



# PROSPECTUS

2024



**BELIEVE AND SUCCEED**



# INTRODUCTION

Kings Sixth is an exciting, vibrant and successful community. Our motto is every student can **believe and succeed**. Inspiring students and enabling them to achieve their potential is at the heart of our ethos.

In 2019 over 50% of our students achieved A\*, A and B grades. A large number of students progress from us to universities every year, some of these to Oxbridge. We have currently 250 students on roll, meaning we are able to offer an impressive combination of A Level and vocational qualifications. This year we are pleased to offer additional AS Level Qualifications to further enhance your academic portfolio.

We also offer the Extended Project Qualification, as well as a wide range of enrichment opportunities, from volunteering

to public speaking. The positive approach of our students and the close pastoral support and monitoring, makes Kings Sixth a special place. As well as existing Kings students, we warmly welcome students from other schools or colleges and take particular care to help them integrate into their new environment.

The quality of our teaching is superb, and we are constantly reviewing our practice and procedures to ensure that we continue to build on the success of our Academy with our Sixth Form as the pinnacle. Within the Sixth Form you will find a relaxed atmosphere, which is

calm and well-ordered. Our recently refurbished Sixth Form Centre houses the common room, seminar space and dedicated sixth form computer suite to support your independent study. The excellent facilities help you reach the high standards that you will be encouraged to set yourself and supported to achieve.

We believe your time in the Sixth Form is a turning point in your preparation for the world of work or Higher Education, and we know that providing opportunities for you to develop personally, culturally and socially is just as important as your studies. We offer Music, Debating, Student Committees, Visiting Speakers, Conferences, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Higher Education open days and careers advice to name but a few.

The Kings Sports Academy, based in Kings Leisure and Fitness, offers sixth form students the opportunity to take part in senior sports as part of the Wednesday afternoon enrichment package. Students are encouraged to initiate other opportunities themselves both in our local community and within the Academy itself.

It is a great privilege to work with so many interesting and enthusiastic young people, during a time in their lives when they make important, life-forming decisions. We believe Kings Sixth offers an outstanding all-round education and we look forward to welcoming you to Kings Sixth in September.

**Miss R Wright**

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## SUBJECTS

Kings Sixth is a vibrant Sixth Form which offers a wide range of A Level and vocational courses leading to qualifications after two years. Advice on course choices, combinations or the number of subjects and entry requirements is available online as well as from staff at the Academy. Please note courses will only run if viable. Students of all abilities are well catered for, including those with learning needs.



### A Level Courses

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Design and Technology, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Film Studies, French, Geography, History, Maths, Further Maths, Music, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics), Sociology and Textiles.

### BTEC Level 3 Diploma or Certificate

Applied Law, Business Studies, Criminology, Performing Arts, Science and Sport and Fitness Services.

### Cambridge Level 3 Technical Award

Digital Media

### BTEC Level 2 Diploma

Work Skills (this is a **one year course** for those students needing to consolidate their GCSE /Level 2 qualifications).

### AS Levels, EPQ and Core Maths at Level 3

Additional qualifications available alongside your other studies.

### GCSEs

GCSE English Language and Maths are available for those without a good pass (this is a mandatory programme of study).

## TIMETABLE

### Lessons

Eight lessons a fortnight per A Level or A Level equivalent.

### Tutor Time

Every student is part of a tutor group and will register with them at the start of each day as well as attending extended tutor once a week, where a programme of activities takes place, including PSHE and careers information.

### Study Periods and Period 9

During study periods you will be expected to undertake preparatory work for lessons. Period 9 is a study period for your chosen subjects. Homework is an essential part of all Sixth Form courses and you should aim to spend one hour on homework for every hour taught. Students who are members of Kings Leisure and Fitness and/or a part of the Sports Academy are permitted to use these facilities during study periods. This includes a fully equipped air-conditioned gym, swimming pool, fitness studios and café.

### Enrichment

Enrichment opportunities are provided every Wednesday afternoon e.g. sports, EPQ, Rising Stars, volunteering and many more. In Year 12 these sessions are a compulsory part of your timetable.

### Academic Mentoring

Your tutor will mentor you throughout the two years, discussing any issues you or your teachers may have and giving you the structure to set yourself individual targets. They will also write your UCAS references. Your progress will be measured against target grades based on your GCSE performance.

# STUDENT LIFE

## PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE

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Kings Sixth students make it a special place to study. We encourage and support students to take responsibility for their own personal development and future plans. Your opinions shape the personality of the Sixth Form, with student leadership opportunities at the forefront of our Community.



## ENRICHMENT

Sixth Form students choose from a programme of enrichment activities, which supports study and learning, and prepares for employment or Higher Education. In addition, we offer a series of conference days, such as the highly regarded mock interviews. This complements the academic programme by providing skills and experiences which are integral to their personal development.

Year 12 students will be expected to undertake the opportunity to undertake a week of **work-related learning** for which they will be supported both in preparation and participation by our dedicated Employability Coordinator. This is an excellent extra-curricular activity to add to your CV or personal statement, and a placement offers you the opportunity to experience a vocational area of your choice.

