



# PROSPECTUS

## 2022-23

*FROM THE HEADTEACHER*

# WELCOME



The King's School is a unique environment in which children can thrive and grow both spiritually and academically. Here childhood is valued and treasured and God is firmly at the centre of all that we do. Children develop a strong sense of identity and destiny, secure in who they are and looking confidently to the future.

We provide education of quality and excellence in a loving and safe Christian environment. Our students enjoy their learning, are encouraged to have high aspirations and to treat others with kindness and respect.

With both the Primary and Senior Schools on one site we see ourselves as one family and it is that strength of relationships between staff, parents and students, creating a peaceful, secure and happy environment, which is regularly commented on by people visiting us for the first time.

Our small class sizes ensure that every student is known and valued and that their individual needs can be met, stretching and supporting as appropriate. There are many opportunities for children to contribute to the life of the school, developing their gifts and abilities, growing in confidence and character.

Our prayer is that throughout their time at The King's School children build strong foundations, secure in their relationship with God in order for them to make a positive difference in the world wherever they go and whatever they do.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit us, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. I would be delighted to meet you personally and take you on a tour of our unique school.

**Heather Bowden, Headteacher**

**Proverbs 22:6**

**'Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it'**

*Luke 2: 52*

# WISDOM, STATURE, FAVOUR

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

This is a school where children have the opportunity to grow in wisdom, stature and favour with God and others.



## Stature

We place great value on developing character, giving opportunities for our students to develop their resilience and confidence in their God-given abilities. In all areas of school life, from the classroom to the sports field to the music room, students are encouraged to aim high and do their best. We help students to understand their identity in God and inspire them to make a positive difference to the world in which they live.



## Wisdom

While delivering a broad and balanced curriculum we ensure that all our learning is placed within a distinctive Christian context, enabling students to make sense of the world through a God-centred lens. Our students transition from learning through play in the early years, to leaving the school with a range of qualifications which prepare them well for the next stage of their education.



## Favour

The Bible teaches us to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. At The King's School we provide an environment in which students can grow in their relationship with God and develop Christ-like characteristics. Through our assemblies, tutor times and lessons we encourage students to grow in their faith and to form healthy friendships with each other and the wider community.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our excellent team of teachers cultivates a nurturing environment to ensure that all children feel secure in their new school. Learning can only happen effectively when children are happy and safe and therefore we do all we can to help them settle quickly and make new friends.



In Reception and Years 1 and 2, many of the activities will be built around extended play, enabling children to have fun while remaining engaged in their learning. Some of the children that join us will already be able to recognise letters, numbers and even words, but whatever the starting point, we will ensure children are challenged appropriately and make good progress.

In Years 3 to 6, learning becomes more structured and pupils are stretched in all areas, both academic and creative, in order to maximise achievement. Children are encouraged to grow in character, to become confident and resilient, making the most of every opportunity.

Underpinning all of this, children are taught to trust and love God and discover what it means to be His child.

As students progress through the senior years, achievement at every level is encouraged and supported. There is a varied programme of academic and spiritual challenge and opportunities for students to grow in leadership and responsibility.

By understanding more about God, students will see that success lies in placing Him at the centre of everything they do. It is this ingredient alone that gives our students the ability to move on to the next stage of their learning with confidence and maturity.





# CHRIST-CENTRED EDUCATION

Teaching children the truth about God and His world is at the centre of Christian education. Although the content of a Christian curriculum is not vastly different from that taught in most schools today, it is the context within which that content is placed that makes the difference. Christian education derives its context and basis from truths and values taught by God through the Bible.

In Primary, each class focuses on a half-termly Heart Concept, a Bible verse or Biblical truth, around which all their other learning is based. Although numeracy and literacy are a key focus, a broad range of other subjects are highly valued, allowing students to discover their own areas of interest and enjoyment. Small class sizes enable us to meet the needs of all students as teachers know each child well, supporting them as individuals in their learning journey.

As our senior students progress through the school, they gain a deepening awareness of God's plans and purposes for their lives. In our secure environment, where achievement at every level is encouraged and supported, students will engage in a structured programme of academic and spiritual challenge.

The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum, offering a wide range of subjects. Students are prepared for up to 11 GCSE subjects drawn from a broad range of disciplines, in order to establish a balanced education and prepare students for further and higher education.

