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Welcome to King's School

King's pupils are challenged to be ambitious, aim high, think for themselves, be kind and support each other.

Our focus is on developing pupils' intelligence and a love of learning, as well as their character and confidence.

King's boasts all the fantastic facilities and resources of a large school, offering children a seamless journey from Pre-School through to Sixth Form. However, pupils are valued as individuals in a 'small school' environment where their talents are nurtured.

Pupils leave us with the character, skills and attributes for success later in life, and with a sense of responsibility and their place in a wider community.

Our aim is to cultivate inquisitive minds through our unique curriculum and our focus on personal development.

We offer a stunning 80-acre campus in Cheshire, with truly world-class facilities. However, we are defined by the people who make up our community. We pride ourselves on nurturing happy children in a caring environment and place of wellbeing.

Our recent ISI Inspection report recognises King's as 'excellent' in every aspect, including quality of pupils' achievements and learning; curricular and extra-curricular provision; teaching; pastoral care and leadership.

I would encourage you to visit us and experience for yourself what makes King's a special place in which to learn and grow.

Jason Slack
Head of Foundation



"We are delighted with the way in which King's is enabling our children, each with their very different personalities, to thrive and be happy in their education." **Parent**



A Place of Wellbeing

Founded in 1502, King's has a long and proud history, yet offers fantastic modern facilities optimised for pupil wellbeing.

King's is a place of inspiration and innovation. Our campus offers 80 acres of beautiful countryside containing the finest and most modern teaching facilities in the country.

Characterised by space and natural light, our academic building contains tailored accommodation for Infants, Juniors and Senior pupils. Each academic department benefits from generous, state-of-the-art facilities and the latest ICT. The performing arts faculty contains a recital hall and two drama studios; the arts & design faculty has an exhibition space; and the science faculty is home to 15 laboratories. There is also an imposing main hall, a refectory, a lecture theatre and central library.

A defining feature of the campus is its rural feel and we have optimised the outdoor areas for learning, recreation, sport and pupil wellbeing. As well as multiple outdoor classrooms, pupils enjoy a Forest School, woodland, stream, orchards and an apiary.

The impressive Sports Centre offers a 25-metre swimming pool, indoor cricket centre, a six-court sports hall and dance/martial arts studio. Externally, there are multiple rugby, cricket and AstroTurf pitches,

netball and tennis courts, junior football pitches and facilities for athletics and rounders.

We have a full programme of indoor and outdoor activities to support our pupils' wellbeing, including Mindfulness, yoga, swimming, gardening and a gymnasium.

Our unique curriculum engages pupils in regular outdoor learning, connecting them with nature and developing life skills such as communication, cooperation, teamwork and resilience through a programme for personal development.

The values of love, compassion and mutual respect underpin all our activities. Our pastoral care is "excellent" (*ISI Inspection 2022*) and has long been a defining feature of King's. The size of classes and year groups are small, so that every single child is known on a personal level.

Strong relationships flourish between pupils and with teachers. A pupil's class teacher or Form Tutor is central to her or his wellbeing and each year group has a Head of Year, who takes an overview of pupils' academic and pastoral welfare. Along with our Pupil Managers, nurses and support staff, we know that our pupils are in very good hands.

"Pupils' social development & collaborative working skills are excellent, and relationships between pupils are warm and considerate."

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Inspirational Learning

Our lessons encourage pupils to think for themselves, to foster curiosity and to develop into independent learners.

Lively and enquiring minds

Our curriculum is broad, modern and innovative. It is designed to develop independent learners with the character and skills so that they can adapt to change, and have a growth mindset.

We encourage pupils to express opinions, ask questions and play an active role in their learning. Our teaching puts an emphasis on developing the learning habits of resilience, questioning, collaborating, reflecting and reasoning. We focus on helping pupils understand how they learn and on developing higher-order thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation.

Academic success

Pupils are inspired to aim high and achieve their very best. Pupils' academic achievements are impressive, putting King's in the top performing independent schools in the country. More importantly, each individual is inspired to reach their potential.

Around 90% of our students achieve their choice of university place; typically 65% join Russell Group universities.

King's alumni can be found at the top of financial, creative, sporting, media and scientific industries.

Challenge and enrichment

Lessons at King's are stimulating, varied and fun. We aim to challenge and inspire each and every pupil.

Our Challenge & Enrichment provision is designed to develop pupils' abilities and talents via a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom, including national schemes, competitions, trips and specialist tuition. It encompasses all academic subjects and year groups.

Our 'Aspire' programme prepares students who wish to gain a place at the most selective universities or on the most competitive courses, such as Medicine and Law.

"Pupils' higher-order thinking skills are particularly well developed. Pupils benefit from an excellent range of academic subjects and extra-curricular activities. Teaching throughout the school is excellent." **ISI Inspection 2022**



Character & Independence

King's offers a whole world of exciting opportunities from clubs and outdoor learning to exploring remote parts of the globe.

