



16+ Information  
Booklet

# Bancroft's Sixth Form

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# Bancroft's



# Introduction

## The Background:

Bancroft's School is an HMC co-educational school for approximately 1100 pupils aged 7-18. Founded by the Drapers' Company in 1737, as a result of a bequest from Francis Bancroft, the School still maintains its historic links with the City, combining the best of traditional values with innovative practices.

The School moved to its present site at Woodford Wells in 1889. The fine Victorian quad was designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield and provides a dining hall, chapel, library and classrooms. There have been many additions to the original buildings over the years, which have ensured that Bancroft's has first rate facilities, including a swimming pool and sports' hall, on site. Bancroft's became fully coeducational in 1979. In 1990 a Preparatory School was opened, providing education for children aged 7-11.

The School is committed to providing excellent value for money, as well as offering Assisted places to those who could not otherwise attend the School.

## The Bancroft's Aim

To provide a transformative experience for every child.

## The School's Values

Our education is based on six core values: Curiosity, Kindness, Integrity, Courage, Balance and Excellence. We think these values are essential to the wellbeing of every child.

- Curiosity: We want our pupils to take delight in the possibilities that the world has to offer and to develop an abiding curiosity about the world; to explore their imaginative and creative potential and to take pleasure in self-expression.
- Kindness: We want Bancroft's pupils to be kind, to have integrity and the courage to pursue and protect what is good; to make wise decisions, based on compassion and empathy.

- Integrity: We want our pupils to learn to understand themselves and others and develop a clear moral grounding for their lives.
- Courage: We want our pupils to show courage and a spirit of adventure in all aspects of their learning; to confront challenges and try to overcome them.
- Balance: We want our pupils to learn how to live balanced, healthy, productive and well-regulated lives and to learn to understand the different aspects that combine to create a secure framework for flourishing.
- Excellence: We want our pupils to aspire to be the best they might be and to make the most of their talents and abilities; we want our pupils to form realistic and ambitious ideals for the future.

## The Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at Bancroft's is a vibrant, intellectually stimulating and friendly place which benefits from the School's excellent facilities. The School has a very strong academic record at A Level and offers a wide range of extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities to pupils, allowing them to develop outstanding interpersonal skills as well as achieving excellent examination results.

There is a very real sense of being part of a supportive community too, with pupils from an eclectic mix of backgrounds learning to work together.

# Sixth Form Admissions

## Entry Information and Requirements

Entry to the Sixth Form is on the basis of performance in an entrance examination and at interview. The 16+ entrance examination takes place in November when candidates are in Year 11. Offers are made in December.

Please visit our website [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org) for examination dates and closing dates.

Pupils joining our Sixth Form will need to be academically capable and hardworking; they will also need a firm foundation of success at GCSE. In practice they should expect to gain a significant number of 8 or 9 grades in their GCSE subjects. In the Lower Sixth (Year 12) pupils start with four subjects or three subjects plus an EPQ or equivalent research pathway.

We are looking for pupils who are likely to achieve a minimum of **five 8 or 9 grades** at GCSE, and at least a 8 in the subjects they wish to study in the Lower Sixth (Year 12), and who will be academically and socially able to make the most of being in our Sixth Form.

## Entrance Exam

The 16+ entrance examination takes place in the November before proposed entry. All applicants will sit an on line aptitude test (lasting approximately 45 minutes) as well as two 1 hour exams, from a choice of the following subject areas. These exams should be in subjects the candidate is studying at GCSE Level and intends to take for A level or subjects which relate to those that will be taken.

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics\*
- Physics

- Religious Studies
- Spanish

Applicants nominate the two subject areas on which they would like to be examined by indicating their choices on the registration form.

\*Candidates wanting to take Mathematics A level must sit the Mathematics entrance paper.

Successful candidate wishing to take Maths and Further Maths will be provided with a pack of work to complete over the summer. They will then sit a diagnostic test on the first day of the academic year, to help reach a conclusion about whether Further Maths is a suitable path to take.

## Revision

Specific revision will **not** be required and the questions will be appropriate to all GCSE exam boards and syllabus.

## Interviews

Successful candidates will be called back for interview approximately two weeks after the test day. Offers, conditional upon GCSE results and achieving a minimum of five 8 or 9 grades, will then be sent out by post within the following fortnight.

