

# A Sixth Form for all the Talents

# The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

Part of The Canterbury Academy Trust

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The Canterbury Academy Trust  
Schools for all the Talents



*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*

# Welcome to The Canterbury Multi Academy Trust

The Canterbury Multi Academy Trust came into existence in October 2010 when schools judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding' were allowed to convert to academy status, benefit from greater freedoms and shape their futures.

Since then, The Canterbury Academy Trust has grown. It now provides a variety of services 'to improve the life chances of children and to help in the community'. These include: City View Pre-School and Nurseries Ltd; an expanded two form of entry Canterbury Primary School; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for primary ASD pupils; The Canterbury Academy, which has expanded to take an additional form of entry; a Specialist Resourced Based Provision for secondary Speech and Language students; The Cullum Centre, in partnership with The National Autistic Society; a newly built specialist provision for students with a hearing impairment; The Sixth Form, Enterprise and Employability Centre, which includes one of the largest Sixth Forms in Kent and Medway; and a Professional Learning and Community Centre with cafe.

Much of The Canterbury Academy Trust is located on The Canterbury Campus. The Canterbury Campus hosts a number of other providers and thus creates 'a wealth of opportunity' which means we can 'offer as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'. We have a successful partnership with The Langton which offers a grammar school stream in the school for boys and girls, co-operation in planning and delivering of academic provision, for students, A Level teaching and combined delivery of elite Post 16 sport. This enables us to offer a comprehensive education to the children and families of this area and provide a variety of pathways to success in academic study, sport, performing arts, practical learning and enterprise education.

The unique aspect of our Sixth Form provision is its flexibility. Our students can mix different types of courses, different levels of qualifications, improve maths and English and study at a variety of different times.

Thus, we provide a Sixth Form for all the talents.



**Mr. Jon Watson**  
Chief Executive Officer of The Canterbury Academy Trust

# The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

Thank you for considering our Sixth Form.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers an imaginative curriculum based upon the principles of choice, flexibility and personalisation.

Our Sixth Form offers a variety of pathways:

- The Academic pathway for students whose courses are predominantly A Level
- The Applied General (Vocational) pathway for students whose courses are predominantly BTEC
- The Sports pathway for gifted and talented students who want to excel in their chosen sport
- The Performing Arts pathway for gifted and talented students who want to excel in their chosen area
- The Practical and Enterprise pathway for students who wish to prepare for employment or to become employers
- A personalised pathway for students who need guidance and support to bring out their best



**Mrs. Sarah Morgan**  
Head of School



**Mrs. Lucy Winslow**  
Head of Sixth Form

This is a Sixth Form for ALL the talents. It is deliberately and unashamedly comprehensive in its nature. The Canterbury Academy Trust believes in an open and inclusive Sixth Form built upon personalised learning. This means that we seek to accommodate the needs of each student on an individual basis rather than have a set of inflexible entry requirements.

It also means that we recognise that the Sixth Form exists for its students and not that its students exist to help the school look good in league tables.

Students progress to university, others move into employment and others into training. The Sixth Form's positive destination figure is higher than the national average.

# Welcome to The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at The Canterbury Multi Academy Trust benefits from being on the Canterbury Campus with its 'wealth of opportunity'. This is an attempt to replicate some of the ambience of a university campus.

The Sixth Form has a variety of study rooms and a dedicated social space. There is a supported study centre in The Sixth Form, Enterprise and Employability Centre. These facilities are available from 8.00am until 6.00pm in the evening.

Sixth Form students engaged in practical learning may use the outstanding facilities in various locations across the campus. Students engaged in sports programmes get preferential admission to the first-class sports facilities on the Campus. Students engaged in Performing Arts Programmes have their own specialised performing arts areas, some of which are based offsite in professional venues.

Some sixth formers can assist in the kitchens that are on campus, some assist in the ASD facility at The Canterbury Primary School, The Speech and Language facility at the Academy, the Cullum Centre, the primary school breakfast club and after school clubs or in the nursery on campus. Sixth formers can also volunteer across both the primary and secondary schools in a variety of things like mentoring students in reading, numeracy, EAL or taking groups for sport or performing arts.



# Raising the Participation Age (RPA)

## Education until 18

The Education and Skills Act (2008) places a duty on all young people to participate in education or training until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Young people will be able to choose how they participate in post-16 education.

The Sixth Form at The Canterbury Academy now offers the flexibility to provide programmes of study to meet the needs of most learners.

