



ERIC ABBOTT AWARD (EAA) FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE INFORMATION

Cranleigh has an outstanding reputation for excellence across a wide range of sports and remains one of the UK's foremost co-educational sporting schools. Our elite sporting ethos is based on setting exceptionally high standards of performance and conduct, both on and off the field of play.

In addition, and based on considerable research, Cranleigh strongly believes that participation across a breadth of sports is beneficial for long-term success and wellbeing. Our elite athletes are therefore expected to contribute fully to other sports in addition to their chosen specialism.

The value of a scholarship, should your child be successful in winning this award, is 5%. All awards made will be fees linked and will apply to boarding or day fees as appropriate.

Bursaries

If additional financial assistance will be required, please contact the Admissions Department as soon as possible to allow us to start the process prior to the scholarship assessments. The parents or guardians of candidates requesting bursary assistance will be required to undergo means testing via the full completion of financial circumstances forms, which will enable Cranleigh to give an initial indication of the size of bursary available in the event that the candidate should be offered an award. These forms can be requested via admissions@cranleigh.org and must be completed before a candidate is assessed for an award.

Criteria

All EAA applicants will need to demonstrate they have the potential to gain selection at regional or national level (or equivalent) in their chosen sport. Current representative honours are not essential but candidates must be an outstanding 'A' team player in their current school and/or club.

Applicants for majority sports should choose **one** main sport from cricket, hockey, netball or rugby. They will only be assessed for EA Awards in their chosen sport.

Applicants who excel in another sport such as tennis, riding, athletics or swimming, will be considered for a special EA Award, the Jolyon Palmer Scholarship, in addition to EA Exhibition awards. Applicants in these sports will be considered and assessed on a case by case basis and will need to provide or demonstrate relevant evidence of excellence.

Girls and boys compete equally for these awards against standards appropriate for their gender and they should be an individual who other pupils look to as a role model in the sporting arena.

Timing

Year 8

All 13+ EAA applicants will be invited to an Assessment Day in February preceding entry to the school in September.

Year 9

There are EA Exhibitions available at the end of the first year at Cranleigh for late developers who have subsequently demonstrated excellence in a specialist sport or all-rounders who have proved themselves very strong at a variety of sports (but may not excel in one).

Year 11

All 16+ EAA applicants will be invited to an Assessment Day in November or will be assessed by individual arrangement during the year.

Assessment

All applicants for an EA Award should complete an EAA Application Form. Applicants will be invited to an EA assessment day which will include an evaluation of an applicant's athleticism as well as their performance and skill level in specific sessions of their chosen sport. All candidates will have an interview on these days to discuss their ambitions and outlook on sport. For non-majority sports and in certain other circumstances assessments will take place by individual arrangement outside of Assessment Days.

Additional Guidance for 16+ Applicants

The following criteria are not mandatory for applicants but act as a guideline to the level of excellence that will need to be demonstrated.

Cricket	County / EPP standard
Hockey	County / JRPC
Netball	Elite Satellite Academy
Rugby	Elite Academy