Character & independence

We understand that character development is every bit as important as academic success. Many of the attributes our pupils will need later in life – determination, resilience and confidence – will be built whilst volunteering, during an expedition, producing a musical or in a sports team. The extra-curricular offering is immense: more than 100 activities provide inspiration, enjoyment and success. These range from electronics and STEM Club to debating, sailing, poetry club, Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Band.

Adventures & experiences

A range of school trips, fieldwork studies, foreign travel and expeditions allow pupils to see the world for themselves. Whether it is a 'World Challenge' in Bolivia or Namibia, a language exchange to Germany, biology fieldwork in South Africa, sports tour to Australia or a choir tour to Rome, pupils are able to learn about themselves at the same time as appreciating other cultures.

An energetic life

All of our infant, junior and Year 7 pupils enjoy timetabled outdoor lessons as part of our unique '*King's Compass*' programme, designed to develop character, resilience and important life skills. From Year 9 onwards, we offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and we are also one of the largest DofE directly licensed

centres in the country, with around 300 students participating every year; each one learning new skills, undertaking expeditions and volunteering in the community. We have an extensive Outdoor Pursuits programme, offering caving, hiking, mountaineering, sailing, coasteering and kayaking.

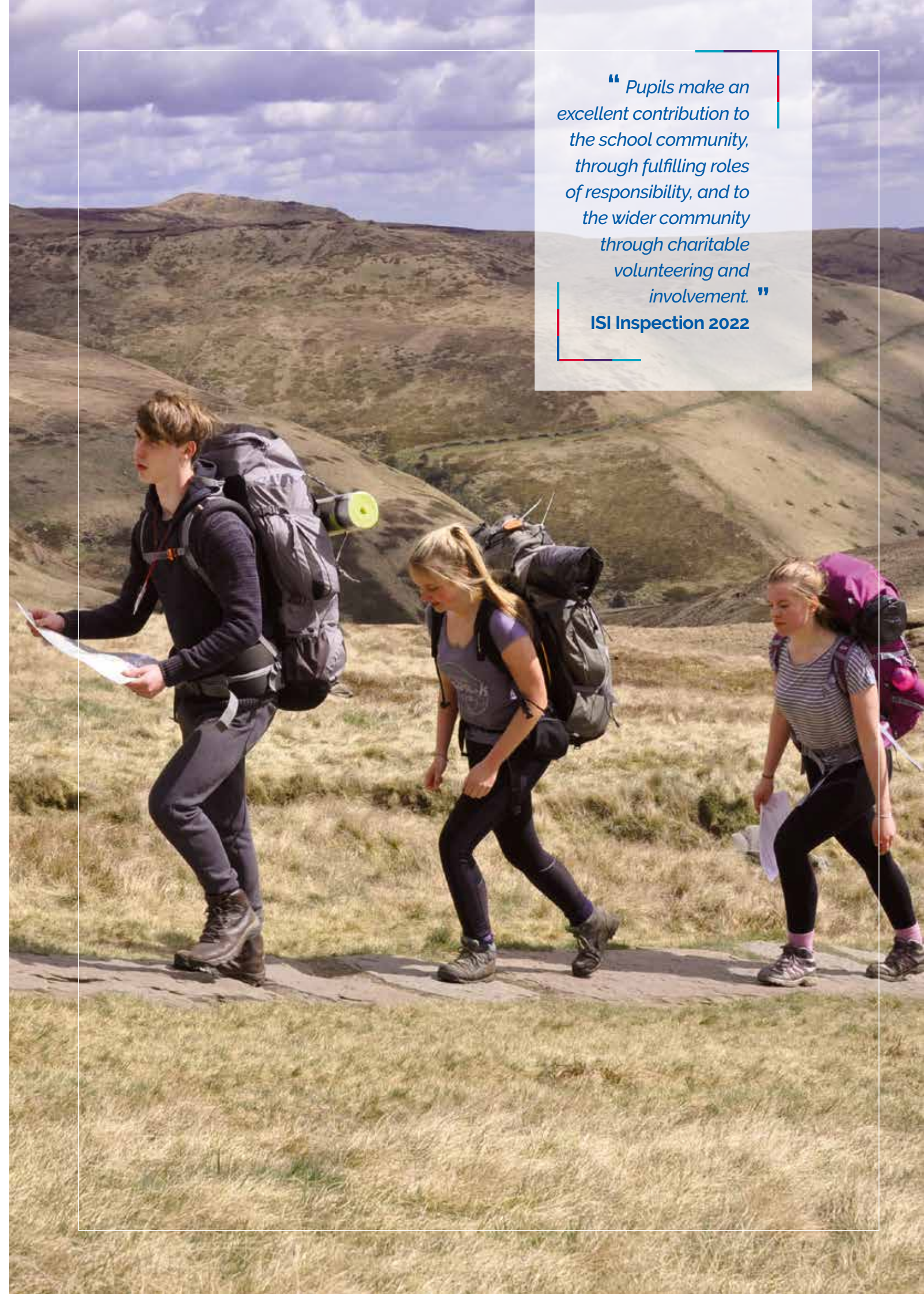
Leadership & responsibility

Social responsibility is an equally important part of our pupils' personal development. Volunteering, community engagement, charity involvement and fundraising are central to life at King's. Our Charity Prefects in each of our Divisions help to select and plan the support for our local charities and international partner schools in Kenya and Ghana.

