

CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI SCHOLARS' HANDBOOK 2023-24



***Cranleigh Scholars add an energy and vibrancy
that enhance community spirit, showcase a
diversity of talents and encourage excellence
from peers.***

CRANLEIGH ABU DHABI

INTRODUCTION TO SCHOLARSHIPS

2023-24

We award Scholarships to outstanding students who excel in specialist areas and beyond. You have been awarded a Scholarship or Exhibitioner Scholarship because you show the ability, passion and drive to step outside your comfort zone and to be continuously challenged.

Being recognised as a Cranleigh Scholar is an honour and we are delighted to be welcoming you into the Cranleigh Abu Dhabi scholarship community.

Your role as a Cranleigh Abu Dhabi Scholar

Cranleigh Scholars are role models and positive influencers. You are as invested in self-development as you are committed to the school and the Cranleigh Family. You have high standards of yourself and of others. You will develop an appreciation of the importance of the process, as well as the outcome. You enjoy supporting others and leading by example. You will wear your Scholarship badge with pride and epitomise the Cranleigh Spirit.

Our role in supporting you as a Cranleigh Abu Dhabi Scholar

We are committed to supporting our Scholars to create and realise their ambitions. We will follow your progress throughout the year and provide guidance and opportunities to facilitate your development within your specialist area(s). We will support you in developing your leadership skills so that you can positively influence others and maximise the impact you have on yourself and those around you.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

2023-24

Scholarship Team Building and Leadership Development

At the beginning of the Academic year, the Cranleigh Scholarship Ceremony initiates the Scholarship journey and we welcome all our Cranleigh Scholars officially.

As the year progresses, further opportunities, open specifically to our Scholars, will develop your leadership skills. These may include mentoring roles, inter-school, national and international competitions. Our Year 12 scholars will be encouraged to apply for a Sixth Form Leadership role and will participate in our *Learning to Lead* Co-Curricular Activity. Staff and the Sixth Form Leadership Team may select you to take part in curriculum reviews and other consultation-based exercises.

Scholarship Portfolio

As a scholar, we encourage you to document your experiences and achievements throughout the year. This provides you with an opportunity to develop those important skills required for making applications, whether that be for internships, university or a job. Your Scholar Lead will meet with you to explain further the purpose and expectations of portfolio completion.

Scholarship Mentors

Either your Scholar Lead, or a member of their team, will act as your mentor throughout the year. Your mentor does not replace your Form Tutor but will provide you with an additional layer of support with a specific focus on your specialist area. They will help you to review your progress each half term and lead group mentor-meetings that will support you in your development, as well as broadening and deepening your knowledge and appreciation of your specialism.

Scholarship Opportunities

Throughout the year, the Director of Student and Staff Development will communicate with the Scholars' Community, passing on opportunities as they arise. Aim to take advantage of these as they come your way as well as seeking out new experiences for yourself. However, it is very important to develop an awareness of when you are overloaded, an ability to prioritise and the self-belief to decline an opportunity when you feel it is unwise for you to take more on. Your Scholarship mentor will be very important to help you manage your workload. Never be afraid to reach out for support or just to talk things through.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from The Director of Student Development

Look at your fellow Academic Scholars and be excited - as a group of students you have a cerebral dynamism that should inspire one another and encourage you to continue developing your own intellectual curiosity. You have already shown yourselves to be academically accomplished so as Scholars, we want you to retain and develop that hunger, that passion for knowledge and learning, and to explore and go beyond the norm. You are capable of being leaders in our rapidly changing world and your work ethic and mindset can have a very positive impact on the Cranleigh community and beyond.

The Academic Team is here to support your development and to help you continue to flourish. Importantly we want you to have opportunities to explore and discover, and to have new passions ignited - as Socrates said, *"an unexamined life is not worth living."*

Have a fantastic year. We look forward to seeing you develop as an individual and as a community of Cranleigh Academic Scholars.

Mrs Dale - Director of Student and Staff Development

Mentoring Programme

Group and 1:1 Meetings

You will have access to a 1:1 meeting at least once per term, with a member of the Academic Scholarship Team. This will enable you to discuss your progress and to have a more in depth discussion about a particular area of interest. If you are entering a competition, a 1:1 meeting can support you with your assignment. Via our new Ex Cultu Robur (ECR) society, you will have the opportunity to meet, discuss, enquire and challenge ideas on a specific topic which will help you develop your general knowledge and communication skills with other scholars.

Scholar Review Meeting

This will take place at the end of the Academic year. During this meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Academic Scholars' Portfolio.

Academic Scholars' Opportunities

Academic Scholars will be encouraged to participate in a range of competitions such as the Van Hasselt Award and Cambridge Immerse, to be a member of the Ex Cultu Robur (ECR) society, to participate in Model United Nations and World Scholars' Cup competitions and to seek out or take up opportunities as they arise.

Academic Scholars' Motto

"The unexamined life is not worth living."

