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# ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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## **Admissions Policy and Procedure**

### **The King's Family of Schools**

The King's School comprises three schools: The King's School, which is the Senior School (KSC), Junior King's (JKS) and The King's School International College (KIC).

- KSC is an independent co-educational Boarding and Day School for approximately 850 pupils from Year 9 (age 13+) to Year 13 (age 18).
- JKS is a Day and Boarding School for approximately 380 pupils (age 3 to 13).
- KIC can accommodate up to 80 students (Year 9 to Year 11), almost all of whom will board at KIC.

This document details entry to KIC only. Please note that some of the arrangements and details cited below are different for KSC and JKS.

### **Courses and Age Groups at KIC**

- **Year 9 one-year course (joining age 13/14):** a one-year course preparing students for entry into Year 10 at another school.
- **Year 9 Plus three-year course (joining age 13/14):** a three – year course preparing students for entry into Year 12 at another school.
- **Year 10 two-year course (joining age 14/15):** a two-year course preparing students for entry into Year 12 at another school.
- **Year 11 one-year course (joining age 15/16):** a one-year course preparing students for entry into Year 12 at another school.

### **Enquiries**

Enquiries are likely to be through three routes:

- Direct enquiries to KIC
- Via the KSC Admissions Department
- At recruitment fairs and exhibitions

Key personnel and contact details are listed at the end of this document.

### **Admissions Policy**

Students are admitted to KIC having satisfied the academic entry requirements detailed below. It is the College's policy to apply these criteria to all prospective students regardless of any disability and regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation or social background.

### **The Admissions Procedure**

- Following an initial enquiry, there will be further communication between the parent or the agent representing the parent and with the Head of Student Recruitment.
- If all parties agree to proceed, it will then be necessary for the parent to complete the online registration form and pay a non-returnable Registration Fee of **£150**. Details of how to register and pay the registration fee are on the admissions page of the KIC website.
- Once registered, the parents will be sent and asked to complete a questionnaire to support the student's admissions process.



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- Before accepting a student, we consider the following **Criteria for Entry:**
  - **Performance in admissions tests**

Candidates who are new to the King's family sit an online Password test in English/Knowledge and Mathematics. Unless another timeframe is requested, once invigilator and location details are received, the student will have 7 days in which to complete the assessment before this expires.

To be considered, students usually show a strong score in Mathematics and good English proficiency. In terms of English proficiency, students are expected to have achieved at least A2 by the start of Year 9, B1 for Year 10 and B2 for Year 11. If students can provide a UKiset certificate from within twelve months before their month and year of entry to the College, they do not need to sit the Password tests.

Candidates who have already applied to KSC do not sit additional admissions tests; their admissions tests from KSC are reviewed by the International College Principals.

Candidates who are currently at JKS sit a Password test in English/Knowledge and Mathematics. Recent assessments they have taken at JKS are also reviewed by the International College Principals.
  - **Performance in interview (Teams video call or in person)**

A Teams video call interview will be arranged with the candidate and the candidate will be asked to prepare a handwritten personal statement, to be received by the College Principals in good time before the interview. The personal statement must outline the student's achievements to date and reasons for applying to the College. Additionally, a recent school report is requested at this stage. The interview will be conducted in English at the appropriate level. We look for students who speak with enthusiasm and curiosity about their studies; who already have, or have a strong desire to develop, sporting, musical or cultural interests; who understand and are excited by the prospect of an education at the International College; whose spoken English is sufficient to contribute fully to life and learning at the International College.

If the candidate's English is particularly weak, he/she might be required to take an additional test or second interview.
  - **A recent and satisfactory school report**

We consider students' academic scores and also the comments on their character. We look for students who have strong academic skills, a positive and successful approach to study and school life and interests outside the classroom.

Any offer will remain conditional until receipt of the following documents, all outlined in the offer letter:

- Signed acceptance form
- Passport (information page with photograph)
- Translated birth certificate
- Satisfactory school reference from the student's current Head or Principal
- Parent questionnaire

### Offers and Acceptance

- The King's School is vigilant when it comes to compliance with anti-money laundering legislation, so after we have received your acceptance, you may be contacted by the Bursary to confirm the sources of funding for bill payers. We are confident that this process will not



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be overly onerous for you but would ask for your help in supporting the Bursary to complete the work as swiftly as possible to avoid delays to the admissions process. Throughout the process, your private data will be treated sensitively and in line with relevant UK legislation. These financial checks are required to be completed in order to confirm your child's place.

- If a place is offered, the Acceptance deposit and Additional deposit must be paid and the online acceptance form returned within 7 days of the offer being made. This will hold the place. The family must complete the financial checks and return the outlined requested documents within 5 days following this.
- The Additional Deposit (one term's fees) is released against the final fee invoice. The Acceptance Deposit (£2,000) is refundable at the end of the course, unless stated otherwise in the terms and conditions. The terms and conditions (found in a separate document) must be read and acknowledged at this stage and the acceptance form signed by both parents and returned.
- KIC reserves the right to release offers on a fixed date each half term, as necessary.

### **What happens next?**

Once the conditions of the offer letter and satisfactory completion of the forementioned financial checks have been met, and the Acceptance Deposit and Additional Deposit have been received, the candidate will be accepted to KIC. On confirmed acceptance of a place, the Admissions and Administration Manager will correspond immediately regarding the appointment of a UK-based guardian, visa arrangements and where appropriate, GCSE options. The visa application process will not start until the guardian information form is returned. The College requests the guardian information form is returned within one week of being received to avoid unnecessary delay. At a later date and before the start of the academic year, further information will be sent concerning uniform, travel arrangements, health forms and what the student needs to bring to the College.

### **Special Educational Needs**

We welcome students with special educational needs, provided that the College can be confident that reasonable adjustments can be made to offer the support they require. We welcome students with physical disabilities provided that the International College on the Malthouse site and The King's School in the historic site of The Precincts can cope with their needs (please see SEND policy and Accessibility plan which are also available to read on our website). We advise parents of children with special educational needs, behavioural needs, medical conditions, physical disabilities, or any other condition that may affect how care is provided for them to discuss their child's requirements with the College Principals before their child sits any entrance examination so that we can assess whether we are able to meet her/his needs. Parents should provide a copy of a current Educational Psychologist's report or a medical report where applicable. Such reports are also useful when it comes to consideration of exam access arrangements, but the College reserves the right to insist on the use of its own assessors and local consultants to determine whether access arrangements are suitable. Any available reports should be submitted as part of the admissions process. Failure to provide this information during the admissions process may subsequently invalidate any offer made.

### **Sibling Policy**

We welcome siblings to join the College, but admission is not automatic, and all students must meet the entry criteria as outlined in this document.



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**Fees and Payment Procedures**

Details on fees and payment procedure, including what fees include and what fees do not include, is available on the Fees Payment Schedule. Full details are found in the Terms & Conditions.

**Contacts**

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