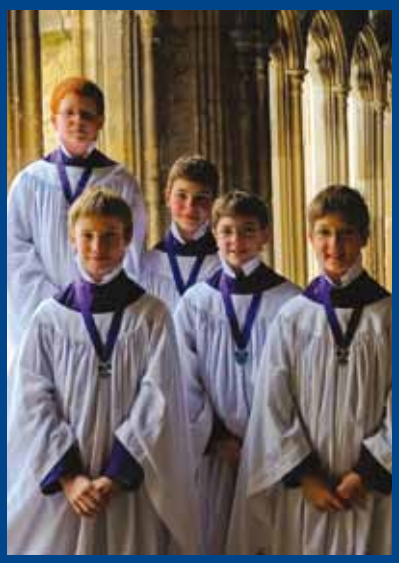
St Edmund's Junior School offers

first rate education

St Edmund's Junior School Canterbury offers an exceptional quality of education for children between the ages of seven and thirteen, as the recent inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) has concluded. "We are delighted to receive a first class report after our November 2009 inspection," says Robert Bacon, Master of the Junior School.



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- ***Above: St Edmund's Junior School educates the Canterbury Cathedral choristers.***
- ***Right top: Our educational facilities are top quality.***
- ***Right bottom: Pastoral care is one of our strengths.***

So what did the inspectors find at the school? As well as praising the very high quality of governance and outstanding leadership and management of the school, the inspection team's overall conclusions were that, 'St Edmund's Junior School accomplishes outstandingly well its aims to provide a happy and positive experience so that pupils enjoy a broad and lively education, their talents and interests are nurtured and they are helped to achieve the best of which they are capable. The effective teaching and the good quality of the whole educational experience inspire a real enjoyment in learning and a willingness to think creatively. The rich and stimulating educational environment, the plentiful resources, the outstanding quality of display and the dedicated teaching, and the excellent understanding of individual needs all combine to encourage pupils to develop their abilities and talents to the full.'

'The high level of awareness of the importance of spiritual, moral, social and cultural dimensions gives pupils a thoughtfulness and consideration for other people. Pupils of all ages benefit from outstanding pastoral care. Excellent partnerships with parents and links with the wider community greatly enhance the pupils' educational experience within and outside the school. The extremely positive and supportive relationships within the boarding community and the excellence of the accommodation and resources in Choir House are much to the credit of all involved.'

"There are judgements throughout the report, such as the ones listed below, that sum up the ethos of the School," says Mr Bacon.

- Pupils experience a good variety of approaches, and their education allows them to progress rapidly in terms of mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, aesthetic and creative development.
- Children apply their knowledge with enthusiasm and determination and enjoy their learning as they successfully develop the skills and attitudes for work and study.
- Pupils give maximum effort to their studies.
- A good variety of opportunities for further enrichment is available out of lessons.
- Pupils are encouraged to discover and explore whatever aptitudes and interests they may have.
- The school provides an education which ensures the happiness of children and develops compassionate and caring human relationships.
- From the youngest age, pupils show a high degree of social awareness and consideration for others.
- Staff are excellent role models in many areas.
- The well-being and welfare of pupils are taken seriously and pastoral arrangements are very effective.
- Parents appreciate the plentiful opportunities to be involved in activities in the school and in the work and progress of their children.
- Parents feel their concerns are handled with great care and feel secure in the knowledge that the school will take seriously the resolution of any issues.

"We are proud of our school and its reputation as a friendly school with a family atmosphere, where girls and boys are able to flourish and achieve the best they are capable of," adds Mr Bacon. "Please do read the full ISI inspection report on our website and I would be delighted to welcome you to the School."

For pupils who do not live in East Kent, St Edmund's is just under an hour from London St Pancras International on the high speed train and is within easy reach of London's airports, the Channel ports and Eurostar stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet.

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