

A School for all the Talents  
**The Canterbury Academy**  
Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

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The Canterbury Academy Trust  
Schools for all the Talents



*In partnership with Simon Langton  Grammar School for Boys to provide a grammar school band for boys and girls in a comprehensive school for all the talents*

# Welcome to The Canterbury Multi Academy Trust

The Canterbury Multi Academy Trust came into existence in October 2010 when schools judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding' were allowed to convert to academy status, benefit from greater freedoms and shape their futures.

Since then, The Canterbury Academy Trust has grown. It now provides a variety of services 'to improve the life chances of children and to help in the community'. These include: City View Pre-School and Nurseries Ltd; an expanded two form of entry Canterbury Primary School; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for primary ASD pupils; The Canterbury Academy, which has expanded to take an additional form of entry; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for secondary Speech and Language students; The Cullum Centre, in partnership with The National Autistic Society; a newly built specialist provision for students with a hearing impairment; The Sixth Form, Enterprise and Employability Centre, which includes one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent and Medway; The Canterbury Youth Commission, The Ashford Youth Commission, an area wide Inclusion and Engagement Service, and Professional Learning and Community Centre with cafe.

Much of The Canterbury Academy Trust is located on The Canterbury Campus. The Canterbury Campus hosts a number of other providers and thus creates 'a wealth of opportunity' which means we can 'offer as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'. We have a successful partnership with The Langton which offers a grammar school stream in the school for boys and girls, co-operation in planning and delivering provision for students with ASD, A Level teaching and combined delivery of elite Post 16 sport. This enables us to offer a comprehensive education to the children and families of this area and provide a variety of pathways to success in academic study, sport, performing arts, practical learning and enterprise education.



**Mr. Jon Watson**  
Chief Executive Officer of  
The Canterbury Academy Trust

# The Canterbury Academy at The Canterbury Campus

The Canterbury Academy Trust's schools are successful, popular and expanding.

City View Pre-School and Nurseries Ltd continues to increase its number of places. Young children in our nurseries will gain preferential entry to The Canterbury Primary School.

The Canterbury Primary School has been rebuilt to provide a modern, state-of-the-art facility. It is now accepting more pupils. The Primary School has opened a new facility for pupils with ASD. Pupils at The Canterbury Primary School gain preferential entry to The Canterbury Academy.

The Canterbury Academy offers a grammar school stream in partnership with The Langton. This is for girls and boys who may have passed the Kent Test and/or whose abilities are academic. This means that The Canterbury Academy is a comprehensive school. It remains very popular, with an increased demand for places, and has recently completed a £3,250,000 building programme to admit an additional form of entry. In September 2023 The Canterbury Academy will admit 210 students into year 7 and our admissions system means distance need not be a factor.

Students from The Canterbury Academy, and from many other local schools, progress into the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form offers, in partnership with The Langton, the full range of A Levels. It is now one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent and Medway. Distance is not a factor for admission into the Sixth Form.



'A School for all the Talents'



# Welcome to The Canterbury Academy

The Canterbury Academy is a comprehensive 'school for all the talents'. We believe that every learner matters and every child is good at something - that, 'all children walk with genius' - and that school should be the place where children find out what their talent is, or build upon the talent that they know they have.

We believe in the comprehensive ideal. We believe that academic achievement is important and strive for academic excellence, but we also believe that there are other important things. We believe that art, music, drama, sport, practical learning skills, being a good person, caring for and working with others are all important. We believe that all talents and all children should be valued.

Our aim is to provide 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible' so that our students get maximum opportunities to find the things that they will excel in. We offer five pillars of excellence: in academic study, in sport, in performing arts in practical learning with enterprise education, and in extended services.

We enjoy a very successful partnership with The Langton, which provides a grammar school stream at The Canterbury Academy.

We believe in providing students with opportunities to develop personally and socially. We believe that students should be prepared for their increasingly complex world by becoming well-rounded individuals. We believe that all our students should take pride in themselves and respect others. These beliefs are supported through our house system, our school councils and our school uniform.

