

HISTORY OF SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

In **1580** our School began its life as *The Milton and Gravesend Free School*. It was a wooden building and situated near Gravesend Market in the High Street. Only boys were taught at this time in schools.

In **1835** a new building was built to house the school and it was called the King Street School situated in the centre of Gravesend. Girls were allowed to attend for the first time.

In **1939** The school was opened in its present site by the Bishop of Rochester. There were 172 pupils. It was intended to call the school *The King George Church of England School*. At the last minute a spokesman for Buckingham Palace said the King's name could not be used so the service papers were altered by hand to *Saint George's Church of England School*.

In the **1970's** the Design Block and the Gymnasium were opened at the time when the school leaving age was raised to 16. The R, S and V Blocks, the Sports Hall, the Science Block and the former Staff Room, (now the Library) were added later, to accommodate the comprehensive school.

Between **1994** and **1999** the school added two extra forms of entry and grew to just over 1400 pupils.

In **2008** the Education and Skills Act came into effect and raised the education leaving age to eighteen.

In **2011** Saint George's Church of England School became an Academy, and in **2014** the Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust was born.

In **2019** the Primary Phase of Saint George's Church of England School opened, and we became an all-through school.

Ethos

All Different, All Equal, All Flourishing

At the heart of our vision is the belief in inclusive, educational excellence; the belief that we are called to serve all students, staff, parents and the local community by providing places where all develop and thrive intellectually, socially, culturally and spiritually in order to live life in all its fullness.