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"Thank you to you and all of your amazing team, we champion Kings as a fantastic place for people to grow."

(YEAR 10 PARENT)

"I am thankful for all of the events, brilliant lessons and lovely teachers employed at Kings. I feel safe and happy at school and have made so many friends".

(YEAR 8 STUDENT)



GOOD - JULY 2018

Welcome to Kings College Guildford



A very warm welcome from everyone here at Kings College.

Your interest in Kings could not come at a better time. It is an exciting and innovative school that really values every member of our community. There is a positive atmosphere of happy children who are thriving academically and are proud of their school. The last year has seen significant investment in ensuring outstanding facilities for our students, as our school has grown in popularity on the back of the experience our students have here.

We recognise that your children deserve the very best teaching in order that they can make great progress. Our work in the classroom is research-based, using proven understanding of cognitive science to develop a curriculum where children learn effectively. Our teachers receive recognition beyond Kings. In the past few years we have had staff speak at national conferences, publish books, lead CPD in a wide range of schools and one of our staff was recognised nationally in the category of 'Secondary Teacher of the Year' in the prestigious Pearson Teaching Awards. In our most recent OFSTED inspection, the report commented that "Pupils learn well because of the consistently effective teaching they experience". We continue to invest in our teachers in order to ensure your children's experience is so positive.

The behaviour in a school is a reflection of its ethos. As our OFSTED report says, "The atmosphere is typically calm and purposeful." Systems in the school are fair and consistent and we like to praise young people for the work they do and the way they conduct themselves. Students are polite and well-mannered, dressed smartly and well prepared for each lesson. Our innovative relationship with the University of Surrey has won a number of national awards, with particular praise for our 'Finding our Futures' programme. Every student is able to access a wealth of University led opportunities, beyond that of any other local secondary school. We are also partnered with the Royal Grammar School, with our most academically gifted students accessing additional opportunities in Physics, Maths and Computing in their prestigious buildings. We have an established relationship with Guildford Shakespeare Company which ensures that every student experiences live drama and has access to workshops to bring the texts they study to life.

It is a great time to be at Kings – we'd love you to visit to see for yourself.

Alastair McKenzie



Academic Learning

Our knowledge-based curriculum is designed to be challenging and rewarding. We set very high standards and believe in engaging students at a level we like to call a 'healthy struggle'.

Our 100-minute lessons ensure a depth of understanding and allow learning to be rich and varied. All students are taught rhetoric in Year 7 and an oracy programme continues as we try to ensure a fluency of communication that will allow all to flourish both within the classroom, and in the wider world beyond the school.

We focus on effective feedback for improvement, rather than constant assessment. Students like to feel knowledgeable and inquisitive about what they are taught.

All students study a core offer of English, Mathematics, Science, PE and PSHE (Personal Social Health Education). From the start of Year 7, students have the chance to personalise their curriculum by choosing from a suite of Creative and Performing Arts subjects. This is a unique approach and one that allows young people to find areas they love to build on for GCSE and A level choices, as well as a place to express themselves and develop new skills and new friendships.



Close partnership work with the University of Surrey enables pupils to be well informed about future career paths. This motivates them to strive for the educational standards they will need to achieve in order to access appropriate further or higher education. Ofsted July 2018

OFSTED



**Kings ...
pushes you to exceed
your expectations**



**Kings ...
always goes the extra mile**

Award-winning Finding Our Futures programme

Finding Our Futures is the award-winning aspirations programme at Kings College, delivered in partnership with the University of Surrey.

During their time at Kings, students are offered opportunities to attend trips to Surrey University, Oxbridge and Russell group universities, and take part in extracurricular activities. Activities include the Debate It! Project, Coding Club and Challenge Club.

Each programme has opportunities for parents to see what their child has been doing and throughout the year there are interactive tasters for both students and parents to attend. The parent/carer takeover programme allows parents the opportunity to join our students on trips to the university so you can see what your child is learning about.



THE PROGRAMMES

A World of Books - Year 7



This programme focuses on reading and how books apply to the real world.

Students are given a book to read over the summer. Once at school, they will bring the book to life through practical activities, discussions, author visits and career days.



Destination Unknown - Year 8



This programme focuses on the different pathways open to students after school. Students will spend the year exploring different education pathways, talking to employers about different careers and learning how to make decisions about their own futures.



Mentor Me - Year 9



This programme focuses on future goals and student life. Students will be assigned a university mentor and spend the year learning about budgeting, independent living and student life. Mentors will also help students to think about their ambitions for the future.



The Apprenticeship - Year 10



This programme is in partnership with the Surrey Business School and focuses on business and employability skills. Students will be given 12 weeks to design and market an apprenticeship. They will have to work in teams to complete tasks and develop their own employability skills. The Apprenticeship ends with a presentation, where teams will compete for a prize.



Get Ready - Year 11



This programme is all about preparing for life after Kings. Students will be supported to think about their next steps, develop their revision techniques and prepare for exams. Students will also be offered a variety of optional wellbeing activities to support them with the year.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Schools are not just about academic learning. We believe that young people should be both academically challenged and personally happy. With the complexities of life, it is important that we equip them with skills to support their general wellbeing.

Our Wellbeing programme ensures that young people are well prepared for teenage life. We are a phone-free school, offering that crucial break from social media and the draw of the digital world. All young people have excellent pastoral support in the school, with tutors providing guidance and security. We have a tremendous group of tutors, who know their tutees and their families well. The senior leadership team are visible, accessible and friendly and we are always on hand to talk with our students.

Our student leadership team is based around 4 key areas: Wellbeing, Community, Environment and Diversity and we encourage our young people to help each other, training volunteers as Wellbeing ambassadors. Our prefects help and support younger students to feel settled in the school and there's always a friendly face to guide and support.

We have our own youth support services through Eikon, offering structured support and enrichment opportunities to all students. Eikon engage children in a whole host of opportunities, from basketball coaching with the Surrey Scorchers, to developing green fingers in a gardening project or taking part in our residential opportunities. We also have our own student coach, who offers 1-1 specialist support.

We enjoy our relationship with our parents and look forward to new families joining our 'Parents and Friends' group or popping in for one of our coffee mornings spread throughout the year.

"The support, inspiration and enthusiasm my daughter has received from the adults at the school (including teachers who don't even have her for a lesson) has been phenomenal and is priceless. I am so pleased I chose Kings."

YEAR 11 PARENT



"My daughter had a fantastic experience. The staff right the way through have been incredible – supportive, motivational. Without a doubt she achieved incredibly well because of it. There is a definite sense of community here"

YEAR 11 PARENT



Enrichment and Extracurricular

Outside of the classroom, our enrichment programme is vast.

All students in Year 9 take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This gives our students the opportunity to have amazing new experiences whilst developing new skills, confidence and friendships.

In the last few years we have seen dazzling performances of 'Macbeth' and 'Alice in Wonderland', won a plethora of awards for dance in the 'Rock Challenge', opened a half million pound full size 3G pitch for students to hone their football skills and competed in netball, rugby, football and athletics.



Admissions information

The admissions process for entry into Year 7 in September is administered by the Local Authority. For more information and an online application please visit their website: www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

In addition to our open mornings and evenings, we are always delighted to show families around our school. Please contact reception on **01483 458956** to organise a tour.

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Pupils trust teachers and other adults to help them when they get stuck with their work. They ask thoughtful questions to check their own understanding or to make sure that they know what is expected of them.

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