



September 2023

Dear Year 6 Parent

Admission to Bennett Memorial Diocesan School - September 2024

You will soon be making decisions about your child's secondary education. We have pleasure in sending you some information about Bennett, which we hope you will wish to consider as an option for your child.

Bennett is one of very few Church of England secondary schools in the south east and offers an excellent, all-round education in a Christian environment. We have a strong tradition of academic success, with exceptional results at both GCSE and A Level. The vast majority of Year 13 students each year move on to university, including Oxford and Cambridge and other Russell Group courses. Our distinctive Christian ethos, with its focus on the individual student, is well-known. We have a very wide range of thriving extra-curricular activities, especially in music and sport, as we believe that the development of the whole person is of central importance. Above all, we aim to enable young people to grow into successful, happy and aware adults.

Open Evenings will be held at the end of September and we warmly invite you to join us at one of these occasions so that you can see the School for yourself, we ask that you book yourself on to an evening through our website. The dates of our Open evenings are:

Tuesday 26 September
Thursday 28 September
Wednesday 4 October

We would invite you to visit our website on www.bennettmemorial.co.uk where you can download our prospectus; book your place at one of our Open evenings and find out more about our school.

We also need to remind you that your completed Supplementary Form for Admission (obtainable from September from the Admissions Officer at the School or on the Open Evenings) must be returned to Bennett Memorial School; your Common Application Form completed online by 31 October 2023, for forwarding on to your local authority.

Yours sincerely

J E Sparke
Headteacher

BENNETT MEMORIAL DIOCESAN SCHOOL

- Bennett is a Church of England secondary school for boys and girls in Tunbridge Wells. We are an 'outstanding' school in every category, as judged by Ofsted in June 2012. We are also judged 'outstanding' by the Church of England's own inspectors. We are consistently ranked within the top 5% of schools nationally.
- Bennett is known for its strong framework of Christian values and for its pursuit of excellence for all. This includes exceptional academic standards and unrivalled opportunities for music, sport, the arts and much more.
- Bennett's Sixth Form has a very wide range of subject choice. High A level pass rates enable Sixth Form leavers to move on to a range of prestigious universities across the country, including Oxford and Cambridge.
- Bennett has a strong pastoral system, ensuring that each student is known and cared for individually, and that both academic and personal progress are monitored closely.
- Bennett is a Christian community, where life is rooted in worship and relationships are based on respect and co-operation. All students follow a course in Religious Studies to GCSE, and there is an emphasis on service to the community and charity fund-raising.
- Bennett promotes the all-round development of each student, and places a high priority on Sport, Music and the arts. We also extend the curriculum beyond the classroom through visits and activities, and offer residential experience to all students. Our Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme is amongst the largest and most active locally. We aim to produce confident, capable and caring young people, whose talents are developed to the full.
- More information is on our website www.bennett.kent.sch.uk

How To Apply For A Bennett Place

- Parents must obtain the prospectus and Supplementary Form for Admission **directly from the School.**
- For Entry in September 2024, Bennett Supplementary Forms for Admission must be returned to Bennett Memorial School; your Common Application Form must be completed online by 31 October 2023.
- Bennett is regularly over-subscribed. Applicants which both meet the School's Admissions criteria fully and indicate that Bennett is their first choice secondary school are most likely to be successful in gaining a place here.
- Parents with primary age sons and daughters wishing to visit the School and to hear more about it are warmly invited to come to one of three Open Evenings which will be held on the following dates To help us manage numbers entry to our Open Evenings will be by ticket only, full details will be on our website.
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 - Thursday 28 September 2023
 - Wednesday 4 October 2023