

INFORMATION ABOUT CRANBORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Cranborne is a successful and popular 9-13 Middle School with 371 pupils currently on roll. The school is situated in a beautiful rural environment on Cranborne Chase near Wimborne in Dorset. Although the School is situated in a small village, the vast majority of children travel to and from school by bus from neighbouring towns and villages. The School has an excellent reputation in the local area. The majority of pupils transfer at 13+ to Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne with some going to local grammar schools.

The pupils come from a variety of backgrounds and are very positive about the opportunities available at Cranborne. The staff are extremely professional, enthusiastic and a delight to work with. Teamwork, high expectations and fun are key features of the school.

The main buildings date from 1962 but have been refurbished and kept very well up to date. They include a hall, a dining area, stage, a fully equipped gymnasium, three specialist ICT rooms, a Learning Resource Centre (combining a library and computer suite), KS2 & KS3 Science labs, Resistant Materials Workshop, Pottery/Art and Music rooms, as well as Textiles and Food Technology rooms.

A new Technology facility was opened in September 2004. The variety of facilities are impressive and together with extensive grounds, which include gardens, greenhouse, tennis courts, hockey, soccer and rugby pitches, cricket square and nets, and a full 400m athletics track, allow for a combination of classes and specialist teaching.

The organisation of the School follows similar lines to other 9-13 Middle schools. With the exception of year 5 pupils who tend to be predominantly tutor based to ease the transition from first school, pupils tend to be taught by a combination of specialist/semi-specialist teachers. Learning support sets are organised for Literacy and Numeracy in all years and pupils in Years 7/8 are given opportunities to be grouped in a variety of subjects according to ability and potential.

Working in conjunction with other schools within our pyramid, we have achieved Specialist School status in Sports.

The staff have regular meetings together and offer a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the week. Many staff support the Parents' Association meetings and activities and their fundraising helps to support the purchase of additional resources within the school. This is a very enthusiastic Association, and we welcome parents within the school to support curriculum work, visits and extra-curricular activities. We think Cranborne is a super school bursting with energy and enthusiasm!