

# Living in Gravesham

## Learning in Gravesham

There are approximately 29 state run primary schools within the Borough of Gravesham catering for children aged 4 – 11 years, 8 secondary schools (including 2 church comprehensive schools) offering non-selective education for children 11 -18 years. There are three independent primary schools, 1 independent secondary school and 2 specialist schools offering specialist education to children with severe difficulties. There are approximately three private primary schools within the Gravesham area. Kent's selective education system provides two Grammar Schools in Gravesham with excellent examination results and high university entrance figures. Gravesham schools' exams results compare favourably with Kent and England averages for GCSE (pupils aged 16) and GCE 'A' level (pupils aged 18). The table below illustrates results of Gravesham schools in the Secondary School Performance Tables.

## Universities

### **University of Greenwich – Campuses at Dartford and Chatham**

The faculty of the Built Environment has its own campus at Dartford. The faculty offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in surveying, architecture, civil engineering and construction management. The School of Earth Sciences is based in Chatham Maritime Business Park.

### **University of Kent, Medway**

The University of Kent at Medway (UKM) was established in 2001, with collaborative links with Mid-Kent College. The University of Kent at Medway currently teaches at two Centres in Medway, and one at West Kent in Tonbridge.

The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in engineering, sciences and humanities. Courses can be undertaken in both full-time and part-time modes.

## Colleges of Further Education

### **North West Kent College**

The college has campuses in both Gravesend and Dartford. The college offers a range of Higher Education courses. The college offers both vocational and professional courses. With affiliation to the University of Greenwich, North West Kent College is able to offer various undergraduate degree courses Business Administration.

The college boasts of a well equipped Learning Resource Unit. The Learning Resource Unit provides the students with a range of library material, learning support workshops, Open Access IT facilities and Careers Resource bases.

The college offers a variety of courses in engineering, hospitality management, leisure management, photography, and professional writing. The National Sea Training Centre is also affiliated to the North West Kent College and offers a range of maritime courses.

North West Kent College is also a partner of the Kent New Technology Institute (KNTI) based at the University of Kent's Canterbury campus. The institution is set to tackle Kent's information and communications technology (ICT) acute skills shortages. KNTI is a partnership project encompassing all higher and further education institutions. By working with businesses throughout Kent, training courses are being developed tailored towards the region's demographic areas.

## Secondary School (GCSE/GNVQ) Performance tables 2003

## GCSE/GNVQ Information:

	Pupils aged 15				GCSE/GNVQ Results			Average capped point score	
	Total	with SEN with statements	with SEN without statements		5+ A* - C	5+ A* - C	no passes		
<b>England average</b>					52.9%	88.8%	5.2%	34.8	
Gravesend Grammar School for Girls	151		4	2.6%	99%	100%	0%	54.1	
Gravesen Grammar School	147		7	4.8%	99%	100%	0%	51.8	
St John's RC Comprehensive	181	1	0.6%	53	29.3%	51%	95%	3%	35.2
St George's Church of Englrad	223	4	1.8%	56	25.1%	40%	93%	2%	32.2
Northfleet School for Boys	147	3	2.0%	64	43.5%	31%	93%	35	27.3
Northfleet School for Girls	160	3	1.9%	26	16.3%	46%	98%	1%	35.3
The lfield School	13				0%	0%	92%	0.2	
Thamesview School	165	9	5.5%	31	18.8%	21%	88%	1%	25.6
Swan Valley Community School	147	3	2.0%	42	28.6%	15%	85%	2%	23.5
Axton Chase School	133	10	7.5%	29	21.8%	32%	79%	5%	25.8
Cobham Hall	17			6	35.3%	88%	94%	0%	47.7
Gad's Hill School	5					100%	100%	0%	63.0
Helen Allison School	8					NE	NE	NE	NE
Meopham School	158	2	1.3%	50	31.6%	28%	93%	4%	27.5
Chapter School	176	3	1.7%	51	29.0%	39%	94%	1%	33.0
Abbey Court Community Special	3					NE	NE	NE	NE
Milestone School	7					NE	NE	NE	NE

## Travel times and distances from Gravesend

## Road

Place	Miles	Drive Time
Canterbury	38	0:53
Dover	55	1:09
City of London	24	0:54
Brighton	66	1:17
Southampton	111	2:11
Bristol	162	2:54
Oxford	103	2:03
Milton Keynes	82	1:41
Manchester	235	4:14
Leeds	224	3:59
Newcastle	315	5:51
Edinburgh	430	7.44
Glasgow	430	7:11

## Airports

London City	18	0:41
Gatwick	39	0:48
Heathrow	64	1:12
Stansted	42	0:51
Luton	62	1:11



### Rail

4 trains an hour from Gravesend (off peak) in 0:53 – 58 mins to Charing Cross (2 semi fast via Woolwich & Greenwich & 2 slow via Sidcup)

More trains in peak hours

2 tph to Gillingham in 20 mins

From 2007

Gravesend – St Pancras in 23 mins

Ebbsfleet – St Pancras in 17 mins

Ebbsfleet – Paris in 2:20

Ebbsfleet – Brussels in 2 hours

### Housing in Gravesham

Gravesham offers a diverse range of residential properties from busy town centres to rural retreats, riverfront premises to tranquil villages. Property prices and rents are very competitive when compared with elsewhere in Kent and SE England, although as with any area, they vary depending on location and facilities.

The table below displays a sample of indicative property prices in Gravesham:

These figures are a guideline and are provided by the **Land Registry**.

#### Gravesham

**Detached** £309,333

**Semi-detached** £203,583

**Terraced** £159,415

**Flat** £105,899

#### England/Wales average

**Detached** £284,497 (66,340)

**Semi-detached** £169,898 (83,707)

**Terraced** £143,074 (96,884)

**Flat** £175,175 (49,579)



### New Housing Construction Projects

In order to accommodate the projected growth in population, Gravesham Borough Council have made provision for a substantial number of new housing to be constructed throughout the borough. There are an estimated 11 sites with varying sizes between a minimum of 50 dwellings to a maximum of 1200 dwellings. Total housing land supply in Gravesham 2003 - 2021 would be approximately 10000 new dwellings.

### Healthcare

Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Primary Care Trust provides Gravesham residents with comprehensive medical, dental and community health care facilities. Most clinics and practices provide general healthcare advisory services.

The Gravesend and North Kent Hospital and the Livingstone Hospital are both managed by the Dartford Gravesham and Swanley PCT. A comprehensive range of services is also available at Darent Valley Hospital includes 24-hour accident and emergency cover.

Nearby NHS provision includes the Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham and the Erith and District Hospital in Erith.

Private medical facilities are available within most NHS hospitals including Darent Valley Hospital. There are also independent hospitals such as the Fawkham Manor BMI Hospital in Longfield and the BUPA Alexandra Hospital in Chatham.

Whilst alternative medicine including osteopathy, chiropractics, acupuncture, homeopathy etc. may sometimes be available via NHS referral, this type of treatment is generally only available when purchased privately.



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