

The Canterbury Academy

A School for all the Talents



Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



'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

Four Pillars of Excellence

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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 it also sees the 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.

Practical Learning and Enterprise Education Excellence

In our Practical Learning and Enterprise Education pillar we have a breadth of opportunities enabling our students to access the wonderful facilities on the Academy campus, on a weekly basis, as part of their curriculum.

In Years 7 and 8 students have access to all subjects within this pillar on their timetables. These subjects such as Art, Food Technology, Resistant Materials and Design technology provide students with an insight into the industry at every stage and allow for a progression route through to post-16 education or training. There are opportunities for extra enrichment and clubs, which are highly popular, and which help to inspire and encourage enthusiasm for the subjects.

In addition to this, in Year 10, students will access work experience, a careers fair and opportunities to focus on how to complete a CV, how to prepare for interviews and how to look at their next steps for future employment or university.

As part of our students' journey through this pillar, we provide pathways which allow students access to our first-class facilities including a hair salon, beauty therapy suite, indoor and outdoor skate park and professional kitchens.



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Links

Everything we teach is supported by opportunities to work with local organisations and our community to provide these experiences in and outside of the classroom. These include the Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy, our principal business partner who support and provide our learners with a wealth of opportunities. In 2020 we were very proud to celebrate the success of one of our sixth form students in reaching the finals of the National Entrepreneur of the Year competition with the Peter Jones Academy.

Students are offered a meaningful enterprise education and the Academy is committed to providing young people with experiences and opportunities to excel in this area. Through a partnership with The Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy, students are provided with 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.

Other partnerships, such as the one with the Lloyds Banking group, have also been successful in providing work placements for students in the secondary phase and within the Sixth Form. They support students with internships and opportunities to visit local branches and Head offices based in London.

Enrichment and Scholarship opportunities in Practical learning and Enterprise Education.

Our vision of a school for all talents is as important to us in Year 7 as it is in Year 13. 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.

In collaboration with the Academic pillar we have a successful Erasmus programme, which provides students with the chance to work with partner schools from Germany, Italy, Latvia and the Czech Republic, giving students a broader perspective of studying and working abroad.

Our teaching ethos is centered on ensuring students can reach their potential and progress to the most suitable destination for them. We offer and arrange a number of Bespoke Practical scholarships opportunities in years 7-11 . Below are a few examples from some of our subject areas that have taken place in the last academic year:

- Visits to Canterbury Christ Church Nursing and Midwifery workshops
- Visits to local employers and tours around organisations such as Mansfield Farms and Lloyds Banks
- Erasmus projects with trips to Latvia, Germany, Italy and The Czech Republic.
- Working with local employers through work experience with a range of subjects and careers covered, from the NHS to The Abode Restaurant and Hotel
- Specialist mentoring programme
- Dedicated careers pathway guidance and advice
- Tailored workshops and guest speakers

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