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Dane Court Grammar School

Admissions Booklet - 2027




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Welcome to Dane Court Grammar School

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A caring, open-minded and principled community

We are very proud of our students. If you have had the opportunity to visit us recently, you will know that our students are polite, kind and keen to learn. We place great emphasis on being caring, open-minded and principled. These values guide everything we do and shape our school community. As a result, Dane Court is a happy, welcoming and inclusive community, and a fantastic place to learn. We like to describe our school as a 'place of belonging', where our students and staff feel at home. Our students respect and support each other. Older students act as role models and go out of their way to support and encourage younger students, and especially those who are new to the school.

Our multi-layered and responsive pastoral system is a great strength of the school. Our Year Leaders, mentors and dedicated Pastoral Support Team care for the wellbeing and welfare of the students, and keep a close eye on their progress. Year Leaders and mentors communicate regularly with parents and carers, and support the students in their groups as they progress through the school. Our mentors also lead our dynamic mentoring curriculum which provides regular opportunities to explore, discuss and reflect on important topical issues.

Our curriculum and teaching

As a successful selective school, our academic curriculum is broad and challenging. From their first day at Dane Court, our students enjoy an exciting blend of academic and creative subjects. We place great value on achievement and don't shy away from teaching challenging content, but we always provide guidance and support to ensure that all of our students thrive and enjoy their learning. Our teachers are skilled and enthusiastic subject experts who utilise the most effective and engaging teaching strategies and bring their subjects to life. Our classrooms, labs, studios, workshops and sports fields are vibrant and exciting places to be.

Personal development

In addition to their academic studies, students receive a comprehensive and rich personal development education in order to prepare them for life in modern Britain. This dimension of the curriculum includes Personal, Social & Health Education (including Sex & Relationships Education),

careers and financial education, and citizenship (including coverage of British values such as, democracy and the rule of law, as well as learning about the importance of individual liberty and mutual respect).

Examination success

We have a track record of excellent academic outcomes at GCSE level and in the Sixth Form. At GCSE level in 2026, students attained highly, with more than half of all grades at 9-7 (equivalent to the old A*-A grades). In recent years, our students have been particularly successful at securing GCSE grade 9s across the full range of subjects. This is so important as it provides superb preparation for Sixth Form study and beyond. Attainment in the core subjects - English, mathematics and the three sciences - is especially impressive. Our students make excellent progress from their starting points and the majority stay with us into our Sixth Form. Additionally, academic and vocational examination results in the Sixth Form are excellent. In 2026, our Year 13 cohort attained an average IBDP score of 35 points. This level of attainment provides our students with access to elite universities and the most prestigious employment-based post-18 pathways.

Our Sixth Form

Dane Court is one of only a handful of schools in the UK to offer both the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the Careers-related Programme (IBCP). This means that our students have access to one of the most highly-regarded academic qualifications in the world as well as the most prestigious and flexible vocational qualification in the UK. We have chosen these qualifications because they provide excellent preparation for study at world-class universities, as well as entry into fulfilling careers and professions.

Our extra-curricular provision and the house system

At Dane Court, we are well-known for the diversity and quality of our out-of-lessons extra-curricular provision (again, you can read all about this aspect of school life in this prospectus). We believe that education is about much more than the formal timetable. It's also about the arts, sport, games, volunteering, scientific investigation, cooking, languages, outdoor education, current affairs, public speaking, debating, reading for pleasure and brilliant educational visits. We're very proud of the range of interesting and exciting clubs and societies here at Dane Court.

The house system is a very important feature of life at Dane Court. Every Year 7 student will join a house and remain with that house throughout their school career. It's fair to say that students become very attached and loyal to their house, particularly on house sports and music days, when competition is always fierce.

Collaboration

I'm very proud of our reputation as a collaborative and outward-facing school. We are proud to be part of the Coastal Academies Trust and, at all levels, we work very closely with colleagues from across the Trust and the local area. This work brings huge benefits for our staff team and our students.

Facilities

As you tour the school, you will see our fantastic facilities. We are fortunate to have such high-quality buildings and facilities to support our teaching and learning. Our students very much appreciate the resources at their disposal.

