

Portal House School  
KsENT Special Schools: Admissions Guidance

Name of school	PORTAL HOUSE SCHOOL
Address:	Sea Street, St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Dover, Kent CT15 6SS
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School Type:	Community Special School
Designation:	Secondary School for 80 SEMH students
Primary Need:	SEMH
Class Structure:	Year group classes
District served:	East and South
Area:	South Kent
Age range:	11 – 16 year old
Maximum Capacity	80

- Portal House is a secondary school for boys who experience significant Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs. Many have in addition, diagnosed health conditions such as Attachment Disorder, Autism, ADHD, ADH, ODD and OCD.
- A high proportion of students are eligible for pupil premium.
- All students have national average/above average academic potential according to recent formal assessments and/or have attained national average expectations for their age (potential to achieve 5 or more high grade GCSE including English and Maths). Year 7 students have attained scaled scores of 90+ in their KS2 SATS and age related expectations at KS1.
- Behaviour is their biggest barrier to accessing education.
- The school offers a fresh start in modern fit for purpose facilities and is committed to reversing patterns of failure associated with school and learning.
- Our curriculum offer is broad, balanced and academic. All students follow a secondary school timetable that lead to 9 GCSE (English Language, English Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 3 from the following options, subjects: ICT, Geography, P.E., Public Services, Art and Design), plus weekly life skills lessons in PSHE and Cooking. In addition, years 7 and 8 classes go swimming every week and KS4 students undertake work experience and preparation for College, Apprenticeship and work sessions.
- Students are taught in small year group classes by qualified staff and supported by class and subject T.A.'s. Class sizes vary depending on need (4 – 7 per class).
- At 16+ our students go to either 6<sup>th</sup> form, College, Apprenticeships or work after achieving on average 9 or more GCSE.