Socrates

ART SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

Welcome to the Art Scholarship program. We have designed a program that will help build your skillset and confidence and support you on your creative journey. We have one simple aim; to help you grow as an artist. In term one, you will be invited to join the Cranleigh Scholarship program run in collaboration with Louvre Abu Dhabi. This 10 week program of study will teach you a classical approach, with bespoke drawing exercises to help you develop observational studies from a range of primary sources. The program culminates with the completion of an artwork developed by you, which relates to one of the themes discussed at the museum. In addition, Art challenges like BSME Art and Junk Kouture will challenge you to grow and develop a more independent approach. Whether an oil painter, sculptor, ceramicist or printmaker, you will be given opportunities to flourish. The Art rooms are always open and ready to receive creatives from all our Art Scholars from any year. We look forward to welcoming you!

Mr Corfield - Director of Art

Mentoring Programme

Term 1

Cranleigh Scholarship Program in collaboration with Louvre Abu Dhabi

A 10 week program designed to help you understand how artists use primary sources to develop creative artworks. You will engage with the museum collection developing an understanding of Art History while exploring a different theme each week.

Term 2

Drawing from observation

Learn how to take your primary sources to the next level with our life-drawing and drawing-from-observation class. This will result in a portfolio of work and at least one final outcome to be displayed in the Scholar Exhibition.

Term 3

Portfolio development

Work towards a presentation of your Scholarship Portfolio, and an evaluation of your experiences and progress over the course of the year. Share your successes and discuss your plans for future Scholarship projects.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Art Scholars' Portfolio.

Art Scholars' Opportunities

There will be many opportunities with which to engage. Cranleigh Art Week, international competitions of BSME Art and Junk Kouture, plus CCA activities that are designed to stretch and challenge you, whether in the Art Department or in the wider environment. Links with the Eco Committee will see you upcycle discarded items and turn them into art. There will also be opportunities to display your work in a permanent Scholarship Art Exhibition.

Art Scholars' Motto

"Creativity takes courage."

Henri Matisse

GOLF SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

It is my pleasure to lead the golf scholars. In my view, golf is a game which develops many key attributes to be successful in the modern world. Hard work, humility and resilience are core to making progress on the golf course. At Cranleigh, we have created a unique experience for young golfers in the region which has already helped students make significant achievements on the links.

Mr Ward - Head of School, Senior

Mentoring Programme

Golf Scholars have specialist coaching every day at either Saadiyat Beach Golf Club or Yas Links Golf Club. They leave school early each day and take advantage of the first class facilities. Working closely with PGA Professionals Golf Scholars focus on every element of their game. Ambitious targets are set and technical and mental coaching help students make significant progress.

Golf Scholars' Opportunities

Most opportunities are individual and based on the performance level of the student. We do enter our golfers in to some international tournaments and we are hosting the BSME Golf Championships this Academic year.

Golf Scholars' Quote

"Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character."

Arnold Palmer

DANCE SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

The wide range of expertise we have amongst our Dance Scholars is what makes it such an exciting community. Our Dance Scholars excel in a range of dance styles and all have outstanding leadership qualities. Dance scholars set the highest of standards, role model excellence and make the most of the opportunities presented to them.

Ms Gallagher - Director of Drama and Dance

Mentoring Programme

1:1 Meetings

Scholars are able to meet with their mentor, and each other, throughout the year to seek support on ways to improve their practice and to discuss opportunities they may want to participate in and/or offer.

Group Meetings

Scholars meet in groups of all sizes to explore and plan ways that they can contribute to the dance provisions offered across the school. They will also meet to create work together to perform in live school events and assemblies.

Scholar Review Meeting

During this annual meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Dance / Performing Arts Scholars' Portfolio.

Dance Scholars' Opportunities

- Workshops led by professional practitioners
- BSME Dance
- Choreographing and teaching others in the same and different year groups. This may be working as a dance captain alongside a member of staff or leading a CCA
- Performing to audiences in assemblies and shows
- Leading warm-ups in lessons
- Trips to dance shows and performing arts events

Dance Scholars' Motto

What are your next steps?

Dance is about the journey, not the destination. Cherish each small step and think of your goals as a connection to your next adventure.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

I am delighted to welcome the new Drama Scholars. This is an exciting opportunity for students to expand and develop their skills and practice beyond the classroom and extend their creative experience and expertise.

Ms Nicholls - Head of Senior Drama

Mentoring Programme

Group Meetings

Scholars will meet with their Head of Drama (Prep or Senior as appropriate) to reflect upon Digital Theatre nights, live performances and / or to take part in workshops and shows.

Discussion Topic Areas

These will emanate from live theatre performances, workshops and shows.

Scholar Review Meeting

This will take place at the end of the Academic year. During this meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Drama / Performing Arts Scholars' Portfolio.

