



WE  
ARE  
**CRANBOURNE**  
PROSPECTUS 25



# WELCOME TO CRANBOURNE

“As a member of this school community since 2001, I am Cranbourne through and through. Over the years I have been fortunate enough to see the school grow and thrive, and to have taught at least two generations of local families. There have been countless memorable moments during the last twenty years, but being appointed as Cranbourne’s new Headteacher is my proudest yet.”

*Sarah Coulon*  
HEADTEACHER





# TOGETHER WE ARE CRANBOURNE

I believe that it is our responsibility as a school to help students to shape their own future: to encourage their aspirations and provide opportunities for building confidence, resilience and leadership skills, as well as developing their awareness of the world around them. By nurturing their talents and recognising their strengths, we enable our students to make thoughtful decisions and valuable contributions to both the school and the wider community.

Our curriculum offers a broad range of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom where students can immerse themselves in their passions, whether that is reading, Green Cranbourne, performing on the stage or enjoying the swimming pool. Cranbourne is recognisably an inclusive and diverse setting where children from all corners of the world and all abilities come together and flourish with the support and challenge they need. Our 'Cranbourne Plus' curriculum enables learners to

explore subjects in their widest sense. We are also enormously proud of the support we offer to those students who need a little more in the classroom or a specific therapeutic provision.

Every day in school is different, but some things remain constant: the fantastic students, dedicated staff and committed parents who make up our excellent Cranbourne family. What's more, our strong ethos and belief in our values means that we are a school that never stands still, always striving to serve our present, past and future communities.

Visitors to the school comment on how warm and welcoming we are. Please take this as an invitation to come and see for yourselves, to experience what it is like to be 'Excellent in Everything' and to be able to say, "I am Cranbourne" too.

*Sarah Conlon*





WE  
ARE  
**OPPORTUNITY**

WE  
ARE  
**AMBITIOUS**

Excellent teachers and passionate learners are the foundation of our educational offer. Our students' approach to their studies is 'determined, persistent and ambitious' (Ofsted 2021). Our curriculum follows the traditional academic focus alongside a vocational approach ensuring all of our students can access the learning and gain the outcomes they need to move on to post-16 education. We encourage our students to be independent, risk-taking and passionate as they progress through their learning journey at Cranbourne.



WE ARE | **EASY TO ACCESS**



# WE ARE CARED FOR

Did you know 86% of a student's time is spent at school? This is why we have a 'home from home' feeling. Calm corridors connecting stimulating classrooms, beautiful outside areas and bespoke provisions so that every student has the opportunities and support they need whilst at Cranbourne.

*'A nurturing learning environment where everyone can flourish' Ofsted 2021.*

*Ofsted rating Good with Outstanding for Leadership and Management 2021.*



I CAN  
BE  
ME



# WE ARE CITIZENS

Cranbourne Plus is the curriculum that all students study; a programme of teaching traditional and vocational subjects with increased breadth and depth. It not only prepares students for high exam results, it looks at career pathways as well as developing leadership skills and participating in opportunities that will support students in their future lives.

In Year 9, each student participates in the Cranbourne Aspire Diploma. It combines exciting in-class and outside activities designed to push students out of their comfort zone, take the initiative and develop their leadership skills. During the diploma, students have the chance to become active citizens, help the local community and understand how their actions can benefit the planet.

Each student also has the opportunity to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award, participating in the four key areas of volunteering, physical fitness, skills development and an expedition.

## Increased Breadth and Depth

Students learn best when they can study a subject in its widest sense. The Cranbourne Plus Curriculum allows students to delve into their passions and study ideas in depth. This is supported through our extensive enrichment programme as well as the Aspire Diploma.

## Career Paths

Careers Education is embedded within our students' educational journey from Year 7. All students have access to high quality careers support including talks from employers and post-16 settings, trips to colleges and universities, interactive workshops, our annual careers fair, volunteering in Year 7 and a work experience placement in Key Stage 4.

All students also have a 1:1 guidance appointment with an impartial level 6 Careers Advisor in Year 10/11. Students can request an additional appointment at any time and students benefit from timely support at key transition points such as GCSE options and moving into post-16 qualifications.

Our students benefit from well-established partnerships with local businesses and universities, ensuring they can make well informed decisions about their future. Our aim is to ensure they leave Cranbourne able to make their best next steps.

## Skills For Life

Our extended projects are designed to get students working collaboratively, developing skills such as problem solving, team working, critical thinking, and attributes such as resilience, curiosity for learning and confidence. Out of lesson experiences are essential for application to top universities and we insist that all students attend at least one club a week. Some of the clubs we offer this year include music, sports, drama, STEM, Japanese club and many, many more...

## Friends for life

Students at Cranbourne traditionally work together and support each other through all the fun and challenge of secondary school. Many go on to college together and remain friends beyond school. We love to celebrate the achievement of current and past students and have a growing alumnus.





# WE ARE CONFIDENT

‘Pupils trust adults in the school’  
- Ofsted 2021

In a changing world, we recognise that all along our students’ journey through school, from transition from primary to moving on at 16, it is important to maintain independence and resilience. Our bespoke programme of supporting students’ emotional needs through expert provision, professional relationships and consistency means that students at Cranbourne can confidently approach the day ahead of them.