Candidates called for interview for Art will be required to bring with them a portfolio showing their recent work.

Candidates called for interview for Drama will be asked to take part in a short audition.

## Applications

Registrations are made online and must be accompanied by a non-returnable registration fee of £125.

Please note that if you are applying for an Assisted Place you must first complete an Initial Assessment of Income Form (IAIF). We will then review the financial criteria and either invite you to register for an Assisted Place with a reduced fee, or invite you to register for a Fee-Paying place.

A copy of your child's birth certificate or passport must be uploaded together with your registration form for all applications.

Upon acceptance of a place, we require a £1000 deposit. Please note that this deposit should be paid on-line. We are unable to accept cash deposits. If in receipt of an Assisted Place, this deposit will also be means tested.

Please note that on receipt of an application, we will contact the candidate's present school for a reference and you may wish to inform them of your application before they hear from us.

## **Late Applications- i.e. after the Autumn Term**

Late applications for Sixth Form entry may be considered; candidates should contact the School with their GCSE exam results in August. We are looking for pupils who have achieved a minimum of five 8 or 9 grades at GCSE, and at least an 8 in the subjects they wish to study in the Lower Sixth (Year 12), and who will be academically and socially able to make the most of being in our Sixth Form.

Candidates may be invited for interview having taken into account their GCSE exam results; offers may be made subject to receiving a good academic reference from their current school Head, their GCSE grades and space available.

## **Fee-Paying Places**

For candidates who are offered a full fee paying place, the School fees are payable by direct debit in ten equal instalments, starting in August, and is reviewed annually. Fees include tuition, lunch, the use of text and library books, stationery and scientific materials and games. Fees charged by external examination boards are added to the fee account in the relevant years. Please see the School website [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org) for details of our current fees.

## **Admissions Policy**

Our full Admissions policy is available on the School website:

[www.bancrofts.org/admissions/admissions-policy/](http://www.bancrofts.org/admissions/admissions-policy/)

# Sixth Form Awards and Assisted Places for entry September 2023

Bancroft's awards Assisted Places and Music Awards in the Sixth Form. Potential award holders should have mainly grade 8 or 9 predictions from their current school in addition to a very positive reference. In assessing potential award holders, we look for academic leadership and intellectual curiosity. We try to distinguish the bright from the well drilled, the inspired from the effective and we aim to uncover flair. Considerable time is taken to ensure that the process is fair.

Candidates who are offered a Music Award or Assisted Place must also fulfil the entry requirements. These awards continue whilst the pupil maintains their educational potential and abides by the School rules and policies.

## Assisted Places

Bancroft's is committed to broadening access to the School by offering to eligible parents/guardians financial support with the payment of school fees through the provision of Assisted Places. These Assisted Places are designed to enable children of high ability from all backgrounds to enjoy a Bancroft's education, where their parents might not otherwise be able to afford the full school fee. An Assisted Place is a means-tested award and candidates are required to pass the entrance exam to be eligible.

The assessment of the level of Financial Assistance is calculated on a graduated scale after parents/guardians have submitted a comprehensive confidential statement of their income and assets, on a Financial Disclosure Form (FDF), together with copies of any additional information, confirmations, and supporting documentation, which may be required.

Assisted Places will be awarded once the School's financial assessment criteria has been met; Assisted Places are awarded based on performance in the entrance exam, school reports and an interview. Please note that if you are applying for an Assisted Place you must first complete an Initial

Assessment of Income Form (IAIF). We will then review the financial criteria and either invite you to register for an Assisted Place with a reduced fee, or invite you to register for a Fee-Paying place.

## Music Awards

Music Award holders are offered free tuition on one or two instruments), but Bancroft's only offers fee-remission for Assisted Places. A pupil may be both a recipient of an Assisted Place and a Music Award, eligibility for each is entirely separate.

A Music Award holder will be expected to make a strong contribution to the music department and the musical life of the School by attending, and performing in, a variety of concerts and musical events; setting a good example to, and encouraging other pupils. They should attend weekly instrumental lessons and ensemble activities and be seen to make good progress on their main instrument. In addition, they will also be a member of one of the School choirs.

