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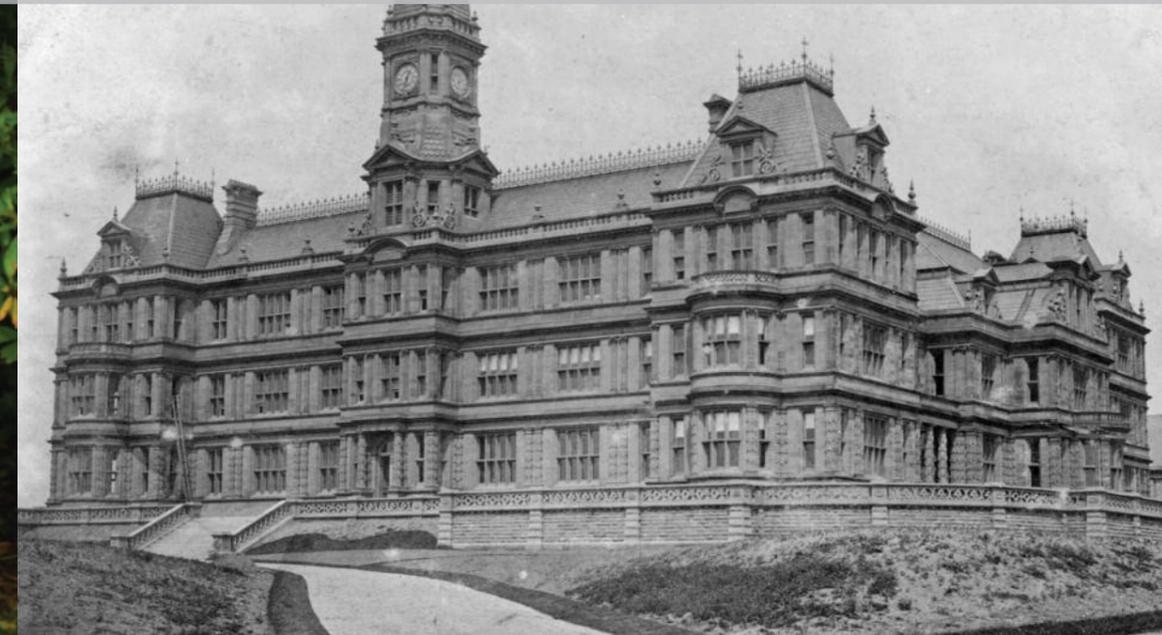
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The Crossley Heath School

Prospectus 2018



It is a privilege to be the Head Teacher of this wonderful school which nurtures our young people to become independent, well-rounded individuals who want to make a difference in the world.

Our students share our high aspirations for their futures and are challenged and supported by our dedicated teaching and support staff to achieve their ambitions.

We offer a strong family ethos and a secure environment in which our young people flourish and excel.

Although we are a selective school for children at age 11, we draw our students from a wide range of backgrounds and geographical areas and we celebrate the diversity that this brings to us.

Our thriving sixth form is intrinsic to the school and its students contribute much to the vibrancy of school life. Our sixth form community is made up of students who have studied GCSEs at many schools, including Crossley Heath.

We have a long and rich history as a school dating back to 1585 when the original Heath Grammar School was established. The current school building dates to 1861 when the Crossley brothers founded an 'Orphan Home and School for Boys and Girls', later renamed 'Crossley and Porter School'. We are very proud of our incredible building which, supplemented by modern additions, provides a unique and interesting learning environment.

I do hope this prospectus gives you a wealth of information about our rich and vibrant life at Crossley Heath. If you have any questions or would like more information about us, please get in touch.

