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Prospectus





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

Welcome to King's School

Education is our passion. Our young people deserve to feel the joy, the thrill and the infectious nature of positive learning.

Promoting this culture empowers King's to make a difference where children don't just reach their potential, but can exceed what they think is their potential. We see in children something that they may not see in themselves and share with them our appetite for excellence. Combining this ambition with the motivation to work hard promotes success and develops confidence and character.

Our caring approach allows children to feel safe and secure in their surroundings. Happy children make great learners and this promotes a sense of belonging to our school community of 'Maxonians'.

We pride ourselves on nurturing compassionate young people who understand the importance of collaboration and respect for others. Opportunities to strengthen their confidence, skills and character are created through our hugely significant extra-curricular programme, where everyone can find the spark that motivates them.

We offer a stunning 80-acre campus in Cheshire, with truly world-class facilities. King's boasts all the fantastic amenities and resources of a large school and we continue to invest and expand these facilities. We offer a seamless journey from Pre-School through to Sixth Form. Pupils are respected as individuals in a 'small school' environment where every child is valued.

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

Jason Slack
Head of Foundation



A Place of *Wellbeing*

King's campus is designed to optimise pupil wellbeing, inspire our young people and help them flourish.

King's is a place of inspiration and innovation. Our campus offers 80 acres of beautiful countryside containing all the space and facilities for our pupils to grow and thrive.

Characterised by space and natural light, our buildings contain bespoke facilities for Infants, Juniors and Senior pupils. Each department is designed to have views on to green spaces and benefits from generous, spacious facilities as well as the latest ICT.

Our impressive list of facilities includes a performing arts faculty containing a recital hall and drama studio; an art exhibition space; two technology workshops, an innovation studio, 15 Science laboratories, 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, pupil wellbeing, recreation and sport. As well as multiple outdoor classrooms, pupils enjoy a Forest School, paddleboarding, a woodland, stream, orchards and apiary.

The impressive Sports Centre offers a 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 Wellbeing Programme of indoor and outdoor activities to support our pupils, including Mindfulness, yoga, swimming, gardening, community work 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 and has long been a defining feature of King's. Small classes and year groups allow every single child to be known on a personal level. Strong relationships flourish between pupils and with teachers.

Along with our Peer Mentoring, Pupil Managers, nurses and other pastoral staff, we know that our pupils are in very good hands.



Pupils feel their views are valued and that they can contribute meaningfully to the school community.

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Pupils are self motivated and ambitious about their learning and achievement. They thrive, make good progress and consistently achieve well.

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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, creativity 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 70% 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, Veterinary Medicine and Law.

Character for life

Learning and personal development are at the heart of our community. We seek to equip pupils with both the character and skills necessary to meet the challenges of life beyond school.

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 Borneo, 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.