Music plays a major part in the life of the School and there are many opportunities for pupils to perform. Concerts are held regularly throughout the year, including an annual visit to the Drapers' Hall in London. Weekly musical groups for senior pupils include: Bancroft's Singers, School Choir, First Orchestra, Bancroft's Band, Concert Band, Flute Choir, String Ensemble, String Quartet, Saxophone Quartet and Bancroft's Jazz Collective. Music Assessments for the Award take place in the November of the year before proposed entry. The Award will be conditional on meeting the School's minimum entry requirement of five 8 or 9 grades at GCSE, and candidates are expected to be at least Grade 7 in practical skills.

For the audition, candidates will be asked to perform two contrasting pieces on their main instrument, to complete some sight reading, aural tests and a short interview. Music that requires an accompaniment must not be performed unaccompanied. Candidates are welcome to bring their own accompanist, but this is not essential.

Music Award candidates must also arrange for Mrs Whitbread, Director of Music, to receive by no later than the published date of the year before entry a report/reference from their instrumental teacher and any other relevant information regarding musical events that they have been involved in within the last twelve months. If a candidate requires an accompanist they will also need to send in the music for this.

## **Drapers' Academic Awards**

At 16+ we offer Drapers' Academic Awards before pupils join us in the Sixth Form.

We do not offer fee remission for pupils who receive Drapers' Academic Awards; fee remission is only applicable to Assisted Places.

In assessing potential Academic Award holders, we look for academic leadership and intellectual curiosity. We try to distinguish the bright from the well drilled, the inspired from the effective and we aim to uncover flair. Considerable time is taken to ensure that the process is fair. Although awards do not carry monetary values, they are a prestigious offer extended to only the best candidates – both internal and external. Academic award holders are among the most talented pupils here, and are often leading lights in their chosen

subjects, making a wide and valuable contribution to the life of the school. Academic awards for pupils joining us at 11 are based on performance in our entrance tests and interview. Academic awards are held for one year at a time and are re-awarded each year during the school.

## **Other Drapers' Awards**

Once pupils join the school there are opportunities each year to achieve an additional variety of awards in creative subjects, Drama, Sport, for contributions to the school community as well as for the other key subject areas; these awards are given annually. We aim to recognise excellence and contribution in all areas of school life and for embodying and contributing to our school values; we try to ensure that all our pupils are given opportunities to win recognition for their contributions and achievements during their time in the school.

Awards will be based on the performance and commitment shown in the relevant area during each school year. As with other awards (but with the exception of Music), Sport, Art, Computing and DT, Drama and Community Awards are given every year and can be re-awarded.

# 2022 GCSE Results

80.3% of all GCSEs at Bancroft's in 2022 were awarded the top grades of 9 or 8; 93.7% achieved either grades 9/8/7 with 99.9% graded as a 5 or better. Eighteen pupils from a cohort of 129 received ten grade 9s., with one receiving 11 grade 9s.

Subject	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	Nos of Candidates
Art	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Biology	53	40	19	6	0	0	0	0	118
Chemistry	51	41	16	9	1	0	0	0	118
Classical Civilisation	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
Computer Science	11	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	23
Design & Technology	30	15	11	3	1	0	0	0	60
Drama	11	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	23
Electronics	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
English Language	81	30	12	4	2	0	0	0	129
English Literature	77	25	17	8	2	0	0	0	129
French	13	5	4	4	3	1	0	0	30
Geography	27	16	6	3	1	0	0	0	53
German	29	9	9	1	1	0	0	0	49
Greek	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
History	37	15	11	5	1	0	0	0	69
Latin	9	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	17
Maths	91	26	12	0	0	0	0	0	129
Music	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
PE	7	7	6	5	0	0	0	0	25
Physics	64	38	13	3	0	0	0	0	118
Religious Studies	26	24	6	2	0	0	0	0	58
Russian	6	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	17
Science Trilogy (2 GCSEs per candidate)	1	8	9	3	1	0	0	0	22
Spanish	23	10	1	3	3	0	0	0	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1278</b>
<b>Percentage at each grade</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
<b>Cumulative percentage</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

5ths	A	B	C	D	E	Total
Additional Maths (FSMQ)	41	5	5	0	0	51
<b>U4 / L4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	
Maths (Accelerated)	50	3	0	0	0	53
Family Language	4	0	0	0	0	4

# 2022 A Level Results

In common with the pattern across the country, the number of top grades which were awarded to Bancroft's pupils fell from the 2021 highs of Teacher Assessed Grades, but compared very favourably with pre-pandemic levels. Almost half our A Levels were graded A\*. 93.3% of exams were awarded grades A\* - B. Twenty three pupils in a cohort of 102 received 3 or more A\*s.

