



# THE ABBEY SCHOOL

A BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE



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Our school motto reflects our educational values. It is inclusive of all that belong to our community and, as such, it is our aim that all members of our school show respect for one another.

# WELCOME TO THE ABBEY SCHOOL

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THE PROGRESS, WELFARE AND HAPPINESS OF YOUR  
CHILD IS OF FOREMOST IMPORTANCE TO US.



I would like to welcome you to The Abbey School which is a mixed secondary academy of over 1000 students where young people can discover and develop their own individual talents. We provide an education that is structured around the individual

strengths and needs of all our children without losing sight of the need to secure the best possible range of qualifications across all of the core subjects.

Developing 'well rounded' individuals who possess a strong sense of responsibility for both the school and the wider community is important to us. Our students require not only an excellent foundation in learning, but also attributes such as resilience, leadership, creativity and team-working skills.

We are particularly proud of the support structures that exist within the school. The quality of our pastoral systems is the foundation on which our academic success is based. Students learn most effectively when they feel well cared for and valued within the school community. Staff ensure that every effort is made to give children as many opportunities as possible, both inside and outside of the classroom, to develop and fulfil their potential.

At the end of their time with us, we aim for all our young people to leave the school confident, happy and well equipped to take their place in employment or further education. Indeed, almost without exception, our students progress on to university, college or careers of their choice leading to success in their chosen field. This fact underlines the achievement of the school against the aims that we have set ourselves.

When you visit our school I am sure that you will receive a warm welcome from our students and staff and you will experience their enjoyment and passion for learning.

**DR ROWLAND SPELLER, HEADTEACHER**

# OUR CURRICULUM

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WE VALUE THE IMPORTANCE OF A BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM THAT FACILITATES SUCCESSFUL ENTRY TO A VARIETY OF HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES AND CAREERS.



## A RELEVANT AND INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

We constantly review our curriculum to ensure that all our students, regardless of ability, experience the best quality teaching and learning.

We offer a range of academic, practical, creative and vocational subjects. Students are set by ability so that they are taught with others of a similar ability. Individual students' progress is reviewed regularly and set changes occur at various points throughout the year.

We offer the International Baccalaureate qualification in the Sixth Form alongside both traditional A levels and high quality vocational courses.



## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

We want our students to be independent learners so that they are equipped with the 'skills for life'. Everything we do at The Abbey School is designed to give our students self-confidence, the belief in their own ability and the strength of character to succeed in further education, employment and life. We want every student to achieve the best progress possible.



“The curriculum is closely aligned to pupils’ individual needs. The important knowledge pupils should learn, and the order in which they should learn it, is clearly set out across subjects”

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“Pupils with SEND, including those accessing the resource provision, are well-supported and fully included in school life”

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# INCLUSION, CARE & GUIDANCE

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PASTORAL CARE IS RECOGNISED AS A STRENGTH OF THE SCHOOL BY STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF ALIKE. ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7 TO 13 BELONG TO A TUTOR GROUP AND HAVE A DEDICATED FORM TUTOR, HEAD OF YEAR AND PASTORAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR.

Students' relationships with staff are good and high levels of mutual respect are very evident. This is a direct response to the high quality of care and support that staff provide. We have established a strong culture of safeguarding that runs throughout the school.

Our staff promote the school's values of 'Be the best you can be' very well by setting increasingly high levels of aspiration among the students in a strongly supportive environment. This creates an atmosphere where students develop as individuals and are well prepared for life as responsible members of the community.

We employ our own dedicated team of counsellors, Speech and Language therapist, Student Support Services Manager, an extensive team of non-teaching pastoral managers and coordinators in Lower School, Upper School and Sixth Form.



# A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

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PARTICIPATION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AT THE ABBEY SCHOOL. THE SUPPORTIVE ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL IS CARRIED BY AN AMAZING HOUSE SYSTEM AND A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.



Throughout their time at The Abbey School our students will have amazing opportunities to experience different cultures around the world.

We enrich our students' learning with a programme of lunchtime and after-school clubs where they will have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities, a variety of sports and projects in the local community.

Students are instilled with an enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge and our ethos ensures that they are fully prepared for the future and respect the rich diversity of the community in which they live.



We encourage our students to take part in a wide range of trips and visits, locally, nationally and internationally, so that they fully understand how they fit into a global community.





“Pupils enjoy the wide range of opportunities to develop their interests and talents. These include clubs, such as sports, drama and activities to look after the environment.”

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# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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WE EXPECT ALL STUDENTS TO WORK HARD,  
HAVE A SMART APPEARANCE, SET THE HIGHEST  
STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING AND  
RESPECT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL AND  
THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

We celebrate success through lessons, assemblies, learning communities, rewards events and presentation evenings. Wherever we find success, we celebrate it. Rewards include verbal praise, house points, certificates, postcards home and prizes at the end of the year.

Homework and independent learning are key components of our working day. All students are issued with a planner and homework timetable to support them and plan for success. Successful learning requires a strong partnership between parents, students and staff, combined with a shared vision of our aspirations. This can be seen by the lively dialogue and good attendance at one of our regular parents' evenings.

**“MY THREE SONS HAVE ALL  
THRIVED AT THE ABBEY  
SCHOOL”**

PARENT





“Leaders and staff have high aspirations for what all pupils can achieve across the curriculum including those in the 6th form.”

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## FIND US

### From London

Approach on the M2 to junction 6. Turn left to Faversham and left again at the T-junction. The Abbey School is the next turning on the left-hand side.

### From Canterbury

The school is 2 miles from junction 7, or take the M2 to junction 6 and proceed as above.

### By Train

The school is a 10-minute walk from the train station.

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