gathering on the field to enjoy *10 Things I Hate About You*—a film selected by popular vote from among the attendees.

Pupils settled in with blankets and enjoyed an array of treats, including popcorn, sweets, hot dogs, and burgers, as they watched the film under the stars. It was a fantastic evening that celebrated community spirit and brought pupils together for a memorable shared experience.



ROTARY DEBATE

Both Manor House and St Teresa's proudly took part in the Rotary Youth Debate Competition, hosted by Downsend School. Competing in the Intermediate age group (11–13), both schools performed exceptionally well, with Manor House securing first place and St Teresa's achieving a strong second.

The winning Manor House team debated the highly relevant topic: "Check your screen time: Social Media is leading us to a digital disaster." They presented a balanced and thoughtful argument, exploring both the dangers and benefits of screen use in today's digital age. Judges praised all teams for their passion, research, and presentation skills.

Other thought-provoking topics included:

- A three-day school week
- The impact of artificial intelligence
- Ethical issues in the fashion industry
- Returning artefacts to their countries of origin
- The pros and cons of global tourism

With six teams from Manor House, St Teresa's, and Downsend, the competition showcased young voices tackling significant issues. It was an inspiring event promoting learning, confidence-building, and public speaking.

Congratulations to all pupils who took part — a fantastic achievement for the Trust!



MATHS CHALLENGE

Cranmore were pleased to welcome some of the most talented Year 7 problem solvers from across the Trust to take part in an exciting team event. Mixed-school teams gave pupils the opportunity to collaborate with peers from other Trust schools, working together in a competitive and enjoyable environment.

Each member of the winning team received a brand-new CASIO calculator and a certificate in recognition of their achievement. It was a pleasure to host the event, and we hoped all pupils enjoyed an engaging and memorable afternoon.



MATHS MASTERCLASSES

Our Sixth Formers ran Maths masterclasses as part of a course organised by the Royal Institute of Mathematics. Prep Pupils from Cranmore and Manor House joined the sessions hosted at St Teresa's, creating a fantastic opportunity for collaboration and learning across the Trust.



T FEST

Another fantastic T Fest took place — St Teresa's very own summer music festival! A brilliant mix of musical genres was showcased this year. The Prep girls delighted audiences with family film favourites, while Cranmore's wind band gave a truly impressive performance. The ice cream van was, as always, a popular treat, and it was wonderful to see so many enjoying the music in the evening sunshine.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Year 10 pupils from across the Trust enjoyed a visit from The Globe Players, who performed *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens at Cranmore. They watched the three actors bring the story to life, supported by a snowy Christmas set of London and festive carols.

Having studied the novella this term as their 19th-century set text, the Year 10 pupils found this to be an excellent opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of this classic Christmas ghost story.



YEAR 8 COLLABOR8

A group of Year 8 pupils attended Mission Collabor8 at Manor House — a lively and well-organised event bringing together pupils from across the Trust. Mixed-school teams worked together to tackle a variety of physical and mental challenges around the school grounds. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to build teamwork skills, make new friends, and enjoy a break from the usual routine — all in a relaxed, non-uniform setting. The evening concluded with some well-earned pizza, much to everyone's delight.



RECEPTION EASTER EGG HUNT

Manor House Reception welcomed Cranmore Reception classes for an Easter egg hunt in glorious sunshine. The children had a wonderful time together, making Easter baskets and collecting eggs hidden around the garden.



ONATTI THEATRE PRODUCTION

Year 6 pupils from Cranmore and St Teresa's enjoyed watching Ticket Pour L'espace, a lively and engaging French-English play that took them on an intergalactic adventure. The performance both entertained and provided a fun, interactive way to reinforce their French language skills.

Special recognition was given to the brave pupil volunteers who enthusiastically embraced their roles with confidence. Their energy and willingness to participate made the experience all the more memorable. Bravo to our budding linguists and performers across the Trust!



CHESS MEETS

The St Teresa's Prep Chess Club hosted students from Cranmore for exciting inter-Trust chess meets. The atmosphere was filled with friendly rivalry and strategic brilliance as players from both schools faced off in some truly epic, high-stakes matches. It was wonderful to witness such focus, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm from all the children involved. A huge well done to every player for demonstrating great skill and representing their schools with pride.



FRENCH BREAKFAST

Year 5 pupils from St Teresa's and Manor House were welcomed by Cranmore to enjoy a delightful French petit déjeuner. Each table featured conversation prompts that encouraged pupils to get to know each other en français. Pupils enthusiastically asked questions about family, pets, and birthdays, as well as quizzing one another on breakfast items from the table. Conversation and laughter filled the dining room, and despite initial nerves, the children enjoyed forming new friendships.