There are also many further extra curricula opportunities to develop leadership and confidence including:

- Concerts
- Drama productions
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Homework helpers
- House Captains
- Learning Support volunteers
- National Citizenship Service
- Paired reading scheme
- Peer mentoring
- Public speaking, Gabblers
- Rising Stars
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award
- Senior Team
- Sports Academy
- Sports coaching
- Summer camps
- Sutton Trust residential
- Young People in Service Award
- Study visits including: Operation Wallaeca (Biology), Iceland (Chemistry and Geography), New York (DT, Maths, Art and Photography), university lectures, museum and gallery visits and many more.

# SUPPORTING DESTINATIONS

## STATISTICS

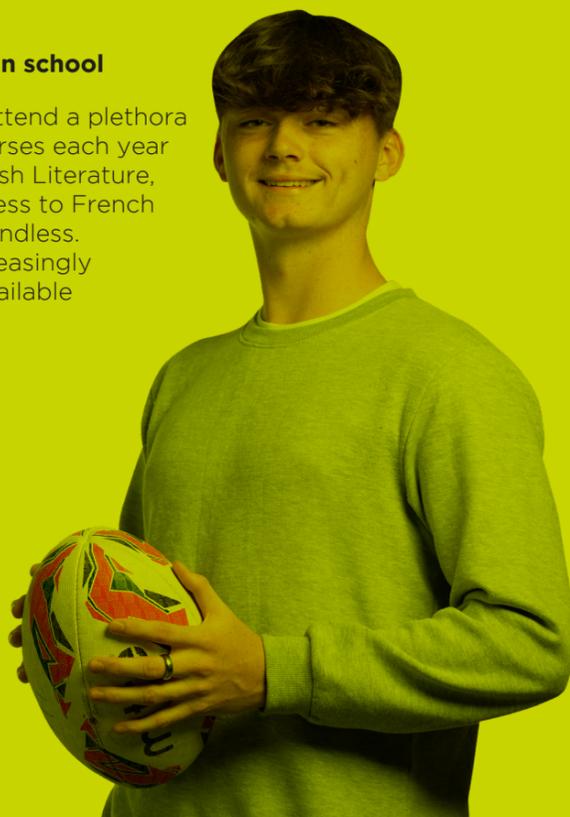
KNOWN DESTINATIONS	ENGLAND NATIONAL AVERAGE*	KOW 2017	KOW 2018	KOW 2019	KOW 2020
Percentage continuing to HE after completing A Level study	37.5%	82%	84%	71%	74%
Percentage continuing to Russell Group universities (of those above)	27%	41%	31%	41%	34%
Percentage continuing at Oxbridge	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%

\*Summer 2022 statistics.

We are keen to assist you when you leave the Sixth Form and progress to your chosen destination. We do all that we can to help you with your important next step decisions, including:

- Alumni events
- Apprenticeship talks
- Higher Education conferences
- Local industry talks and assemblies
- Oxbridge visits
- Participation in HE+ (most able)
- Subject specific workshops e.g. Engineering, Chemistry
- Sutton Trust residential
- Taster days at universities
- UCAS convention at local HE institution
- University visitors in school

Students from Kings attend a plethora of universities and courses each year from Medicine to English Literature, Law to Fine Art, Business to French and Arabic: the list is endless. Also, students are increasingly accessing the more available higher apprenticeships e.g. Airbus and Dyson.



## DESTINATIONS MAP

### UNIVERSITIES

- 1 Aston University
- 2 Bath Spa University
- 3 Bournemouth University
- 4 Canterbury Christ Church University
- 5 Cardiff University
- 6 De Montfort University
- 7 Falmouth University
- 8 Hereford College of Arts
- 9 Imperial College London
- 10 Lancaster University
- 11 Liverpool John Moores University
- 12 London Metropolitan University
- 13 London South Bank University
- 14 Loughborough University
- 15 Manchester Metropolitan University
- 16 Newcastle University
- 17 Nottingham Trent University
- 18 Oxford Brookes University
- 19 Royal Holloway, University of London
- 20 Solent University
- 21 Swansea University
- 22 University of Birmingham
- 23 University of Bristol
- 24 University of Buckingham
- 25 University of Exeter
- 26 University of Hertfordshire
- 27 University of Leeds
- 28 University of Manchester
- 29 University of Nottingham
- 30 University of Oxford
- 31 University of Plymouth
- 32 University of Portsmouth
- 33 University of Reading
- 34 University of South Wales
- 35 University of Southampton
- 36 University of the West of England Bristol
- 37 University of Surrey

## TYPES OF COURSES AND POPULARITY



# 300 STUDENTS

## 20+

A Level and 6 Level 3 vocational courses available multiple combinations

## OVER 25%



take an additional fourth qualification e.g. EPQ earning UCAS points

## 50%



**A\*-B grades achieved** in 2019

## OVER 65%

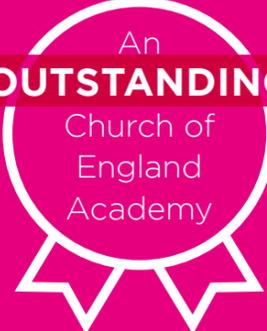


students continue to higher education

Promoting independence, confidence and academic excellence



An **OUTSTANDING** Church of England Academy



## 20%



**achieved AAB** in two facilitating subjects or higher





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