We believe that education and learning should be enjoyable. At the end of their time with us we want all our young people to leave as happy, positive, confident individuals, proud of what they have achieved, prepared to be life-long learners and ready to play an active and constructive part in society.



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Head of Middle School



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Head of Senior School



**Mrs. Lucy Winslow**  
Head of Sixth Form

The Canterbury Academy was one of the first in Kent to convert to Academy status.

The Canterbury Academy has one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent and Medway and increasing numbers of students go to university. The Canterbury Academy was one of the first all through federations to win recognition as an Advanced Extended School and as a High Performing Specialist School. The Canterbury Academy is an accredited International School. We have taken advantage of the freedoms offered by academy status to shape our curriculum, our provision and our admission to develop a genuinely comprehensive school.

The Canterbury Academy has a variety of partners to enable gifted students to excel in sport. Its teams regularly compete, and win, county and national championships. Students have gone on to compete in the Olympics and gain professional sports contracts.

The Canterbury Academy works in partnership with the Kent School of Performing Arts to provide professional training for gifted performers. Students have gone on to act on stage, screen and TV.

The Canterbury Academy is one of the most popular schools in the area. It is growing and a new building programme will continue to provide more, and better, specialist classrooms.



# Curriculum

The Canterbury Academy's curriculum offers a variety of pathways so that all students can achieve.

All students follow a core curriculum in Key Stage 3 and are then offered a choice in Key Stage 4 which leads to Sixth Form study.

The curriculum is designed to enable academic achievement for all. Students whose gifts are academic will be expected to attain at the highest levels in GCSE and A Level. Students in the Langton Grammar School stream will follow an academic curriculum including; maths, English, English Literature, sciences, history and/or geography and a modern language.

Students who are practically gifted or who have a talent in sport, or who are gifted performers, are catered for in pathways which will provide opportunities for excellence.

The Canterbury Academy is a comprehensive school for all the talents because we believe that all children are good at something and that all children can achieve.



'Every student is good at something'

# Working in partnership with

## Some students are gifted academically

There are approximately 25% of places available in our Langton Grammar School stream for boys and girls.

Students who gain entry to The Canterbury Academy are placed in the grammar school stream if they were judged academically able by The Canterbury Primary School, if they have suitable Key Stage 2 scores and/or teacher assessments, if they haven't taken the Kent Test but have scored highly in our banding assessment, if they have scored highly in the Kent Test, if they are recommended to us by The Langton or if they demonstrate the academic potential to benefit from joining the Langton Stream. At the end of term 1 every student is assessed in every subject to enable us to place them in the most appropriate set. Students can join the Langton stream at any stage in their school career.

The Canterbury Academy's admission system enables us to engineer a genuinely comprehensive intake. We believe it is important for schools to have a mix of students that reflects the society in which they live.

Many students join The Canterbury Academy because they are talented in sport, practical learning or gifted in the performing arts and are placed in the grammar school stream.

The Sixth Form regularly attracts students from other schools, including both grammar and private.



'Academic Excellence'



# The Langton

The partnership between The Langton and The Canterbury Academy is a well-established one. It is founded upon a shared commitment to further improve teaching and learning and to promote increased opportunities for the children in this area.

Such has been the success of this partnership that Senior Vice Principal, Mr. Fox, from The Langton, is now based at The Canterbury Academy full time.

He is responsible for ensuring that students in the grammar school stream are working in the 'Langton way' with appropriate pace, stretch and challenge.

The development of the Langton Stream now involves regular visits, lectures, and educational programmes with our two local universities, Kent and Christ Church, as well as Oxford and Cambridge Universities. We are very proud of the scholarship schemes that we run in partnership with these universities.

Mr. Fox also plans combined learning experiences for students at The Langton and The Canterbury Academy, which include: Langton staff teaching A Levels to students in The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form, Sixth Form students from The Canterbury Academy getting some lessons at The Langton, joint elite rugby and basketball, staff from Langton delivering learning experiences at The Canterbury Academy and joint activity days, when students from both schools meet and benefit from challenging learning activities in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Mr. Fox is also responsible for A Level students in the Sixth Form and UCAS applications. We are a registered Oxbridge examination centre, and each year a number of students take the Oxbridge entrance examinations.



