



CRANFORD HOUSE

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Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make. Cranford House enjoys a strong reputation for both teaching excellence and for maintaining a focus on each individual pupil's progress that ensures everyone achieves their full potential. An atmosphere of academic endeavour is at the heart of school life, but a Cranford House education offers much more than simple academic success. Ensuring each child feels safe and supported is key to building their growing confidence in their own abilities.

Visitors to our school comment on the happy atmosphere, while our pupils describe Cranford House as a family community where everyone knows and supports each other. Our aim is to ignite every child's curiosity and interest and I am delighted to say that the scope of our pupils' accomplishments is exceptional.

The best way to get a flavour of life here is to see our school in action for yourself. We look forward to meeting you and showing you around Cranford House.

With best wishes

Dr James Raymond



Cranford House at a glance

We are a warmly welcoming, small co-educational independent day school for pupils aged 2-18. Our Nursery, Junior, Senior and Sixth Form Departments work in tandem to provide the best possible learning outcomes for each stage of our pupils' education and a seamless progression throughout their time at school.

Set in beautiful grounds in the South Oxfordshire countryside, Cranford House is celebrating more than 85 years of excellence in independent education. Today, we are proud to continue offering our pupils a wealth of opportunities and superb facilities for Sport, Science, the Creative or Performing Arts and much more besides.

We are renowned for our strong focus on pastoral care and the positive, supportive relationships between pupils and staff. We are fully committed to ensuring our happy, friendly school is a place that pupils look forward to coming to each day.

Our vibrant House system plays a vital part in school life, fostering valuable friendships across year groups, as well as providing the forum for some healthy competition.

As the leading co-educational 2-18 day school in the region, we aim to provide our pupils with a progressive education fit for the 21st Century. Pupils leave Cranford House as well-rounded individuals with a host of achievements under their belts.

Our school is a place where children with a whole host of interests both inside and beyond the classroom thrive. We aim to provide an opportunity-rich education to children ready and willing to make the most of it.





Why choose Cranford House?

All-round Excellence

Academic Excellence – academic excellence plays an important part in the well-rounded education we pride ourselves in providing. Our GCSE results typically see over 65% of all grades achieved at 9-7 and over 85% of grades 9-6. The school consistently achieves a value-added score showing that pupils at Cranford House can expect to achieve over a grade higher per subject than they would elsewhere.

Sporting Excellence – our inclusive approach to sport-for-all underpins our school ethos and ensures every pupil can play their part.

Excellence In Music, Drama and the Performing Arts – our vibrant Performing Arts faculty encourages pupils to develop self-confidence and self-assurance through a breadth of opportunity.

Values and Ethos

Happy And Welcoming – at Cranford House, pupils and staff know and support each other within a friendly, nurturing and engaging environment.

A Unique Approach – we enjoy a reputation for excellence based on our unique approach to education that is both modern and forward facing and based on strong traditional values.

Enduring Ethos for Learning - Cranford House pupils make excellent progress within a broad and challenging curriculum framework, which encompasses the traditional and the innovative, while establishing an enduring ethos for learning.

Celebrating Success In All Its Forms – we nurture every individual as they develop their own talents. We wholeheartedly believe that each and every pupil can succeed and excel.

Opportunity-rich

Extra-Curricular Activities – our broad and exciting clubs provision offers over 100 activity choices for pupils across the school, covering areas such as Sport, the Arts, Music and Science to name but a few.

Excellence in STEM – our exciting STEM curriculum links Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics with real-life applications.

Outdoor Learning – with Forest School sessions enjoyed right through the Junior School, our outdoor learning provision encourages pupils to challenge themselves, to develop self-confidence and to build friendships through adventure activities, trips and expeditions.

Expeditions – our pupils benefit from a broad and inspiring choice of outward-bound and leadership opportunities from the age of seven to 18. These range from far-flung World Challenge expeditions to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and a wide variety of adventurous day and residential trips.