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Total
Art	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Biology	9	10	9	1	0	1	0	30
Business Studies	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Chemistry	11	14	10	4	1	0	0	40
Classical Civilisation	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	9
Drama	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Economics	18	9	5	0	0	0	0	32
Electronics	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
English Lit	7	4	4	0	0	0	0	15
French	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Geography	12	4	4	1	0	0	0	21
German	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
History	5	10	3	2	0	0	0	20
Maths	36	22	6	4	1	0	0	69
Further Maths	11	6	0	2	1	0	0	20
Music	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Physics	9	6	2	2	0	0	0	19
Politics	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	10
Religious Studies	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	11
Spanish	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Percentage at each grade</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Cumulative Percentage</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

## *U6th Results Other Qualifications: 2022*

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
EPQ	25	14	6	4	1	0	50
AS – all subjects	n/a	4	1	1	0	0	6

# 2022 University Destinations

99% of our Upper Sixth leavers continue to Higher Education; most of them progress to Russell Group universities (over 75% per annum). Destinations and courses of study are varied, everything from Archaeology through to Zoology. The following tables shows destinations for 2022 according to data from UCAS, September 2022. In 2022, Bancroftians headed to 30 different universities to read more than 50 different courses.

<b>University</b>	<b>Number of students</b>
Nottingham	10
Warwick	7
Manchester	7
Cambridge	6
Queen Mary University of London	6
University College London	6
Birmingham	5
Bristol	3
City, University of London	3
Durham	3
Leicester	3
Bath	2
Cardiff	2
Edinburgh	2
Exeter	2
Imperial College, London	2
King's College, London	2
Lancaster	2
London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)	2
Oxford	2
Hertfordshire	1
Keele	1
Leeds	1
Liverpool	1
Loughborough	1
Reading	1
St George', University of London	1
SOAS, University of London	1
Southampton	1
York	1

# Important Information

## Fees and Charges

The Registration Fee is £125.

A £1000 deposit is payable on acceptance of a place; this sum will be credited to the final account.

The full school fee is reviewed annually; details of the current fee can be found on the School website [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org). It includes tuition, the use of text and library books, stationery and scientific materials and games. Lunches are also included in the fee. Fees charged by external examination boards are added to the fee account in the relevant years.

Available extras include tuition in instrumental music, CCF, Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh Award, field trips and optional excursions.

All former pupils of Bancroft's School, both senior and preparatory departments are Members of the Old Bancroftians' Association. OBA Membership subscriptions are collected each term via the School fees bill. This is currently £9 per term for the Prep School and £12 per term for the Senior School and this pays for lifetime membership

## Payment of Fees

School fees are charged in advance, at the beginning of each term, or payable by direct debit in ten equal instalments starting in August. Overdue accounts are subject to a late payment charge. Any questions relating to the payment of fees should be addressed to the Bursar, email: [bursar@bancrofts.org](mailto:bursar@bancrofts.org).

School fees cannot be refunded for any term or part of a term for which a pupil is absent through illness, accident or other cause.

## Residence

Pupils must normally reside with their parents or legal guardian. We ask that all pupils live close enough to the School to ensure that their welfare is, in the Head's opinion, not put in jeopardy and also to allow them to participate fully in Bancroft's extensive after-school and weekend co-curricular and sporting programmes. Any change in place of residence must be notified immediately to the Head.

## Dress

All pupils are expected to abide by the Sixth Form dress code of smart business suits.

## Policies and Procedures

Our policies and procedures are available on the School website [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org). These include:

- Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Complaints Procedure

Chair – the current Chair of our Governors is Mr Ed Sautter. Should you wish to contact him at any stage, please write care of Bancroft's School, 611-627 High Road, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 0RF, or e-mail: [chairman@bancrofts.org](mailto:chairman@bancrofts.org)

## Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the dining servery from 7.45 am to 8.15 am every morning. A range of breakfast items is on sale.

## **The Library**

For those who arrive early, leave late or who simply wish to make use of the facilities, the Library is open and supervised from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

## **Bus Service**

We operate a minibus service from Loughton Station to Bancroft's School; this is for the younger year groups and there is, at present, no charge for this.

