



## Year 9 Entrance Exam

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 7/KS3: [Cranbrook School - Year 7 Maths Curriculum 2023-24](#)
- 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 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