### Our offer:

- The full range of A Levels with some taught in partnership with, or by, The Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
- BTEC and City and Guilds qualifications
- Elite academies for gifted young sports men and women working with top class coaches, links with clubs and professional support in fitness, physiotherapy and massage
- Dedicated pathways for talented young performing artists in acting, dance, musical theatre and music technology, working with industry professionals from stage, screen and film and with highly prestigious organisations.
- Level 2 qualifications, including the opportunity to improve GCSE maths and English

We also offer flexibility by mixing and matching courses, qualifications and levels. For example, students can combine A Levels with BTEC or City and Guilds courses; be in an elite academy for sport or performing arts and study another Level 2 or 3 qualification. Some students are with us for one year, some for two and others choose to spread out their study over three years.



# Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

Essentially, there are two questions pertaining to Sixth Form study:

- What should I do in the Sixth Form?
- What can I do after it?

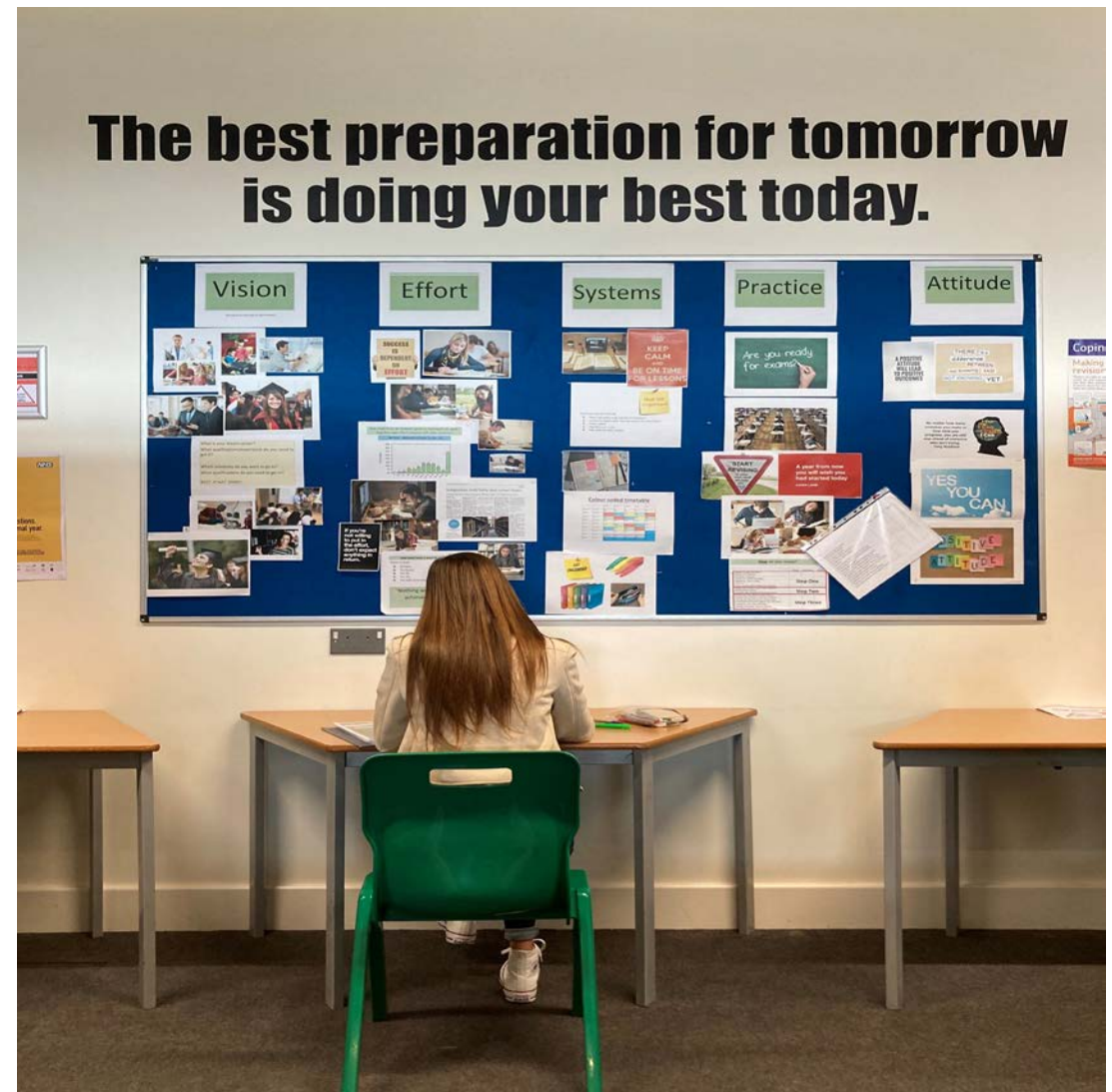
The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form has staff dedicated to helping you with these questions.

