

OFSTED said about Cranford Community College Sixth Form:

- Cranford does well by its sixth form students. Through its **excellent curriculum**, it provides a **wide range of opportunities** for all students of all levels of attainment to aspire to further education and training
- **High numbers from Year 11 stay on** into Year 12 and remain to complete Year 13 because of the **personalised and flexible pathways** open to them. They are joined by significant numbers of students from other local institutions who are inducted well into Cranford's way incorporating 'the right to be safe' 'the right to be respected' and 'the right to learn'.
- Students appreciate the **supportive study facilities** and enrichment activities including overseas journeys in Europe and beyond.
- The **outstanding curriculum** caters well and flexibly for **students' aspirations and needs**. Because of good teaching and learning and the many stimulating opportunities afforded by the specialist languages status, the **overwhelming majority of Year 11 choose to move into the sixth form and remain to complete courses**.
- A real strength of the school is its **caring ethos** and emphasis on nurturing positive relationships so that **students' personal development is outstanding** as is their spiritual, moral, cultural and social development.
- The strong leadership and management have ensured an **on-going rise in students' performance**.
- Students are articulate and communicate confidently with adults. They make **valuable contributions to the running of the school** and local community, including peer mentoring, fund raising and supporting in local primary schools. They prepare well for their future economic well-being through work shadowing, overseas work experience linked to the languages specialist status and through a wide range of international experiences.
- The sixth form is well led. Students enjoy learning because of the **warm working relationships with staff, good teaching and purposeful mentoring**. They know that their views are respected by staff and they appreciate the mature and respectful way they are treated. "I am proud of my school" said a year 13 student. They are well involved in events that engage local groups and make a positive contribution to community relationships, a priority for the college and its partner schools.

Schedule and Procedure for Application to the Sixth Form

Date	Procedure
January 2011	Curriculum Area Information Assemblies by departments (internal students only)
13 th January 2011	Year 11 Engagement Evening (internal students only)
27 th January 2011	Year 11 – 12 Transfer Evening (internal & external students)
4 th February 2011	Deadline for Year 11 online application to Sixth Form (internal and external students)
Week beginning 7 th February 2011	Internal student interviews
Week beginning 28 th February 2011	External student interviews
27 th June 2011	Year 11 into 12 Induction Day (internal and external students)
25 th August 2011	Year 11 GCSE results published and Sixth Form Enrolment

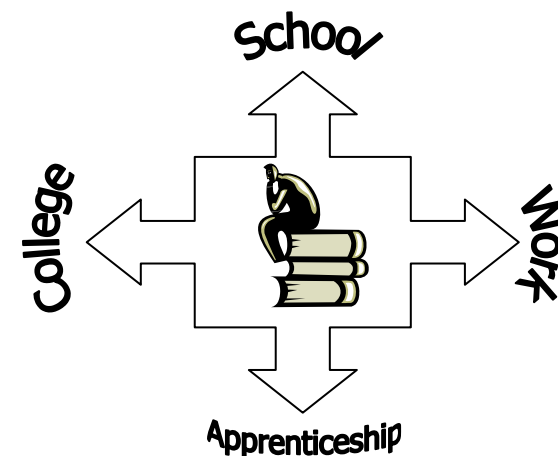
Head Boy Bhavin Bhatt (2008 – 2009) now studying Law at Cambridge University

Some advice:

"First decide how you will prepare for GCSE's. More and more people are passing 'A' Levels with quality grades and universities are looking to pick the cream of the crop. **A poor performance at GCSE is enough to reject you** due to the level of competition. Also when deciding what direction to choose, what subjects you study or where to work, remember these are long term decisions that will influence the next 30-40 years of your life. **Get it right and you will literally lay down the foundations for a successful, happy and comfortable future.**"



Year 11 So Where Do I Go From Here?



You are about to begin the process of looking into "What next?" in terms of your next stage of learning. For most of you, it will be an automatic move to Post 16 study but for some of you this move may be to the world of work or to an apprenticeship. Whatever you decide to do after you have completed Year 11, you must have information so you can make informed choices.



At Cranford we offer a range of courses at different levels to meet your needs as a student. You can study courses for one, two or three years in the Sixth Form.

Every year more and more Year 11 students stay on at Cranford because they know that this is the best place to continue their learning.



You can study up to 4 AS Levels in Year 12 which will lead to the full 'A' Level qualification in Year 13.

There are two types of Advanced courses: Vocational and Non Vocational. Both qualifications are **equal** at Advanced Level. They are just two different styles of learning.

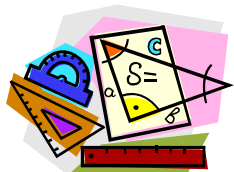
You can combine Advanced Vocational and Non Vocational courses and combine subjects from a range of curriculum areas, e.g. Arts with Sciences.

We offer one year Level 2 vocational courses which will provide you with an opportunity to learn for an additional year, if you get grades D and E at GCSE. These lead directly in to Advanced courses if you achieve a Merit or Distinction.

To study Advanced courses you need at least 5 A* - C GCSE grades.

Most subject areas require a minimum 'B' grade at GCSE to follow a course at Advanced Level.

To study Maths 'A' Level you must gain a GCSE grade 'B'.



The first set of examinations in some 'A' Level subjects are held in January.

At Cranford we interview every Year 11 student and make offers based upon your Year 11 predicted grades – so your mock exam results are very important.



Universities have a points system and the grades you achieve at 'A' Level give you the points to do a degree course e.g:

A*	=	140	points
A	=	120	points
B	=	100	points
C	=	80	points
D	=	60	points
E	=	40	points



The offers made to students by universities are based upon your AS grades, so you must work really hard in Year 12 to achieve a place at University.

Everyone who wishes to study for a degree at university **must** have a grade 'C' GCSE in both English Language and Maths.



To study individual sciences at 'A' Level you must gain 2 'B' grades at GCSE.

To study Medicine or any Bio medical course at university you must study 'A' Level Chemistry plus one other science or Maths.

To study English at 'A' Level you must gain 2 'B' grades at GCSE.

If you want to study Law at university you have to study English at 'A' Level. It is better not to study Law at 'A' Level.

Some universities now require a pass in the LNAT (for Law) and BMAT (for medicine) as a course entry requirement. Most top universities INCLUDING Oxford and Cambridge require a pass in the UKCAT examination. You can achieve these qualifications at Cranford.

98% of Cranford Post 16 students successfully gain places at top universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Durham, UCL, Imperial.

Universities want to know about you as a whole person not just your academic ability. Your outside interests and enrichment activities are important.

If you want to find out what grades you might need to follow a particular course at university you can log on to www.ucas.co.uk, do a course search and check the entry requirements.

At Cranford we listen to what you say, this also applies to the course **you** want to study - **you** have choices – so make those **choices**.

