



EXCELLENCE AWARDS POLICY

Application forms for most scholarships can be found on the Cranleigh website during the Michaelmas Term and should be read in conjunction with the Scholarship Booklet.

Scholarships are awarded as recognition of excellence in performance and potential. Competition for scholarship awards is strong and winning a scholarship is a considerable achievement. Scholars are expected to take a leading, exemplary role in the School.

All scholarship applicants will have undertaken an initial Holistic Review and been offered either an 11+ or 13+ unconditional place or a 16+ conditional place before sitting for a scholarship. 11+ and 13+ scholarships take place during the Lent and Summer Term of the year of entry and 16+ scholarships take place in the November prior to entry.

The number of awards available will necessarily vary from year to year according to the quality of the applicants and the financial circumstances of the School. The School reserves the right not to make an award if there are no suitable applicants or to re-allocate funds to other awards to ensure that the quality of applicants is rewarded appropriately.

All awards at all stages will ultimately be at the discretion of the Head.

1. Fee Remission

Scholarships are generally awarded fee remission of 5%. The top Academic and Head's Award will each be awarded a JH Sapte Award which carries fee remission of 33%.

Scholarships may be supplemented by means-tested top-up bursaries to enable scholars, who could not otherwise afford to attend Cranleigh School or Cranleigh Prep School, to be admitted to the School. (See the Bursaries Policy for further details about this process).

2. Scholarships at Age 11 for Cranleigh Preparatory School

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships may be awarded at age 11 at the discretion of the Head at Cranleigh Prep School to exceptional applicants who have shown potential during their Holistic Review.

Music Scholarships

Music scholarship assessments take place in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. Prospective applicants are advised to attend a pre-audition in Year 5 or 6 to enable feedback on potential for both school and parents. Parents should contact the Head of Music to arrange this.

The junior music scholarship assessment consists of an audition and interview. Applicants are expected to have achieved Grade 3 or 4 on at least one instrument before the assessment. The audition should include a performance of two contrasting works on a first instrument. Where a second instrument is offered, one piece is required for performance. Singing is welcomed and encouraged. Applicants are required to perform (on their first instrument only) scales, arpeggios and sight reading. Aural tests

appropriate to their standard will be given and applicants' general musicianship and interests assessed. Awards may be promoted to Senior Music Scholarships at 13+. Music exhibitions will be awarded to worthy applicants, at the discretion of the Head, with the cost of instrumental lessons subsidised by the School.

3. Deferred 11+ Scholarships for Cranleigh School

In exceptional cases candidates may apply for deferred 11+ Academic or Eric Abbott (Sports) Awards to be presented on entry at 13+. Academic Awards will be awarded as a result of the Holistic Review. Applicants for the deferred Eric Abbott Award for Sporting Excellence will be assessed during the Holistic Review or by individual arrangement during the year.

An 11+ Academic or Eric Abbott Award would result in a fee remission of 15% for Year 9 only (comprising of 5% for Years 7 and 8 whilst the pupil remains at their current school) and a 5% fee remission for subsequent years at Cranleigh School. Prior to arrival at Cranleigh further fee remission is available to award holders, subject to means testing, to ensure talented pupils are able to benefit from the opportunities Cranleigh offers. The usual range of scholarships will also be available in year 8. (See Scholarships at Age 13).

All 11+ Award holders are encouraged to take part in Cranleigh School enrichment programmes and to apply for a 13+ Award. A further 5% fee remission is available to 13+ scholarship winners who are 11+ Award holders.

4. Scholarships at Age 13

Following the Holistic Review, applicants may be invited to participate in the Cranleigh School enrichment programmes which will involve optional events, music workshops, academic lectures, and specialist coaching during the holidays at Cranleigh.

Academic Scholarships

Applicants for Academic scholarships will sit the Cranleigh Academic Scholarship Assessments in May of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. There are exam papers in the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, plus either one or two language papers (from French, Spanish, Latin and Greek). Geography, History, and Religious Studies are shorter exams of 30 minutes. In addition, applicants will be asked to participate in an individual interview and take part in a group discussion as part of the scholarship assessments.

Academic exhibitions will be awarded to worthy applicants, at the discretion of the Head, who will receive £100 to fees in the first year to support the purchase of books. The Head may award an academic exhibition to a pupil who achieves an exceptional result in the Common Entrance exam.