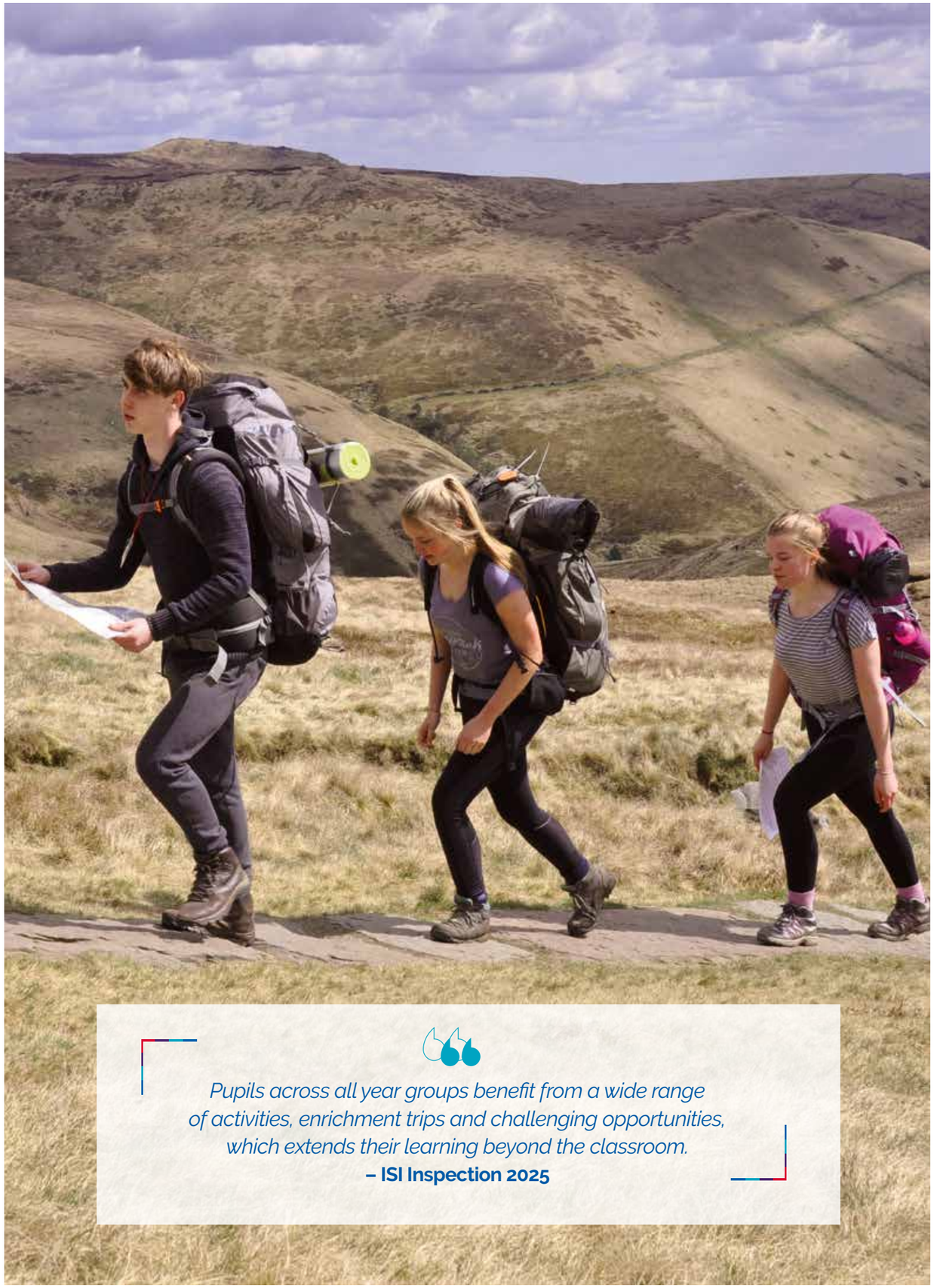
An energetic life

All of our pupils, from Infants up to Year 8, 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 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.

Leadership & responsibility

Social responsibility is an 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 the charities to support and organise the fundraising activities.

Key to the personal development of our pupils are the opportunities for pupil leadership. Roles are available throughout the School, from Form Captains and House Captains to Peer Mentors, Senior Prefects and School Captains. Our school councils and pupil committees ensure pupils have a strong voice in the school. Our Mentors, Prefects and Captains perform important roles both within School and in the wider community.



Pupils across all year groups benefit from a wide range of activities, enrichment trips and challenging opportunities, which extends their learning beyond the classroom.
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The creative curriculum includes a wide variety of options, such as dance, drama and design and technology. Pupils' participation in music and music-making is of a high standard and they engage readily in regular school productions. High-quality artwork is noticeable in displays across the school, reflecting pupils' enthusiasm for creative subjects.

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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. Pupils experience lessons in art, dance, design, technology, music, drama, media, creative writing, textiles and poetry.

Creative expression and the arts are key to personal development. Confidence is built and skills in analysis, communication and teamwork are developed.

Art, Design Technology, Drama and Music are taught from the Infants through to the Seniors, with specialist tuition provided.

Pupils benefit from state-of-the-art facilities across all creative subjects. In Art and Design, pupils have access to glass and ceramic kilns, 3D printers, laser cutters and an '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, Jazz Band, Barbershop Quartet and Concert Orchestra.

