

CRANMORE

APPLICATION FOR AN 11+/13+ SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP (Information for parents of candidates)

A practical assessment will take place at Cranmore School on

Wednesday 19th November 2025

from 9.00am to 12.00pm

Cranmore's Sports Scholarship provision is an innovative and cutting-edge programme designed by Director of Sport, Paul Hodgson. The scholar-centred approach enables the designated staff mentor to fully know and understand the athlete, whilst making sure all the sporting commitments fit well alongside academics and other lifestyle considerations. Mental health and wellbeing of the scholar is prioritised always before the commitments and demands of any sport. Paul Hodgson is passionate about maximising young athletes' potential and firmly believes that, with the expertise in the department and from associated coaches, Cranmore has one of the most outstanding sports scholarship programmes that a young athlete can experience.

Please use the link below to see the Sports Scholarship Programme brochure:

https://issuu.com/cranmoreschool/docs/cranmore_20sport_20scholarship_20brochure

Sports Scholarships may be awarded to 11+ and 13+ candidates who have a proven high level of sporting ability and potential. Showcasing a positive attitude and demonstrating consistently good behaviour will also be taken into consideration. Candidates may apply for a General Sports Scholarship if they demonstrate a high standard in two or more sports; **which must include one of our main core curriculum school sports of football, rugby, hockey, cricket or swimming.** Specific Sports Scholarships may be applied for if the candidate has reached an exceptional standard in one sport specifically. Sports that are not part of our main core curriculum can also be considered i.e. athletics, skiing, golf etc. Tennis scholarships should be applied for separately to our Tennis Academy.

Candidates will be practically assessed on the day with a number of aspects being taken into consideration; fundamental motor skills, spatial awareness, decision making, application of appropriate skills in challenging situations and, physiological testing. Candidates will be assessed using our fantastic sports facilities, including the sports fields, astro pitches, main sports hall, plus our new state of the art Athletic Development Centre. Candidates will be assessed in the main sports played at Cranmore; swimming will be discussed on an individual basis. Candidates will also be interviewed by the Director of Sport as well as having informal discussions throughout the day with relevant Heads of Sport.

If awarded a Sports Scholarship at Cranmore, candidates are expected to progress in their chosen sport(s), represent the school in competitions, be role models for younger children, help to drive the high level of sport and standards at Cranmore, as well as attending the Sports Scholarship weekly session which is designed to inspire, educate, nurture and develop the scholars.

Boys will be eligible for scholarship examination/interview only if they are committed/firm candidates for the Senior School. Scholarships are subject to review and may be withdrawn if the scholar fails to meet the required standard or level of commitment. A review will take place at the end of Year 9 and Year 11. Please be advised that we are unable to give feedback on unsuccessful scholarship applications.

Each candidate is required to upload the following pieces of information when submitting the application form on Applicaa **by 1st November 2025.**

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1. A4 page letter of application including the following:

- a) How long the candidate has been participating in his chosen sport/sports
- b) School/Club/County/level of participation
- c) Participation in National School Competitions eg: IAPS
- d) Positions of responsibility held (e.g. captain)
- e) Other interests (sporting or otherwise)
- f) Any further relevant information to support the candidate's application

2. A letter of reference from a PE teacher (**if non-Cranmore candidate only**) including information regarding their commitment, attendance, effort, adaptability, coach-ability and any injuries they have sustained.

3. A letter of reference from an external club coach, if appropriate, including information on their strengths and weaknesses as well as recent time records if applicable.

4. A hand written letter of application from the candidate explaining their reason for choosing Cranmore and their greatest sporting achievements.

Please complete the application form attached informing us whether your son wishes to apply for a General Sports Scholarship or a Specific Sports Scholarship (please name the sport)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN CUPS/CERTIFICATES/PHOTOGRAPHS.

Parents should retain this form.