



Year 9 Entrance Exam from 2023

The Cranbrook School Year 9 Entrance Exam will consist of the following:

Maths Paper (Non-Calculator)

- **Duration:** One Non-Calculator Paper - 45 Minutes
- **Content:** Questions will be taken from the topics listed in the Maths Curriculum Overview document for Year 9: [Maths Curriculum Overview \(cranbrookschool.co.uk\)](https://www.cranbrookschool.co.uk)
- **Equipment:** Calculators are NOT permitted. Students will need a pencil, ruler, compasses and protractor
- Students are expected to show all working

English Paper

- **Duration:** Two extended Writing Tasks – 45 minutes
- **Content:** Descriptive Fiction and Non-Persuasive Non-Fiction
- **Equipment:** Pencil and eraser
- In both tasks, the candidate is given the first paragraph of a text and asked to write two further paragraphs which conform with the form, audience and purpose of the first
- Will be assessed using a mark scheme in line with the internal KS3 writing mark scheme which includes marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

Sample English Questions

You should answer both questions. You should spend around 20 mins on each question. Check your spelling, punctuation and grammar carefully.

- 1) Write a description of a garden in summer that continues on from this opening. Write two paragraphs.

The sun filtered through the leaves of the beech tree, creating dappled shadows on the lush grass. In the shade it was cool; there was a light breeze, laden with the perfume of flowers. Just beyond the beech tree, a little stream meandered its way downhill, bordered by ferns and bullrushes.

- 2) Write a letter to persuade your Headteacher to remove chips from the lunch menu. Continue on from this opening. Write two paragraphs.

Dear Headteacher, I am writing to you because I feel strongly that the school canteen should change its Lunch menu. We are very lucky to have such excellent food at our school and my fellow students and I love the crunchy salads and hearty stews. However, we feel that fast food like chips and burgers are served too often, and we are worried that this may be having a negative effect on the health and well-being of the students.

Non Verbal Reasoning (NVR) Paper

- **Duration:** 30 Minutes
- **Content:** NVR mainly involves reasoning with abstract figures. For some questions you might look at relationships between shapes and sequences of shapes, by identifying common features from a set of figures and applying them to a new figure. Some NVR questions involve codes, in which features of a shape have to be matched with letters
- **Equipment:** Pencil and eraser
- Familiarisation material can be found via GL Assessments website, at [Free Familiarisation Materials](#). These materials are designed for use with candidates at an 11+ admissions point, but are still judged to be appropriate for 13+ candidates