

The Canterbury Academy

Excellence in Performing Arts



Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

Selective Music and Performing Arts



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

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

15% Selective Music and Performing Arts

The Canterbury Academy is a school for all the talents

The Canterbury Academy wishes to offer children and parents an alternative to the binary choice of grammar school and secondary modern. The Canterbury Academy has, because of its size, developed a comprehensive provision and also sees educational and social value in having a diverse intake which reflects the society that the school serves.

The Canterbury Academy believes that 'all children walk with genius' and every child is good at something. In order to enable students to discover what they can be good at, or build upon that which they know they are, The Canterbury Academy is based upon a university style campus, with exceptional facilities, to offer 'a wealth of opportunity' and 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'.

All children have gifts. Some are talented in sport. Some are talented in the performing and visual arts. Some are practically gifted. Some have entrepreneurial flair. Some have academic gifts. Many students are good at more than one thing.

The Canterbury Academy offers students 4 pillars of excellence: in sport; in performing arts; in practical learning and enterprise education; and, in academic study.

Students on the selective music and performing arts scheme are part of our Junior Institute of Performing Arts.

The Junior Institute of Performing Arts students receive:

- Up to two hours of dance per fortnight.
- Up to two hours of drama per fortnight.
- A minimum two hours of music per fortnight.
- Two further hours per fortnight in dance, drama, music or musical theatre.
- A minimum of one private music lesson per week in a chosen instrument (including voice), with a 50% discount.

PLUS, a comprehensive stage school experience (usually on offer only at fee-paying performing arts schools), including:

- Up to four hours of training per fortnight working in selective music ensembles and high-profile public performances.
- Up to two hours of training per fortnight with Cascade, a world-championship Street Dance training school, now working in partnership with the Canterbury Academy.
- A ninety-minute training and rehearsal of professional musicals (JIPA) with productions twice yearly.

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Performing Arts Year 7 to 9

- Access to a specialist mentor group run by experienced performing arts staff, to support students manage academic commitments and their intensive rehearsal and training demands.
- Flexible timetabling, to ensure students can be granted leave for auditions and professional work submissions for the latest castings.
- Audition coaching from industry professionals.
- Exclusive workshops from West End and Broadway professionals, including film and television actors.

Selective Music and Performing Arts Scheme

Applications are welcome from any student who plays a musical instrument, who sings, or acts, or dances; and has a genuine interest in performing arts. Selection is by audition.

- Successful music applicants will be expected to take up vocal or instrumental tuition.
- This tuition is subsidised by The Governing Body.
- Successful applicants will also be expected to attend at least one Junior Institute of Performing Arts club each week.
- All students in our Junior Institute of Performing Arts will be expected to perform at events.
- There will be group visits to concerts, shows, exhibitions and workshops.
- The selective music scheme develops a range of musical skills.
- Tuition has been available in all of the following: flute, clarinet, cornet, tuba, oboe, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, bassoon, violin, guitar, piano, percussion, drums and voice.
- Graded examinations will be available for a variety of instruments.
- Students will normally be expected to take GCSE Music, and/or Drama and Performing Arts.



‘A School for all the Talents’

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