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Sport at Cranbrook

1st Team sport is sponsored by Savills.

Rugby is the major boys' game played during the Autumn Term at Cranbrook. The school prides itself in providing opportunities for the game to be played at all levels, regularly fielding four senior sides, A to C teams at U14s, U15s and U16s. Matches are played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but also occasionally on weekly games afternoons. The fixtures played are against some of the top local sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the South-East region. At senior level, the 1st XV enters the Natwest Champions Trophy most years and in previous years has reached the latter stages of either the Natwest Cup or the Vase. The school produces a few players in most age groups who reach county level and in the last few years England U18 players.

During the Spring Term, each age group competes in at least one Rugby Sevens tournament within the South East region. The House Rugby 15-a-side Competition is also usually held during this term.

Girls Hockey is the major girls' game played during the Autumn Term at Cranbrook. The school prides itself in providing opportunities for the game to be played at all levels, regularly fielding three senior sides, and A & B teams at U14s and U15s. Matches are played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but also occasionally on weekly games afternoons. The fixtures played are against some of the top sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the local South-East region. At senior level, the 1st XI enters the U18s Kent Cup, the Sutton Valance Indoor Tournament and the Year 11s enter the U16 Kent Cup. During the Spring Term, the senior girls, together with the boys, enter the Surrey Mixed Open Hockey Tournament.

The House Hockey Competition is held at the end of the Autumn Term on the last weekend of the fixture programme.

Boys Hockey is the major game played during the Spring Term at Cranbrook. The school is able to regularly field three senior sides, A & B teams at U16s, A to C teams at U15s and A to D teams at U14s. This means there is inter school hockey available to nearly all students of any level of ability. Matches are played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but also occasionally on weekly games afternoons. The fixtures played are against some of the top sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the local South-East region. At senior level, the 1st XI enters the U18s Kent Cup, the Bath Hockey Festival and the Year 11s enter the U16 Kent Cup. Together with the senior girls, the boys enter the Surrey Mixed Open Hockey Tournament.

The House Hockey Competition is held at the end of the Spring Term on the last weekend of the fixture programme.

Girls' Netball starts after the New Year and goes on throughout the Spring Term. It is the major girls' game during this term with the aim to field multiple teams at every age group. The school fields three senior sides, an U16s side, A & B teams at U15s and A to C teams at U14s.

Matches are played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but also occasionally on weekly games afternoons. The fixtures are played against some of the top sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the local South-East region. At senior level, U16, U15 and U14, the school enters the Kent County Netball Cup, as well as playing in various other tournaments and festivals throughout the term.

The House Netball Competition is held at the end of the Spring Term on the last weekend of the fixture programme.



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Boys' Basketball is a rapidly improving sport at Cranbrook with matches played during the Autumn and Spring Terms. The school currently runs three sides; an U16 team, U15 team and an U14 team, with practises at lunchtimes and after-school in the sports hall. There are two basketball leagues entered in the Autumn term: The Year 9 team plays in the U14 West Kent Basketball League and the Year 10 and 11 teams both enter the U16 West Kent Basketball League. In the Spring Term, the U14s and U15s are entered into the Kent Schools Basketball Cup.

The House Basketball Competition begins in the second half of the Autumn Term and goes into the Spring Term.

Boys' Cricket has a strong tradition at Cranbrook with the school priding itself as having an outstanding reputation in the region. During the summer term, the school currently runs three senior sides, as well as a 1st and 2nd XI at U16, U15 and U14 level.

Girls' Rounders is one of the major games played by the girls in the Summer Term. Cranbrook manages to field two senior sides as well as A & B teams in every age group. Matches are played on Saturday mornings or afternoons, but also occasionally on weekly games afternoons. The fixtures are played against some of the top sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the local South-East region.

The House Rounders Competition is held towards the end of the Summer Term as the Rounders season comes to a close.

Athletics. Cranbrook has a relatively small track and field programme during the summer, although the school remains competitive in the events that are entered. Each year there is an athletics match against Kings Canterbury as well as the opportunity for our most talented athletes to compete in the Kent Schools Athletics Championships in Ashford.

Tennis is played in the summer term with both the boys and girls. Fixtures are arranged in both singles and doubles formats for both Saturdays and during the week against local Independent and Grammar schools. The school uses both the hard courts on Scott Fields and, on occasions, the Astro-Turf. Some of our school players have a good LTA rating although with a 1st and 2nd Team, each with an A, B and C pairing, there is scope for players of all levels.

Touring: There is a strong touring tradition within the school, with the 1st and 2nd XV Rugby and 1st & 2nd XI Hockey teams having previously travelled to South Africa, Australia, Brunei, Argentina, Uruguay, New Zealand & Hong Kong. The Basketball team have also previously played against teams in Malta.

There are other sports that students can try their hand at:

Badminton: The sports hall has four marked badminton courts with a club run after school in the Autumn Term and Spring Term.

Cross Country: Cranbrook offers cross country as an option in games, with training during the fairer months. Every year, individuals enter the Kent Schools Cross Country which is held in January.

Curling: Being close to Fenton's Rink, the only curling rink in England, is a good excuse to have a Cranbrook Curling Team. Championships are held here each year, with Cranbrook entering a team in 2011, 2012 and 2013.



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Dance: Students have the opportunity to attend extra-curricular dance clubs or enter their own compositions into the Dance Show. This is held in the Queen's Hall and is scheduled for October; involving all of Year 9 and 10. The competition also raises money for the Lenton appeal. Additional classes and workshops are run throughout the year to complement the school based experience. *Strictly Cranbrook* is held biannually in the Queen's Hall with both staff and students participating.

Fencing: A fencing club started at Cranbrook in 2012 with coaching from Phil Shephard- Foster on Wednesdays after school from 3.45-4.45pm. Daisy Hutton, Oliver and Jess Hume all compete at elite levels.

Horse riding: Although the school does not have stables or paddocks, we have had regular elite Horseriders competing at county level and above.

Ski-ing: Ski trips are organised regularly for students. With Chatham Ski and Sports Centre close by, pupils compete in the Kent Schools Ski Championships each year. Students have also competed at the European Schools Ski Championships over in Switzerland.

Squash: The school has two squash courts which are frequently used on games afternoons and are available to students to book after school. There is a regular club run by the Sixth Form after school.

Swimming: Cranbrook has some outstanding swimmers and strives to provide competition for them despite only having an outdoor pool. Regular galas are arranged for both the boys and girls against local rivals at Junior (Yr 9), Intermediate (Yr 10/11) and Senior (Sixth Form) level. Every year the school enters teams into the South East Division Relay Championships in November as well as individuals into the Kent Schools Swimming Championships in January. Training is restricted to the summer due to the weather.

Triathlon: The school has recently initiated links with Weald Triathlon Club who come in one day a week after school to deliver running, cycling and swimming (summer only).