



## Parent Engagement Evenings

Following consultation with parent focus groups, we are implementing a new, active and exciting approach to parents' meetings which is being designed to make the evenings much more engaging for parents, to give parents regular opportunities to shape the direction of the school and to ensure that the time spent at the school is valuable and worthwhile.

Engagement Evenings run from **4.30pm – 7.30pm**.

In order to get the most out of this visit to Cranford Community College you will need to set aside **at least 2 ½ hours** on that evening.

In the consultation parents said they would like to meet the form tutor to have an overview of how well their child is progressing in school. Therefore the meeting with your child's form tutor will be to discuss your child's **overall progress** at school and also consider ways that we can work together so that you are able to give targeted support at home to further improve their achievement. **It is very important that you attend this meeting.**

After this, appointments with individual subject teachers are also available in the dining hall and concert hall. These will only last for 5 minutes. If you wish to speak to a particular teacher for longer than 5 minutes there will be a desk where you can book a longer appointment for another time.

A copy of your child's timetable and most recent report is sent to you prior to the Engagement Evening to make it easier for you to identify the class teachers you may want to see. You do not have to see every teacher, it is up to you. However, some teachers may also get in touch in advance and make an appointment to see you and you must meet with these teachers.

The Headteacher and Senior Staff run active workshops to help shape the future of Cranford Community College. All parents are invited to attend. Alternatively Senior Staff may be consulting on a particular area to help shape the future of the school. Your feedback is very important to us.

Other opportunities that will be available to you on the evening **include**:

- The school shop will be open for you to purchase equipment and uniform,
- Adult Education will have a stand
- The careers service will have a stand
- The Additional Education department will offer a service to parents with pupils who want advice on how to best meet their child's special needs,
- There will be a display of each year groups achievements,
- There will be an opportunity to sign your child up for sports activities and clubs available to the community.

The opportunities will be tailored to meet the needs of the year group and so will vary throughout the year.

Refreshment will also be served during the event.

If you have any specific questions or wish to discuss an issue please let us know in advance so we can gather any relevant information by indicating your query on the reply slip below or send a comment via the school website [www.cranford.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.cranford.hounslow.sch.uk) and we will also endeavour to answer your question on the evening.

We look forward to meeting at your child's Engagement Evening and I am sure you will find that the Engagement Evening is a highly positive experience and will enable you to be more involved in your child's journey through school.

### **Engagement Evenings 2010 – 2011 4.30pm – 7.30pm**

Year 10	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2010
Year 13	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2010
Year 11	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
Year 8	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Year 9	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
Year 12	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
Year 7	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2011

You can also check the school website for other key dates such as options evening for year 9, transfer evening for year 11.