Lynnette Cassidy MBA
Headteacher

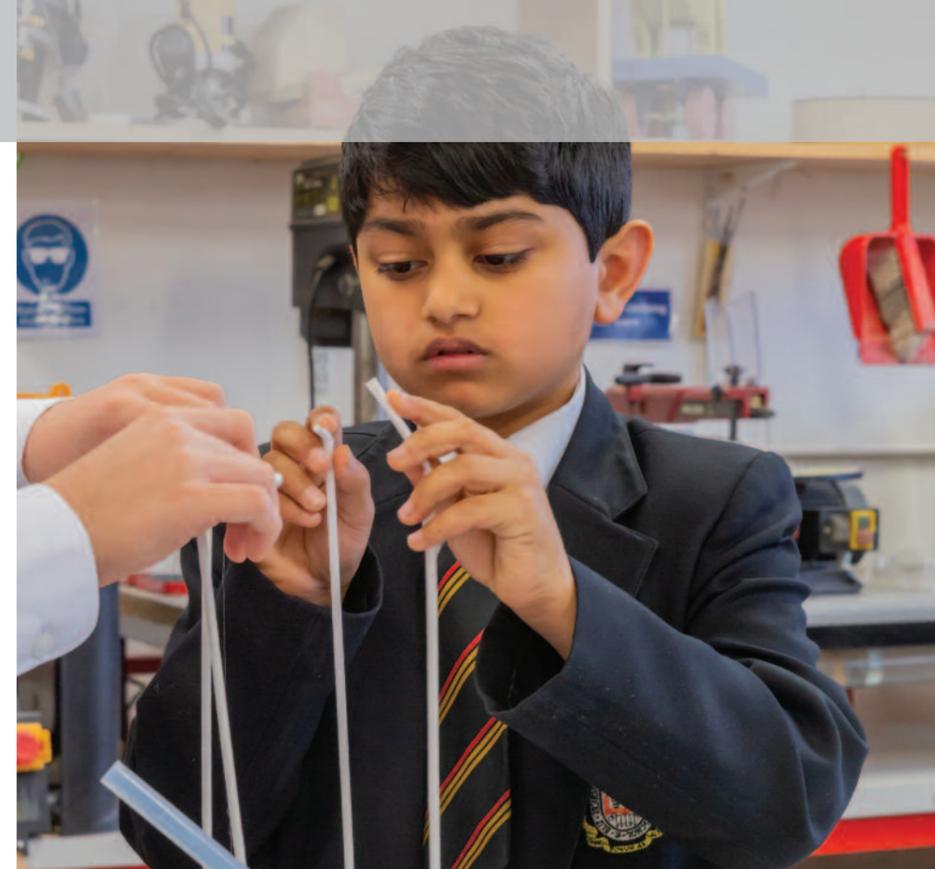
Opportunities

To achieve

Our students achieve a very high proportion of top grades at GCSE and A level. We regularly feature in the top 100 schools in the country and in the top two in Calderdale. Information about our examination results is available on our website. Whilst inspiring our students to achieve academic excellence is at our core, so too is our absolute commitment to nurturing our young people to become well-rounded, resilient, independent future citizens

We are dedicated to providing the very best quality of teaching and learning. Our teachers are highly qualified specialists, passionate about their subjects. Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs and aspirations of our students while preparing them thoroughly for a successful and independent life in a dynamic world.

“I like the more advanced lessons where I learn to the best of my ability”
Student



“Crossley Heath is an amazing school. It gives us a great education and has lovely teachers. There are a lot of chances to make new friends”
Student

There is a strong focus on traditional subjects which challenge the intellect and enable talents to flourish. At Key Stage 4 students study Mathematics, English Language and English Literature, three sciences, a Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Mandarin Chinese) and a humanities subject (Geography, History or Religious Studies) together with additional GCSE options subjects. Crossley Heath is proud to be the only school in the locality which offers the prestigious Mandarin Excellence Programme from Year 7.

In sixth form, a wide range of A level courses is available together with an extensive enrichment programme.

Opportunities

To become part of a family

Each student has a form tutor who provides support and monitors achievement and well-being. Students are usually taught in form groups for the first two years. We work very hard to create our form groups to ensure that our new students settle into school smoothly and to facilitate the development of new, durable friendships. Our form and year groups enjoy strong bonds and create lasting friendships and memories as they move through the school.

Relationships between students and staff are very strong. Our parents and students tell us that the school offers a safe and happy environment in which to learn.



I have had a good first year at Crossley Heath. I didn't have many primary school friends coming here so I have made a lot of new friends.
Student

Each student is also welcomed into one of our Houses – Kings, Queens, Porter or Savile. The Houses, led by our Sixth Form House Captains, comprise members from across all year groups and staff. The House system provides further opportunities for making friends across the school. It provides challenge and excitement throughout the year in the form of competitions including sports, drama, music, reading, debating and quizzes. Students often comment that House activities are one of the highlights of their time at the school.

Our school places the individual at the heart of everything we do, and we care very much for the well-being and health of each of our students.