A grammar school stream for boys and girls

# The House System



The House system operates across The Canterbury Academy. The four houses are named after famous individuals, chosen by the students and associated with the city, all of whom demonstrated excellent achievement in the areas that are strengths of The Canterbury Academy - academic learning, sport, performing arts and music, and practical learning. The house system recognises and celebrates all kinds of achievement, provides opportunities for participation in a range of activities, enables students to contribute to decision making about their school and is a mechanism to support others through charitable work.



# Specialist Sports Provision

The Canterbury Academy is able to support high performing sports students. We offer some of the best sports facilities of any state school in the South East of England, including a £4,500,000 sports complex. We work closely with our local community and leading sports organisations. These organisations include: Kent Sport, Appeti Tennis, Canterbury Rugby Club, The Langton, Kent Crusaders Basketball, Cave Hotel and Golf Resorts and numerous primary schools.

Our focus is on the following:

- Supporting the local community through mass participation events for primary school children.
- Providing positive sporting experiences in after school sport for Canterbury Academy students.
- Developing the very best sports students through high-quality talent development programme.

Our key sporting values of honesty, commitment, resilience, respect and leadership underpin all of these objectives.

The Canterbury Academy provides personalised development programmes for students who are genuinely committed to a sport. This can include dedicated training time on their timetable, access to top level coaching, strength and conditioning support, time to compete and a mentor to help balance the demands of training and competition with academic study.

‘Excellence in Sport’



Some students excel in sport

# Music and The Performing Arts 15% Selective

The Canterbury Academy can select 15% of its intake on music and performance aptitude and ability. This is done through an audition with the Director of Performing Arts and Head of Music.

This method of entry to The Canterbury Academy attracts students from all over the county. Distance is irrelevant and so it does not matter how far away you may live; we want to work with students who have a real passion and enthusiasm for the performing arts.

Students who gained entry for music ability and/or have an aptitude for performing can also be placed in the Langton Grammar School stream. Successful students will receive subsidised instrumental tuition (50% discount), weekly professional training in drama, music, dance and performing arts and multiple performance opportunities.

The Canterbury Academy has excellent resources for music including a number of peripatetic tutors, music practice rooms, a professional-recording studio, a wide range of instruments and a Music Technology suite. We also work frequently with industry professionals who offer workshops and industry training.

Anyone is invited to audition, whether you have years of experience or just a genuine love of the performing arts.

‘Excellence in Performing Arts’



Some students are gifted in music

# Performing Arts, Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre



At The Canterbury Academy, Performing Arts is a specialism. We believe the arts are very important and will not 'cut' them.

The Canterbury Academy provides students with a range of excellent facilities and first-class resources. The Performing Arts Centre has seating for nearly two hundred people. It includes a bespoke blacked out drama studio rigged with professional sound and stage lighting systems. The school has a number of dance studios and a professional recording studio also.

Students benefit from development programmes with training from industry professionals, opportunities to perform at prestigious events and a specialist mentor to balance the demands of professional performances and academic study. Some students can benefit from agency representation, and all selective performing arts students are represented by Kent School of Performing Arts Agency.

# Practical Learning

The Canterbury Academy has a breadth of subjects and pathways to offer students excellence in Practical Learning and Enterprise Education.

We provide courses in vocational education and we introduce students to work related learning. We can offer learning opportunities outside of 'normal' school hours.

We deliver industry recognised qualifications and provide skills to enable each student to be better prepared for work, to achieve economic wellbeing and to play an active, positive role in the community.

Through a partnership with The Peter Jones Academy and The Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy, we provide an innovative approach to hands on business learning. Students experience running businesses for profit, which can then be used to start their own business.

Our aim is for students to leave us either with their own business or as a partner in a business, with the skills employers crave, with a place at university or a combination of them all.

The facilities we have include: a hair salon, a beauty therapy room, an indoor and outdoor skate park, working in collaboration with The Canterbury Skate Project, a construction centre and professional kitchens.

