

## Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

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Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is an 11-18 co-educational selective school of 910 pupils, of whom 237 are in the Sixth Form. In 2011 the school started to admit a fifth form of entry into Year 7 and there are roughly 145 pupils in Years 7 and 8 and 125 in the remaining four form entry years (9-11). The school became an Academy in April 2011. Around 80% of Year 11 students stay on into the Sixth Form.

The majority of our intake travels from Faversham and the surrounding villages; the remaining pupils travel from the coastal town of Whitstable. Admission to the school is to pupils who have been assessed as suitable for a selective school education and for this purpose the Governors have elected to retain the Local Authority's procedures for Year 7 entry. In most years, approximately 25% of the Year 6 population of this area is assessed as selective.

Although Queen Elizabeth's was originally established in 1567, the modern school was established in 1967 from the amalgamation of the former boys' and girls' grammar schools in the town. The school buildings now comprise, in addition to normal classroom accommodation, an Assembly Hall with stage, a Gymnasium, Sports Hall, four ICT rooms, a Library, eight laboratories, an Art and Technology Centre, a Sixth Form Centre, a Drama Studio and a Music Centre. There Is a building project taking place this year to create a new Humanities and Sixth Form Centre and we hope to add an Auditorium to this building next year.

The school is set in pleasant grounds, close to the centre of town, on the site of the ancient abbey. The playing fields adjoin the school on the northern and eastern sides.

Faversham is a pleasant market town of 16,000 inhabitants serving a largely agricultural area and situated close to the Thames estuary, nine miles west of Canterbury. It contains much of historic interest and still preserves a substantial number of medieval, Tudor and eighteenth century buildings.

The school has developed close links with partner schools in Europe. We exchange regularly with schools in Cologne and Hazebrouck, France. In addition to this we have an exchange with a school in Kerala, India and are establishing links with a further school in Ghana. We also offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities and the school is well known for the quality of its music and drama, and for its success and variety of sporting opportunities and achievements. There is a wide range of trips taking place each year. During 2013 groups will depart for India, Cuba, USA, many countries in Europe and the Himalayas. Queen Elizabeth's aims to develop not just the academic abilities of students but also their skills, talents and personal qualities and values. We operate very much as a community school with impressive links to groups, societies and organisations in the locality, nationally and internationally. Our relationship with parents is strong and the school is very well supported by a hardworking team of Governors and the Trustees of the School Foundation.

Whilst at Queen Elizabeth's we are proud to hold on to many of the features of a traditional grammar school, we are not frightened of change. We are a forward looking school, keen to enhance the best of new technology and modern concepts of learning whilst, at the same time, ensuring that we retain the best of accepted good practice. The staff at this school are extremely hard working, dedicated and loyal both to the school and also to the well being of their students. The atmosphere in the staff common room is highly professional and supportive, with an exceptionally positive team spirit.



Headteacher: Mr D M Anderson MA Deputy Headteachers: Mr R C Benson MA www.queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk The vacancy offers an exceptional opportunity for anyone who wishes to be part of a vibrant and successful school.

In the interests of economy, applications will not be acknowledged and if you have not heard from the school within one month of the closing date for applications, you should assume that you have not been successful.

Thank you for the interest shown and I look forward to receiving your application.





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