



Kings
Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 18 October 2017 from 7pm

Come along and find out more
about life in our Sixth Form and your
choice of subjects

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The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

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When you will have opportunity to look around our Academy, meet with staff and students and listen to a welcome given by Executive Headteacher Mr Ball.

The welcome will take place in the Main Hall at 7.00pm.

Parents and students are all warmly welcome.

We understand that the next steps for your Post-16 education are important.

So, we would like to invite you to find out more about studying in our outstanding Sixth Form.

The Kings of Wessex is a large and vibrant Sixth Form of over 250 students and is an exciting and popular place to study where learning is stimulating and fun. The Academy is forward-thinking, proud of traditional values, committed to academic success, with a reputation as a centre of excellence for study at Level 3 (A level/ BTEC/ Cambridge Technical). But it is also much more. Kings is a place for your child to grow into young adulthood, as we care and love the whole child.

After the welcome by Mr Ball and Head of Sixth Form, Rachel Hopwood there will be opportunity to visit all the Subject Departments to find out more about studying A Levels and BTEC Level 3 Diplomas at Kings.

Kings' motto is *'To get the best out of everyone'* and students can choose from a wide range of subjects at A Level and BTEC to find a course of study that is challenging, but exciting.

Students consistently achieve outstanding exam results at this top performing Academy and this year, the overall pass rate was an impressive 98%, with over a half our students achieving the top grades of A*, A and B and a quarter of grades A*-A.

Many Kings' Sixth Form students chose to go to university, including top universities Oxford and Cambridge and the Academy is a centre for an exciting HE+ initiative developed by the University of Cambridge. This is part of the university's commitment to seek the brightest and best students from all backgrounds to inspire and encourage students in their applications for Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Independent learning is encouraged as essential groundwork and students gain opt to gain extra UCAS points by undertaking the respected Extended Project Qualification, a student-led dissertation style piece of work. During the year, students also attend Higher Education and apprenticeship conferences, visit universities and benefit from mock interview practice and specialist careers guidance.

To enhance the learning experience and enliven their studies, students can enjoy lots of exciting enrichment activities at Kings; not least, trips and visits across the subjects and the sports. Every two years Year 13 Biology students have opportunity to participate in an extensive once-in-a-lifetime Operation Wallacea biodiversity conservation trip to a fabulous international destination. For the last trip they ventured to Mexico.

The arts are alive at Kings with termly music concerts and annual Drama and Performing Arts productions for students to showcase their musical and thespian talents. Last year, students performed a thrilling production of the popular musical ***Chicago*** with many Sixth Form students taking the starring roles watched by students, family, staff and friends of Kings.

Other skills for life comprise a Work Experience placement, and other voluntary and leadership opportunities, such as peer mentoring, with Sixth Form students undertaking paired reading with Lower School students here in school. Many Sixth Form students undertake the prized Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which tests them out in the field. Each year, a number of students

compete to be the Kings' representatives for the annual public speaking 'Gabblers' competition (which was wonderfully won by one of our students in 2016!). There are conferences for safe driving, as well as Higher Education.

An exhilarating highlight and grand Kings' tradition is the successful and sensational annual Charities Week led by the Senior Student Team, fundraising for local, national, international charities. Last year's theme was "Top of the Pops" when students and staff came together and raised over £10,000 for their three chosen charities - In Charley's Memory, Daughters of Eve and Care4Calais. A must for all Sixth Form students!

Kings' students benefit from fantastic facilities with specialist classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art IT, the Kings Theatre - a purpose-built Theatre and Drama Studio, Apple computers in Art, a photography infinity curve, an excellent Learning Resource Centre, designated study room and common room, the Kings Café – a lovely, dedicated dining area and an onsite Leisure Centre for Sixth Form that students can use and enjoy.

We know that the positive approach of our students, great teaching and facilities, exciting opportunities beyond the classroom all make Kings a special place to study.

But, don't take our word for it, come and find out more...!

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Academy.