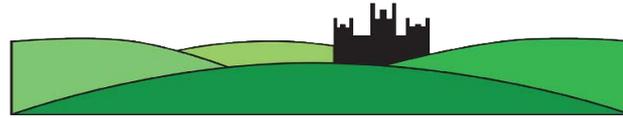


# The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

A Sixth Form for all the Talents



Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

## The Academic Learning Programme



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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 an impressive range of Level 3 qualifications, based upon A Level, the availability of university-style study centres, partnerships which offer greater breadth of provision and a flexibility of approach. This means that The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form can meet the needs of increasing numbers of young adults as they take their next steps to apprenticeships, employment, setting up their own businesses or progressing to university.

## **The Canterbury Academy's Academic Pathway offers:**

A Level qualifications across the academic spectrum, including all the facilitating subjects, and including many 'minority' subjects which may have been reduced, marginalised or eliminated from smaller sixth forms. Students studying A Level typically, but not necessarily automatically, consider progressing to university. BTEC Level 3 qualifications are also offered across a wide range of areas, which carry the same UCAS point scores for entry to higher education but which also link to careers in identified areas of social policy and economic activity. The partnership with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys enables the offer of more A Levels and at more times, thus enhancing flexibility, allowing many Academy students to be taught at, or by staff from, Langton this year.

**The Partnership with Kent Language School** enables The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form to provide almost any language to GCSE or A Level (e.g. Mandarin, Portuguese, Arabic and Russian) either as part of a programme of study, for any student joining the Sixth Form or as an addition to it, where students already are bi or tri-lingual. This opens up many opportunities for our students in this increasingly interconnected world, as they can communicate in more than one language.

**The Partnerships with The University of Kent and Christ Church University College** enable us to offer our Sixth Formers a very supportive programme, including UCAS workshops, course taster days (this year in history, maths, law, criminology and politics), experience of debates (this year including 21st century terrorism, Brexit, the role of the monarchy and The General Election) and preferential entry offers for places at our local universities.

## **University Applications and Aiming High**

In 2023-2024 the Academy had 156 successful university applications. Over 10 percent of these applicants secured a place at a Russell Group university. For the last 3 years, we have been an Oxbridge examinations centre, to allow students to apply for some of the most prestigious universities at Oxford or Cambridge. Recently we have had students apply for history, law, psychology, medicine, dentistry and maths. To support and encourage academic progress we operate a Year 12 aspirational group. This programme ensures academically strong students are offered a range of super-curricular activities. These include; visits, academic mentoring and support schemes with our partner colleges at Oxford, St Hugh's and Queens at Cambridge.

We also encourage academically strong students to take an EPQ (Extended Programme Qualification) which gives them half an extra A Level.

**'A wealth of opportunity'**

# 'Every student is good at something'

**The Partnership with The Peter Jones Enterprise Academy** is unique in the country and enables young adults to experience setting up their own businesses, since the role of a school is not just to create the employees of the future but also the employers.

We are the first school in the country to host an **Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy**. It 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.

**Specialisms** in enterprise, sport and performing arts can also be available to students on an academic pathway.

**The Sixth Form** at The Canterbury Academy Trust is based on the comprehensive ideal. It believes that all students are good at something. It is an open Sixth Form that genuinely seeks to enable all its students to succeed. A necessary part of this is quality IAG and support systems which are as important for academically able students as they are for all others.

**Information, Advice and Guidance** is an important part of our offer. The Academy Trust employs its own specialists who have helped 150 students progress to over 40 different universities in 2021. Over the years students have applied and been accepted to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities.

**Personalisation and Flexibility** remain our guiding principles, as we see the Sixth Form existing to help our students do as well as they can, rather than seeing our students as existing to help make the school look as good as possible in league tables. Thus, we will always try to accommodate genuine and well thought through requests for entry to our programmes.

**Enrichment** We believe that the Sixth Form should encourage wider thinking and be a place of exploration and discovery. We arrange a number of extra-curricular opportunities including visits to the law courts, visits to parliament, Model United Nations Conferences in Berlin, forensic science days at UKC, Q & A sessions with the General Election candidates and science research days, with Langton, 3 times per year.



# 'A School for all the Talents'

# Contact Information

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