Music Scholarships

Music scholarship assessments take place in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. Prospective applicants at age 13 are advised to attend a pre-audition early in Year 7 to enable critical feedback of potential for both schools and parents. Parents should contact the Head of Music to arrange this.

The music scholarship assessments consist of an audition and interviews. Applicants are expected to have achieved Grade 5 or 6 standards on at least one instrument before the assessment. The audition should include a performance of two contrasting works on a first instrument. Where a second instrument is offered, one piece is required for performance. Singing is welcomed and encouraged. Applicants are required to perform (on their first instrument only) scales, arpeggios and sight reading. Aural tests appropriate to their standard will be given and applicants' general musicianship and interests assessed. Music scholars will be required to choose the subject in Year 9 and then to choose Music as a GCSE option.

Music exhibitions will be awarded to worthy applicants, at the discretion of the Head, with the cost of instrumental lessons subsidised by the School.

Art Scholarships

The art scholarship assessment requires applicants to submit a portfolio in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. The portfolio should include personal work produced in their own time in addition to work produced in school, school-based art clubs and holiday courses. Exploratory, experimental and drawing-based work, if only in a sketch book, is welcomed as is imaginative, thoughtful and creative responses in a variety of media.

Applicants will be invited to spend half a day in the Woodyer Art Studios where they will be required to produce a piece of mixed-media work on paper, based on the observation of a chosen subject, very often a themed still life. They will also be interviewed when they will have the opportunity to talk about their work, developing interests and any artists or designers that they admire.

Art exhibitions will be awarded to worthy applicants, at the discretion of the Head, who will receive £100 to fees in the first year to support the purchase of art materials and books.

Art scholars will be required to choose the subject as a Year 9 option and continue to take the subject to GCSE.

Design Engineering Scholarship

The School generally offers one design scholarship annually with the assessment taking place in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. Applicants wishing to be considered for a design scholarship will be required to submit a single side of A3 or two sides of A4 that showcase and evidence any involvement in extracurricular clubs, activities or visits related to design engineering. Short video clips (iMovies) are also perfectly acceptable forms of submission if the applicants would prefer.

Applicants will also be invited to spend half a day in the Design Department, where they will be asked to produce a piece of work. They will also be interviewed to provide an opportunity to talk about their work, interests, and any designers they particularly admire.

Design scholars will be required to choose the subject as a Year 9 option and then continue to take the subject to GCSE.

Drama Scholarship

The drama scholarship assessment takes place in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. Applicants will be invited to spend half a day in the Drama Department where they will be asked to join a group workshop for which no preparation is necessary. They will then be required to perform a prepared monologue of their own choice of no more than three minutes in length.

Drama scholars would be expected to audition for relevant drama productions alongside other pupils and should not assume that this scholarship is a guarantee of a major part in School or House productions.

Drama scholars will be required to choose the subject as a Year 9 option and then continue to take the subject to GCSE.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts scholarship assessment takes place in January of the year before a candidate enters the School in September. This award is for pupils that excel in areas of performing art such as, but not restricted to: Dance, Set Design, Film Making, Musical theatre etc.

A candidate can apply for this award alongside Music and/or Drama, however typically a Performing Arts award will not be given to a pupil who gains either a Music or Drama award.

Depending on the chosen field for this scholarship the assessment and evidence of ability will vary. Parents are advised to contact Admissions to assess eligibility.

Eric Abbott Award for Sporting Excellence

The Eric Abbott Award is available for athletes who demonstrate outstanding potential in Sport

Candidates will be invited to an EA assessment day which will include an evaluation of an applicant's athleticism as well as their performance and skill level in specific sessions of their chosen sport. All candidates will have an interview on these days to discuss their ambitions and outlook on sport.

All EA Award applicants will need to demonstrate they have the potential to gain selection at regional or national level (or equivalent) in their chosen sport. Current representative honours are not essential but candidates must be an outstanding 'A' team player in their current school and/or club.

They will only be assessed for EA Awards in their chosen sport.

Girls and boys compete equally for these awards against standards appropriate for their gender and they should be an individual who other pupils look to as a role model in the sporting arena.