**1 Samuel 2:2**

**"There is no  
one Holy like  
the Lord;  
there is no one  
besides you;  
there is no  
Rock like our  
God. The Lord  
is my rock, my  
fortress and  
my deliverer"**

# CURRICULUM

## Years R – 6

Numeracy  
Literacy  
Science  
Biblical Studies  
Art and Design Technology  
Drama  
History  
Geography  
Music  
Physical Education  
ICT  
Spanish (KS2 Only)

## Years 7 – 8

Maths  
English  
Science  
History  
Geography  
Spanish  
Latin  
Religious Studies  
Art  
Computer Science  
Dance and Drama  
Food Technology  
Music  
Physical Education  
Textiles

## Years 9 – 11

Core GCSEs:  
Maths  
English Language  
English Literature  
Religious Studies  
Either Combined Science: Trilogy  
Or Biology  
Physics and  
Chemistry  
Spanish  
Geography

## GCSE Options

Art and Design (Fine Art)  
Child Development  
Citizenship  
Computer Science  
Drama  
Food Preparation and Nutrition  
History  
Music  
Physical Education  
Textiles



**A comprehensive PSHE, RSE and careers curriculum is delivered throughout the School.**





# OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

To book an appointment to meet the Headteacher and tour the school, please call us on 023 8060 0986

**Saturday  
1st October 2022**

**Open Morning**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

**Saturday  
4th March 2023**

**Open Morning**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

**Saturday  
24th June 2023**

**Open Morning**

**10.30am - 12.00pm**

# FEES 2022/23



Fees per annum	Child 1
Year 10 & 11	£8460
Year 7 to 9	£8136
Year 3 to 6	£5580
Year R to 2	£5136
All Siblings	£5016

**Please Note:** Activity Weeks, examination fees and all extra-curricular activities are charged in addition to the above. Students who require a visa to attend the school will be charged an overseas supplement and if any additional curriculum support is required, there will also be an additional charge.

**£50 Application Fee:** Payable per child upon application of your child – non-refundable.

**£1,000 (£500 Siblings) Deposit:** Payable per child either six months before your child begins school, or as soon as the application is approved, if this is less than a term before the start date. The deposit is refunded either at the end of Year 11 or when each child leaves, providing all fees due have been paid.

**Advance Fee Payments are available for 2 years or more:** Please contact Margaret Walker for a personal quotation.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR EXPENSES

### Activity Weeks

All students from Year R to Year 9 participate in Activity Week during the Summer Term. For some students this involves local day trips and on-site activities, and for other students there will be the opportunity to participate in a residential at a local Activity Centre. This is an invaluable experience, allowing students to develop independence as they embrace new challenges, whilst having plenty of fun!

The venues and costs vary from year to year. Please contact the office for further information.

### Wraparound Care

This is run on site, from 8am to 4.30pm.

### Examination Fees

These are charged per subject, in the region of £50 each. There may be an additional charge if access arrangements are required.





# EXAMINATION RESULTS

## 2021 - TEACHER ASSESSED GRADES

Students at The King's School sit GCSE examinations for Core subjects in Year 11. These are English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science (either Triple or Combined) and Spanish. Year 10 students sit GCSE Religious Studies. The Option subjects are sat by a combination of Year 9, 10 & 11 students.

Overall GCSE results for exams sat in 2021:

Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	Students Entered	9 to 7	9 to 4	9 to 1
<b>Y11 only:</b>														
English Language	2	5	10	12	6	1	2				38	44.7%	94.7%	100%
English Literature		5	14	10	5	2					36	52.8%	100%	100%
Mathematics	2	6	14	4	5	7					38	57.9%	100%	100%
Biology	3	7	3	3	1	1	1				19	68.4%	94.7%	100%
Chemistry	2	4	5	2	3	1	1				18	61.1%	94.5%	100%
Physics	3	3	2	7	2	1	1				19	42.1%	94.7%	100%
Combined Science (Double Award)	2	2	9	10	2	9					17	38.2%	100%	100%
Spanish		1	3	7	4						15	26.7%	100%	100%
French (one Y9 student)	1		1								2	100%	100%	100%
Geography (one Y10 student)		3	3								6	100%	100%	100%
Religious Studies (Y10 only)	7	4	4	6		4	2	1			28	53.6%	89.3%	100%
Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	Students Entered	9 to 7	9 to 4	9 to 1
<b>Y9, 10 &amp; 11 OPTIONS:</b>														
Computer Science	1	2	2		1	2					8	62.5%	100%	100%
Drama	1	1	5	4							11	63.6%	100%	100%
Food Preparation and Nutrition	1	2	5	2	1						11	72.7%	100%	100%
History	7	4	2		2	3					18	72.2%	100%	100%
Music	3		3	6	1	1					14	42.9%	100%	100%
Physical Education	2	5	6	1		1	2				17	76.5%	88.2%	100%
Textiles (Portfolio-based)	2	2	3	2	1	1					11	63.6%	100%	100%

% Y11 students gaining 5 or more standard passes or above

94.7%

% Y11 students gaining 5 or more standard passes including English Language and Mathematics

94.7%

# ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Receive Prospectus / Attend an Open Day

Meet with the Headteacher \*and SENCo, if appropriate

Taster Days; Pre-school students may be visited in their current setting

Submit Application Form and £50 fee

Discussions with previous school to ensure that The King's School is the best place for your child

Church references are taken

Further taster days as required

Notify parents of panel's decision. If successful: payment of deposit

Completion of admissions paperwork

If starting in September, attend transfer day in July

Start School

\*In order for the School to ascertain that we can meet your child's needs it is important that at this meeting the School is made aware of any additional needs, including physical, medical, behavioural, social, emotional or academic.



