



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

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Admissions Procedure

The King's School is an independent co-educational Boarding and Day School for approximately 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).

Visiting the School

Parents are advised to start the application process about three years in advance of entry, in consultation with the Prep School Head.

The first stage is to visit the school for a guided tour and to meet the Registrar, with or without children. Visits may be organised during term time mornings from Monday through Saturday.

Please contact Mrs Anne-Marie Rigley in the Admissions Office to arrange a visit: 01227 595789 admissions@kings-school.co.uk

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/admissions/open-days

Registration

The Prospectus may be viewed online: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions/prospectus-enquiry/

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: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions

Applicants for entry should register at least two years in advance.

Offer of a place at The King's School

The Registrar will seek a written reference (reflecting both academic and co-curricular achievement and future potential) from a pupil's current Head Teacher during the Spring Term of Year 6. Given a positive report, a place will be offered for entry to The King's School in Year 9. The reference is of critical importance, as Head Teachers will have the best perspective on their pupils' progress and potential.

The King's School does not require applicants to undertake a Pre-test in Year 6. Our aim is to alleviate much of the anxiety and stress caused by examinations to pupils, parents and prep schools.

Offers of a place are conditional on satisfactory academic and conduct progress being maintained through Years 7 and 8. The Common Entrance exam is still undertaken, but the intention is for it to be used essentially for setting purposes.

An offer is accepted through the payment of a deposit of £2000: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions/

Visiting Houses

There are 7 Girls' Boarding Houses, 6 Boys' Boarding Houses and 3 (mixed) Day Houses. Once an offer has been accepted, parents are then invited to make a return visit to the school to view Houses and thereafter express a preference for a House.

It is the norm to visit two Houses to meet the Housemasters/Housemistresses. The Housemaster/Housemistress, Matron and House tutors will be the people most involved in the care of a child. Appointments to visit Houses are made with Mrs Anne-Marie Rigley.

Overseas pupils and those not from Prep Schools

For pupils coming from schools that do not follow the Common Entrance syllabus, a good performance in the King's Entry Exam will determine a successful application.

These 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+, located two miles from Canterbury on a beautiful and well equipped 80 acre campus in the village of Sturry.

Progression through to the Senior School can be confirmed at this stage following a successful entry exam and interview. The offer is subject to satisfactory academic and behavioural progress through Years 8 and 9: www.junior-kings.co.uk/admissions/

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 Judith Bristow, Junior King's Registrar:

01227 714019

registrar@junior-kings.co.uk

Assessment for 13+ Entry

The King's School is an academically selective school. The Common Entrance Examination 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.

Experience demonstrates that good results at GCSE and A level can be obtained by pupils with a wide of interests and abilities. The minimum level at Common Entrance is a 60% average score, but individual circumstances are given careful consideration within any application.

Scholarships

There are seven main classes of awards:

1. Academic
2. Music
3. Art
4. Design & Technology
5. Sports
6. Drama
7. Dance

It is possible for a pupil 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. All Scholarships and Awards are expressed as a percentage of the annual fees.

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

requirements.

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 normally held in June and October of each year. Individual visits are also welcome.

Registration is completed online: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions/

Sixth Form entry registration is kept confidential until such time as a reference from an applicant's current school 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, with offers being made in early December.

Scholarships: Academic, music, art and sports scholarships are available to outstanding candidates. Honorary King's Scholarships are awarded for excellent GCSE results.

House allocation: this is dependent on available spaces in the different Boarding and Day Houses. Bailey House is a specialist pre university Sixth Form House for girls.

General Conditions

Bursaries

Bursary support of up to 100% of full 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.

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 Scholarships and Bursary policy: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions/scholarships-bursaries/

Fees:

For the current level of fees: www.kings-school.co.uk/admissions/fees