

**Education for life**  
in a changing world



**Bethany**  
since 1866

**“We inspire our pupils  
to give their best.”**

Francie Healy, Headmaster

**A flourishing independent co-educational  
day and boarding secondary school in a  
stunning location, nurturing confident,  
happy, successful pupils.**

As parents, we want the very best for our children. At Bethany, we not only ensure that pupils get the best possible grades, we also help them develop great interpersonal skills to equip them to succeed in our rapidly changing world.

Bethany is a small, caring, happy community.

Our committed staff get to know every pupil to support their learning, well-being and personal development effectively.

Founded in 1866, Bethany is situated in stunning Kent countryside. Spread over 60 acres of the Kentish Weald, the village structure of the school enhances the strong sense of community.

We want our pupils to aim for their best in everything, so we make sure we offer the best. We continually review what we do to make sure we support them as effectively as possible, and our rolling programme of investment means they enjoy state-of-the-art technology and excellent facilities.

**“How would I  
describe Bethany?  
Fun, friendly, family!”**

Year 10 pupil

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
UNLOCKING INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL**

## Our children are our strength – so we put them at the heart of everything we do.

We understand that children learn in different ways. We spend time getting to know each pupil so we can guide and encourage them individually, challenging and supporting them as needed so they fulfil their potential.

We value our pupils for who they are – we nurture their individual talents.

We are quite happy and comfortable doing things that are in the best interests of the children, even if they go against the prevailing wisdom.

For example, we support pupils wanting to take an unconventional mix of subjects if it is right for them.

Everyone at Bethany goes the extra mile to make sure the children's experiences are enriched at every level.

**“There's no such thing as a Bethany type; we are all encouraged to be ourselves. And it's a real community; the staff know all the pupils really well and work with them to follow their passions and achieve their best.”**

Sixth Form pupil



**“Education is not about exams and league tables, it's about children. Thank you for making children the number one priority at Bethany.”**

Parents of Sixth Form pupil

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
CELEBRATING THE INDIVIDUAL**

**“My predicted grades have improved since I came to Bethany. The teachers give up their own time to provide one-to-one support and that has made a real difference.”**

Sixth Form pupil

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
PASSIONATE ABOUT LEARNING**

**We help each child achieve their best by getting to know them, their interests, and how they learn most effectively.**

Our brightest pupils achieve the very top grades.

All our pupils achieve the best grades they are capable of, flourishing in those subjects where their talents shine brightest and carrying with them a genuine love of learning.

With fewer than 18 pupils in most classes, our dedicated staff can target the abilities of each individual, stretching them in areas of strength and supporting them in areas of weakness as they work their way through our broad and balanced curriculum together.

Our excellent teaching is complemented by first-rate learning facilities including spacious classrooms, custom-built amenities and state-of-the-art technology.

Our Learning Support department is recognised internationally for its success in giving specialist help to dyslexic pupils to help them thrive within mainstream classes. The School has been CREStED registered since 1994.

**“We are continually looking at our teaching and learning to see how we can improve the quality of how we teach, and therefore improve the way our pupils learn.”**

Francie Healy, Headmaster

**Bethany is an extension of the home – a happy, caring, supportive environment in which the children’s well-being is paramount.**

The sense of family is enhanced at Bethany by a successful house system. All pupils – day and boarders – belong to one of the five houses. The live-in Housemasters and Housemistresses and their teams get to know their pupils very well and are key to ensuring their well-being throughout their time at Bethany.

We aim to be a home-from-home for our full boarding pupils, who benefit from the best accommodation and facilities, as well as weekend outings and activities. We also have 24-hour medical support for all pupils from our resident Nursing Sister.

As pupils get older, we help them prepare for life beyond Bethany with access to kitchens and laundry facilities, which our boarders are encouraged to use unaided.

The Bethany community is enriched socially, culturally and academically by pupils from a wide variety of countries. English as an Additional Language support is available for those who need it.

**“I was a bit scared about being a boarder, but everyone is so kind. I really like the relationship between the pupils and staff – they are really close.”**

Year 10 pupil

**“We try and make the boarding house as close to the nuclear family as possible. The pupils know they can knock on my door at any time of day or night. They bring me all the problems that they would normally talk to their parents about.”**

Phil Hughes, Housemaster, Pengelly



**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
WITHIN A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT**

**“Bethany is really good at finding something each child can excel at.”**

Roger Stubbs, father of three former Bethany pupils

## **Excellence in art, music, dance, design and drama – encouraging each child to their potential.**

Bethany has a deserved reputation for creative excellence. Our pupils' work reaches national standards and has been exhibited at the Turner Contemporary in Margate and submitted for the BP National Portrait Awards.

Our inspired teaching and the flexibility to study any combination of Art, Design & Technology and Photography at A level means many of our pupils win places on further education art courses on the strength of their portfolios.

All pupils are encouraged to tap into their creative sides and find expression both within formal classes and in our extensive out-of-school activities, enjoyed within first-class facilities, from expansive food tech labs to kilns, a dark room and 3D printers.

We offer a staggeringly diverse range of musical activities, with many pupils enjoying one-to-one tuition.

**“If the topic is ‘light’, then at other schools all the pupils might make lamps. We don’t do that. We encourage them each to interpret the subject matter themselves and then make something they are interested in, because if they are enthusiastic they achieve to the best of their potential.”**

Marcus Norman, Head of Design & Technology

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
CELEBRATING ORIGINALITY**

## Excellent facilities and diverse opportunities to encourage lifelong health and fitness.

Sport is an integral part of Bethany life, encouraging all our pupils' long-term health and fitness, offering them the chance to represent the School at different levels and enabling them to develop interpersonal skills beyond the confines of the classroom.