Outstanding Support

First Rate Pastoral Care – our small size means we know and care for every pupil as an individual. Excellent pastoral care underpins every aspect of school life and our core values of Happiness, Confidence, Generosity of Spirit, Motivation and Challenge permeate the school day. Cranford House offers a family community, a school where every pupil knows each other and is supported by a strong network of friends, an outstanding team of Form Tutors and our vibrant House system.

Seamless Transition – we offer through-schooling and the benefits of a seamless transition with teachers who know and understand and support each pupil's individual learning needs. The success of our through-school curriculum, designed as a pathway for pupils from Nursery to Sixth Form, is clearly reflected in our outstanding results and happy, confident and self-assured pupils.



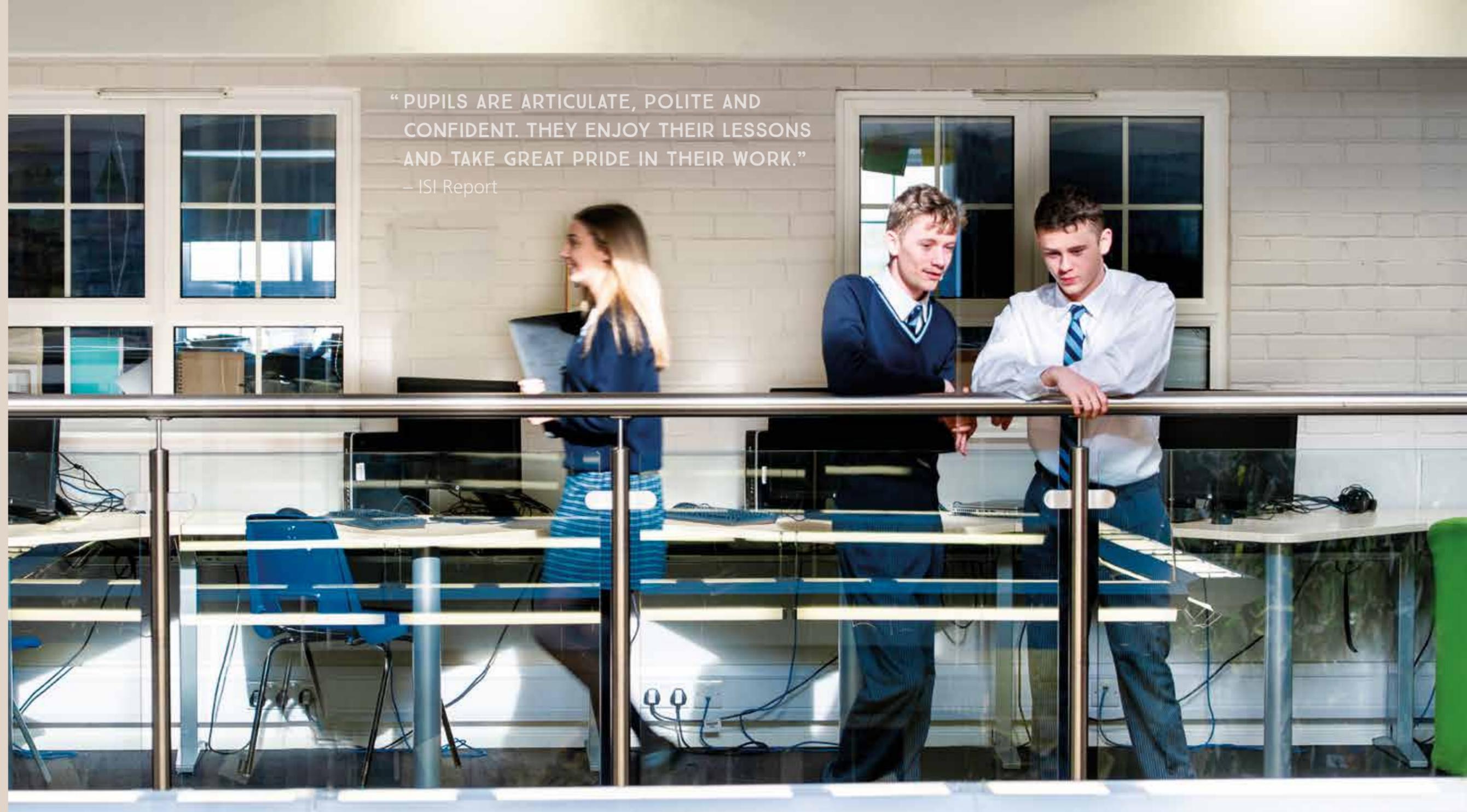
Excellence in Independent Education

We aim to develop your son or daughter's natural potential to the full. Success in today's competitive world requires self-belief, confidence and motivation to meet each challenge, be it personal or professional. A Cranford House education prepares you for life, not just examinations. We are delighted that this has been recognised by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) who gave our Nursery, Junior and Senior Schools the highest possible scores in all categories.

Our curriculum is filled with learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, individual one-on-one time with our excellent teachers, and the chance to experience responsibility and team work. It is designed to build self-knowledge, inspire confidence and increase motivation in a happy, supportive atmosphere and within a moral and spiritual framework. We know our approach works from our happy, motivated pupil body and our GCSE results that consistently position us as one of the leading schools in the region.

"PUPILS ARE ARTICULATE, POLITE AND CONFIDENT. THEY ENJOY THEIR LESSONS AND TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR WORK."

– ISI Report



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Confidence & Self-Belief

A Cranford House education encourages a sense of curiosity, a love of challenge, and the confidence, resilience and self-belief to know you can achieve whatever you want. In a small school environment everyone gets a chance to participate in a meaningful way. From the earliest years, pupils take an active part in all areas of school life, giving them the chance to regularly try new things. A huge range of extra-curricular activities across school cover everything from Football to Chess, Modern Dance to Debating, Rugby to Chamber Choir and much more, providing a wealth of new opportunities.