A member of staff seconded from The Simon Langton Grammar School will assist with UCAS applications.

Specialist sports staff will assist with pathways in sport.

Specialist performing arts staff will assist with moving into the industry. You may even get an agent whilst at school.

The Academy employs its own full time specialist, Lead IAG and Progression coordinator, Mrs Sarah Kendrick White.



# Putting the student first

Because The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form is very large, this means that it can be very flexible.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form is inclusive. It will try to accommodate all students who seek admission.

The Canterbury Academy's Sixth Form will not have rigid entry requirements. It will, however, have guidelines for entry and assess suitability for programmes of study. The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form recognises that different people require different approaches.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form will try to match what it can offer to what the students want.

## Flexibility

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 programmes of study.

We will try to enable students to take different levels of qualification at the same time, if that is sensible.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form will offer A Level qualifications, Applied General qualifications, GCSE qualifications and a variety of other, generally work-related, qualifications. The Canterbury Academy will try to enable these to be combined, if that is sensible.

Where students have not yet gained a grade 4 at GCSE in English or maths, they will be expected to work towards achieving this alongside their chosen courses. If students want to apply for university, they will be expected to have achieved a grade 4 at GCSE in English and maths.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form will offer elite programmes in sport and performing arts and try to enable this provision to be matched with any of the qualifications it offers. The Canterbury Academy will try to provide bespoke programmes for individuals who need special provision.



# Your Timetable

The Sixth Form at The Canterbury Academy may not require you to complete a 'normal' day or a 'normal week'. You may be able to start later and finish later on a day. You may not need to be in every day.

This flexibility means that students can better plan their working week and possibly combine their studies with paid work, sports training or competition, performing arts training, rehearsal and performance.

The Academy operates an imaginative timetable. This gives us, and our students, much greater flexibility in terms of when they study and in terms of their subject combinations.

Some courses can be studied using a tutor and others may be studied online.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form	
Monday - Friday	
9.15 - 10.15am	Period 1
10.15 - 11.15am	Period 2
11.15 - 11.35am	Morning Break
11.35am - 12.35pm	Period 3
12.35 - 1.35pm	Period 4
1.35 - 2.15pm	Lunch
2.15 - 3.15pm	Period 5
3.15 - 4.15pm	Period 6
4.00 - 6.00pm	Periods 7 and 8





# The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of A Level courses

A Levels are taught in partnership with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys. This means, for example, that Simon Langton staff teach some or part of A Level courses here; it means that students go to Simon Langton for full A Level courses; and, some students can study all A Levels at Simon Langton but stay at The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form for sport or performing arts.

The Sixth Form can also offer A Levels in a wide variety of languages which include Spanish, French, Greek, Mandarin and Japanese, through its partnership with Kent Language School. This year we are delighted that we have had our highest number of students going on to higher education (185). Each year we have students applying for Oxbridge and many going on to study at Russell Group Universities.

## A Levels

- AS Maths
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Dance
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- English Language and Literature Combined
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Extended Project Qualifications
- Film Studies
- Fine Art
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Politics
- Product Design
- Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics
- Sociology
- Textiles
- A variety of Modern Languages



## Academic Programmes

# Applied General Qualifications

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of Applied General qualifications.

The success of students on these programmes has been inspiring. For example, students have gone on to read for degrees in Primary Education, Product Design, Tourism and Management, Adult Nursing, Midwifery, Childhood Studies, Paramedic Science and Health Studies. Applied General qualifications have an equivalent value to A Level.

## Applied General Courses

- Business
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Marketing
- Performing Arts courses: Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance and Music
- Psychology
- Sport
- Technical Theatre
- Travel and Tourism
- Uniformed Public Services



# Practical and Vocational Programmes

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of practical and vocational courses.

Students have progressed and gained employment in nurseries; hairdressing salons; some have become head chefs in local restaurants; had a collection featured in Vogue magazine and progressed on to a variety of apprenticeships. Some students have gone on to set up their own businesses.

