# Bethany School



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Bethany enjoys a reputation as a particularly friendly and happy community. It is a strong, thriving school with an enviable building programme, including recent upgrading of boarding facilities and a new 25-meter indoor swimming pool under construction which will be ready for use this year. The Head firmly believes that school should be enjoyed rather than endured and it is the atmosphere of positive nurturing and encouragement which makes Bethany 'refreshingly different'.

#### Location

Located in Kent's 'Garden of England', in a beautiful 60-acre rural campus with easy accessibility. London is less than an hour by train, Gatwick Airport one hour by taxi (Heathrow an hour and a half) and the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet 45 minutes.

### Boarding life and overseas students

Every student becomes part of their own boarding house family and there is a full and varied programme of weekend activities for all boarders. In the Upper Sixth, students board in the Sixth Form Centre and have individual study-bedrooms with en-suite facilities. The community at Bethany is also enriched by the presence of students from around the world; many have high levels of





English, but, for those who require it, a specialist EAL teacher gives intensive language support and tuition.

#### The curriculum and information technology

Bethany offers a broad range of subjects taught in modern classrooms with specialist facilities, including our Science Centre with state-of-the-art labs. The entire campus is served by a wireless network and the new Year 7 and 8s are given an iPad to use in lessons. From Year 8 all students are encouraged to have their own laptop and much of the curriculum is delivered through ICT. Over 94% of our Sixth Form leavers progress on to university courses, leaving Bethany with a mature self-confidence and clear direction. Our Learning Support department enjoys an international reputation for its success in giving specialist help to dyslexic students within our mainstream school.

#### Outside the classroom

We believe that pursuits outside the classroom are very important in developing students' personalities. Everyone takes part in sport at least three times a week, as well as in activities sessions three afternoons a week. There is a wide choice of around 25 activities each session including horse riding, chef school, archery, orchestra and country pursuits. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is hugely popular and very successful at Bethany. Throughout the School, there are opportunities to perform in drama, music and dance. Our Art department is particularly strong and many students join us to take advantage of our 'mini art college', choosing to study art, textiles and photography at A level.

We have been very happy with Bethany as it allows people to be individuals and guides them with a soft hand in the right direction; their flexibility is their key to success.

A Bethany parent

## **Key facts**

Type of school Co-educational boarding and day Age range 11–18 Number of pupils 353 Number of boarders 129

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8
Religious tradition Christian

Fees per term Boarding £7,989–£9,639; Day £5,161–£5,662 (plus up to £598 for EAL or Learning Support)

ISC association SofH Affiliations BSA, CReSTeD





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