

External Endorsements

Parents

Some time back I read an article on: "What makes a good school?"

The following 7 things were listed:

1. Highest Expectations for the School, Teachers and Students
2. Dedicated Teachers
3. Effective Discipline
4. There is a Variety of Instructional Techniques
5. Individualized Instruction and Approaches to Students
6. Leadership

And MOST IMPORTANTLY:

7. Students Want to be There

Cranleigh School Abu Dhabi provides them all.

Facebook Review, December 2016

"Jaya comes home talking about all sorts of really important issues and has had such a good chance to form opinions and strategies for situations in life. I am really impressed with the Learning for Life sessions and how well they're preparing Jaya for her life."

Parent email, June 2017

"Thanks for all your guidance - some of the mums were talking about it at the coffee morning. saying they appreciated the fact that Cranleigh focuses on teaching manners and softer skills."

Parent email, May 2017

"Great school - moved our son and we couldn't be happier."

Facebook Review, February 2017

The following are taken from a social media conversation thread about Cranleigh on Abu Dhabi Q&A, February 2017

"We're at Cranleigh and couldn't be happier! Small class sizes, great teachers (with low annual turnover) and plenty of extra curricular activities for kids to participate in."

"I have 3 at Cranleigh and yes the day is long but prep is finished at school, so none at home, other than reading."

"Yes a longer day but better-paced. We moved ours to Cranleigh from another school and are really pleased. The day is longer but it's not rushed - morning register at 7.45am, first lesson starts at 8.00am for example. The school is calm at collection and drop-off too."

The following are taken from a social media conversation thread about Cranleigh on Abu Dhabi Q&A, June 2017

"Moved my son to Cranleigh and what a difference in him. I have nothing but positives to say about the learning environment and staff."

"...specialist subject teachers, care for your kids, great pastoral care, great leadership team and very happy, thriving children."

"My kids have fantastic teachers, the school headmaster is very open and approachable, the facilities are all new, it has scored a grade A in the ADEC school inspection report and the fact that my kids actually enjoy going to school there each morning are the positives for me."

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July 2017

Dear Brendan,

As you may imagine, it is with mixed feelings that I am writing this email to formally let you know we have now left Abu Dhabi and will not be returning in September.

The whole family counts itself incredibly fortunate to have been involved with Cranleigh. The boys have been so lucky to have been part of such fabulous year groups, making connections and friendships which will last for many years to come as well as benefitting from some amazing, inspirational teaching, encouragement and support from the teaching and admin staff. Thanks to the education they have received from Cranleigh they all have places at new schools in the UK that both they and we are very happy with.

We have all been greatly encouraged that the new schools are so similar in atmosphere and values to Cranleigh; this is going to be a great help to them when they start next term. It certainly backs up the view that Cranleigh manages to evoke much of what is important and central to a British education even though it is so far from home. For us, having lived so long overseas, it has been a very important and highly valued aspect of the boys' time at the school.

I wish you, your family and Cranleigh continued success and happiness in the future and hope that at some point our paths will cross again.

With thanks
Harriet

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August 2017

Dear Mr. Law,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for our children Francisco and Paulo Cigarro school years at Cranleigh Abu Dhabi. Our children had a splendid time at this academic institution and have developed a strong academic foundation. I am certain that the school has prepared them exceptionally for their academic future. Additionally, they were able to further develop their personalities and characters at your institution. Undoubtedly, this was only possible due to the hard work and dedication of their teachers and the warm and welcoming environment that the school and students exuberate.

For reasons beyond our control, it is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that Francisco and Paulo Cigarro will not be continuing their studies at Cranleigh in September 2017. However, we are certain that what they learnt at Cranleigh will reflect in all their achievements in the near future.

I have faith that they have left a lasting impression as the first Mozambican students at Cranleigh Abu Dhabi. In the future I hope Mozambican students will be welcomed to this exceptional school.

Once again, thank you for a wonderful and hospitable experience and please feel free to contact me for any reason in the future.

