

**Message from the Principal**

Thank you for your interest in Skinners’ Kent Academy. I am very pleased to introduce you to a most exciting new development in education provision in Tunbridge Wells.

The Academy opened on September 1st 2009. It is an independent non fee-paying school funded by the DSF and supported fully by its lead sponsor The Skinners’ School, a grammar school for boys and the Skinners’ Company, and its co-sponsors K College and Kent County Council.

The Skinners’ Kent Academy is founded on the principles of a culture of high standards and high aspirations, a culture of active participation, an emotionally rich learning environment and an inclusive environment where every child is known and every learner supported.

The main aim of the Academy is to provide the highest quality of education for students initially in Year 7 to Year 11 and in time in the Sixth Form when this is established from September 2012. However, the Academy is more than a new type of school. The Academy aims to raise and reflect aspirations within the local community and provide education, social and economic benefits for all.

Initially, the new Academy is located in the buildings of the former Tunbridge Wells High School on Blackhurst Lane. The Academy will move on the same site, to a state of the art, in excess of 21 million pound new building in 2013. This 21st century building will provide outstanding facilities, not only for the Academy’s students but also for the wider community.

We aim to find and develop everything that is exceptional in each child and let it flourish within a framework of high expectations. We intend to motivate and inspire our students to achieve of their very best, to fly high and to set course on the brightest of futures.

I look forward to meeting you.



Mrs Sian Carr

Principal