

**Admission Appeal**  
**Secondary School – The Canterbury Academy**  
**Admission Appeal for Year 7 in September 2024**

Published Admission Number for Year 7: 210
Number of Applications received: 942
How many places were offered on national offer day: 210, plus 6 offered places in the special resource-based provision

<b>Places Offered – (<i>Please catalog oversubscription criteria along with the numbers allocated on National offer day for each catalog. If the numbers in each individual catalog is below 5, please state &lt;5 (so individual children cannot be identified)</i>)</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
<p>a) A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.</p> <p>A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.</p> <p>A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.</p>	
b) Places are then awarded to children on roll at The Canterbury Primary School (as part of The Canterbury Multi-Academy Trust) at the time of application for a place at secondary transfer.	
c) Children with a brother or sister attending The Canterbury Academy (or the Canterbury Primary School) when the child starts. In this context brother or sister means a child who lives as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.	
d) Child of a permanent member of staff at The Canterbury Academy and The Canterbury Primary School, providing the child lives in the same property as the member of staff. In this context child means a natural son/daughter, stepchild, adopted or fostered child. Members of staff must have been employed for two years or more at the time of application for school admissions is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy or post which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. The definition does not include contract or temporary staff.	
e) Health and Special Access Reasons – Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the academy’s legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend The Canterbury Academy. Equally, this priority will apply to children whose parents’/guardians’ physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend this particular academy. Such claims will need to be supported	

by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and The Canterbury Academy.	
<p>f) Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. A child's home is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence (not an address at which the child may sometimes stay or sleep) and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased or rented to them under a lease or written rental agreement. Where partners live apart but share responsibility for the child, and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays. A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the academy. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block or have the same distance and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the academy, the names will be allocated a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place. An area map is available at <a href="http://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk">www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk</a></p>	
Total number of pupils offered a place;	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• In relation to our oversubscription criteria for admissions;</li> </ul>
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- a) Xxxx is not a Child in Care.
- b) xxxx is not seeking a place in year 7 based on being previously on roll at The Canterbury Primary School.
- c) xxxx has no current sibling connection.
- d) xxxx is not a child of a permanent member of staff
- e) When applying for a place there was no mention of claims through medical conditions or special educational needs.
- f) Therefore, xxxx would fall into the last criteria of distance, xxxx miles from The Canterbury Academy.
- g) xxxx did not sit the banding assessment, the key priority in our admission process.

- 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.

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