

**Admission Appeal Defence Statement
Secondary School – The Canterbury Academy
Admission Appeal for Year 7 in September 2021**

Pupils Name:
Date of Birth:
Published Admission Number: 210 plus 6 additional places in the Speech, Language and communication Need Special Resource Provision and 4 additional places in the Cullum Centre for children with ASD as their primary need.
Number of Applications received:
How many places were offered on national offer day and what is the position today:

Places Offered – (Please catalog oversubscription criteria)	Numbers
Total number of pupils offered a place;	219
Rank position of this appellant; (At the time of completing this document)	

Under which criteria was this child considered for admission;
Distance of last child allocated a place (N/A if not applicable);

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The reasons the school is oversubscribed is due to the fact that Kent County Council have requested that The Canterbury Academy take an additional thirty students over PAN for the academic year 2020/21. This was a one off, temporary expansion of PAN. ● The Canterbury Academy is full and oversubscribed in every year group, including a sixth form of over 700 students. It is a large, bustling and busy campus with class sizes which average around 30. The physical size of our classrooms is average and due to popularity, we have already had to implement a one-way system around the school to cope with pupil movement. Likewise, we have had to move to staggered lunchtimes to ensure we can adequately feed and house students. Furthermore, we have needed to become increasingly flexible with our timetabled teaching, moving to a twilight (after school) model of teaching and delivering some lessons, largely to our sixth form, in order to allow inclusive and consistent access to specialist facilities for all age groups. This is not to mention, of course, the further restrictions that will be placed on schools as they re-open to more students in light of the ongoing COVID crisis. • In relation to our oversubscription criteria for admissions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) XXX is not a Child in Care. b) XXX is not seeking a place in year 7 based on being previously on roll at The Canterbury Primary School. c) XXX has no current sibling connection.
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d) When applying for a place there was no mention of claims through medical conditions or special educational needs advised on the spreadsheet received from KCC for ranking.

e) Therefore, XXX would fall into the last criteria of distance. The distance from the child's home is XXX miles.

- Furthermore, XXX did not sit the banding assessment in December 2020. During all of our open sessions in October 2020 and advertising, it was made very clear to parents of the importance of taking the banding assessment should they wish to maximize their chances of gaining a place at The Canterbury Academy.

- The Canterbury Academy cannot admit students on balance because these students, or their parents, do not like the alternatives that are available.

- There comes a point when one more is too many and we are afraid we are passed that point.

- The Canterbury Academy, regrettably, has to conclude that there is no compelling argument which, on balance, should allow the admission of this child.

Completed by: Jon Watson, Executive Principal Date: March 2021