'Excellence in Practical Learning'



Some students are practical learners

# Sixth Form

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form continues the comprehensive ideal. The Academy will seek to provide programmes which are in the interest of each student rather than expect each student to fit in with the interests of The Academy. Schools exist for their students, not the other way around.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form is one of the largest in the county. This means that it can offer an impressive range of courses and qualifications.

The Sixth Form offers the full range of facilitating A Levels. It offers Level 3 BTEC qualifications and Level 2 qualifications. It offers industry relevant qualifications. It offers the opportunity to continue with maths and English.

It offers flexibility of study times. It offers flexibility of study programmes. It offers flexibility of entry requirements.

The Sixth Form attracts many students from elsewhere, including local grammar schools, into its A Level provision through its flexible timetabling and combining A Level with other courses.

The Sixth Form also attracts students specifically into the Sports and Performing Arts academies.

‘A Sixth Form for all the Talents’



# Sixth Form Sports Programme

Specialist Sixth Form sport academies provide students with highly professional training programmes to take their sport to another level.

These high-quality programmes combine academic or vocational study with daily training and regular competition. Our staff have high levels of experience across elite sport and many of them have worked in professional sport environments. Our football, basketball and cricket teams all won county competitions in 2023.

We have a developmental environment that enables us to match programmes to individual needs. We are able to provide students with access to highly qualified coaches and sports science staff. We now have a full-time sports scientist enhancing the training schedules for our students.

We want our students to remain passionate about their sport when they leave us and to have had a rich and enjoyable experience in our Sixth Form.

We currently focus on the following sports: Athletics, basketball, cricket, football, golf, hockey, rugby, netball and triathlon.



‘Excellence in Sport’

Some students excel in sport



# Sporting Academies

Our athletics academy is also able to cater for students specialising in any alternative sports, and can provide them with a daily training programme designed to equip them with the necessary fitness requirements for their sport. Boxing, judo, karate, American Football and ice skating are amongst some of the recent sports to be included in this programme.

Some of our students have competed at the highest level and a few have gone on to participate in The Olympics, gained professional sports contracts, represented their countries and earned sports scholarships at universities abroad. An increasing number of students have been accepted onto sports science degrees at established UK universities, with some students deciding to do an additional year in our Sixth Form, undertaking personal training qualifications delivered by industry professionals.



'Excellence in Sport'

The Canterbury Institute of Sport

# Performing Arts Academies

These are highly professional programmes which combine academic or applied study. Many students have gone on to appear on stage, in film and on TV. Many have gone on to top universities both in this country and abroad.

The Acting Academy delivers industry standard tuition and training under the guidance of professional actors and directors. There are opportunities for representation from a top class talent agency and to audition for stage, screen and TV roles.

The Music Academy is for vocalists, instrumentalists, songwriters, aspiring producers and studio engineers looking for a career in the music industry.

The Dance Academy is the first of its kind in Kent, teaching techniques, performance and choreography.

The Musical Theatre Academy offers performance-based training in the three core skills of dance, drama and singing.

All these academies can offer a personalised training plan to optimise fitness, strength and stamina, working with the Academy's professional fitness and flexibility coach.



'Excellence in Performing Arts'



Some students excel in performing arts

# Admission

There are two ways to gain admission

1. **Music and performing arts selection.**

There are 15% (31) of places reserved for this. It is determined by auditions.

This method of admission means **distance from the school is completely irrelevant.**

2. **The banding assessment.** This is NOT an entry test. It enables us to engineer a comprehensive academic intake which contains children who are good at something; whether that be academic study, sport, performing arts or practical learning. Once we have assessed which 'band' a child is in we rank order each band in this order:

1<sup>st</sup> in = Child in Care

2<sup>nd</sup> in = Child at Canterbury Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> in = Child with sibling at school at time of banding assessment

4<sup>th</sup> in = Child with health need

Last in = Distance from school

The banding assessment can significantly **reduce distance from the school as a factor.**



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A wide-angle photograph of Canterbury Cathedral, a large Gothic-style stone building with multiple spires, situated on a hill overlooking a town. The sky is clear and blue.

## 'A School for all the Talents'

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