



December 2023

Dear Stakeholder

Cranbrook School is consulting on its Admissions Policies for September 2025. The purpose of this consultation is so that we, as a school, comply with the DfE School Admissions Code and consult with our local and wider community when there are proposed changes.

**Period of Consultation: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Year 7**

There is no proposed change to either the PAN or the Oversubscription Criteria for Year 7.

**Year 9**

The proposed plan in 2021 was to continue to grow the school with the admission of 90 students into year 7 from September 2023 and to retain the Year 9 intake of 90 (38 day and 52 boarding places), so creating a year group of 180 from September 2025. However, we are now unable to carry through that proposal. Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 and the serious cost of living crisis the approval for the development of the site and funding has not materialising for the proposed additional places. Therefore, this intake has had to be put on hold. Our proposed change is to reduce the Year 9 day PAN from 38 to 8, whilst the boarding PAN of 52 will remain unchanged.

**Sixth Form**

Our current entry requirement structure is not ensuring the best outcomes for our students and Cranbrook School. Our current Sixth Form entry requirements allows in students who have a mixture of grade 4 and 5 at GCSE requiring a total of 45 GCSE points across 9 or fewer subjects or alternatively 48 GCSE points across 10 or more subject. Cranbrook School currently requires at least a grade 4 at GCSE or equivalent in Maths and English.

Our new proposed entry requirements would require candidates to obtain a minimum of 35 points from their best six GCSE subjects or equivalent. Candidates must obtain at least a grade 5 at GCSE or equivalent in Maths and in either English Language or English Literature.

**In-Year Applications**

There is no proposed change to the processes for in-year applications.



### How to Respond to the Consultation

The Governing Body would welcome comments and questions during this period of consultation on any aspect of the proposed changes to arrangements, not on any other aspect of our policies; responses can be sent:

- via email to: [consultation@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@cranbrook.kent.sch.uk)
- by post to: 2025 Admissions Consultation  
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Cranbrook, Kent  
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A survey on the proposed amendments is available via [Cranbrook School 2025 Admissions Policies Consultation Survey](#)

We invite responses from all those within the Cranbrook School community, as well as prospective parents, key stakeholders and the local community. All responses will be considered prior to the Governing Body's Determination of the Admission Criteria. The final admissions arrangements will be published on the school's website by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, in line with statutory guidelines.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Clark'.

Mr David Clark  
Head – On behalf of The Governing Body of Cranbrook School