



Sport at Cranbrook

1st Team sport is sponsored by Savills.

Fixtures for Year 9-13 are on Saturdays against some of the top sporting Grammar and Independent schools in the local South-East region. Year 7-8 play on Fridays in games afternoons. We compete in County and Additional Tournaments whenever possible midweek, as well as additional fixtures as required to ensure a full and balanced programme.

Winter Sports

Rugby is the major boys' game played during the Autumn Term at Cranbrook. Many boys attend local clubs to further enhance their skills and the school produces a few players in most age groups who reach county level and some that progress to regional or achieve scholarships to America or the Southern Hemisphere after sixth form.

During the Spring Term, each age group competes in at least one Rugby Sevens tournament within the South East region.

Girls Hockey is the major girls' game played during the Autumn Term at Cranbrook. U13/U14/U16 and Seniors' enter the County tournaments and we recently made it to the National Round at Tier 2 (2019) and regularly secure teams in the Regional Finals. Many girls also play for a range of local clubs and follow the England pathway from County-Regional level.

Boys Hockey is the major game played during the Spring Term at Cranbrook. We enter the National Cup and enjoy a competitive range of fixtures. Some boys also play for a range of local clubs and follow the England pathway from County-Regional level.

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 U16A/Bs and A to C teams at U15 and U14. U13 have recently joined a local league at Weald of Kent which takes place in the Hockey term. We compete at County level at U13/U14/u16 and Senior level.

Basketball is a popular additional sport at Cranbrook with matches played during the Autumn and Spring Terms after school. The school currently runs sides at Senior/U16 /U15/ U14 and U13. There are two basketball leagues entered in the Autumn term: All teams are entered into the Kent Schools Basketball Cup. Girls are invited to train and teams for Year 7-10 are based on ability and so can be mixed. Year 11 onwards we play boys and are aiming to introduce girls' basketball as soon as time and staff allows.

Cross Country: Cranbrook offers a running club for Year 7-13. We enter an ESAA County Cup, the Knole Park Run and the Kent Schools Cross Country. We support our runners with links to clubs and the opportunity to take part in regular Park Runs on Saturday mornings.

Throughout the year we run Inter-House events for all these sports. Some in mixed age groups, some mixed gender and students compete for the House Cup but also play for fun during our Super Saturday events. We enjoy an OC Sports Day at the end of the Spring Term.



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Summer Sports

Cricket has a strong tradition at Cranbrook. Girls are invited to play hardball with the boys. Girls are also offered a softball option from Year 7-10. The 1st team enjoy opportunities to play the 40 Club, MCC and OC's and sometimes enter a local men's league. With strong links at local clubs we are looking to further develop this sport which had lost a bit of momentum but is now being fast tracked as a major sport for girls and boys.

Tennis is played in the summer term with both the boys and girls. Fixtures are arranged in both singles and doubles formats on 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.

Athletics. Cranbrook has a relatively small track and field programme during the summer, although the school remains competitive in the events that are entered. We encourage our most talented athletes to compete in the Kent Schools Athletics Championships in Ashford and make links with clubs when able.

Swimming: Cranbrook has some outstanding swimmers and strives to provide competition for them despite only having an outdoor pool. Parents and Cranbrook Tri club support our swimmers and club swimmers are encouraged to enter the appropriate level of competitions. Parents kindly support our programme. Training is restricted to the summer due to the weather.

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.

Dance: Students have the opportunity to attend extra-curricular dance clubs or enter their own compositions into our annual show DanSing. This is held in the Queen's Hall and involves all year groups. Additional classes and workshops are run throughout the year to complement the school-based experience

Horseriding: The school runs an Equestrian club supported by parents and we have had regular elite riders competing at county level and above in show jumping and dressage.

Ski-ing: Ski trips are organised regularly for students.

Squash: The school has two squash courts which are frequently used on games afternoons and are available to students to book after school.

Sports Tours

There is a strong touring tradition within the school, with the 1st and 2nd XV Rugby, 1st & 2nd XI Hockey and 1st Netball team having previously travelled to Australia, Brunei, Argentina, Uruguay, New Zealand & Hong Kong and most recently to South Africa in 2019. The Basketball team have also previously played against teams in Malta and the last Cricket tour was to the Caribbean.