The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

A Sixth Form for all the Talents



Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



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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

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The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form for 'all the talents' is based upon The Canterbury Campus, which offers 'a wealth of opportunity' and seeks to replicate the ambiance of Higher Education. Being one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent, it provides a wide range of courses, fulfilling our aim to offer 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible.'

The Canterbury Academy's Practical Learning and Enterprise Pathway

As part of this offer students can study a range of subjects within the Sixth Form, including:

Product Design, Resistant Materials, Chefs' Academy, Women's and Men's Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Health and Social Care and Child Development, Photography, Art and Design, Construction and the Canterbury Skate Project with its own skate ramps and deck building facilities.

Each subject has dedicated pathways available for students to ensure that they are able to progress on the individual route that is suitable for that individual.

Provision

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers a very broad and flexible curriculum that is akin to a university. With the teaching timetable running from 9am to 6pm every day, we are able to offer a very broad range of subjects and specialisms. Each subject offers unique enrichments and bespoke provision; if students pick a particular industry-based qualification, work experience will be factored into this to help them gain industry experience alongside the qualification. If the more traditional BTEC pathway is appropriate, then workshops and opportunities with local universities and employers will be embedded as part of the curriculum.

Links

We are the first school in the country to host an Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy and Esports course. Amelix is a unique concept in hands-on business learning. Students will experience running actual businesses for profit. This profit will then be used for them to start their own business. The aim is simple: the students will leave either with their own business, as a partner in a business or with the skills employers crave, a place at university or a combination of them all.

The concept is derived from the belief that young people are not, normally, given the opportunities to experience real life business issues. All too often they are protected from 'real life' situations which mean that when faced with difficulties, later in life, they do not have the skillset to survive and thrive. The course is a triple BTEC award, equivalent to three A Levels.





'A wealth of opportunity'

Last year thirty-five of our students went on to study at the University of Kent or Canterbury Christ Church University. We have developed a very close working relationship with both of these universities and are able to offer our sixth formers a specialised and supportive UCAS programme.

This includes:

- Preferential offers due to our partnership status
- Taster days in every subject. In June we offered nine taster days including Midwifery and Nursing at all stages, as well as primary school teaching
- UCAS application workshops

Our partnership with Lloyds Banking group has been successful in providing work placements for students within the Sixth Form. They have been working on providing students with internships and opportunities to visit local branches and the head office based in London.

Enrichment

Our teaching ethos is centred on ensuring students can reach their potential and progress to the most suitable destination for them. At the same time, we are aware that sixth form study should allow students to explore their subject outside the classroom. To facilitate this, we offer and arrange a number of extra-curricular opportunities. Below are a few examples from some of our subject areas that have taken place in the last academic year:

- BAYSIXTY6 Skate Park visit and F51 in Folkestone
- Visit to Canterbury Christ Church Nursing and Midwifery workshops
- Visits to local employers and tours around organisations such as Mansfield Farms and Lloyds Banks
- Erasmus Employability project with trips to Latvia, Munich, Italy and the Czech Republic
- Working with local employers through work experience with a range of subjects and careers covered, from the NHS to Abode restaurant and hotel

Our Culture

Our vision of a school for all the talents is as important to us in Year 7 as it is in Year 13. We aim to support our sixth formers to develop and flourish in the Sixth Form and develop their talents. Within the Practical Learning pillar, we strive to offer our students every opportunity for further development open to them at the end of their period of study at the Academy. We want to equip them with the skills they need to succeed at their next learning destination.

Every student who accesses the practical learning subject areas has the opportunity to achieve in something, learn new skills and/or develop a passion for new learning that could lead into further education and a career.



Contact Information

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'A university style campus for sixth form students'

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