Key to the personal development of our pupils are the opportunities for pupil leadership. Opportunities are offered throughout the School, from Form Captains and House Captains in the Juniors through to Senior Prefects and School Captains in the Sixth Form.

Running throughout the school community is our programme for student voice, through school councils, committees and our Sixth Form Leadership positions. Our Prefects and Captains perform important roles both within the School and with the wider community.

"Pupils make an excellent contribution to the school community, through fulfilling roles of responsibility, and to the wider community through charitable volunteering and involvement."
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"Pupils have excellent communication skills; they are highly articulate and confident speakers and listen and respond maturely."
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Creativity & Expression

At King's, we believe that creative expression is a fundamental part of life's rich tapestry and creative subjects are a core part of our curriculum.

The creative life of King's is rich and varied. From the Infants through to Seniors, pupils experience lessons in art, dance, design, technology, music, drama, creative writing and poetry.

This way, confidence is built and skills in analysis, communication and teamwork are developed.

Art and Design Technology are core subjects from the Infants through to the Seniors, with A Level courses also provided.

Pupils are taught by specialists and use a wide range of media, benefitting from our glass and ceramic kilns, 3D printers, laser cutters and 'Innovation Suite' for computer aided design.

Music is central to the life of King's and musicians of all abilities play and sing in the many musical ensembles and choirs, including the Big Band, Barbershop Quartet and Concert Orchestra.

Pupils are encouraged to learn an instrument, with tuition provided as part of the curriculum for pupils in Year 4.

Our Music Department houses multiple tuition suites, a Recital Hall, a music tech room and well-equipped classrooms.

Concerts, musicals and stage shows are performed regularly, allowing pupils to develop their individual skills whilst working collaboratively and developing their confidence.

Each year, a number of major theatrical performances are staged including pantomimes, musicals and West End style shows.

The extra-curricular offering is immense: from animation, art, dance and drama, to poetry and writing the school literary review, there are opportunities for everyone.



Participation & Excellence

King's has a reputation for excellence in a range of sports, which is an important and vibrant part of pupils' lives.

From the Infants through to the Sixth Form, pupils enjoy an active life and are able to participate in an extensive range of activities. Through PE and Games lessons, all pupils will enjoy sport and, for those who wish to take their passions further, our dedicated team of specialist coaches and teachers will help them to develop their potential.

Our campus boasts impressive facilities for a variety of sports including a 25m swimming pool, indoor cricket centre, fitness centre, large sports hall for badminton, trampolining, cheerleading, basketball and other sports, a dance and martial arts studio, outdoor cricket nets, multiple rugby, cricket and AstroTurf pitches, netball and tennis courts, junior football pitches, running track and facilities for athletics and rounders.

We understand that attributes such as determination, resilience, commitment, teamwork and confidence will be built whilst playing sport. As well as the typical team sports of cricket, hockey, netball and rugby, we offer athletics, climbing, canoeing, dance, mountaineering, sailing, taekwondo, tennis, trampolining, an equestrian squad and yoga.

Pupils enjoy success at local, regional and national level competitions in a range of sports.

For our exceptionally talented pupils, we offer King's Elite Athlete Pathway (KEAP) through which our highly qualified sports staff provide regular training sessions, strength & conditioning sessions, specialist support and mentoring for our talented athletes.

Pupils also have the opportunity to undertake Sports Tours to destinations in the UK as well as Australia, South America, South Africa, the Caribbean, Middle East, Asia and Canada.

"The quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent. Pupils demonstrate a high level of self-understanding, self confidence, self discipline and resilience."

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"Pupils' attitudes to learning are excellent. They are enthusiastic and ambitious learners, with a genuine desire to succeed."

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Where the Journey Begins

King's Infant & Junior Division offers children the very best start, helping lay a strong foundation for their educational journey.

Infants

Each child's happiness is at the heart of all that we do and we create a stimulating and exciting environment where learning takes place through enjoyment. Children flourish in small classes with caring, experienced teachers and both indoor and outdoor classrooms.

