

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Biography

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The Canterbury Academy 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 future. Our academy was one of the first converter academies in the country.

The Canterbury Academy Trust consists of various component parts each with its own head:

- The **Canterbury Primary School**, which will shortly benefit from a new building and state of the art facilities as it expands into a 2 form entry school
- The **Canterbury High's Middle School** (with approximately 600 students)
- The **Canterbury High's Senior School** (with approximately 400 students)
- The **Canterbury High's Sixth Form College** (with over 400 students) which also include The Canterbury Institute of Performing Arts and The Canterbury Institute for Sport
- The **14-24 Enterprise & Employability College**
- The **Canterbury Area Community, Engagement and Enterprise Service** (which offers a variety of provision across the area)

The Canterbury High School is a 'school for all the talents'. The key beliefs which underpin and drive all we do are simple. We believe that every learner matters and that every child is good at something - that all children walk with genius - and that school should be the place where children discover and build upon their own individual talents. We believe in the comprehensive ideal. We believe that all talents should be valued. We believe that academic excellence is important but that there are also other important things. We believe that art, music, drama, sport, practical skills, being a good person, caring for and working with others are all valuable. We believe in team work and that all of our students should have pride in themselves and their contribution to the school.

The Canterbury High School has a house system represented by four different coloured ties, providing opportunities for healthy competition and recognising achievement. Our aim is to provide 'as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many as possible'. We believe that education and learning can be fun. At the end of their time with us we aim for all our young people to leave as happy, positive, confident individuals, proud of what they have achieved, prepared to be life-long learners and ready to play an active and constructive part in society.