

The journey starts here  
**The Canterbury Primary School**  
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; 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.

The Canterbury Primary School is one of the most popular schools in the area and has been rebuilt to provide a modern, spacious school with state-of-the-art facilities.



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



# A wealth of opportunity



# Welcome to The Canterbury Primary School



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The Canterbury Primary School is a popular, happy and friendly school which is set in spacious grounds within The Canterbury Academy Trust campus. We are close to the city but have unrivalled facilities in our state-of-the-art school, which was opened in September 2015.

We are a comprehensive 'school for all the talents' and believe that 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.

As part of The Canterbury Academy Trust, we provide an education and learning experience that is enjoyable. We strive to improve the life chances of our children and help within the community. Our aim is to provide 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible' so that our children leave as confident individuals, proud of what they have achieved and are ready for the next stage of learning. We offer four pillars of excellence: in academic study, in sport, in performing arts and in practical learning.

We believe in providing students with opportunities to develop personally and socially. We are passionate about preparing students for their increasingly complex world. 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.

At our school, the children really do come first. Children and staff alike are encouraged to achieve their personal best within a friendly, caring and nurturing environment.



# The Canterbury Academy Trust at The Canterbury Campus

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

City View Pre-School and Nurseries will increase its number of places. Due to the location of City View Pre-School and Nurseries children will benefit from a smooth transition to The Canterbury Primary School.

The Canterbury Primary School has been rebuilt to provide a modern state of the art facility which can admit over 420 pupils. 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. Pupils at the primary school can benefit from accelerated learning opportunities because of this link. The Canterbury Academy is so popular that it expanded to admit an additional form of entry in September 2017.

There are very few primary schools in the country that have access to the academic, sports, performing arts and practical learning facilities and resources available to The Canterbury Academy Trust. These, and the opportunities they offer, are exceptional.

'The journey starts here'







# Success speaks for itself

The Canterbury Primary School converted to academy status in 2010. The Canterbury Primary School and The Canterbury Academy were one of the first all - through federations in the country. We were one of the first primary schools in the country to win recognition as an Advanced Extended School and were identified as one of the one hundred most improved schools. The Canterbury Primary School was asked to provide a facility for primary ASD pupils. The learning environment that The Canterbury Primary School offers is outstanding.



# A curriculum to enjoy, inspire, challenge and stretch

At The Canterbury Primary School we strive for successful, determined, imaginative learners and our rich and relevant curriculum is planned and delivered with our vision and values at its core.

Our main learning takes place through well thought out topics, which include trips, visitors to the school and themed days, in order to further enrich the children's experiences. Personal and social development plays a significant part in our school, with dedicated lesson time focusing on this aspect of the children's education.

Each class learns six new topics a year (one per term), to encourage a broad range of experiences. All topics are mapped against the National Curriculum programmes of study and begin with a launch experience, which aims to immerse the children in the learning to come.

Preparing students for transition from primary to secondary school plays a large part in the curriculum. This happens through developing independence and resilience in our students throughout the curriculum, building in Year 6, as well as through a bespoke transition programme at the end of Year 6.

The curriculum is also enriched and enhanced by the 'Wealth of Opportunity' at The Canterbury Campus.

The Canterbury Primary School has pupils who 'enjoy learning and behave well'.

*'A wealth of opportunity'*



# Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage follows on from the excellent work at City View Pre-School and Nurseries. The pupils are safe, happy and thriving in their stimulating classrooms. The pupils also benefit from the purpose built outdoor learning environment.

At The Canterbury Primary School, we believe that our Early Years Foundation Stage is crucial to the development of key skills, which will be built upon throughout our school journey and beyond. It is our intent that the children who enter our EYFS develop physically, verbally, emotionally, creatively, intellectually, and spiritually whilst embedding a positive attitude to school and learning to enable each child to achieve their full potential.

We set high expectations throughout all areas of school life and beyond. In our Reception Class we introduce our reward system, which now includes our metacognition codes. We are committed to the unique child approach and develop an environment of acceptance and support for all children. We believe that all children deserve to be valued as individuals and we are passionate in supporting all children to achieve their full, unique potential. Our Reception classes follow the EYFS curriculum, which has seven principal areas of learning.

‘A School for all the Talents’





# Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 pupils focus on learning and mastering the basics that are the foundations for all future learning.

The pupils are supported to extend their own learning and are encouraged to work collaboratively when appropriate.

Key Stage 1 pupils begin to play an active role in their school by being voted into The School Council.

To further develop international learning pupils are introduced to modern foreign languages, French and Spanish, at an early age.

Key Stage 1 pupils have an extensive range of after school activities to further learning.

‘Learn, Live, Laugh’



# Key Stage 2

The pupils secure their knowledge and understanding of Maths and English.

The staff from The Canterbury Academy can be deployed to offer a greater degree of subject specialism in the three core subjects of Maths, English and Science, which provides greater stretch and challenge.

There are enrichment and engagement afternoons in activities including Design Technology, Sport, Gymnastics, Art, Dance, Performing Arts, Animal Care and Cooking.

