

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

A Sixth Form for all the Talents



Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

The Canterbury Institute for Performing Arts



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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.'

Part of this offer is **The Canterbury Institute for Performing Arts**.

This is a unique professional training college, the largest in Kent, with full-time training Academies in Dance, Musical Theatre, Acting, Music and Production Arts. It is designed to mirror The BRIT School and the top professional stage schools in London (i.e. Italia Conti, Arts Ed).

Students follow integrated A Level or BTEC qualifications taught by outstanding, qualified full-time teachers. Our students also get a "real world" vocational experience in their chosen field through a further day of training every week from industry professionals. This prepares our students for their future careers in the performing arts industries, as well as opening them up to castings, performance opportunities and paid professional work throughout their two or three years with us. All of our students are also professionally represented by the **Kent School of Performing Arts**, enabling them to audition for work in film, TV and theatre.

The Canterbury Institute for Performing Arts offers the following academies:

The Dance Academy In addition to the 20 hours per fortnight of lessons and training as part of BTEC Extended Diploma, students receive 8 hours of training per week. Students become members of a Dance Company and perform at events including 'Move It' (Main Stage), The Brighton Festival, The Canterbury Festival, The Marlowe Theatre and much more.

The Musical Theatre Academy In addition to the 20 hours per fortnight of lessons and training as part of BTEC Extended Diploma, students receive 1 full day of training per week as part of their Professional Training Practice. Generally, this training takes the form of rehearsing for two fully-produced musicals per year, performed at local venues including The Gulbenkian Theatre and the Marlowe Theatre. Musical Theatre students also receive a one-day 'master class' every six weeks in vocal, dance, acting or musical theatre skills from a guest lecturer from the industry.

The Acting Academy In addition to the 20 hours per fortnight of lessons and training as part of BTEC Extended Diploma students also participate in the Professional Training Practice sessions with a focus on stage acting skills. They perform in two professional venues every year and have intensive training in naturalism, physical theatre, acting for TV and screen and theatre training. Acting students also enjoy professionally-led masterclasses throughout their two-year studies.



'A wealth of opportunity'

'Every student is good at something'

The Music Academy In addition to the 20 hours per fortnight of lessons and training as part of BTEC Extended diploma students receive 1 full day per week in training from songwriters, composers, managers and agents active in the music industry. Students are guided to form bands and ensembles, as well as cultivating their solo careers, with the aim to get paid work while on this course. In the past, Music Academy bands have performed at such high-profile venues as Wembley Stadium, have twice won The Canterbury Festival's Track Record competition and competed against professional adult bands from Kent.

The Production Arts Academy In addition to the 20 hours per fortnight of lessons and training as part of BTEC Extended Diploma, students study the skills of set design and construction, stage management, lighting and sound design and operation and much more. This is achieved via weekly timetabled lessons and 'on-the job' practical experience supporting an array of plays, concerts and musicals at The Canterbury Academy, The Marlowe Theatre and a range of other venues. All of the performances are led by our Production Arts Academy.

Positive Destinations

Over the past five years, CPA students have gone on to study at prestigious and specialist institutions including:

- RADA
- East 15
- Arts Educational, London
- Trinity Laban
- Urdang
- Guildhall
- Emil Dale
- Italia Conti

The Canterbury Institute for Performing Arts will always support its students if they audition and when they have work on stage, screen or TV.

While studying with us students have found paid professional work in:

- Films (Wonder Woman, Les Miserables, Empire of Light, Sherlock Holmes)
- Television (BBC 1, ITV, The History Channel, Sky 1)
- Disneyland Paris
- Music Videos (Christina Aguilera)
- National television commercials (Cadbury's, McDonalds)



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Contact Information

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