## **School Nurse**

We have a full time School Nurse who attends to the needs of pupils. Minor injuries/problems are dealt within the surgery. If pupils need to go home the School Nurse will contact parents directly. It is therefore vital that details of changes in contact numbers are passed to the School without delay. The School Nurse is willing to supervise the administration of medication during the School day should parents wish. Parents must send a written request to the School Nurse if any prescribed medicines need to be administered at School and complete the consent form. However, unless it is necessary, we do not encourage individuals to bring medication to School.

# The Bancroft's Sixth Form Charter

As members of Bancroft's Sixth Form, pupils develop a set of values, attributes and skills that collectively form the Sixth Form Charter. It is underpinned by the core values of the school and is intended to provide a transformative experience so our pupils achieve their academic potential alongside developing a range of individual life skills that will enable them to flourish both during and after Bancroft's.

To achieve the Sixth Form Charter, there are six core areas that pupils must focus on during their two Sixth Form years. A significant emphasis is placed upon independence and ownership and pupils are expected to oversee and manage most sections of the charter in their own time.



<b>Learning &amp; Scholarship</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will strive for excellence, developing a scholarly approach to learning, either with three A-levels and EPQ or four A-Levels.
<b>Enquiry &amp; Independence</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will be taught research skills, enabling you to complete independent, academic enrichment.
<b>Community &amp; Service</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will be involved with the school community through service; running societies, clubs, peer mentoring or volunteering.
<b>Creativity &amp; Activity</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will undertake activities involving personal challenge, setting long term goals outside the school curriculum.
<b>Competencies &amp; Life Skills</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will receive higher education and careers preparation as well as other practical and personal life skills
<b>Leadership &amp; Communication</b>	All Bancroft's Sixth Form pupils will receive leadership training and be expected to partake in activities requiring teamwork.

## The Successful Charter

Assessment of the charter takes the form of an end of year interview with one of the Sixth Form team. Successful completion is central to transition to university and further career path. We live in an era of growing challenges and competition; young

people need to do all they can to arm themselves with the skills, knowledge, attributes and personal qualities that will allow them to flourish and succeed, first and foremost as individuals, but also in whatever they choose to do after they finish Bancroft's.

# Trips and Visits

Bancroft's pupils have the chance to participate in an extensive range of school trips; some of these form an integral part of the School curriculum, while others offer the chance to develop new skills.

Some examples of curriculum trips are the Modern Languages department taking Sixth Form French pupils to Nice, several regular trips to Spain for those studying Spanish, as well as to Russia for those studying Russian and/or History.

A-Level geographers have travelled to Iceland and Ecuador. Our Biology department has organised an eco-tour to Malaysia. Classical and cultural tours are always popular, with visits to Italy, Berlin and Prague, the USA, India and Greece.

Volunteering trips are also popular. In recent years, these have included two visits to Costa Rica, during which senior pupils built a classroom for a village school and a subsequent group worked on other community projects. In summer 2018, three groups of pupils visited Peru, each spending time constructing new shower and toilet facilities for a rural community.

Annual ski trips are arranged for pupils of different age bands to ski resorts in several European countries. These cater for skiers of all level.

Regular sports tours also take place for senior teams. The major sports of Hockey, Netball, Cricket, and Rugby all tour regularly to long-haul destinations. These have included South Africa, Canada, Malaysia and Singapore, and Barbados.

The Bancroft's Players have performed several times at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, allowing pupils to experience performing to a wider public and also to explore and enjoy the diverse offerings of this major cultural festival.

Members of our CCF are offered a week's adventurous training every Easter in The Lake District; both the Army and the RAF section run annual summer camps.

We also make use of the School's close proximity to London with regular trips to museums, galleries and theatres organised by many departments.

# Co-Curricular Activities

Bancroft's offers its pupils a very wide range of exciting co-curricular activities. We hope that there is something for everyone and we encourage all Bancroftians to get involved in a variety of activities to balance the demands and pressures of academic work.

We encourage members of the Sixth Form to set up and lead societies which reflect their own interests. These vary according to the passions of the individual pupils but might include societies as diverse as Mindfulness, Current Affairs and Theatre Tech.