Jolyon Palmer Award for Sporting Excellence

The Jolyon Palmer Award is available for athletes who demonstrate outstanding potential and proven ability (county/national representation/squads or times) in sports that the school does not offer. Parents are advised to contact Admissions to assess eligibility.

Jolyon Palmer Awards (see below) and in certain other circumstances, assessments may take place by individual arrangement outside of Assessment Days.

Head's Award

Candidates cannot apply for a Head's Award (previously called All-Round).

Those candidates being considered for a Head's Award will be an Academic Scholarship applicant or demonstrate high academic achievement and will have applied for at least one other scholarship..

5. Scholarships at Age 16

Academic Scholarships

Applicants for an Academic Scholarship at age 16 will be required to sit an exam in November before the year of entry in conjunction with the 16+ Holistic Review. The assessment will include a scholarship interview with the Master of Scholars in addition to interviews with Heads of Department. Potential Academic Scholars currently following a British curriculum should be predicted to achieve at least eight 8 and 9 grades at GCSE.

For those already in receipt of financial assistance, this award will be honorary at the School's discretion.

Music Scholarships

The Music Scholarship assessments at age 16 consist of an audition and interviews. Applicants are expected to have achieved Grade 7 or 8 standard on at least one instrument before the assessment. The audition should include a performance of two contrasting works on a first instrument. Where a second instrument is offered, one piece is required for performance. Singing is welcome and encouraged. Applicants are required to perform (on their first instrument only) scales and arpeggios, sight reading. Aural tests appropriate to their standard will be given and applicants' general musicianship and interests are assessed.

Music scholars are required to take a full part in the School's musical activities both choral and instrumental.

Art Scholarships

The Art scholarship assessment at age 16 requires the submission of a portfolio in the first instance and then, for selected applicants, a drawing test and interviews. The portfolio should show evidence of sketch books/work books, finished pieces and work in progress. It is expected that most of the work will be GCSE coursework, but applicants may also submit personal work if they wish.

Eric Abbott Awards for Sporting Excellence

The assessment for the Eric Abbott Award for Sporting Excellence at age 16 requires applicants to demonstrate excellence in their chosen sport. Applicants will be required to provide references from external coaches to support their application and will be required to demonstrate good athleticism together with a strong desire to learn. Eric Abbott award holders will be expected to represent the School ahead of any other team that they may represent. The general criteria on which this will be judged is set out below:

Cricket	County/EPP standard
Hockey	County/JRPC
Netball	Elite Satellite Academy
Rugby	Elite Academy

Parents are advised to contact Admissions to assess eligibility.

6. Tenure of Scholarships

It is expected that all Awards will be held for the full period of a pupil's attendance at Cranleigh Prep School or Cranleigh School. The School reserves the right to withdraw any award if, in the opinion of the Head, the pupil has forfeited the award through bad behaviour, poor academic performance or repeated failure to participate fully in the area in which a scholarship has been awarded. These criteria are laid out in full in the Cranleigh School Conditions of Award, which is sent out to those offered awards and is available from the Admissions Office.

7. Cranleigh Foundation

Cranleigh Foundation supports pupils who have suffered exceptional or tragic circumstances and who would benefit from the pastoral care and support of the structured boarding environment offered by Cranleigh School and without the financial means to do so. The Foundation works closely with several charities with similar objectives to find suitable applicants. Decisions on who will receive financial support from the Foundation are made by the Foundation Trustees, as advised by the Foundation Executive Director and the Head.

More information about the Cranleigh Foundation is available on the School's website or from the Foundation Officer, Miss Sarah Greenwood SLG@cranleigh.org

8. Bursaries

Bursaries are available to those pupils awarded a scholarship where there is financial need. The family of each applicant for a bursary will be required to complete a means-test form prior to the scholarship exam or assessment. Bursary applicants may be given an indication as to whether their application is likely to be successful and, if so, the possible level of a bursary award should a scholarship be awarded. Bursary assistance is available at Cranleigh Prep School for pupils, who in the view of the Head are strong applicants for a scholarship at either the Prep or Senior School.

The School advises that families considering a bursary discuss their circumstances at an early stage with the Head or Director of Finance.

This policy will be reviewed annually or according to statutory change or following a decision by the Governing Body to change the admissions procedures or the nature of Scholarships and bursaries.

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