The highlight of the visit was the food. Year 10 pupils from Cranmore served the first course of the petit déjeuner, which included chocolat chaud served in bowls—a French tradition. Many found this both interesting and a fun way to enjoy their drink, with some discovering it was the perfect vessel for dunking croissants and baguettes. This was followed by pastries such as croissants, pain au chocolat, and baguettes served with confiture à la fraise, accompanied by fresh jus d'orange. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which also provided a lovely opportunity to connect with other schools. The Trust looks forward to the next petit déjeuner français.



YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL

Year 3 pupils took part in a special joint Forest School event at Manor House, exploring the theme of Natural Art. The session encouraged creativity through the use of natural materials, with pupils decorating their initials using petals, leaves, and other colourful items found in the environment.

They also created nature frames in triangular and rectangular shapes, filling them with leaves, twigs, and flowers gathered from the Forest School area. Pupils experimented with natural dyes by pounding petals and leaves, and crafted bird nests using paper plates decorated with twigs and feathers.

As part of their Forest School snack, pupils were treated to fried nettles—a unique experience that added to the day's sense of adventure. The event offered a wonderful opportunity for pupils from different Trust schools to collaborate and express their creativity through nature.



STONE AGE DAY

Year 3 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age themed day at Cranmore. They explored a yurt filled with paintings, replica Stone Age items, and a fire. Pupils learnt about the different Stone Age periods, watched a mackerel being gutted and smoked, and even tried the smoked fish.

They observed flint knapping and tools, including a knife sharper than steel, demonstrated by one of the leaders cutting his own hair. The children then took part in various activities such as making needles from bones, creating string from lime fibre, scraping animal hides for leather, and sharpening tools with whetstones.

They also discovered how bones were used as musical instruments, skins as drums, and animal horns as vessels. Later, pupils built Stone Age shelters, tested their waterproofing, made natural paints, created cave paintings, and toasted bread over the fire using stick forks.



YEAR 4 FLAMENCO WORKSHOP

The Modern Foreign Languages department at St Teresa's organised an exciting Flamenco workshop for Year 4 pupils from across the Trust. Activities included making tissue paper corsages and hair pieces, learning various clapping techniques and rhythms, and hearing a traditional story, all culminating in a Flamenco dance finale.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed experiencing this vibrant aspect of Spanish culture.



PIED PIPER THEATRE VISIT

Pupils from Nursery through to Year 2 across the Trust visited Cranmore to watch an exciting theatrical performance by the Pied Piper Theatre Company. The children were thrilled by the giant scenery as they entered the auditorium and were captivated by the retelling of The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse.



The Combined Cadet Force at Effingham Schools Trust proudly hosted students from Cranmore, Manor House, and St Teresa's throughout the year. The warmer weather allowed cadets to take part in outdoor archery, where they learned to use a bow and arrow safely, as well as marksmanship techniques and how to hit the target.

The air rifle range was also fully operational, with older cadets working alongside the TEST Sergeant to learn safe handling and accurate aiming.

Cadets also participated in a remote-control helicopter race, navigating their helicopters around a series of obstacles in the sports hall. The event ended with a well-deserved reward of Haribo sweets.



CCF INSPECTION

Cadets from all three schools within the Trust took part in the CCF Annual General Inspection, parading under the watchful eyes of Squadron Leader Davies, who praised the cadets' turnout. Following the inspection, cadets changed into their greens and participated in archery, rifle range practice, and command tasks.



JOINT HOCKEY AND NETBALL

St Teresa's proudly hosted its first-ever co-ed Netball and Hockey event, welcoming Cranmore boys for an evening of sport and teamwork.

The hockey tournament, played in a round-robin format, was fast-paced and fiercely competitive. Many matches ended in close draws, with goal difference deciding the playoff spots. The battle for third place was clinched by a golden goal, while the final was decided by a thrilling sudden death shootout. The Blues emerged victorious, securing gold medals in this landmark event.

On the netball courts, mixed teams showcased excellent collaboration, with players adapting to different positions and supporting one another throughout.

A huge well done to everyone who took part — the Trust hopes this fantastic event becomes an annual tradition!



AQUATHLON

The Aquathlon hosted at St Teresa's was a huge success. We can't wait to host it again next year. Well done to all the girls and boys from across the trust who took part—you should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved.



SWIM GALA

St Teresa's had the honour of hosting the inaugural Effingham Schools Trust Gala, a landmark event that brought together the U9 to U11 squads from St Teresa's, Cranmore, and Manor House. Excitement filled the air as young swimmers prepared to showcase their skills, while parents enjoyed live commentary and music.

With over 90 girls and boys competing across a variety of swimming events, the gala was a true celebration of community, teamwork, and determination within the Trust.



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