



4 July 2025

Dear Parents

Cranford School Prize Giving 18 September 2025

We warmly invite you to join us for our Senior School Prize Giving event on Thursday 18 September at the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford from 7:00pm. This will be the fifth year we have used The Sheldonian Theatre for this prestigious event, that has now become a firm fixture on the school calendar and is a lovely occasion on which to celebrate the many achievements of pupils.

All pupils in Year 7 and above (from September 2025) are expected to attend. Pupils in each year group in Senior School are considered for the following prizes; Academic Excellence, Progress, Effort and Conduct and a School Prize (this includes our current Year 6 pupils).

As well as enjoying the opportunity to review the last year, this is a formal occasion that sets aspirations for all our pupils, with some wonderful musical interludes and speeches from our Heads of School.

Ahead of this, we wanted to let you know the plan for 18 September during the day. Pupils will be travelling by coach to Oxford for the rehearsal in the morning. Pupils will be returning by coach to be back at school for the final lesson or for an earlier pick up time (see below).

Earlier collection arrangements

Pupils may be collected earlier than our usual end of school time on the 18 September, to enable parents sufficient time to get to Oxford. If you have younger children in the Junior School that you would like to collect at the same time, please email the relevant Junior School Form Tutor to let them know. We will therefore ensure your son or daughter who is in Junior School is brought out earlier. Please see below for locations for this earlier collection time:

Year 7 -2:55pm - Front Field

Year 8 - 3:00pm - Front Field

Year 9 – 3:00pm – Sixth Form

Year 10 – 3:05pm – Front Field

Year 11 – 3:05pm – Sixth Form

Year 12 and 13 - 3:10pm Sixth Form

Please can we remind parents of the requirement of a prompt pick up so that Junior School pick up times are not impacted significantly.

For Year 12 and 13 parents

Parents may give students permission to stay in Oxford after the rehearsal rather than returning to school. Please note, this will be unsupervised. Students will need to return to the Sheldonian Theatre by 6:30pm.

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Clubs and Minibuses for Senior pupils

Please note, there are no Senior Clubs running on the afternoon of Prize Giving, in order to allow enough time for pupils to get home and get back to the Sheldonian for 6:30pm. However, Senior Prep will run as usual for those parents who are unable to collect at the earlier collection time or at the end of the normal school day. Please book Prep as usual. Minibuses will also be running as usual.

Evening arrangements

All pupils will be expected to return to the Sheldonian Theatre for 6:30pm, ready for a prompt 7:00pm start. We anticipate the ceremony will last around 2 hours. Please ensure that Senior School Pupils are in full uniform. Sixth Form students and returning students will need to be dressed smartly for the occasion in black trousers or skirt and a smart white top. Pupils in the Choir and Chamber Choir will need to wear a black skirt or trousers and white shirt or blouse.

Please [click here](#) to give your son or daughter permission to travel by coach to The Sheldonian and also to confirm pick up time and the number of seats required (limited to two per family).

We look forward to a wonderful evening of celebration!

With warm wishes

James Raymond
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