



CRANLEIGH
ABU DHABI



SCHOLARSHIPS 2025-2026



WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Cranleigh Abu Dhabi, a forward-thinking school that combines a rich history, vibrant culture, and a commitment to educational excellence.

Founded on the values of the renowned Cranleigh School in the UK, we have been part of the Abu Dhabi community since 2014. We blend our educational heritage with the cultural diversity of the UAE to offer a transformational experience that fosters intellectual, artistic, sporting, social, and moral growth.

Our motto, 'Ex Cultu Robur' (From Culture Comes Strength), reflects our belief that education goes beyond exams—it's about nurturing curiosity, creativity, and confidence, preparing students for a rapidly changing world. We focus on developing critical thinking and empathy, while encouraging every child to discover their unique talents and passions.

Our innovative curriculum balances academic rigor with enrichment and co-curricular activities, ensuring students thrive both in and out of the classroom. Whether in sports, the arts, or academics, we provide a supportive community where students grow, excel, and give back.

Cranleigh Abu Dhabi is a place where children of all abilities flourish. With top-tier academic results, competitive sports teams, and internationally recognized arts programs, we strive to help students build the skills and mindset needed to lead and influence in a globalized world.

I invite you to explore our website and look forward to welcoming you to our school to discover the many exciting opportunities awaiting your child.

Best wishes,

Tracy Crowder-Cloe



WHERE ARE CRANLEIGH'S SCHOOLS?



CRANLEIGH
EX CULTU ROBUR



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CRANLEIGH
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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ABU DHABI



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WHAT IS EX CULTU ROBUR?

Ex Cultu Robur' (From Culture Comes Strength) is our motto and guiding principle. Education is more than just passing exams; it is about nurturing and encouraging young people to become curious, creative, and confident, who have the right skills to thrive in a rapidly changing digital world and can contribute positively to society.

Central to our ethos is establishing individual confidence. We take pride in creating an environment where our pupils can find a sense of self and build meaningful connections with others. It is our aim to create a culture of opportunity.

A Culture of...



RELATIONSHIPS

Cranleigh's foundation is built on positive relationships that support student success. By fostering character and values, young Cranleighans become confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals, thriving in a supportive, values-driven community.



ENGAGEMENT

Engagement empowers students with the confidence and skills to contribute to their communities through initiatives in outreach, service, and sustainability, fostering responsibility and global awareness.



CHALLENGE

Challenge empowers students with the confidence and skills to contribute to their communities through initiatives in outreach, service, and sustainability, fostering responsibility and global awareness.



PROGRESS

Cranleigh equips students with essential skills for success by fostering resilience, adaptability, and social responsibility. Emphasizing personal and social growth, we prepare students for academic achievement and the challenges of the modern world, encouraging lifelong learning and active contributions to society.



REFLECTION

By encouraging self-reflection and fostering resilience, we prepare students to navigate challenges and seize opportunities, equipping them for success beyond their time at Cranleigh.

SCHOLARSHIPS OVERVIEW

Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who excel in their specialist areas and beyond. Students who show the skills, passion and drive to step outside their comfort zone, who seek to be challenged, and who consistently demonstrate excellence are encouraged to apply for the programme. Being recognised as a Cranleigh Scholar is an honour and we have high expectations of these students to help support the wider Cranleigh Community in pursuit of excellence.

WHAT IS THE CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCE?

Throughout the academic year, scholars are supported by their Scholarship Lead, who will serve as a mentor and guide to encourage further enrichment. Scholars will also participate in Scholars' forums, competitions and initiatives, as well as accessing specific Co-Curricular offerings and leadership opportunities.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI SCHOLAR?

Cranleigh Scholars are role models and positive influencers. They are as invested in self-development as they are committed to Cranleigh initiatives. Scholars have high standards of themselves and others. They appreciate the importance of the process, as well as the outcome. They take pride in supporting others and leading by example. They epitomise the Cranleigh Spirit.





SHOULD I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You should consider applying for a Cranleigh Scholarship if you are at least one of the following:

- A high achiever across a range of subjects (Academic, STEM)
- A talented athlete (Sport, Golf)
- A strong, confident performer in the Performing Arts (Drama, Dance, Music)
- A talented artist (Art)
- A representative of UAE Heritage and Culture (Majlis)
- Applicants should have a track record of success and demonstrate genuine enthusiasm for their specialist area(s). We look for an inherent desire to grow, develop and be challenged. Independence of thought and active contribution to the Cranleigh community is also beneficial to applications.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Students entering Year 7 and above in September 2025:

- Art
- Golf
- Performing Arts (Drama, Music, Dance)
- Sports

For students in Year 9 and above, all scholarship categories are available for application.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded each academic year, with renewal based on a review of the student's performance, commitment, and engagement. Scholars must consistently meet the programme's expectations and contribute meaningfully to the school community to maintain their award. Students must apply each academic year.



**WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP
ARE AWARDED AT CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI?**



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students who are inspired by all aspects of learning and take a genuine interest in the intellectual world. Academic Scholars will have a track record of achievement in a range of subjects, and they will be regularly demonstrating their potential to become Cranleigh's academic leaders. Our expectation is that Academic Scholars will be among the top performers in their Year group regarding our internal and, later, public exams. We expect most Academic Scholars to be at an academic level where ultimately, they could apply to world-leading universities.