Pupils are encouraged to learn an instrument, from Year 4 onwards. Concerts, musicals and stage shows are performed regularly, allowing pupils to develop their individual skills whilst working collaboratively and developing their confidence.

Our Music Department boasts fantastic facilities including multiple tuition suites, a Recital Hall, a music tech room and well-equipped classrooms. For performances, we have both a Drama Studio and an impressive main hall, which is also home to the Northern Chamber Orchestra.

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

The extra-curricular offering is immense: from animation, 3D printing, dance and drama, to textiles, poetry and a school literary review, there are opportunities for everyone.

Participation & *Excellence*

Sport is an important and vibrant part of pupils' lives and we are proud to be ranked as one of the very best sporting schools in the UK.

From the Infants through to the Sixth Form, pupils enjoy an active life and are able to participate in an extensive range of activities. We understand that attributes such as determination, resilience, commitment, teamwork and confidence will be built whilst playing sport.

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.

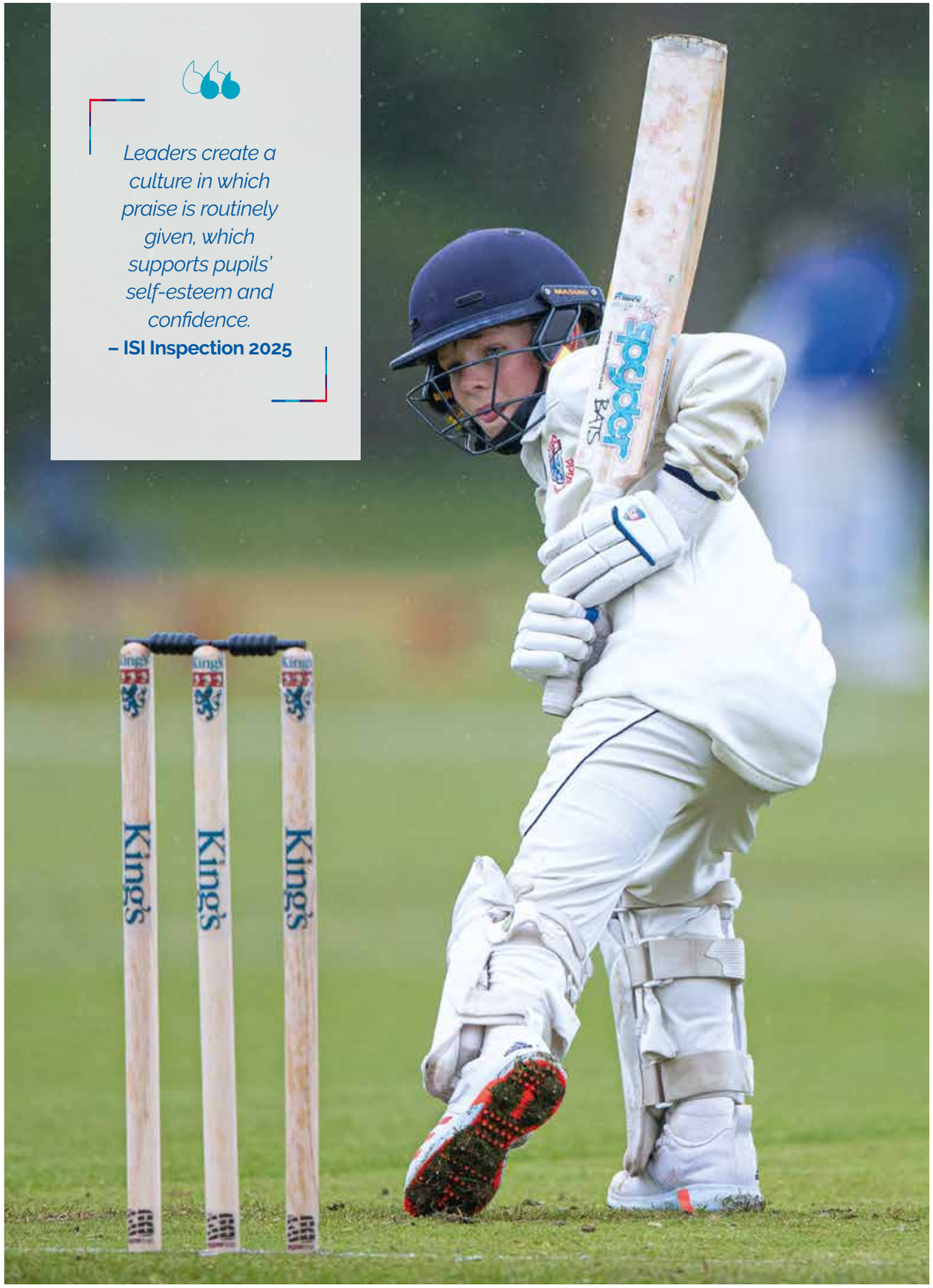
Our campus boasts impressive facilities for a variety of sports including a 25m swimming pool, indoor cricket centre, fitness centre, large sports hall for badminton, trampolining, cheerleading, basketball and other sports, a dance and martial arts studio, outdoor cricket nets, multiple rugby, cricket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