Our facilities are exemplary and include: a flood-lit all-weather surface, a fully equipped fitness centre, purpose built PE classrooms, extensive tennis facilities, three squash courts, an indoor climbing wall, a High Ropes course and many outdoor pitches. Our brand new 25 metre, six lane indoor swimming pool and state-of-the-art Fitness Suite enhance both PE and Activity time.

Pupils with specific talents are nurtured to achieve sporting excellence. Although we are a small school, we regularly achieve success against much larger schools in our high-quality fixtures list. We continually upgrade our sports facilities so our pupils enjoy the very best available.

**“I chose Bethany because I thought it was a really nice school and I liked the facilities. Now I am here. I still really like it – and I think the facilities are even better.”**

Year 7 pupil

**“Being able to shine at sport boosted my confidence massively and gave me the social skills and a way of looking at things that have enabled me to make the creative moves and take the opportunities to get to where I am today.”**

Richard, global software testing manager  
for an international company,  
Bethany pupil 1987–1992

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE  
SPORTING EXCELLENCE TO DEVELOP  
EXCEPTIONAL TEAM PLAYERS**

**“Bethany has provided Will with everything we could wish for in a school, and he has made the most of everything on offer.”**

Parents of Sixth Form pupil

**Extensive additional facilities develop pupils’ independent thinking, interpersonal skills and confidence – giving them the skills they need to succeed in our rapidly changing world.**

We offer unparalleled supervised activities, both on and off-campus, to extend our pupils’ development. Three afternoons a week, pupils can choose from more than 20 activities a day: from biking to film making, climbing and clay-pigeon shooting – there is something for everyone.

Bethany is committed to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, widely recognised as the best personal development programme for young people. We are one of the few schools in the region licensed to operate the Award independently, with a 100% completion rate for the Gold Award.

We offer extensive opportunities for travel to broaden our pupils’ understanding and horizons. Recent excursions have included a business trip to New York, geography field trips to Iceland, True Adventure expeditions to South Africa, skiing holidays and overseas tours for the rugby, football, cricket and netball teams.

Many of the after-school activities are run by classroom teachers. It helps both teacher and pupils view one another in a different light and strengthens their relationships in the classroom.

**“I really like all the activities, especially the High Ropes and games outside.”**

Year 7 pupil

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE**  
DEVELOPING SKILLS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**Our Christian ethos underpins a stable moral framework of mutual respect that strengthens the Bethany community.**

Founded in 1866 by the Reverend Joseph Kendon, a Baptist minister, Bethany's spiritual inheritance helps define its moral values today.

Pupils of all faiths attend Chapel twice weekly, to allow them valuable time for quiet reflection and personal space in our fast-paced world.

We are happy to take pupils of other faiths to additional services at local synagogues, temples or mosques.

Our Chaplain provides pastoral support to the entire School community – including parents and extended families – as well as the local parishes.

**“If ‘Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see’, then the Chaplaincy’s aim is to enable pupils to grasp the concept of faith and spirituality in a modern world during their time at Bethany.”**

Chaplain

**“Good principles, such as tolerance and respect for one another, are of the utmost importance, and we seek to develop these within each and every pupil from the moment they arrive.”**

Francie Healy, Headmaster

“Bethany makes sure each child steps up as far as they can, maximising potential as well as allowing individuals to shine and be themselves.”

Mark Hammerton, father of two former Bethany pupils

**EDUCATION FOR LIFE**  
NURTURING CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS



We unlock the potential of each and every one of our pupils – giving them the life skills and values to take on the challenges of the world today.

Through taking the time to get to know each pupil individually, we are able to offer them the best support and encouragement on their journey to becoming self-confident, independent and optimistic adults.

Our pupils leave Bethany with the best grades of which they are capable, together with strong interpersonal and life skills nurtured through the broadest range of social, sporting and cultural experiences.

Bethany alumni are self-confident, but not arrogant. They are willing to give things a go, willing to take opportunities, and willing to learn from failure. They go on to succeed in all walks of life. Above all, they are happy and comfortable in their own skin.

Bethany is the perfect environment to help your child realise their full potential and to equip them to succeed in the world beyond school.

## Application For Admission

### Starting:

..... Term ..... Year ..... Year Group .....

Boarding     Weekly Boarding     Day     Male     Female

### Pupil Details:

Surname: .....

Forenames: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Nationality: ..... Religion: .....

Name of present School: .....

Date from which attended: .....

Head Teacher's Name: .....

School Address: .....

Tel: ..... Postcode: .....

Email: .....

Please give information about any specific health requirements, disabilities or learning support needs:

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I wish my child to be entered as a boarding/day pupil at Bethany School. I understand that by accepting an offer of a place for him/her, I agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions outlined in the school's Information Booklet which accompanies the prospectus. The School reserves the right to change the Terms & Conditions.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

This application must be signed by both parents and by any third party responsible for the payment of fees. A registration fee of £100 must be enclosed.

Please ensure both sides of this form are fully completed.



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**Parent Details:**

Father's Full Name

Address:

Postcode:

Home Tel:

Work Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Occupation:

Mother's Full Name

Address:

Postcode:

Home Tel:

Work Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Occupation:

If parents are divorced, who has legal custody?

To what name and address should the school accounts be sent?

Address:

Postcode:

**Please note:** All parents living outside the EU will be required to provide details of a UK Guardian.



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**Please return the completed form to:**

The Registrar, Bethany School, Curtisden Green, Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 1LB