Positions of responsibility such as Head of School, Prefects and House Captains all offer pupils the chance to accept responsibility and manage leadership. Whether discussing your favourite toy with your classmates at Circle Time in Reception, or raising funds for a charity expedition in Year 10, our pupils grow to understand the importance of preparation and self-belief in achieving success.





Happiness & Self-Knowledge

Cranford House pupils are taught to value and respect every person as an individual. This engenders tolerance and the ability to foster relationships which stand our pupils in good stead in future life. Our small class sizes, close community and strong pastoral care ensure that teachers know each pupil personally, providing individual support to ensure their development needs are met and their unique talents are enhanced and celebrated.

“WE HAVE BEEN SO PLEASED WITH THE WAY THAT OUR DAUGHTER HAS BECOME PART OF THE CRANFORD HOUSE COMMUNITY. SHE LOVES COMING TO SCHOOL AND MISSES IT IN THE HOLIDAYS.”

- Junior School Parent



Challenge & Motivation

Cranford House is a small community with big aspirations. We believe this gives us the best of both worlds; each pupil is supported by a close-knit community to realise their natural potential. This approach sees our pupils regularly surpassing their initial expectations. We seek to develop pupils' independence, critical thinking, creativity, resilience and emotional intelligence, skills that we know will be most important in the world beyond school.

In addition to our success in the classroom, we see pupils frequently excelling themselves in county, national and international representation in a wide variety of sports, from Football, Hockey, Rounders, Sailing and Cricket to Equestrian, Tennis, Gymnastics and Netball.



Academic success

We support and work with each pupil to help them attain the best results possible. From the early years, our pupils reap the rewards of specialised teachers, small classes and a constantly evolving modern curriculum. Whilst we believe that a child's education is about far more than learning in a classroom, we recognise the importance of academic success in today's world.

