

THE KING'S SCHOOL IN MACCLESFIELD



The King's School in Macclesfield was founded in 1502 by Sir John Percyvale and re-founded in 1552 by King Edward VI. It has enjoyed a distinguished history of providing high quality education for local children for over 500 years. The school is the oldest with links to the Merchant Taylors' Company; the school's founder having been a member of the livery before becoming Lord Mayor of London. In 2002 the school's Quincentenary was marked by a visit from Her Majesty the Queen. Until 1978 King's served as a boys' county grammar school, accepting the majority of children through the Direct Grant Scheme. It is now completely independent, but retains the tradition of a local school serving its community and providing bursaries to support those whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their admission.

King's is a 'Diamond School', educating girls and boys together in the Sixth Form and from the ages of 3 to 11, but separately from 11 to 16 in the Boys' and Girls' Divisions. The Girls' Division opened in 1993 on the site of the former Macclesfield Girls' High School, which also houses the Infant and Junior Division. The Boys' and Sixth Form Divisions are based at Cumberland Street which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2006 with the opening of a purpose-built Sixth Form Centre the following year. There are around 1,350 pupils in the Foundation and, as such, King's is one of the largest HMC schools in the country. The four Divisions each have their own separate Principals who report directly to the Headmaster.

The school has a strong academic reputation and aims to combine the best of traditional values with a commitment to forward-thinking and broad-based education. In 2011, the percentage of A*/B grades at A Level was 73.9%. The percentage of A/A* grades at GCSE was 59.4%. Five pupils have received offers for Oxford or Cambridge Universities for October 2012. Pupils benefit from the highly qualified and committed teaching staff, small class sizes and a disciplined learning environment. There is a strong commitment to extra-curricular activities and King's reputation for music, drama and sport is firmly established. The Foundation Choir has been the BBC *Songs of Praise* Choir of the Year and tours internationally. Interest in a wide variety of pursuits is actively encouraged, and all kinds of clubs and societies flourish. The school is a Duke of Edinburgh operating authority in its own right and a large number of pupils have gained national and international honours for sport.

The school aims to create a caring, friendly community in which the pupils are encouraged to accept responsibility and to set themselves high standards in all they undertake. The quality of personal relationships is of a very high standard at King's; this was highlighted in our most recent ISI Inspection which can be found on our website.