Thank you

Once again, thank you for taking the time to visit us and read this prospectus. I am sure that you will enjoy your visit and we look forward to welcoming your daughter or son to Dane Court in September 2027.




Headteacher




Chief Executive
Coastal Academies Trust

2026 GCSE Headline Figures



98%

Pass in English and Maths
(4+)

National average - 65% (2026)



52%

9-7 Grades

National average - 23%



67.1

Attainment 8 Score*

National average - 46.1



13%

Grade 9s

National average - 5%

*Attainment 8 measures GCSE performance in a student's best eight subjects, with double weighting given to English and Maths.

For a full breakdown of our GCSE results for 2026 please [click here](#).

2026 IB Results and Destinations



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IBDP Average Points



100%

IBCP Pass Rate



92%

Applicants progressed to
first choice university



37%

Russell Group University
Places

45 points is equivalent to 5 A*s at A-level, 40 points to 4 A*s and 35 points to A*A*A.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

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Our students thrive on activity: they are curious, love a challenge and enjoy trying new things. Our clubs, activities and trips provide challenge, fresh stimulation, and above all fun for our students. With our extensive programme which enriches and supports our curriculum, every student takes away a host of shared fond memories when they leave us.

Music



We have a fantastic range of opportunities for students in the Music Department at Dane Court. Whether you are a proficient musician already, a beginner or just enjoy music for pleasure, there are plenty of chances to get involved! We offer a wide range of instrumental lessons with a variety of excellent teachers who are professional musicians performing in Kent and London. Students can 'opt in' to instrumental lessons by speaking to their music teacher. Over two hundred students are learning instruments here at Dane Court with 11 excellent peripatetic teachers.

Drama



Extra-curricular drama at Dane Court has many strands.

Recent whole-school productions have included 'We Will Rock You' and 'The Addams Family', which involved students from year 7 to year 12 both, on the stage and behind the scenes. Students from all year groups worked together as actors, stagehands, dancers, musicians, choreographers and other important supporting roles. The Tech Team were also a huge part of the productions and were well drilled in making the productions look and sound like a professional performance.

Physical Education



The Physical Education department offers a wide range of activities beyond the curriculum, throughout the year. Our dedicated department members coach all the major sports. Dane Court is widely recognised as one of the most successful schools in terms of participation levels and sporting success within the district. Our philosophy is that all our clubs are open to students of all abilities and we actively encourage our students to be involved.

Pastoral Support

When they enter the school, every student is placed in a mentor group. The mentor group and its members are an integral part of the year group and each year group is led by a Year Leader and Deputy Year Leader. We also have a House system, with each student being placed into one of six Houses. This system runs alongside the year system and is a key component in the extracurricular offer of the school

The mentor group is led by their mentor, who is responsible for monitoring each student's academic progress and welfare. Academic mentoring and assemblies take place each day of the week. Students will also take part in small group extended mentoring sessions, enabling them to have another forum communication with their mentors. The pastoral support team includes the year leader, deputy year leader, mentor and the wider support team. In addition, an assistant head teacher in charge of student welfare and a deputy head teacher in charge of behaviour and attendance, work closely together to ensure that every student receives any additional support they might need during their time at Dane Court. Further, we have the services of a school counsellor who is able to offer more specialist help should the need arise. The SEN department provides structured support for any student who faces a barrier to their learning, including those with specific educational needs.

There is a regular programme of progress checks and reports which are sent home and which help to keep parents informed of their child's progress. These are supplemented with parents' evenings during the school year. In addition, information evenings specific to year groups are held.

We encourage parents to contact their child's mentor, or any member of the pastoral support team, should they have any concerns regarding their child.

Further information



Please click on the links to see further information on our school website.

Curriculum for curriculum overview and subject information

Admissions for further information on the admissions process

Sixth Form information on our outstanding Sixth Form

Policies to view our school policies

SEND information on support for students with SEND



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We welcome the opportunity to share our school with you. If you have any questions please contact our Admissions Office or visit our website



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