## Sports

All pupils participate in a regular weekly programme of PE and games. The choice for Sixth Formers is a wide one, including climbing, mountain biking, yoga and squash in addition to our major curricular sports. We run a wide co-curricular sporting programme which includes fencing, basketball and badminton. School teams are run for all major sports at all levels and teams have a busy programme of fixtures against local schools. They also have enjoyed many successes in regional and national tournaments.

## Music

A wide range of orchestra, choirs & ensembles covering all musical genres takes place on a regular basis and we hope that all new pupils will take advantage of the musical opportunities available in the School. In addition, many pupils receive individual lessons from our visiting music staff.

## Drama

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in drama, both on and back stage. We have an ambitious annual School production, for which pupils from year 10 upwards can audition. Recent productions have included *The Winter's Tale*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Chicago*. Each year there is a House Drama competition, for which all houses produce a short play involving all year groups. In addition, pupils may take LAMDA examinations in the Speaking of Verse and Prose up to grade 8 (Gold Medal) with lessons given by visiting staff.

## Combined Cadet Force/Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Membership of the thriving CCF, which includes both army and air force sections, is an option for L4th (Year 9) upwards; new members of the Sixth Form may also join the CCF. The Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme is also available to pupils in the L4th upwards. Bancroft's pupils enjoy great success at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. New members of the Sixth Form are encouraged to participate in the scheme.

Please see our website [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org) for more details of all our co-curricular activities.

# Pastoral Care

Bancroft's pastoral system is a tremendous strength of the School. It underpins all that we do, enabling pupils to flourish and make the most of their opportunities. We endeavour to foster a friendly, supportive and caring environment in which each pupil is cherished and nurtured and their individual needs addressed. We aim to make our pastoral care proactive with a focus on wellbeing and the individual.

The House system lies at the heart of our pastoral care with tutors and house staff being key points of contact for pupils and parents throughout their time at School. On a daily basis, the tutor is the first port of call, fostering the academic, extra-curricular and pastoral welfare of each pupil and our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme is delivered in house groups. The house staff are supported in their role by the Deputy Head, Pastoral, who is also the Designated Lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection matters.

We recognise that adolescence can be a turbulent time and sometimes a pupil may experience difficulties which require specialist and professional help. Counselling is available in School for those who feel they need it and we will always source help from outside if necessary.

The senior house staff oversee all house activities and junior house staff have specific responsibility for Thirds to Lower Fourths (Years 7-9); together they lead weekly house assemblies during which teachers and pupils share thoughts, celebrate achievements and perform. Sport, drama, music and spoken English competitions between the four Houses promote a friendly rivalry. Each House celebrates its own identity with events such as their family evenings which help bond parents, pupils and staff.

Throughout the school year we run several pastoral evenings to which all parents are invited. The format of such evenings may vary to include talks, workshops and discussion groups. Subjects covered have included: academic pressures; digital technology and teens; striking the balance between the academic and the co-curricular; mental wellbeing.

# Activities for Parents

## The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association arranges a variety of activities designed to give parents, families, and friends the opportunity to meet socially outside School in addition to raising money for projects within the School. All PA events are publicised via email and SOCS, our online calendar.

The generosity of parents has enabled the PA to invest in many items over the past few years. Such items include a Senior School public address system, sports gazebos, a telescope, books for the Sixth Form library, play equipment and table tennis tables for the Prep School. Newer purchases by the PA include a waterproof large-screen TV for the swimming pool, visibility jackets for the Prep, new benches for the Quad and a new Yamaha grand piano.

Annual events include a Summer Ball, Christmas Fayre, Parents v Staff Cricket Match and a Supper Quiz. Other events have included Bollywood Nights, Burns Nights and Comedy Nights. The PA also supports events such as Sports Day and the Carol Service.

Further information about the PA, is available on the School website: [www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/parents-association](http://www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/parents-association).

## The Bancroft's Society

The Bancroft's Society aims to bring together all the groups of the Bancroft's community: staff, Old Bancroftians, governors, past and present parents. The Society encourages members to share information, advice and expertise from various walks of life. It aims to develop a culture of giving back to the community. The Bancroft's Society will allow for networking, mentorship and sharing of ideas. As a body, past and present parents possess an enormous wealth of diverse experience – the Bancroft's Society will give opportunities for them to share this expertise.

