



St Edmund's offers first rate education

St Edmund's School Canterbury offers exceptional education for children between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, as the recent inspections by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) have concluded. "We are simply delighted to receive the first class results in our November 2009 inspection," says Jeremy Gladwin, Headmaster. "We are achieving our aims to provide excellent education for our pupils."



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- Above: The curriculum includes GCSE, IGCSE, A level and the AQA Baccalaureate.
- Right top: Our educational facilities are top quality.
- Right bottom: Our pupils leave us as confident, sociable young adults.

So what did the inspectors find at the Senior School?

Pupils enjoyed their education demonstrating collaborative learning and a strong school community. Teachers are inspiring, showing considerable skill in nurturing the special talents of all children. The Headmaster comments: "Our excellent academic achievements year on year are a testament to this finding. We have attained a very high position nationally on Value Added which is a comparative measure to show progress children have made."

However, a school inspection is not about the teaching and learning in a narrow sense. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is as important as academic progress. The School has an outstanding system of pastoral care. "Our pupils are compassionate with a strong sense of the importance of goodness and truth," adds Mr Gladwin.

The inspection concluded that full and weekly boarders were happy and lived in a friendly, secure and well cared for environment. This finding is such a wonderful endorsement of the school's efforts to create a home from home.

St Edmund's pupils have a varied enrichment programme. "The well thought-out options mean that every child may explore wide interests, including activities like Duke of Edinburgh Award and adventure training as well as archaeology, chess, dance, Eco-Schools, geography and history societies, horse riding, literary and debating societies," adds the Headmaster. The pupils work with local and international charities, help in the community through the Interact club, for example, and welcome local schools to the high-quality drama and musical performances at the School or in Canterbury Cathedral.

Parents are important to the school; their support significantly contributes to the

outstanding education provided for children. "The inspectors were impressed with our parents' involvement and how we deal with their concerns," says Jeremy Gladwin.

The inspectors considered the quality of the leadership of the school as outstanding. The Headmaster explains: "Our dedicated and interested governors bring expertise to assist us in the effective running of our modern school. The management teams of each of our schools demonstrate effective skill and judgment in performing their complex roles. We must be justly proud of them."

He adds: "We have developed a general site plan and our immediate goal is an all-weather, floodlit, multi-purpose sports facility." The school already punches above its weight in its sporting achievements. For a small school, pupils do extraordinarily well against larger rivals. The first cricket Eleven won the Kent County Lemon Cup in 2009.

"For more information about the School, I encourage you to look at the full inspection report on the School website. However the best course of action is to visit the School. We most warmly invite you and your families to meet me as it will be my privilege to welcome you to our School", says Jeremy Gladwin.

St Edmund's is just under an hour from London St Pancras 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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