For students facing challenges in their lives, our pastoral team and other specialist staff, including our school counsellor and dedicated staff SEN team, offer effective, compassionate support tailored to their needs.



“We are proud to be in post this year, working to support the school and younger students. We have had a fantastic experience at Crossley Heath and created many lasting memories to cherish. It really is a special place.”

Head Girl – Georgia May Codd and Head Boy - Abhishek Subramaniam



Opportunities

To become a good citizen

At our heart is a culture of respect for each other. We promote the values of personal responsibility, integrity, tolerance, aspiration and self-belief. We expect the highest standards for their behaviour, attendance and appearance from our students and insist that they embrace our expectation that they treat their peers, and others in our community, with courtesy and respect. Our strong Behaviour for Learning policy ensures that students engage with their learning, develop effective learning behaviours and understand how to meet our expectations for their personal conduct.

Our commitment to engendering respect for others extends to our local community through volunteering, enrichment activities outside school and fundraising. Our students love supporting charities locally, nationally and internationally and are celebrating raising over £10,000 last year.

“I have liked my first year at Crossley Heath. I have done a lot of activities and had fun learning new things.”

Student

Opportunities

To explore...experience...discover

Our students enjoy a wide range of visits and activities designed to support learning, broaden their horizons and have some fun. These include visits to the battlefields of Belgium, studying volcanos and glaciers in Iceland, music tours and our regular German Exchange. Many more local visits take place to enhance the curriculum, to develop independence and personal growth and to encourage the discovery of new talents.

Enrichment activities add a further vital dimension to the life of the school. Crossley Heath has a strong sporting heritage and encourages all students, of whatever ability or experience, to enjoy physical activities and team sports. These include cross-country, netball, cricket, rugby union, athletics, football, table-tennis, tennis and badminton.



Musical activities are extensive, including choirs, wind band and ensembles. A range of individual instrumental tuition is available.

Crossley Heath students are confident people who are ready to become young leaders. Students are encouraged to develop their leadership skills not only in the classroom but by being encouraged to participate fully with an active role in school life. The Head Boy and Head Girl help staff to run the school smoothly and there are many other high profile positions of responsibility within school which also add much value to the effectiveness of the school such as School Officials, Charity Representatives, House Officials and Student Voice Co-ordinators, and Sports Leaders. Students are involved with projects such as the annual Health Fair, creating awareness and organising events. Students take an active part in staff interviews, submission of awards and bids, welcome special guests and assist with the smooth running of all school events.

Opportunities

For employability skills

Our highly effective programme for Careers advice and guidance develops the key employability skills that our students will need to function successfully in their chosen career path. We have achieved the Careers Award which is in recognition of the high standard of information, advice and guidance available for our students.

A comprehensive programme of events, activities, guest speakers and visiting employers enables students to understand the vast range of career sectors and pathways that are open to them in the UK and beyond.



We believe in striking a balance between academic work and developing those all-important leadership, teamwork and 'life skills' that are so crucial for young people to develop before they leave school. We aim to equip our students with the knowledge, understanding, skills and qualities they need to be successful and fulfilled in their lives. Students are

prepared for adult life in the business and commercial world through a comprehensive schedule of careers guidance and enterprise skills. An active programme of guest speakers and employers visiting the school to talk to students helps create awareness of the working world.

“The teachers at school are helpful and are willing to talk with you whenever you want. There are also lots of activities on offer which you can participate in as well.”

Student

Opportunities

For sixth form and beyond

We hope that all of our students will join our sixth form community, together with many new students from schools across a wide geographical area. Our sixth form is a highly successful one, offering academic excellence and a wealth of opportunities. We are committed to supporting the aspirations of each individual student, so our curriculum is tailored to student needs, offering a balance of traditional and modern subjects and an extensive enrichment programme.

Students are treated as adults with guidance and support from our experienced staff team always on hand.

A significant proportion of our students go on to prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge and Russell group universities. Whilst the majority do choose to go on to university, we are by no means a 'university factory' and encourage and support our students to explore alternative pathways into further study or employment.

Much more detailed information about our school, policies and procedures, exam results and admissions criteria can be found on our school website. Please do get in contact if we can be of further assistance.



“We have been parents at CHS for many years and could not have wished for a better place for our three teenagers to learn in a social sense as well as academically.”

Parents