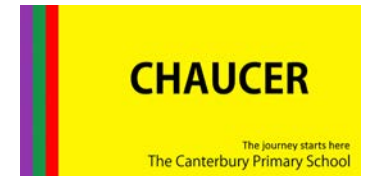
The Curriculum is supported through a range of exciting trips to enhance topics and learning.

‘Academic Excellence’





# The House System



The House system operates across The Canterbury Academy Trust. The four houses are named after famous individuals associated with the city, all of whom demonstrated excellent achievement in the areas that are strengths of The Canterbury Academy Trust - academic learning, sport, performing arts and music. The house system recognises and celebrates achievement, provides opportunities for participation in a range of activities, enables pupils to contribute to decision making about their school, enables them to take on leadership roles and is a way our pupils can support others through charitable work.



# Extended services and enrichment activities

The Canterbury Primary School has access to ALL the facilities and resources of The Canterbury Academy. This means we can offer many more after school activities.

We offer full wrap around care which includes a breakfast club from 7.45am and our 3-2-6 provision which means our pupils can stay with us until 6.00pm and engage in fun learning activities using the latest technology.

There is a wide variety of after school activities including football, tag rugby, homework, forest school, handball, tennis and art and crafts.

There are activities in music, drama and dance. The school has its own performing arts studio.

There are activities using creative and practical subjects such as cooking and art.

The school also provides a large number of trips and visits.

There are holiday activities which attract children from the area as they are enjoyable, engaging and interesting.

The school delivers forest school lessons led by a trained forest school teacher.

We promote animal care through our children having the responsibility to look after our school guinea pigs.

**'As much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'**





# Partnerships for learning

The Canterbury Primary School, as part of The Canterbury Academy Trust, benefits from a wide range of partnerships which mean our pupils access a wide variety of engagement and enrichment activities with specialist providers.

All the resources of The Canterbury Academy Trust, including specialist staffing expertise, are available to the pupils of The Canterbury Primary School.

The pupils can have specialist tennis lessons at The Appeti Tennis Centre on Campus.

The pupils use the multi-million pound Sports Centre and facilities on Campus.

In October 2017, the Primary Institute for Performing Arts was launched, which mirrors our Sixth Form and Junior Institute programmes, for talented Key Stage 2 students. Talented pupils receive free weekly tuition in singing, acting and dance - as well as taking part in spotlight performances in our many high-profile events. All selective performing arts students are represented by The Kent School of Performing Arts Agency.



‘Excellence in Sport’

‘Excellence in Performing Arts’



# The Canterbury Primary School and The Canterbury Academy

Pupils from The Canterbury Primary benefit from being part of The Canterbury Academy Trust because of the link with The Canterbury Academy.

The Canterbury Academy has its grammar school stream provided in partnership with The Langton.

All pupils at The Canterbury Primary School will gain preferential entry to The Canterbury Academy and benefit from the comprehensive provision based upon academic excellence, sporting excellence, excellence in performing arts and excellence in practical learning and enterprise education.

The Canterbury Primary will not promote or prepare pupils for The Kent Test. Teacher assessment and Key Stage results reveal the pupils whose gifts are academic and they will progress to The Langton grammar stream in The Canterbury Academy.



‘Excellence in Practical Learning’



City View Pre-School and Nurseries was established in 1988. It has two locations, with the largest based at The Canterbury Academy Trust.

City View caters for children from three months to five years, across four rooms:

- Caterpillar Room for the under 2-year olds
- Ladybird Room for the 2-3-year olds
- Butterfly Room for the 3-4-year olds
- Bumblebee Room for the rising 4-5-year olds
- Large hall space for our breakfast/after-school clubs and extra curriculum activities

At City View, fun and learning go hand-in-hand. We believe that having a qualified teacher in each of our settings supports high-quality learning outcomes for all of our children. We have come a long way since we introduced qualified teachers into our provision, and we believe that this has helped to raise the standards of learning to a high quality; the high standards of provision inspire the children to learn and encourage them to reach their full potential.

Each child will have their own Key Person who will develop a strong emotional and social attachment with the child and their family. Through sharing information with parents/carers, each Key Person can ensure that each child has someone at the nursery who knows them really well, who understands their individual needs, and who supports their emotional well-being.

Our rooms offer a variety of new experiences for the children to develop their own interests through play and exploration. The children can choose where they would like to play in our carefully designed open-plan room, or in the outside area.

Each room has an outside learning environment, which encourages children to understand about the world around them. We embrace all weathers as this allows children to have richer learning experiences.

We also have a provision in Wincheap. Wincheap Pre-School is in the heart of Canterbury within the Wincheap Primary School grounds. Our pre-school has its own separate outside learning environment, which encourages children to understand about their natural world. This can be accessed all year round.

Why not come and see for yourself? We would be delighted to show you around. We are confident that you will enjoy our high standard of provision, which meets the distinct needs of our children and their families.



City View Pre-School and Nurseries





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