## Practical Learning

- Amelix Academy
- CACHE
- City and Guilds Beauty
- City and Guilds Ladies and Men's Hairdressing
- Construction NCFE
- ESports
- Health and Social Care
- CYP Personal Training
- NVQ Professional Cookery



# Facilities for students

- Library
- Art Studio Space
- Beauty Rooms
- Careers Library
- Computer rooms for Sixth Form students
- Three mirrored Dance Studios
- Fully equipped Drama Studio
- Gym use
- Hairdressing Salon
- HatHats Coffee Shop
- Independent Study Centre
- Lecture Theatre
- Photography Dark Room and Lighting Studio
- Recording Studio
- Graphic Studio
- Sixth Form Centre
- Sixth Form Hub
- Sixth Form Study spaces
- Skate Park
- Technical Theatre Rooms with sound and lighting desks
- UCafe



# Sporting Academies

We have advanced sports programmes that take place in some of the best facilities in the South East. A partnership between The Canterbury Academy and The Langton enables both schools to provide exciting opportunities for students to develop their sport.

Through flexible timetabling, high quality staffing and strategic curriculum design, we are able to offer a sports training package that allows students dedicated time allocated to their sport. In some sports, it also offers a regular competitive experience alongside the weekly training schedule. Our sports teams regularly perform very well in National competitions and our Basketball Academy won a National title in 2024.

We have developed and built a professional environment that enables us to match programmes to individual needs. We have been able to allow students to access highly qualified coaches and sport science staff on a regular basis. The staff that work with our students have extensive experience of working with students in high performance sport.

We currently focus on the following sports: athletics, basketball, cricket, football, golf, netball, rugby, hockey and triathlon. The athletics academy is able to cater for students who play other sports and acts as a strength and conditioning academy for these students.

We have partnerships with professional sports organisations including Kent Crusaders, Canterbury Rugby Club, Appeti Tennis, Canterbury Christ Church University and Marathon Sports Foundation.

Our students have competed at the highest level and some have gone on to participate in the Olympics, gained professional sports contracts, represented their countries and earned sports scholarships at universities abroad.

**We were a designated 2012 Olympic and Paralympic training facility.**  
**Our facilities include:**

- A £4,500,000 sports complex comprising a state-of-the-art fitness gym with over three hundred stations
- Extensive double six-court sports hall
- A floodlit football pitch
- A floodlit sand sports area
- An enclosed floodlit multi-use, all weather games area comprising four courts allowing simultaneous play
- Six lane 400m floodlit track



# Performing Arts Academies

These are highly professional programmes which combine A Level academic or Applied General study at advanced or intermediate level.

**The Acting Academy** delivers industry standard tuition and training under the guidance of professional actors and directors. There are opportunities for representation from a top class talent agency and to audition for stage, screen and TV roles.

**The Music Academy** is for vocalists, instrumentalists, songwriters, aspiring producers and studio engineers looking for a career in the music industry.

**The Dance Academy** offers teaching in technique, performance and choreography whilst working in partnership with professional dance agencies.

**The Musical Theatre Academy** offers performance-based training in the three core skills of dance, drama and singing.

**The Production Arts Academy** offers training in aspects of 'behind the scenes' theatre production.

All students are professionally represented by Kent School of Performing Arts, giving them the opportunity to audition for professional castings in TV and film.

Many students have gone on to appear on stage, in film and on TV. Others have gone on to top class universities, for example; Royal Academy for Dramatic Arts (RADA), Italia Conti, Emil Dale, Performers College, Bird College and Urdang.



The Canterbury Institute for The Performing Arts

# University Applications

University is an appropriate destination for some students and increasing numbers progress to university.

**Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG).** Through a structured and well supported UCAS programme, your child will receive guidance and information about post school destinations. We have a well-established and highly successful UCAS curriculum for year 12 and 13.

**Destinations.** In 2024, we had over 185 students gain a university place, with 140 of these gaining their first choice. In the past four years UCAS applications have increased by 300%.

**Super Curriculum.** Part of our UCAS programme involves an early introduction to the university application process, and what life at university may look like. This includes visits to our partner colleges at Oxford (St. Hugh`s) and Cambridge (Queens). We are also in a formal partnership with Kent University and Canterbury Christ Church University. This involves mentoring programmes, lectures, access to university libraries and application support. Early on in year 12 we work closely with academically strong and aspirational students, through a programme that signposts them to specialist subjects, offers them both academic and cross curricular support, with work experience and placements.

