



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

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Admissions Procedure

The King's School is an independent co-educational Boarding and Day School for about 850 pupils from Year 9 (age 13+) to Year 13 (age 18). The Junior King's School has approximately 380 pupils (age 3 to 13).

Offers of a place at The King's School

The Registrar will seek an Academic and Co-curricular reference from each pupil's current Head Teacher during the Spring Term of Year 6. Following an appropriate report and dependent on the number of places available, a place will be offered for entry to The King's School in Year 9. It is expected that places offered on this basis are likely to be firm, subject to satisfactory academic and conduct progress through years 7 and 8. Head Teachers will have a very good perspective on their pupils' future achievements and in this way we are able to avoid the anxiety often caused by pre- testing and the Common Entrance Exam. The Common Entrance exam will be used for setting purposes. For pupils coming from schools that do not follow the Common Entrance syllabus, satisfactory performance in the King's Entry Exam will determine a successful application. The KEE is sat in January preceding the September date of entry.

Visiting the School

In order to secure a place at King's parents are advised to start the process about three years in advance. The first stage is to arrange a guided tour of the school and a meeting with a senior member of staff, with or without children. Most parents book such a visit following discussions with their Prep School Head. Parental visits may be organised during term time mornings from Monday through Saturday. It is also possible to visit on one of three Open Days held each year. Details are published on the School website: www.kings-school.co.uk

Please contact Mrs Anne-Marie Rigley in order to arrange a visit.

Contact details: admissions@kings-school.co.uk and 01227 595789.

Registration

The Prospectus may be viewed online, or a hard copy may be requested via the website or by telephone. Registration is by an online application through the Admissions page of the School website. There is a non-returnable registration fee of £200. Ideally applicants for entry should register at least two years in advance.

Visiting Houses

There are 7 Girls' Boarding Houses, 6 Boys' Boarding Houses and 3 (mixed) Day Houses. Once an offer has been made, parents will be invited to express a preference for a House, following a visit to the school. Appointments to visit Houses are made with Mrs Anne-Marie Rigley. Usually visits will be made to two houses to meet the Housemasters or Housemistresses. The Housemaster or Housemistress, Matron and Tutors of a house will be the people most involved in the care of a child.

What happens next?

Parents will receive up to date information about the School and future House. Confirmation of the acceptance of our offer will be required shortly after the offer is made. This is confirmed through an acceptance deposit of £2000.

Overseas pupils and those not from Prep Schools

About 20% of the pupils come from schools which do not prepare them for the Common Entrance Examination. For these the entrance examination is held in January of the year of entry for Years 9 and 10 pupils, and November of the school year preceding the year of entry for sixth form entrants. An Overseas Deposit, the equivalent of two terms' fees, will be required from any successful pupils who live permanently outside the UK.

11+ Admissions

It is possible for pupils to enter the Junior King's School at 11+. Progression through to the Senior School can be confirmed at this stage following a successful entry exam and interview for the Junior School. This place will be subject to satisfactory academic progress through the Junior King's School.

Under 11 Admissions

Entry to the Junior King's School is possible at every stage from Pre-Prep/Nursery to 11+. Details of entry are available from Mrs Anne Spring on 01227 714034 or registrar@junior-kings.co.uk

Entries to the Senior and Junior Schools are dealt with separately.

Assessment for 13+ Entry

The King's School is an academically selective school. For most pupils entry is via the Common Entrance Examination. This is set by the Independent Schools Examination Board, but marked by the school. Prep Schools have all the details but more information and past papers can be obtained from C.E. Publications, Jordan House, Christchurch Rd, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 6QJ.

Our experience is that good results at GCSE and A level can be obtained by pupils with a wide range of Common Entrance entry marks and so we are not, and never have been, narrowly selective. The current minimum level at Common Entrance is 60%, but individual circumstances are looked at carefully.

Scholarships & Bursaries

There are six main classes of entrance awards to the School:

1. Academic Scholarships and Exhibitions
2. Music Scholarships
3. Art Scholarships and Exhibitions
4. Sports Scholarships and Awards
5. Drama Scholarships
6. Design and Technology Scholarships

It is possible for a boy or girl to hold awards of more than one kind and in cases of proven financial need and evident merit, additional bursary assistance, up to 100% of fees may be available. Virtually all Scholarships and Awards are now "inflation-proofed" by being expressed as a fraction of the annual fees.

Honorary King's Scholarships are awarded for excellent GCSE and AS results.

The award of non-academic Scholarships is subject to candidates meeting normal academic entrance requirements.

General Conditions

1. Awards are tenable throughout the holder's school career provided that the Headmaster is satisfied with the pupil's diligence, progress, attitude and good conduct; that all Scholars and Exhibitioners are contributing significantly in their specified area whether that be Art, Music, Sport, Drama or Design and Technology
2. Scholars are expected to stay until the end of the term in which they take their A Levels.
3. It is open to parents to renounce the emoluments of any award. Their son or daughter will retain the Scholar's or Exhibitioner's status, and the funds released will be used to enable a boy or girl to come to King's who would otherwise not be able to do so.
4. Candidates for all Scholarships and Awards (except for Sixth Form entrants) must be **under 14 on 1 September** of the year in question.

Bursaries

Ever since the Statutes of 1541 made provision for 'poor scholars', it has been the policy of The King's School Canterbury to support pupils who have been unable to pay full fees. The Governors of the School continue to uphold this policy and are committed to broadening access by offering to eligible parents means-tested support with the payment of school fees.

Bursary support at all levels of up to 100% of full boarding fees may be available depending on the financial, compassionate or other circumstances of applicants.

All bursary awards are subject to annual testing of parental means and may be varied upward or downward depending on circumstances. Awards are assessed on the basis of a completed *Statement of Financial Circumstances* which is available from the Admissions Office or the Bursar.

The amount of a bursary award is not influenced by the academic ability of the child but by the extent of need. Each case is assessed on its own merits and awards are made accordingly, subject to the School's ability to fund these within the context of its overall budget.

Bursary funds are limited and priority will be given to those likely to gain most from the educational provision. In normal circumstances each applicant should meet the School's academic entrance requirements. The potential contribution of the candidate to the wider School community will also be taken into consideration, as will the likely impact of the award on the enhancement of the candidate's educational opportunity.

Full details of the Bursary policy and application procedure is available from the Assistant Registrar or can be viewed on the School website www.kings-school.co.uk

Sixth Form Entry

Each year some 30-40 pupils join the school in the Sixth Form.

Open days: Open days for Sixth Form entry are held in May and October of each year. Private visits are also welcome.

Registration: Sixth Form entry registration is kept confidential until such time as a reference is required.

Entrance examination: Entry is by competitive examination and interview. The closing date for applications is in October; examination and interviews are held in November.

Scholarships: Academic, music, art and sports scholarships are awarded on the basis of the relevant examination and interview.

Choice of house: is likely to be dependent on available spaces in the different boarding and day houses. About half of the girls applying will enter Bailey House, a Sixth Form girls' house.

Fees:

King's School fees for the academic year 2017-18

Boarding: £12,120 per term

Day: £9,165 per term

Junior King's School fees for the academic year 2017-18:

Boarding: £8,320 per term

Day: £6,065 per term

Pre-Prep (day): £3,605 per term