

CRANBROOK SCHOOL



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INFORMATION ON APPLICATION FOR A BOARDING PLACE AT CRANBROOK SCHOOL - 16+ ENTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

A) REGISTRATION

Candidates for entry as Boarding pupils in September 2006 at 16+ must be registered with Cranbrook School by their parents or guardians by **30 November 2005**. Late entries can sometimes be accepted, but are processed on a first come first served basis. Registration Forms may be obtained from the Registrar at the address above.

B) MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY

The minimum qualification for entry to the Sixth Form at Cranbrook School is 6 GCSEs at B grade or above. There is also a subject specific requirement for entry, depending on the chosen A Level courses and for some courses an A/A* will be necessary. The specific requirements will be set out in any conditional offer letter.

C) SELECTION PROCEDURE

Stage 1: Academic Reference:

By the end of the Autumn Term 2005 the candidate's current school will be asked for an academic reference and for comments on his/her potential for courses leading to A Level examinations, including GCSE predictions and mock results where available, together with comments on the candidate's ability to settle into a co-educational boarding environment.

Stage 2: Interview:

Candidates will be called to interview during late January 2006. Candidates will be notified of interview times by letter and interviews are normally held on a Saturday. It is normally possible to arrange individual appointments for interview at other times for candidates coming from overseas. However applicants should be aware that the over-subscription in recent years has meant that applicants who are unable to attend for interview until later in the academic year are at a disadvantage in the selection process. Some subjects, particularly Economics and Politics, may require an applicant to complete an Aptitude Test before any conditional offer is made.

Stage 3: Conditional Offer:

Successful candidates will be offered conditional places as soon as possible after their interview date. Offers will be conditional upon certain specified GCSE grades being obtained. The Registrar must receive acceptance of the conditional offer by the date given

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in the offer letter. ***Parents are asked for a deposit of half one term's fees on acceptance of the conditional offer. A further deposit of one half one term's fees is due on request during June 2006. Both parts of the deposit are non-refundable, except in the event that the candidate fails to achieve the academic standard for entry. The total deposit (less 20%) is set against the candidate's first term's fees. The 20% is held by the school and set against the candidate's final bill on leaving Cranbrook School.***

Stage 4: GCSE Results:

Candidates will be required to notify Cranbrook School immediately they obtain their GCSE grades in August, and must provide photocopies of the relevant result slips. If the conditional offer has been met, places are confirmed both by telephone and by letter.

D) ADMISSION CRITERIA

In the event of over-subscription, the Admission Criteria for entrance to Cranbrook School are :

- ◆ An assessment of the candidate as suitable academically for entry to Cranbrook School
- ◆ Candidates who are being 'Looked After' by a local authority, and who have been assessed as suitable academically
- ◆ Current family association through a sibling as a pupil at the time of entry
- ◆ Health reasons (for which an application to the Governors' Admissions Committee must be made)
- ◆ Candidates for whom boarding is a social need (for which an application to the Governors' Admissions Committee must be made)
- ◆ Selection of preferred entrants on the grounds of suitability for boarding school education, for example through evidence of social, recreational and leisure pursuits

E) A LEVEL COURSE INFORMATION

When offers are sent out the subjects to be studied at A Level will be specified. Occasionally there is not enough take up of a subject, in which case it will not run. Candidates expecting to take that subject will be notified and a different course offered. Alternatively, some courses become heavily over-subscribed and candidates may be put on a reserve list. In all cases current Cranbrook students will take precedence over new applicants.

F) BOARDING FEES

Please note that new boarding entrants starting the Sixth Form in September 2006 will be charged a premium of £200 on each term's fees.

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Registrar

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