*Our therapeutic provision includes, among others, one-to-one mentoring, Thrive, ELSA, Lego Therapy, Art Therapy and Social Stories*





WE  
ARE A  
**COMMUNITY**

WE  
ARE  
**GREEN**

Our commitment to making Cranbourne Green is a passion for our whole community. Making the most of our generous grounds, students and staff take care of the flora and fauna around the site.

The Green Cranbourne Ambassadors track energy use and suggest ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Our very own allotment on site reduces our food costs and we eat what we grow. One day we hope to be self-sufficient.





# WE ARE PROUD

Our House System celebrates four inspirational figures: Jane Austen, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Gilbert White and the Thomson brothers, all of whom have followed their passions and achieved amazing things, making them fantastic role models for students to follow. With vertical tutor groups students quickly forge friendships across all year groups and wear their House ties with pride. Competing in the many House Competitions throughout the academic year, students are excited to know which House will win the House Cup in the final whole school assembly of the year.

‘One pupil described the school community as a ‘family’ where everyone is welcome’  
- Ofsted 2021





# WE HAVE FUN

The facilities we have at Cranbourne are excellent. Our indoor swimming pool is available to our students, Cluster Schools and our community. With expansive playing fields, a Sports Hall, Fitness Suite, Gymnasium and Dance Studio we are lucky to offer a broad curriculum and extensive extracurricular programme. In addition to this, we have our specialist teaching facilities including a Hair and Beauty Salon, recording studio and music rooms.



‘A range of opportunities that extends beyond the classroom is on offer. Staff provide a wide range of extracurricular clubs as well as trips and outside speakers’  
- Ofsted 2021



# WE ARE DIVERSE

Cranbourne is a diverse and inclusive school. With 48 languages spoken across our community we embrace and celebrate all cultures in our school. A close relationship with our Cluster of feeder schools means that we are proactive in each child's all-through journey in education and come together at key times to share the learning process, such as at our Annual Cluster Council Conference. This provides an ideal platform for our students' leadership skills to be developed and opportunities to use these in the future. Our Student Leadership Team are integral in driving the school forward and link well with our other ambassadors across the school.



 **WE ARE UNIQUE**



# WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

We are proud of our strong working relationships with our parents. Whether it is the day-to-day communication through our Cranbourne Parent Partners and our staff, or parental support with performing arts, sports events and celebratory evenings across the school year, this partnership enables each student to be the best they can.



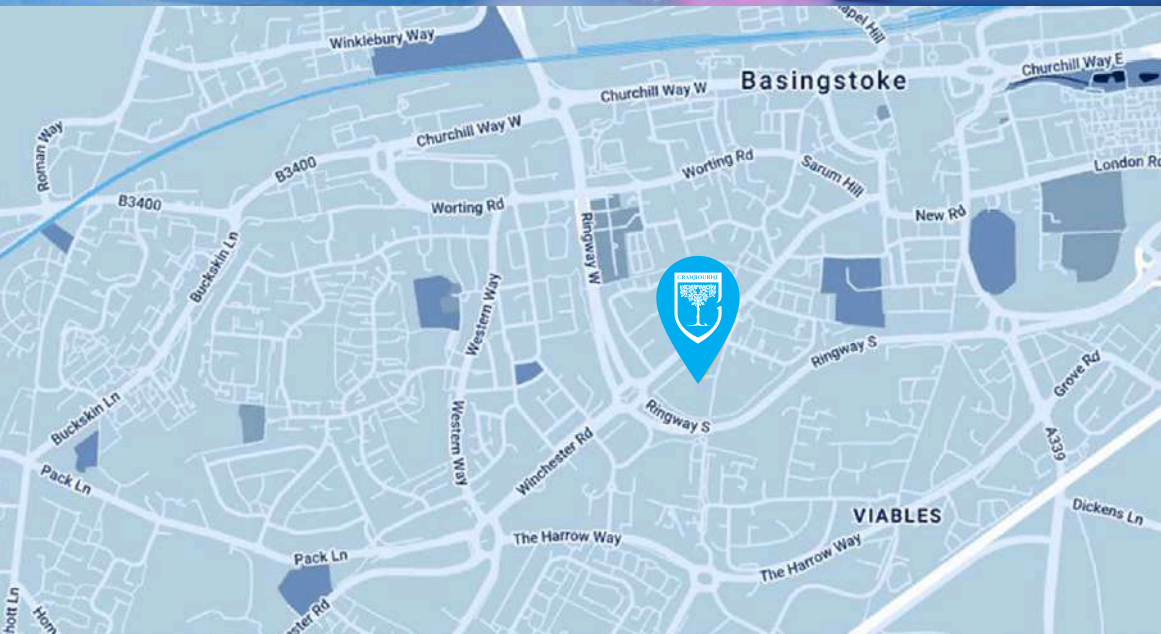
WE WORK TOGETHER



# WE ARE TEAM CRANBOURNE

Every member of our community has an important role in making sure that the experiences of students, staff and parents are excellent. The smiling faces, warm welcome and smooth running of each day is down to the dedicated staff who go above and beyond for our Cranbourne Family.





# 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE CRANBOURNE

1. High quality lessons from qualified teaching professionals
2. A wide range of academic subjects and vocational pathways
3. Great specialist facilities to support learning and therapeutic needs
4. A happy place - in a central town oasis
5. High standards of behaviour and ambitious expectations for all students

## BUS ROUTES

The school is accessible via Stage Coach Bus routes.

Please contact us on

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to plan a visit.



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