Our unique curriculum goes well beyond national requirements, offering a broad and enriched learning experience with a focus on the development of independence, perseverance and investigative skills. Our curriculum includes Singing, Music, Dance, PE, Foreign Languages and Forest School lessons with specialist teachers, plus a range of learning opportunities including trips to museums, libraries and galleries as well as visiting artists, authors and the occasional cave man!

Pupils are seen as individuals and great care is taken to differentiate according to each child's pace of development.

Juniors

A rich and broad education continues through our 'Learning Challenge' curriculum. Dedicated time is given each day for English and Mathematics, whilst enquiry-based learning allows cross-curricular exploration of topics to broaden children's understanding of the world. This allows pupils to acquire historical, scientific and geographical knowledge at the same time as developing independent learning, questioning, resilience and reflection.

Pupils are encouraged to take an active part in lessons, express opinions and work collaboratively. Exceptionally gifted and talented children are challenged, whilst the curriculum for all pupils is enriched with school trips, visiting speakers and special activities throughout the year.

Outdoor learning, Sport, Music and Drama all feature heavily in life as a King's pupil and a variety of clubs are on offer, ranging from Art and Chess to Japanese and Science.



Developing Potential

Senior pupils enjoy an academically challenging curriculum alongside a range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

King's Senior Division is where pupils achieve impressive academic standards whilst developing their passions in a range of activities that develop the skills and confidence to thrive later in life.

We are committed to making every pupil's education a fulfilling, exciting and rewarding experience. Pupils enjoy a broad curriculum and gain essential skills across a full range of disciplines.

In Year 7, pupils study 18 subjects including four creative subjects, four languages, mathematics, the sciences, humanities, Critical Thinking, Outdoor learning and Computing.

From Year 8, pupils start to select their preferred languages and creative options, before going on to study 10 GCSEs. Pupils benefit from teaching and pastoral staff

who are all specialists in their fields and are incredibly passionate about what they do.

Pupils consistently achieve amongst the best GCSE and A Level results in the North West: In 2022, 65% of all GCSE grades were 9-7 (A*/A) and 52% of A Levels were A*/A. These outstanding results open up so many possibilities for their futures and our pupils gain access to some of the most competitive universities in the UK and abroad.

The extra-curricular offering is immense: more than 100 activities provide inspiration, enjoyment and success. From animation, art, drama, electronics and poetry clubs, to writing the school literary review, Debating Society and Philosophy Club, there really is something for everyone. Sport, foreign travel, charity work, competitions, visiting speakers, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, sports tours, concerts and choirs are an integral part of life at King's.



"When selecting a school for our four children, we looked at exam results but we also relied on our feeling for the school. All our expectations have been exceeded and it is definitely the right place for all our children."

Parent

"The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent. Pupils have extremely positive attitudes to learning, and achieve highly in both academic and other areas."

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Striving for Excellence

King's Sixth Form is exceptional in the way it prepares students for life beyond school.

King's Sixth Form offers an exciting and varied academic environment, alongside excellence in pastoral care. We encourage students to aspire, work hard and make the most of the range of opportunities on offer.

Emphasis is placed on independent learning, self-directed research projects and small tutor groups in order to prepare pupils for university.

Academic achievements are high, but Sixth Form life extends well beyond the classroom and includes a range of activities including Young Enterprise, Debating Society, Model United Nations, overseas expeditions, national competitions, volunteering, charity work and travel abroad.

Academic courses

Most students study three A Levels, maximising teaching time in their subjects, but in some cases, four subjects may be chosen. A broad Extended Studies Programme offers a course in Global Perspectives in Year 12 and, for students in Year 13, the prestigious Extended Project Qualification or an alternative qualification such as Sports Leadership, the Arts Award, Expedition Leadership, Japanese or Theatre Studies.

Most students go on to study at university and choose courses ranging from Art to Zoology, with everything in between. Around two thirds of students choose Russell Group and other research-dominated universities.

Support and Guidance

Students are provided with support and guidance to help with their choice of university and course, or with applications for apprenticeships, or the world of work. All students receive individual advice from our Careers Officer, who also oversees a programme of visiting speakers, talks by university admissions tutors, visits to UCAS events and university open days. Students facing university interviews are given at least two practice interviews, one of which is with an external specialist in the student's chosen subject.

Sport and Activities

Wednesday afternoons are devoted to recreational activities. Students choose from a range of options including art, drama, sport, volunteering or outdoor activities such as rock-climbing and sailing. There is a wide range of competitive and non-competitive sport on offer, with many students achieving very high standards as individuals in representing their county, region or even the country.



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Further information on all aspects of life at King's can be found on our website: www.kingsmac.co.uk.

Guidance on visiting King's, the registration process, fees, scholarships and bursaries is contained in our separate **Admissions Information booklet**.

For enquiries regarding admissions, please contact our Admissions Team on **01625 260000**, or email: admissions@kingsmac.co.uk.

VISITING US

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