

## Mathematics Department Overview

King Ethelbert School is an 11 – 18 mixed, non-selective school with 870 students on roll, situated in the lovely seaside resort of Birchington.

The school is part of a federation with Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs. Our federation with Dane Court has meant that although we are officially an 11 – 16 school we have been able to start a Sixth Form this year. We are offering the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (CP) which offers a unique balance between practical / vocational study, academic rigour and global and cultural diversity. The school is part of a special pilot to introduce this qualification worldwide and Thanet has become a world focus for the IB organisation.

The department currently comprises a Head of Department, a second in charge of Mathematics and four specialist mathematics teachers all of whom teach across the age and ability range. Students are set according to ability and teaching assistants and maths mentors support groups or individuals where appropriate.

The school was part of Wave 3 Building Schools for the Future programme and the Maths department is in a newly refurbished building. Each teacher has their own large, bright classroom in a suite of rooms. There is access to a bookable IT room situated in the Maths suite as well as a bank of laptops available for use within lessons. All rooms have data projectors and interactive whiteboards. A range of software and teaching packages are used within the department to support teaching, learning and independent study.

The departmental team, under the leadership of the Head of Department is committed to ensuring learning in mathematics is both enjoyable and accessible for learners through the development and use of quality materials and teaching strategies to best support our students' needs.

The Maths department has seen a spectacular rise in GCSE results over the last two years and teaching is constantly of a very high standard. Innovative use of resources, technology and superb team work make this department a very strong one and the successful applicant would benefit hugely from the exciting practice being developed in the department.

We, therefore, seek to appoint an innovative, dynamic and capable practitioner who will be an active member of the departmental team and contribute to enabling further developments in mathematics and numeracy. This vacancy will suit experienced or new entrants to the profession. A comprehensive induction programme is provided into the work of King Ethelbert School, and a specific mentoring and guidance programme operates for all new entrants. Ofsted have recognised that guidance and support given by staff for students is outstanding. It is expected that all potential members of staff will have a passion and a commitment to each child achieving their personal best.

King Ethelbert School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This position is, therefore, subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) application.

The successful candidate may also hold a pastoral responsibility as a tutor within a year system.

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