# THE KING'S SCHOOL STAFF

## Leadership Team

### **Mrs H Bowden: Headteacher**

BA (Hons) English and Geography; PGCE, Swansea; NPQH

### **Mrs C Santer: Deputy Headteacher**

BA (Hons) English Literature; PGCE, Southampton

### **Mrs M Walker: Business & Admissions Manager**

BSc (Hons) Biology, Liverpool; FCCA

### **Mrs A Scurr: Assistant Headteacher**

BSc (Hons) Mathematics; PGCE, Southampton

### **Mrs D Vardy: Assistant Headteacher, Primary Lead**

BA (Hons) Community and Youth Studies, Reading; PGCE, Winchester



### **Mrs R Firth: SENCo**

BA (Hons) Politics and Modern History; PGCE, Manchester

### **Mr M Parker: Chair of Governance Board**

The Governance Board comprises both Trustees and Governors and their responsibility is supporting and empowering the Leadership Team.

### **Office**

[office@thekingsschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thekingsschool.org.uk)

# COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

"You walk into the school knowing that it's a busy place, full of teenagers and the usual tensions that they may be going through. But you also walk into a place where God's presence is apparent and His peace is woven into the fabric of the school life."

"The King's School provides a Christian, caring academic environment for your child."



"I want my children to have a good academic education that includes Christian principles and beliefs: a safe environment where they can grow into the men and women that God has designed them to be."

"It is a place where God is still at the centre. It is a safe environment and students who come here stay because it is a safe, happy place where each child matters and students are not just seen as a number but as the individuals they are."

"The school has a positive, caring atmosphere. Children are cared for as individuals and encouraged to grow in character and confidence, spiritually as well as academically."



"It is like a family. You can speak to staff at any time and you know that they care about your child as much as we do. Standards and discipline are fair and consistent."

"All the teachers are totally dedicated to the School. It is a caring, safe environment for all students. The teachers have a very open relationship with parents, which I find very refreshing."

"We have seen our daughter grow in a number of ways since joining the school – not just physically, but in character, maturity and love."

"Education in a genuinely caring environment where values within the home are echoed and reinforced – not contradicted. Teachers and pupils get to know each other well, creating a 'family' feel to the school. Pupils achieve their individual potential within an environment where all want to do well."

"Small classes, lower fees, dedicated teachers, Christian values."

"The teachers and support staff are Godly, caring, supportive and patient. They seek to bring each child to their full potential, irrespective of any special needs, which are sensitively and competently handled."



# COMMENTS FROM OUR STUDENTS



"I really like the warm, familiar and friendly presence when I walk into the building. Everyone is so kind and the support for the students is amazing."

**"I like the fact that it is a small school, so the teachers are always there to help you. I also really like the fact that everyone is so kind and helpful."**

"I would say that the best thing about The King's School is the small class sizes. They allow for a real sense of community."

"Break times are really fun as anyone can join in a big football game or talk with people from all across the school. Everyone is very friendly."

**"I like that the classes are smaller than other schools because you get more attention and help from the teachers."**

"I love how The King's School is like a community. It is a small school but that means that new friendships and relationships would form that in a school of a larger scale may not be possible. At times it feels like everyone knows each other, both student and teacher alike."

"I like how the teachers truly show their concerns for our problems- no matter how big or small it is. They truly care about us not because it's their job and they have to, but because of their genuine kindness."



"I love how in The King's School, we are like a family and that everyone knows everyone."

# COMMENTS FROM OUR STUDENTS

"I like The King's School because everyone is very nice and it is a **very welcoming school**, which makes it fun to learn."

"The King's School offers amazing opportunities such as taking part in productions, and serving in the worship band. Besides this, the atmosphere is very friendly and welcoming and it **allows me to express my Christian faith** in a safe environment."



"The King's School has felt like a family to me; the teachers know and care for each of us in such a way that gives us confidence to be who we are. They model not only passion about their subjects, but also what a living faith in the Lord Jesus looks like".

"All the teachers are friendly and know you as a person. I also like that any feedback given is acted on and we are always listened to."





# COMMENTS FROM OUR STUDENTS

"I like how there are small classes so that the teachers can help you more with the areas that you feel that you need help in."



"I like the school because it does not feel too full of children and it just feels like a really comfortable place to learn. All the teachers know you and they give you a really good quality of learning and being taught is very fun and also very helpful."

"I love the space on the grounds, especially in the summer when me and my friends can hang out together on the grass, chatting or just eating lunch."

"The King's School is a very welcoming environment and offers fantastic pastoral care. The love for God and the students is shown through every teacher, each wanting the very best for every pupil."

"I love that the teachers are all Christians which means that we are free to pray and talk about God."





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