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# SENIOR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships  
and Bursary  
Applications  
2025-26





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# Key Information for Senior School Scholarship Application 2025-26

Cranford is committed to seeking out and rewarding gifted pupils with Bursaries and Scholarships to ensure the largest number of talented pupils can benefit from a Cranford education.

In particular, it aims as far possible to focus its support on pupils for whom the chance of a Cranford education would be a transformative, life-changing prospect. If your child would benefit from the educational experience which Cranford is able to offer, but your family is not in a position to cover the full fees, you may be eligible for a Bursary or Scholarship.

Bursaries and Scholarships are available to any pupil as part of the Year 7 entry process into Senior School.

Scholarships enable us to recognise and celebrate gifted and talented pupils, so they are awarded purely on academic, sporting, artistic, dramatic or musical merit and take no account of family circumstances. Scholarships are awarded for the duration of a pupil's school career, up to the end of Year 13, subject to the Headmaster's satisfaction with performance. Should a pupil's performance fall below the required standard, their scholarship can be rescinded at any time. If notice is given to withdraw a pupil from the School, the Scholarship will be withdrawn and full fees will be charged for the duration of the notice period.

## **Applying for a Bursary:**

Parents wishing to apply for a Bursary should ensure their child is registered with the school in the first instance and then email a request to:

[admissions@cranfordschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cranfordschool.co.uk).



# Senior School Scholarships

## Laurence Scholarship

The Laurence Scholarship is named in memory of the School's founding Headmistress and provides us with an opportunity to recognise and reward strong academic potential. This Scholarship is awarded to the pupils achieving top marks at assessment in English and Mathematics on Senior Entry Day. Pupils do not apply for this Scholarship.

## Headmaster's Scholarship

This is awarded to pupils who have demonstrated excellence in sporting, musical, artistic or dramatic endeavours in their school career to date, in conjunction with their performance on Senior Entry Day. Pupils must apply for this Scholarship and be available to attend our Senior Entry Day on 11 November 2025 in order to be considered. Pupils being considered for this award will also be considered for an Exhibition.

The value of Scholarships varies, but generally they are of a small monetary value and emphasis is placed on the honour of receiving the award rather than the amount given.

A Scholarship may be supplemented by a Bursary up to the value of full fees at the discretion of the Headmaster. All Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Headmaster.

## Exhibitions

A small number of Exhibitions may be awarded in Music, Drama, Art and Sport. These are of small monetary value, designed to contribute towards a pupil's pursuits in their specialist areas. They are primarily offered in recognition of excellence. The award of Exhibitions will be assessed from amongst the Scholarship applicants. It is expected that pupils in receipt of a Music, Drama, Art or Sport Exhibition will play a full role in the extra-curricular life of the School.



# Information for Senior School Scholarship Application

- Pupils wishing to be considered for a Scholarship must indicate their intention on the Senior Entry Form, which will be sent to parents by the Admissions team. They will discuss the application on Senior Entry Day.
- ***Tuesday, 11 November 2025***  
**Senior Entry Day** for pupils applying for a scholarship in Music, Drama, Sport and Art.
- ***Wednesday, 12 November 2025***  
**Senior Entry Day** for candidates not applying for a scholarship.

Please note: Candidates will only be required to attend one of these dates depending on whether they are applying for a scholarship in Music, Drama, Art or Sport.

The Senior Entry Form, Interviews and References from a candidate's current school will all be taken into account in the award of Scholarships.

**The closing date for:**  
**Bursary applications is**  
*30 September 2025*

**The closing date for:**  
**Scholarship applications is**  
*1 November 2025*

For an application form or any further information, please contact the Admissions Team on **01491 651218** or [admissions@cranfordschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cranfordschool.co.uk).



# Headmaster's Scholarship

## – Music, Drama, Sport and Art

Candidates applying for the Headmaster's Scholarship will be assessed in school during Senior Entry Day to complete an additional assessment in their chosen field(s) of speciality (Music, Drama, Sport and Art).

Please see below for qualifying criteria and additional information:

### MUSIC

- Candidates should perform one or two pieces on their main instrument and one on any other instrument which can include singing, as well as undertaking aural and sight-reading tests.
- **A guide for a scholarship candidate would be around Grade 3 on their main instrument.**
- There will also be a viva voce exploring a candidate's knowledge of the music performed and the ability to demonstrate an understanding of the works of different composers.
- Music award holders are expected to take a full lead in the musical activities of the school and to be excellent role models in rehearsals and in the progress shown in their instrumental studies.

### DRAMA

- Prepare and perform a short monologue or poem of the candidate's own choice which is of an age-appropriate level. It may be an original piece or candidates may be inspired to choose from a range of readily available material. The piece should be around 2 minutes duration.
- Demonstrate a range of knowledge and understanding of the theatre and dramatic performance.
- Discuss their interest in Drama.



## SPORT

- Provide a supporting letter from their current Headteacher or coach describing sporting participation, successes and their commitment and dedication both to teams and on an individual level.
- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of a range of different sports.
- Demonstrate skills and techniques in multi-sports assessment. The candidate will be asked to bring full PE kit on the Assessment Day.

**Please note, applicants for the Sport Scholarship need to be playing sport regularly at a competitive level with an external club.**

## ART

- Produce a portfolio of work, containing any of the following:
  - a) a sketchbook of ideas and thoughts;
    - i. completed artwork showing good observational and technical skills in in mark making, drawing in its broadest sense, and/or showing a flair for pattern, design, innovation and colour, demonstrating an understanding of visual language.
    - ii. 3D work in a range of mediums such as ceramics, hard materials or soft sculpture.
    - iii. any other art and craft work in which the candidate is interested. The candidate will be asked to produce some practical work in which they will have to show a willingness to experiment with different techniques and media and show a confidence and pride in their own artistic ability. The candidate will also have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the work of a number of artists, including their techniques and different styles through informal discussion. A passion for creativity is something that will need to be demonstrated throughout the process.



# Year 7 Admissions for September 2026 Entry

Saturday, 11 October 2025  
WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

October – November 2025  
REFERENCES OBTAINED FROM PREP AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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