We pride ourselves on our excellent 'value added' scores, meaning that the majority of our pupils attain well over one grade above what predictions suggest they would achieve at a similar school. We track pupils' progress throughout their school journey, ensuring support is readily available when needed. Cranford House is consistently one of the leading academic schools in the region and the addition of our new Sixth Form in 2020 allows us to extend this academic excellence up to A-level.

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- Senior School Parent





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Sporting Excellence

With over 30 sports on offer, we believe that sport can be an enjoyable activity for all – whether pupils are Olympians in waiting, or simply enjoy keeping active. All pupils experience a wide range of different sports within the timetable and our *Sports For All Philosophy*, delivered by our specialist PE staff, ensures we cater for all abilities and interests. Sports on offer include Hockey, Football, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Judo, Tennis, Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Rugby, Dance and Cross-Country.

We arrange a busy annual calendar of local matches, as well as successfully competing in many National Schools and ISA, GSA and IAPS events across a range of sports. The school site is well equipped with its own swimming pool, modern sports hall, all-weather Astro turf, grass pitches and hard courts.





The Arts

ARTS

Our thriving Art Department is a hub of creativity where students of all levels and abilities can develop their talents. The curriculum encompasses art, sculpture, textiles and design and aims to allow each pupil's artistic flair to shine through. As well as frequent opportunities to exhibit their own work, pupils also enjoy inspiring trips to art galleries, exhibitions and installations.

DRAMA

With its crucial role in developing strong communication skills, Drama is central to our curriculum right through to Year 9. Alongside exciting theatre trips, our famous in-house productions, in which all pupils are encouraged to take part, further fuel an interest in the dramatic arts. Many of our pupils pursue this passion by taking the prestigious LAMDA exams, in which we have a superb track record.

MUSIC

Our Music Department has a proven reputation for excellence, providing pupils with the broadest range of opportunity within an inclusive and friendly approach to learning. More than 200 individual Music lessons are taught by specialist teachers each week, providing pathways to excellence, underpinned by our dynamic through-school curriculum. The school boasts a truly impressive mix of ensembles, choirs, orchestras and concert bands and pupils are involved in regular performances both in school or as part of our programme of choir tours and local concerts.



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Enrichment Clubs & Tours

At Cranford House we recognise the importance of giving pupils the opportunity to explore a diverse range of activities and challenges. As a result, our extensive extra-curricular clubs programme covers a broad spectrum of interests, from animated film making to ukulele playing and messy science. Our clubs are expertly run, with several endorsed by professional bodies such as the LAMDA speech and drama courses and the School Enterprise Challenge. Some clubs and activities even offer international trips, with our Choir tours to locations like Barcelona, Cologne and Venice proving a great success, as do our biennial ski trips.

In addition, pupils have gained huge rewards from subject-inspired visits such as our French and Spanish trips and our German Exchange to Hamburg. More locally, we run many activities, with highlights including PGL adventures, cultural trips to the Henley Literary Festival and visits to national museums and exhibitions. We are particularly proud of our relationship with the Earth Trust, which allows us to regularly visit Wittenham Clumps, exploring the local flora and fauna.



Expeditions & Outdoor Learning

Our expeditions and trips provision provides pupils with exciting opportunities to develop self-confidence, build friendships and independence. All pupils from Years 5-9 are provided with opportunities to take part in day and residential activities where they are able to participate in adventure-sports ranging from kayaking to abseiling, climbing, orienteering, mountain biking, hiking, shelter building and much more besides. In addition, Forest School sessions are embedded throughout our Junior School curriculum.

As pupils progress through the school our vibrant Duke of Edinburgh Award programme provides pupils with an opportunity to build on these skills, challenge themselves and achieve their goals. Further afield, our character-building and adventurous World Challenge expeditions to far-flung locations such as Borneo, Thailand and Morocco also prove extremely popular.



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