Drama Scholars' Opportunities

Cranleigh Abu Dhabi is a member of ISTA (International Schools Theatre Association). Scholars will be invited to participate in associated workshops and CCAs. Scholars may use Drama as their service or skill when completing the Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Service could include running / assisting Drama CCAs and supporting shows for younger Year groups. EPQ opportunities are also a wonderful opportunity to showcase drama for Year 12 students.

Drama Scholars' Motto

"If you risk nothing, then you risk everything."

Geena Davis

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

Music Scholars at Cranleigh have the opportunity to excel within the subject, with preparation for ABRSM, Trinity and Rock & Pop examinations offered through our instrumental tuition scheme. Recently, we have had Music Scholars win their categories in consecutive years at ADYM, along with multiple runner-ups.

A Music Scholarship at Cranleigh is a wonderful opportunity to enrich and enhance one's musical progression through taking a leading role in ensembles, setting a good example of attitude and showing outstanding commitment to instrumental practice, self-improvement and performance.

Mr Barraclough - Director of Music

Mentoring Programme

Musical Opportunities

You will have access to a wide range of Co-Curricular ensembles and will receive a tailored programme of enrichment and development based on your individual goals and aspirations. You will also have a wide variety of regular performance opportunities throughout the year.

Instrumental Tuition

You will receive instrumental tuition and guidance from some of the best instrumental teachers in the Middle East, with an individual plan on your chosen instrument.

Scholar Review Meeting

This will take place at the end of the Academic year. During this meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Music / Performing Arts Scholars' Portfolio.

Music Scholars' Opportunities

Music Scholars will receive many performance opportunities, in both formal and informal settings. There will be the chance to be a mentor for younger pupils within the Cranleigh community and for a leading role to be taken in the development of others. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for Music Scholars to represent the school and department in both national and international competitions.

Music Scholars' Motto

"Where words fail, music speaks."

Hans Christian Andersen

SPORT SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

Sport Scholarships are awarded to students who are fully committed to sport, both at Cranleigh and at external clubs and organisations. The Sport Scholarship at Cranleigh is designed to ensure that our talented athletes are provided with every opportunity to achieve their 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. I wish you well in your endeavours this year. The Sport Department and I will be on hand to support you and look forward to seeing you flourish.

Mr Pollock - Director of Sport

Mentoring Programme

Group Meetings and Lectures

Our Sport Scholars are invited to attend 4-6 online / face to face meetings throughout the year which covers group meetings and inspirational speakers.

Digital sessions will cover a range of topics related to Sport and Performance.

Inspirational speakers are all experts in the field of Sports Coaching and Performance. Most speakers have played or coached sport at the highest level. Scholars will be supported by the Sport Department who will provide specialist performance assistance to enable them to maximise their ability, and maintain their motivation throughout the inevitable peaks and troughs of their sporting journey.

Scholar Review Meeting

This will take place at the end of the Academic year. During this meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your Sport Scholars' Portfolio.

Sport Scholars' Opportunities

Regular team training sessions and fixtures, tournaments and tours. Opportunities to meet with athletes and coaches who visit the school. Students will complete the Long Term Athlete Development Program foundation phase through their PE and after school sports programmes. This programme will help Scholars to develop their athletic potential and resilience to withstand the physical demands of playing school and club sports.

Sport Scholars' Motto

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Tim Notke

STEM SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

2023-24

A Welcome from your Scholarship Lead

The Cranleigh STEM Scholarship is designed for our bright, talented students who have a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics. As a STEM Scholar, you will have the opportunity to deepen your own areas of interests and I hope you will be inspired to explore new STEM avenues too - who knows where they will take you?

Our Scholarship Mentoring program is aimed to support you in all STEM subjects and help you flourish, mastering key transferable skills such as critical thinking, analysis, independence and curiosity which will help you thrive and prepare for university STEM studies and beyond.

The STEM Scholarship Team look forward to working with you and we wish you all the best this year coming year.
Mr Box - Head of Design and Technology

Mentoring Programme

Group Meetings

Small group meetings will be organised throughout the Academic year. These sessions will give us an opportunity to share progress and ideas, discuss your evidence portfolio and discuss relevant topics. 1:1 meetings will be organised as appropriate, to provide focussed support and guidance.

Scholar Review Meeting

This will take place at the end of the Academic year. During this meeting, you will present your Scholarship Portfolio and evaluate your experiences and progress over the course of the year, and you will review and re-set your future goals.

Portfolio

Your Scholar Lead will support you in the development of your STEM Scholars' Portfolio.

STEM Scholars' Opportunities

You are encouraged to take a proactive approach to participating in relevant extra curricular clubs and activities. As part of your in-school opportunities, you will have access to events and competitions that include, but are not limited to, Cubes in Space, F1 in Schools, the Junior/Intermediate/Senior Maths Challenge, the Biology Challenge, Science Olympiads, Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, Sphero Project and many more.

STEM Scholars' Motto

"I heard then I forgot, I saw then I memorized, I did then I understood."

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