

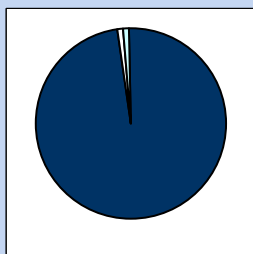
Annual Report



NUMBERS

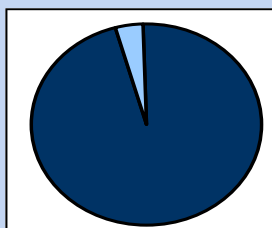
The school had 319 pupils on roll at the end of August 2007. By August 2008 there are projected to be 324. Main recruitment is into Nursery, Reception and Form 7. Recruitment into Form 7 has been stronger than ever this year, with 15 pupils joining us in 2008. Pupil retention across all year groups remained high. For the fourth year running, 90% of Form 6 pupils selected us for their secondary education.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE



- Marginal Income
- Income from Fees

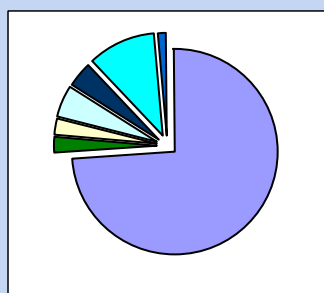
Turnover was circa £3m. 98% of income came from school fees, which were raised by 7% in August 2007, to meet increased costs after teachers' salaries were increased to match those offered in the maintained sector.



- Surplus
- Expenditure

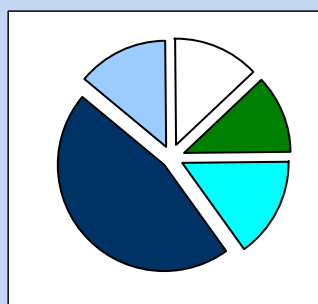
A surplus of 4% was achieved, in line with benchmarking guidelines for Independent Schools.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE



- Salaries
- Scholarships & Bursaries
- ICT Sundries
- Premises (Heat/Light etc.)
- Interest on Loans
- Maintenance
- Educational Supplies Catering

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



- Capital Projects
- Equipment
- ICT
- Educational Equipment
- Improvements

GOVERNING BODY 2008

Mr Richard Bray (Chairman)
Mr Andrew Harper

Miss Elisabeth Scoates
Mrs Gaye Walsh

Mr Geoffrey Cole
Mr Bryn Howell-Pryce

KEY IMPROVEMENTS IN FACILITIES

During 2006 3 interactive whiteboards were purchased. The school now has a total provision of 12 whiteboards and over 70 computer units. A new minibus was purchased for the school. Willow Court playground had a very welcome addition—a train (the ‘Cranford Express’) for Lower and Junior School pupils. The kitchen was improved significantly, including a new cooker. The outdated heating system was replaced in Willow Court.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Cranford’s pupils’ success in the GCSE examinations continued with 95% of pupils obtaining 5 GCSEs grades A*-C. 70% of pupils obtained grades A*-B. Value added scores were 1.75 grades per pupil higher than MidYIS predictions on average across the year group. Cranford was ranked 192nd in the Times list of The Best Schools.

INSPECTION SUCCESS

The Lower School Foundation Stage education (Nursery and Reception) and our After School Care provision was inspected by Ofsted. Results were excellent with the school receiving ‘Very Good’ in all categories of the Foundation Stage teaching and learning and ‘Good’ for the After School Care provision.

ADMISSIONS to SIXTH FORMS and HIGHER EDUCATION

All Year 11 pupils continued on to Sixth Form studies. Schools included St Edward’s (Music Scholarship), Kendrick, St Gabriel’s, d’Overbroeck’s College and Shiplake College. Henley College remained popular for pupils wishing to pursue the IB course.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Cranford House offered a massive 67 extra-curricular activities and sports. An enrichment programme was introduced for the Senior School, ensuring that all pupils in Years 7 through to 11 get the chance to sample a wide variety of activities from hand-bell ringing to kayaking. The Equestrian Team was reinstated and a riding club was started—both with much popularity and success. The Duke of Edinburgh Award and World Challenge was introduced for Form 9 pupils. There were five foreign trips: exchanges to France and Spain, a visit to the German Christmas Markets, a geological fieldtrip to Iceland and a fieldtrip to the WWI Battlefields.

SPORTS RESULTS

Cranford hosted an inter-school show-jumping event at the Berkshire College of Agriculture for the first time and were crowned overall winners in this competition. Cross-country teams were the Area champions. The U11 Netball team were GSA Champions. 5 players represented their sport at National level and 4 represented their sport at County level.

YOUTH SPEAKS SUCCESS

Our public speaking team won the Wallingford, Reading District and Zone finals of the Annual Rotary Club Debating Competition and got through to the South-East Finals where they came second.

CHOIR/MUSIC

The music department flourished under new leadership this year with Choir and Chamber Choir and instrumentalists taking part in many choral and singing events. The annual Carol Service was held in Dorchester Abbey. 72 Junior and Senior pupils performed in a recital at Blenheim Palace, as part of the School’s 75th anniversary celebrations.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

A total of £3,755 was raised during the course of the year for a wide range of charities including Marie Curie Cancer Care, Gene Research, Breast Cancer Awareness, Macmillan Nurses, The Porch Steppin’ Stone Centre for the Homeless in Oxford, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Daisy’s Dream and the NSPCC amongst others. Through donations made to Action Aid for the last ten years, we have also supported an Indian child called Sukhamahti and this year, monies raised by Cranford pupils and families enabled her village school to benefit from a solar powered television, new hockey sticks and kit, and an additional well for drinking water to the village. Junior and Senior pupils were involved with community service within and outside the school, and our instrumental ensembles, choir and chamber choir performed throughout the year at public occasions and at local community events and venues including the Old Vicarage Nursing Home in Moulsoford.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2008

Mrs Claire Hamilton
Mr Christopher Cooper
Mr Peter Ellis

Mrs Penny Hawson
Mrs Ruth Huntington
Mrs Hilary Osborn

Mrs Jean Simmons
Mrs Gill Smeeton
Mrs Julie White-Zamler