Yours Sincerely,
Francisco E.P.Cigarro

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Pupils

"My life was previously a 'normal' one. Only when I arrived at Cranleigh was my true potential released and my flame for learning lit.

"We are pushed and encouraged to surpass our limits with the support and guidance of our experienced teachers"

Akio

"I think that the Cranleigh Year goes by much quicker than a year at my old school. One of the things that makes Cranleigh really fun is that the teachers are so nice and the after school activity choices are really great"

"Cranleigh students and teachers alike love spending their days here because time flies when you are having fun, right!?"

Caitlin

"I think that fun is at the heart of the matter. Lessons are fun, teachers interact with students quite a bit"

Sonia

"Honestly, it just feels quite weird. They make lessons exciting here at Cranleigh. They make most lessons exciting and thrilling"

William

Inspectors

"Students' innovation is particularly noticeable in their strong learning skills. They hypothesise and draw inferences with ease, conducting their own research using information and communications technology (ICT) and through reading. Overall, the school is making a significant contribution to the national ambition of nurturing innovative future global leaders."

"Learning skills are outstanding for almost all students because they are motivated and eager learners. They frequently choose to work collaboratively or independently, making mature decisions about how best to achieve their goals, including by working innovatively with ICT. Students thrive in developing their skills across all subject areas, successfully applying their critical thinking and other higher order skills as they go."

"The school's promotion of innovation skills is very effective and is an example of best practice. Students are innovative in individual projects and whole-school initiatives, both scientific and artistic."

Quotes are taken from the Abu Dhabi Education Council's (ADEC) Inspection Report 2016/17 in which we were graded Band A, High Performing. It is noteworthy that as a result of the inspection, ADEC/Tribal (the inspection body) specifically asked us to provide detailed input of our innovative approach to T&L, to be used as a beacon of outstanding innovation in education and as an example of best practice with all other UAE schools.

SchoolsCompared.com

"Cranleigh is a school that shines a light on whole child development. The school tears up any rule book that says all that matters is league tables and breathes cultural life into every aspect of school provision. It does this better than almost any other school we can think of. The richness of its cross curricular activities, strength of innovation across the arts and its outreach to the community in which it sits is a case study for schools across the UAE."

Cranleigh Abu Dhabi was awarded second place in SchoolsCompared.com UAE Top Schools Awards 2017 - and top school in Abu Dhabi.

September 2017

British International School Awards

Cranleigh was awarded 'New British International School of the Year 2017' in recognition of "a new school (under three years old) that has made an immediate impact on the pupils and community it serves."

We were up against Epsom College Malaysia, Le Régent Crans-Montana College in Switzerland, and Nord Anglia International School, Dubai.

January 2017

Exam Results

IGCSE (first cohort), Summer 2017

- 50% of students achieved A*-A
- 90%+ A*-C

Successes beyond the core curriculum

Cranleigh students are encouraged to extend themselves and follow their passions through debating, sport and academic competitions, as well as performing arts (featured in a separate submission).

Cranleigh delegates at the Change the World Model United Nations conference in November 2016 scored highly, achieving youngest winner in the conference, Delegate's Award in the High School Security Council and Best Delegate of the University Security Council.

At the World Scholar's Cup, Yale University, achievements were outstanding and included Gold medals for Art, Silver for History and Silver for Crime and Justice as well as a Gold medal for coming 15th overall in the Scholars' Challenge. Cranleigh students were also amongst the Silver Medal winners in the Scholars Bowl achieving a Gold medal for Collaborative Writing and a Silver for Debating.

Genes in Space is a contest run by the UAE Space Agency, The National newspaper and Boeing. Last year it called for students to: 'Become part of the first generation of space DNA scientists and compete for a chance to send your experiment to space.' A Cranleigh team entered with a proposal to edit the genes of certain fungi so they can increase the rate of proteins it produces to create antibiotics in space. Out of 110 teams, they were among the five finalists and presented their experiment at the Global Space Conference in Abu Dhabi in January 2017.

Within the Abu Dhabi International Schools Sports Association competitions, no fewer than 11 of our teams ended the 2016/17 season as league champions and five achieved runner up positions.