**Oxbridge.** We regularly have students sitting the Oxbridge entrance tests and applying for these universities. We are now a registered centre and offer support to any student wishing to apply. Through our links with Oxford and Cambridge universities, we offer a mentoring programme to support students through the application process.



University of  
**Kent**

 Canterbury  
Christ Church  
University

# Online Application Form

To apply for a place in our Sixth Form please complete our online application form by visiting:

[www.kentchoices.co.uk](http://www.kentchoices.co.uk)

If you are a current Year 11 student in a Kent school you will receive login details in November 2024. If you have not received them ask at your school.

If you are in Year 11 at an independent school or a school outside Kent you will need to self-register on the Kent Choices website.

Here is what you need to do to get started:

The first time you get to [www.kentchoices.co.uk/search](http://www.kentchoices.co.uk/search) you will need to activate your secure account using the username and password given to you by your school. You will then be asked to create a new password. Make sure you can remember it because once you have applied you will need to use it to track your application online.





# Sixth Form Courses for September 2025

A Levels	BTEC Courses	Elite Sports Academies	The Canterbury Institute for Performing Arts	Practical Learning
Biology	Business	Athletics with Marathon Sports	The Acting Programme	City and Guilds Beauty Level 2
Business	Health and Social Care	Basketball with Kent Crusaders	The Dance Programme	City and Guilds Ladies and Men's Hairdressing Level 2
Chemistry	IT	East Kent Football Academy	The Music Programme	NCFE Construction Level 1
Computer Science	Sport	Golf with Canterbury Golf Club	The Musical Theatre Programme	Personal Training Level 2 and 3
Dance	Travel and Tourism	East Kent Rugby Academy	The Production Arts Programme	Professional Cookery Level 2 and 3
Drama and Theatre Studies	Uniformed Public Services	East Kent Cricket Academy		The Amelix Entrepreneurship Academy
English Language and Literature Combined	Engineering	East Kent Hockey Academy		Childcare
English Language	Psychology	Triathlon		ESports
English Literature	Marketing	Individual Athlete Programmes (please specify)		
Environmental Science	BTEC Level 3 Enterprise	Netball Academy		
Film Studies	<b>The Level 2 6+ Programme</b>	<b>Improving GCSE grades</b>	<b>Languages</b>	
Fine Art	ASDAN - COPE	English Language (AQA)	French	
Geography	Jamie Oliver Food Studies	Maths (Edexcel)	Spanish	
Graphics	IT Skills	Functional English	Mandarin	
History	Practical Sports	Functional Maths	Japanese	
Law	GCSE English and Maths provision		Greek	
Mathematics A Level and AS	<b>Other Academic Courses</b>		Italian	
PE	L3 Criminology WJEC		Polish	
Photography			Portuguese	
Physics			Turkish	
Politics			Russian	
Product Design			German	
Psychology				
Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics				
Sociology				
Textiles				

Pre-apprenticeship and supported internship programmes are also available. All courses are subject to The Department for Education approval. All courses are subject to financial viability. These courses are subject to change.

# Here for you

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form continues the comprehensive ideal. We will seek to provide programmes which are in the interest of each student rather than expect each student to fit in with the interests of The Academy. Schools exist for their students, not the other way around.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form is one of the largest in the county. This means that it can offer an impressive range of courses and qualifications.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form offers the full range of A Levels. It offers Level 3 BTEC qualifications, Level 2 qualifications, industry relevant qualifications and the opportunity to continue with maths and English.

It offers flexibility of study times. It offers flexibility of study programmes. It offers flexibility of entry requirement.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form attracts many students from elsewhere, including local grammar schools into its A Level provision or into its flexible provision combining A Level with other courses.

The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form also attracts students specifically into the 'elite' sports and performing arts academies.



# Here to help

If you have any queries regarding applying to The Canterbury Academy Sixth Form, please contact our Sixth Form team. We will be happy to give you full information on the courses and qualifications available and answer any queries you may have regarding the next step in your education.

For general enquiries please email:

[SF\\_office@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:SF_office@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

If you would like to discuss the academic links with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, please email: [academic@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:academic@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

If you would like to discuss the Sport programmes, please email: [sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

If you would like to discuss the Performing Arts programmes, please email: [performingarts@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:performingarts@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

If you would like to discuss Practical Learning and Enterprise Education programmes, please email: [practicallearning@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:practicallearning@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)



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