

# THE KING'S SCHOOL IN MACCLESFIELD



## SCHOOL GOVERNORS

### FURTHER DETAILS AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

The King's School in Macclesfield is seeking volunteers to join the Governing Body of this ambitious and top-performing school.

#### ABOUT THE SCHOOL

In September 2020, the school relocated to modern, purpose-built facilities on our new state-of-the-art campus on the edge of Macclesfield and Prestbury. The new campus is the most ambitious project in the school's 500-year history.

The King's School in Macclesfield is a co-educational day school, educating girls and boys together from Pre-School to the Sixth Form (ages 3-18). There are around 1,270 pupils and around 250 staff in the Foundation; as such, King's is one of the largest HMC schools in the country.

King's 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 Master of the Company before becoming Lord Mayor of London. In 2002, the school's Quincentenary was marked by a visit from HRH 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. After 400 years of boys' only education, the school originally admitted girls to the Sixth Form and, following the success of this, opened a Senior Girls' Division in 1993 on the site of the former Macclesfield Girls' High School, which also housed the Infant and Junior Division.

The school operated from these two sites, with a third sporting facility at the Derby Fields, until 2020 when it moved to a single campus. The school now occupies purpose-built facilities at our new state-of-the-art campus. The campus boasts 80 acres of Cheshire countryside, modern and impressive indoor and outdoor learning facilities as well as expansive sporting facilities.

The school is organised into three Divisions; the Infant & Junior Division, Senior Division and Sixth Form Division. Each Division has its own facilities and separate Principal who reports directly to the Head of Foundation. 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 2021, the percentage of A\*-B grades at A Level was 90%. The percentage of grades 9-7 at GCSE was 71%. 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 has excellent provision for outdoor learning and outdoor pursuits, and is a Duke of Edinburgh operating authority in its own right. A large number of pupils have gained national and international honours for sport.

## **ETHOS AND VALUES**

Learning and personal development are at the heart of the school community. We seek to equip young people with the character and skills necessary to meet the challenges of an ever changing world. We believe that education is about what happens in the classroom and more. We seek to produce courageous and responsible citizens who contribute to society through leadership and service. The values of love, compassion and mutual respect underpin all our activities and relationships.

## **THE SCHOOL'S AIMS**

- Challenge our pupils to aspire, work hard and achieve;
- Develop lively and enquiring minds;
- Foster a friendly, polite and caring community,
- Support parents in raising ambitious and well-rounded individuals.

Further information about the school, including details of our latest inspection, is available via our website.

## **WHAT IS THE GOVERNING BODY'S ROLE?**

The school is governed by a Board of not more than 16 Governors, each of whom is appointed initially for a term of five years.

The role of the Governing Body is non-executive, but it is accountable for:

- Setting the school's long-term strategy with the Head of Foundation and Senior Management Team;
- Reviewing and approving policies and future development plans to secure the best educational outcomes for our pupils;
- Ensuring compliance with applicable regulations;
- Approving the annual budget and overseeing proper control of the school's finances;
- Supporting and challenging the Head and Senior Management Team in evaluating performance and outcomes against the school's established plans and targets.

The Governing Body meets three times a year. Governors normally serve on at least one other Committee, which generally meet three times a year. The standing committees are responsible for:

- Education
- Finance and General Purposes
- External Relations
- Audit
- Remuneration
- Nominations

The Chair of Governors and the Governing Body are supported by the Clerk to the Governors who provides secretarial support and advice. The school's Director of Finance undertakes this role.

### **WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?**

The Governing Body consists of nominated and appointed Governors. Nominations are made by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, the Bishop of Chester, the University of Manchester and Cheshire East Local Authority.

Governors are drawn from a range of different backgrounds, including Former Pupils, parents and former parents. Most live locally, but the ability to contribute is more important than place of residence. All Governors utilise their broader skills and experiences within their governance and the Governing Body regularly reviews its skills and ongoing requirements. Governors are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- an interest in education and the performance of the school;
- an open and enquiring mind;
- the ability to look at issues objectively;
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate;
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements;
- the ability to work well with others; and
- the energy, enthusiasm and time to assist an ambitious school, keen to play a leading role in the locality and to contribute to educational advancement more broadly.

King's is an equal opportunities employer. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all Governors, staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We value diversity among pupils and staff. We are also keen to promote a greater diversity among the membership of the Governing Body. We encourage applications from all individuals regardless of gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

If you would like to register your interest in becoming a Governor at King's, please write to us enclosing a brief curriculum vitae.

Vacancies on the Governing Body occur periodically so that not all expressions of interest will necessarily be taken up immediately. In appointing new Governors, the Board will have regard to its current profile and skills. In particular, the Board is seeking applicants with leadership experience in primary and secondary education, engineering and Safety, Health & Environment, fundraising and also wider community involvement.

Successful applicants will normally be invited to meet the Chair, the Head and another Governor from the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee proposes new Governors, who are approved by the full Governing Body.

Letters of interest should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors at the address below or electronically to [head@kingsmac.co.uk](mailto:head@kingsmac.co.uk) by **Friday 1st April 2022**. Thank you for your interest in the King's School.

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