

# The Canterbury Academy

## Academic Excellence



Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

## The Langton Link and Academic Excellence



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

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# Four Pillars of Excellence

## 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.

## Academic excellence

The Canterbury Academy has a well established and successful partnership with The Langton which is now in its tenth year. This partnership includes elite sport, the teaching of A level and a grammar school stream at the Canterbury Academy. In 2023, 208 sixth form students applied to University, a number of these applied to Oxbridge, with a high number being successful in gaining places at Russell group universities. Year 11 academic results were excellent, with 100% pass rate at grades 4-9 (A\* - C) in the Langton stream.

## The Langton Grammar School at Canterbury Academy

- The Langton stream consists of sets which are based upon academic ability, aptitude and application. The students who are in them will be together for the academic core curriculum of maths, English, science, history, geography, RE and at least one modern language.
- In the other more practical, imaginative, creative, visual, technical, artistic, and kinesthetic subjects, there will be mixed ability sets. This is because The Canterbury Academy recognises different students are good at different things and because the school believes in the comprehensive ideal.

The grammar school stream attracts, and includes, students for a variety of reasons and in a variety of different ways:

- Some students may gain entry because they demonstrate the necessary habits, aptitudes and determination to succeed academically and show the potential and aptitude for academic study suggested by primary recommendation, Key Stage 2 scores, Kent Test scores (if taken) or our data (including the banding assessment).
- Some students, and their parents, may prefer the broader offer and the more representative mix of children that a comprehensive school offers.
- Some students will be interested in the grammar school stream because they wish to study academically and pursue their gift in sport, or performing arts, and maybe gain a scholarship.
- Some students will gain entry because of the recommendation of our partner grammar school, The Langton.
- Students may gain entry to the Langton stream at any stage in their school career.

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The Canterbury Academy does not really believe that a 'test' at the age of 10, or 11, can, let alone should, determine the next 7 or 8 years of a child's life.

## There are specific systems and structures in place to support the academically able

- The Langton Stream is monitored by a member of the Langton's senior staff who, because of the success and growth of this partnership, has been seconded full time to The Canterbury Academy. He is always available to parents should they wish to make an appointment to speak with him.
- Students will be given an academic mentor to monitor academic performance and plan the next stage of a learning journey, including identification of appropriate university courses and wider training opportunities.
- The Directors of Teaching and Learning for Maths, English, Science, Humanities and Languages all have schemes of work to ensure that the academically able are challenged at the appropriate level.
- There are plans in place which enable Year 7, 8 and 9 students in The Langton stream, and those at The Langton and Simon Langton Girls' Grammar schools to take common assessments in maths, English and science.

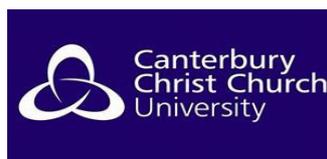
## Enrichment

As our students progress through the Academy, we maintain stretch and challenge to ensure progress is maintained by an array of events, partnerships and links, that allow our students to maximise their academic gifts.

These include:

- Stretch and challenge workshops and sessions at The Simon Langton School for Boys and Girls in the EBacc subjects.
- Shared A level teaching between Langton and Academy staff.
- Participation in research and/or enterprise projects.
- Targeted Higher Education UCAS application support for High Achievers.
- University Taster days at The University of Kent and Christ Church University.
- Arrangements for preferential entry to universities.
- Bursary awards for universities.
- STEM and EBacc enrichment weeks every term, for students in all years, to enthuse and stretch learning outside of the curriculum.

## Academic Scholarships



The Canterbury Academy, through the academic pillar, will offer a bespoke scholarship for students in years 7-11. In partnership with the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University students will be able to follow specific pathways in specialist university programmes. These include law, medicine, linguistics and architecture. This will enable, from an early age, both a generic and specific understanding of particularly unique and competitive courses.

We are very excited about this novel and academically stimulating venture. Our academic scholarships offer a wealth of opportunities including;

- A Law Degree in a Day - specialist introduction to the principles of law
- Languages a la carte - how to study and learn language skills
- A day in the life of a medical student- an introduction to medicine at the new Kent and Medway Medical School



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