



8 June 2018

Proposed Expansion at Cranbrook School: Increase of intake at Year 7

Dear Parent,

I am writing to you as a valued stakeholder to inform you of our intention to continue with our plans to expand our intake at Year 7 in the near future.

The school is actively engaged in a process of further consultation about this idea with its existing students, staff, parents, prospective parents, Heads of Preparatory Schools and Heads of local Primary and Secondary Schools. We value your opinion about our plans.

Cranbrook School Academy Trust has already successfully changed its age range of from Year 9 (13+) to Year 7 (11+), having admitted its first Year 7 intake of 30 pupils in September 2017.

We believe that as a result of this recent reform there have been and will continue to be a number of benefits for local secondary age pupils. These can be summarised as follows:

1. Improved access to a local grammar school for Year 7 age pupils from local primary schools in the Cranbrook School Priority Area who pass the 11+ examination administered by Kent County Council (PESE test).
2. Improved access to a local grammar school for pupils with a social need as defined by our Admissions Policy and in the Schools Admission Code 2014, or who are defined as Pupil Premium.
3. Improved access to a local grammar school which is co-educational from Year 7 to Year 13.
4. Improve awareness of the 11+ examination process through familiarisation sessions organised by Cranbrook School staff.
5. Improved partnership working between ourselves and local primary and secondary schools as a result of our proposed fair Access and Partnership Plan (FAPP).
6. Improved Key Stage 3 teaching facilities for local grammar assessed pupils at Cranbrook as a result of participation in the Selective Schools Expansion Funding scheme.

I and the Governors are therefore seeking your opinion on the following proposal:

- Cranbrook School to admit 90 Year 7 pupils annually from September 2020, to be accommodated in three forms of entry (i.e. Year 7 PAN of 90).
- Cranbrook School to seek to expand its Key Stage 3 teaching facilities by the addition of a new, purpose-built teaching block.



We will be holding a public consultation forum on the night of **Wed. 20th June in the Queens Hall Theatre between 7.00-8.00pm**. Please do come along if you want to hear more about our plans or express an opinion.

We would be grateful for a response with comment to our proposals, preferably in writing, by **Thursday 5th July, 2018** at the latest. Please use the following email address: headmaster@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Weeds', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr John Weeds
Headmaster