All parents are offered the opportunity to join the Bancroft's Society through Bancroft's Connect, an engagement platform for all members of the community, to connect with one another.

## The Arts Society, Woodford Green

The Arts Society, Woodford Green (Bancroft's) aims to promote an interest in and increased knowledge of decorative and fine arts. They enjoy lectures from well-qualified speakers on a wide variety of topics. Lectures are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Prep School, during term time; lectures commence at 8.00pm with coffee and wine available from 7.30pm.

Further information about The Arts Society, Woodford Green (Bancroft's), including how to join, is available on the School website at: [www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/theartsociety](http://www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/theartsociety)

## The Crofton Singers

New members of all ages are welcome to join the Crofton Singers. The choir has a long association with the School, and meets in the Music Department on Thursday evenings during term time. Their repertoire is varied, including sacred and secular, modern and classical music. They perform locally three or four times a year and have raised thousands of pounds for charity. For more information, see: [www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/the-crofton-singers](http://www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/the-crofton-singers)

## The Evening Chorus

The Evening Chorus Choir has been rehearsing at Bancroft's School for approximately 8 years. It is a friendly, female choir rehearsing every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm during term time in the Prep School Hall. With a wide-ranging repertoire from show tunes to Mozart, they perform several times a year to raise funds for charities.

For more information, see: [www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/evening-chorus-choir](http://www.bancrofts.org/about-us/our-community/evening-chorus-choir)

# Bancroft's Foundation & The OBA

## Bancroft's Foundation



Bancroft's Foundation has been established to provide Assisted Places which to enable talented pupils to study at Bancroft's regardless of their financial situation.

The School is built on a legacy of philanthropic support. Francis Bancroft's legacy founded a school for boys in Mile End as a charitable institution providing a high quality education open to all, and the tradition of supporting talented pupils regardless of capacity at the School has continued since, through the support of government initiatives, the Francis Bancroft Trust and The Drapers' Company.

However, the sharp decline in government funding with the withdrawal of the Grant Aided and Assisted Places schemes has meant that it is now vital that the School substantially expands its own assisted places programme.

Therefore, when the School celebrated its 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Bancroft's Foundation was established to help the School significantly increase its portfolio of means tested Assisted Places to enable talented children of all backgrounds to have the opportunity to attend the School and reach their full potential.

To find out more about this exciting initiative, or to make a gift to the Bancroft's Foundation please contact: Susan Day, 020 8506 5714.

## The Old Bancroftians' Association (OBA)

A strong Old Bancroftians' Association keeps former pupils in touch with one another and the School. Activities include: an Annual Dinner at the School, various regional dinners and Old Bancroftians' Day. Other Old Bancroftian organisations include: the Cricket Club, Golf Society and Dramatic Society. The Bancroft Rugby Club, many of whose members are former pupils, has a first class ground not far from the School with facilities for rugby football, squash and social entertainment. The OBA publishes regular

newsletters, which are available on the OBA website.

Membership of the OBA is open to all former pupils of Bancroft's School. The OBA encourages members worldwide to keep in touch with each other, and to participate in OBA organised events and initiatives.

Parents pay a small termly subscription to the OBA during their child's career at Bancroft's. As a consequence, all former pupils of the School now become members for life of the Old Bancroftians' Association when they leave School.

The Association maintains a strong relationship with Bancroft's School and, where appropriate, provides financial support to pupils and ex-pupils through its associated charities. Old Bancroftians are often involved with the School's extra-curricular activities, in particular in giving career guidance and advice about further education.

The Association is associated with two charities and is an active supporter of the Bancroft's Foundation:

- **The Old Bancroftians' Educational Development Fund**, which makes grants to current and former pupils towards the cost of educational projects which they are unable to fund completely themselves
- **The OB Sixth Form Scholarship Fund** which provides support to the School for pupils in the Sixth Form, whose families might not otherwise be able to afford the fees.
- **The Bancroft's Foundation** which provides Assisted Places at the School for promising children whose financial circumstances would not otherwise allow them to attend Bancroft's

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If you have any queries or would like any further information on joining Bancroft's School, please contact our Admissions Registrar, Mrs L Hague, on 020 8506 6761 or email [admissions@bancrofts.org](mailto:admissions@bancrofts.org)

Further information may also be found on our website: [www.bancrofts.org](http://www.bancrofts.org)

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