ART SCHOLARSHIP

Art Scholarships are awarded to those who demonstrate that their passion and accomplishment extend beyond work completed within the school curriculum. Art Scholars will be expected to select Art as a GCSE option, or for those students entering the Sixth Form, to select Art or Photography as an A-Level option. Participation in competitions, courses and evidence of sustained and high-level interest will be important. Cranleigh Art Scholars participate in our Art Scholarship programme which includes visiting areas of the Cultural District, such as the Louvre, and Abu Dhabi Art Fair. Each Art Scholar will have the capacity and passion to develop a substantial and diverse portfolio of work through this programme of study. The culmination of which will be the Art Scholars' Exhibition at the end of the year.

Applicants will be required to showcase a portfolio or photographs of personal work produced by the student in their own time, as well as work produced in school, clubs or holiday courses. Three-dimensional work such as pottery, sculpture and design projects can be presented in an online portfolio through good quality photographs. Applicants should demonstrate imaginative, thoughtful and creative responses in a variety of media.





GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

Golf Scholarships are designed to support students who are already demonstrating an exceptional talent for the sport. Golf Scholars attend coaching and practice sessions at Saadiyat Beach Golf Course.

Golf Scholars need to be dedicated to their academic studies to maintain high standards whilst following a rigorous Golf programme. However, students who are awarded a Golf Scholarship tend to see an improvement in their academic progress and attainment; their growth in confidence, levels of motivation and ability on the golf course is mirrored in the classroom.

For more information, [click](#) here to watch the Cranleigh Scholarship Video.

All applicants must submit a video showcasing their skills and/or performance in a Golf match or competition. An audio presentation from the student about their achievements could also be used to strengthen the application. The video recording should not last longer than 10 minutes. If shortlisted, applicants will be requested to attend a practical 1:1 assessment on the golf course and an interview.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholars demonstrate exceptional talent in one or more of the Performing Arts specialisms. We award individual scholarships in:



Drama



Music



Dance

Scholars have a genuine passion in their discipline and across the Performing Arts in general. They thrive on participation and collaboration with like-minded peers and enjoy sharing their creative work with others. They are role models within the school and set the highest standards, performing regularly in assemblies, attend internal and external workshops and complete research about inspirational practitioners. Students who excel in a range of disciplines may be awarded a Performing Arts Scholarship. Performing Arts Scholars are required to choose at least one Performing Arts discipline, including the subject for which they received their award, as part of their GCSE or A Level options. Scholars are expected to play an active participation in performing arts events.

Students can apply to be a scholar in more than one of the areas (Drama, Music and Dance). All applicants must submit a one to two minute pre-recording of one or more of the following for each application:

- A monologue from a published play (Drama)
- A dance in any style (Dance)
- An instrumental or vocal performance (Music)





SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Sport Scholarships are awarded to students who are highly achieving, both at Cranleigh and at external clubs and organisations. The Sport Scholarship at Cranleigh is designed to ensure that those students who are talented athletes are provided with every opportunity to achieve their highest goals. They are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship. They are required to be well organised and dedicated to balance the demands of their extracurricular pursuits with their academic studies. Applicants who are talented across a range of Cranleigh's sports may be prioritised.

All applicants must submit a video showcasing their skills and/or performance in a game or competition in their chosen sport/s. An audio presentation from the student about their achievements could also be used to strengthen the application. Video and audio recordings should not last longer than ten minutes. Multiple videos can be uploaded to showcase ability in a range of sports.

STEM SCHOLARSHIP

STEM Scholars have a genuine passion and strong ability in one or more of the STEM subjects: Science (Physics, Biology, Chemistry), Design & Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science.

STEM scholars will have a track record of achievement and enthusiasm for STEM subjects, both inside and outside the classroom.

All applicants must submit photographs of personal work produced by the student in their own time, as well as work produced in school, clubs or courses.

Robotics, homemade projects or any work that relates to the Sciences, Maths, Design & Technology, Engineering and/or Computer Science will strengthen the application.



برنامج المجلس للطلبة المتميزين

برنامج المجلس للطلبة المتميزين يكرم الطلاب الذين يظهرون شغفاً بالهوية الإماراتية والتراث والثقافة، والذين يلتزمون بتعزيز هذه القيم داخل مجتمع مدرسة كرانلي. البرنامج متاح للطلاب الإماراتيين أو المتحدثين بطلاقة باللغة العربية، حيث يشارك الطلبة المتميزون بفعالية في مبادرات متنوعة تشمل: المشاريع المجتمعية، والعمل التطوعي، والبرامج المدرسية التي تحتفي بالتقاليد الإماراتية والثقافة العربية. على المتقدمين للبرنامج أن يظهروا قدرات قيادية متميزة، وأن يقدموا مساهمات ذات تأثير إيجابي وملاموس في المدرسة والمجتمع، ليكونوا سفراء يمثلون دولة الإمارات بأفضل صورة.

Majlis scholarship is open to Emirati students or fluent Arabic speakers only.

SIXTH FORM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Cranleigh students who achieve exceptional GCSE grades and continue to study in the Sixth Form, may be awarded this award. The Scholarship Committee will review the grades of Year 12 students in order to set the criteria - this will be determined in September following the release of exam results from the exam boards. Students do not need to apply for this award.



TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS OPEN

FRIDAY, 24TH JANUARY 2025



INTERVIEWS FOR SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS

TERM 3 2025



APPLICATIONS CLOSE

FRIDAY, 30TH MAY 2025

Applications from students applying outside of Cranleigh for the 2025-2026 academic year close on Friday 30th May 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

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[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Please contact scholarships@cranleigh.ae if you have any questions.