As well as the typical team sports of cricket, hockey, netball and rugby, we offer athletics, badminton, climbing, canoeing, dance, mountaineering, sailing, swimming, 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.



Leaders create a culture in which praise is routinely given, which supports pupils' self-esteem and confidence.
– ISI Inspection 2025



In the early years, children are well supported both academically and pastorally, and as a result, make a positive start to their education.

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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.

From Pre-School onwards, 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 speakers.

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 'Enquiry 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, Art 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 Drama 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 character, 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 to support learning and personal development across a full range of disciplines.

In Year 7, pupils study 17 subjects including four creative subjects, three languages, mathematics, the sciences, humanities, outdoor learning and computing. 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 2026, 64% of all GCSE grades were 9–7 (A*/A) and 80% of A Levels were A*–B.

King's is in the Top 10 schools in the North West for academic results. 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, textiles 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



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



> *Pupils' behaviour is consistently positive. Pupils demonstrate collaboration, respect and attentiveness in lessons.*
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> **– ISI Inspection 2025**

Becoming *Future ready*

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

King's Sixth Form offers a dynamic and exciting academic environment with excellent guidance and support for students. A holistic approach to education sees students focus on their chosen academic subjects whilst enjoying a wide range of opportunities to develop personal and professional skills.

Our approach aims to ensure students are 'future ready' in terms of knowledge and skills for a lifetime of learning and employment. Emphasis is placed on independent learning and developing the core competencies sought by universities and employers. Students are encouraged to be aspirational in their learning and thinking. Academic achievements are high, putting King's in the **Top 10 schools in the North West** for academic results (2026).

Importantly, Sixth Form life extends well beyond the classroom and includes a range of activities including volunteering, Debating Society, Model United Nations, overseas expeditions, national competitions, charity work and travel abroad.

Academic courses

Most students study three subjects – either A Levels or vocational courses, or a combination of both. This maximises teaching and learning in each of the three chosen subjects.
A range of 'Aspire Pathways' are also offered to help prepare students for their future plans including a Creative Pathway, a Medics/ Vet/Dentistry Pathway, Oxbridge Pathway, Degree Apprenticeship Pathway or a range of other pathways. A broad Extended Studies Programme offers students the prestigious Extended Project Qualification in Year 12. In Year 13, students may broaden their learning and employability by choosing from a range of additional qualifications such as Sports Leadership, the Arts Award, Expedition Leadership, Japanese or Life Skills.

Our students typically go to study a wide range of courses at university from Art to Zoology, with everything in between. Around 70% of students choose Russell Group universities.

Support and Guidance

Tutor groups are small, and the pastoral support and guidance is unrivalled. All students receive individual advice from our Careers Officer, who provides support with their choice of university and course, or with applications for apprenticeships, or the world of work. Our Careers Programme also provides a range of visiting speakers, talks by university admissions tutors, visits to UCAS events, as well as mentoring and interview practice.

Sport and Activities

Wednesday afternoons are devoted to personal development and recreational activities. Students choose from a range of options including art, drama, sport, volunteering, rock-climbing, yoga and sailing.

There is a wide range of sport on offer, with many students achieving very high standards as individuals or teams in representing their county, region or 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.**

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