



SINCE 604 AD

KING'S SCHOOL

ROCHESTER

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Simon Fisher
Principal

Founded in 604 AD, King's School Rochester is a distinctive blend of heritage and innovation, uniting centuries of history with fresh ideas and a readiness to move with the times. As the oldest cathedral choir school in the world, we take pride in our remarkable setting and the unique tradition that shapes our identity. Every step of the King's journey, from Nursery through to Sixth Form, builds purposefully on the one before. Our ambition is to see every child fulfil their individual potential – academically, personally and socially – growing as innovators, creative communicators, global citizens, resilient collaborators and socially responsible young people. This is a bold and optimistic vision for education: one that honours our past while remaining fully engaged with the opportunities and challenges of the world today. **We call this, King'spiration.**

Life at King's

Our School lies in the shadow of Rochester Castle, nestled within the Cathedral precinct. Countless pupils have passed through its ancient gates over the centuries, leaving their mark and creating a powerful, tangible sense of history. With this one-of-a-kind setting, our pupils gain a deep understanding of what has gone before them – and of their own role in shaping the future. While we are proud to be the second oldest school in the world and the oldest Cathedral Choir School, our vision is modern and resolutely forward-looking.

Every child here embarks on a journey of self-discovery, whether that is academic, sporting, creative, spiritual or emotional – or a combination of them all. Our strong community values, upheld through our vibrant House system, help every child feel a deep sense of belonging.

Located just over 30 minutes by train from London St Pancras, King's enjoys a prime position in historic Rochester – surrounded by rolling countryside in one direction and the coast in the other. This offers pupils the best of both worlds: easy access to the rich cultural life of the capital, alongside the calm and beauty of a picturesque town.



“Exceptionally warm and caring.”

The Good Schools Guide



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A unique curriculum

The King's curriculum is broad, ambitious and designed for tomorrow's challenges – equipping pupils with the knowledge, character and skills to thrive in a fast-changing world. The result is a refreshed educational framework from Nursery through to Sixth Form that:

Connects learning across subjects, phases and disciplines to support deeper thinking and creativity.

Builds transformative competencies such as digital literacy, critical thinking and emotional intelligence.

Embeds metacognitive strategies to help pupils understand how they learn and grow into reflective, independent learners.



Our curriculum and broader educational experience are designed to help every pupil develop five essential attributes. These are deeply embedded in our teaching, co-curricular life and school culture.

Innovators

Curious, courageous thinkers who explore new ideas and embrace change.

Socially Responsible Individuals

Compassionate and caring contributors to society.

Creative Communicators

Articulate and expressive voices, able to share ideas clearly, listen actively and connect meaningfully.

Global Citizens

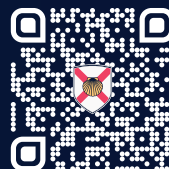
Open-minded and grounded advocates, respectful of others and the world around them.

Resilient Collaborators

Adaptable, emotionally intelligent team players, ready to meet challenges.

Find out more about our future-focused approach in our Strategic Vision booklet.

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Future-ready digital learning: Our pupils do not just use technology – they master it

At King's, digital learning is woven through the curriculum, inspiring pupils to think creatively, collaborate confidently and engage critically with technology. Our pupils build strong digital foundations to ensure they are prepared and adapt in a connected, fast-changing world.

Junior foundations to Senior fluency

From the earliest years in the Junior School to the time they depart from the Senior School, pupils experience specialist Computing and Digital Literacy lessons, one-to-one device use and an award-winning approach to AI.



*“Pioneering the future
of education through
the responsible and
effective integration of
Artificial Intelligence.”*

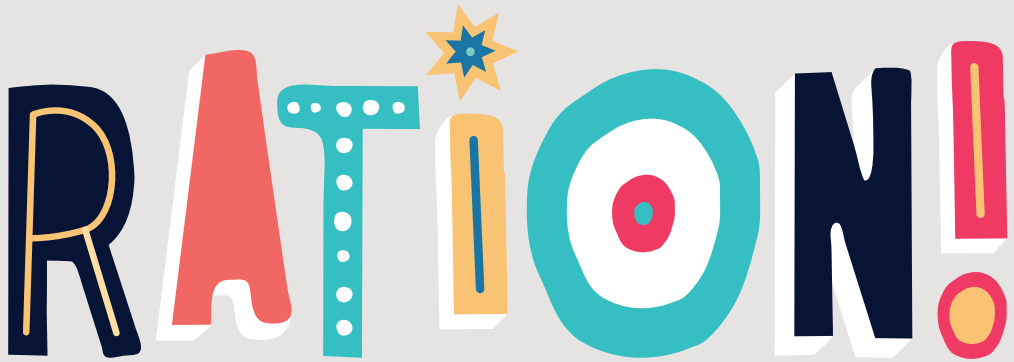
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As the first independent
school in the South East to be
awarded an AI Quality Mark,
we lead the way in the safe,
innovative and responsible use
of emerging technologies



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Junior School (age 3 to 13 years)

From the earliest years, pupils benefit from a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity and confidence – this is the place to try everything. We inspire deep thinking, stretch young minds, promote leadership and provide the perfect springboard for the next step up to Seniors.



Nursery and Pre-Prep

(age 3 to 8 years)

From their very first steps into education, children at King's are welcomed into a warm, caring and stimulating environment. Our Nursery, set within the walled school grounds, provides a bright, nurturing space where play and discovery spark a lifelong love of learning.

Lively nurture groups promote the development of social skills through exploration and discovery. Our fun, movement-based programme, inspired by BEAM and created by physiotherapists, builds balance, coordination and

confidence. Your child will also enjoy regular local trips, with visits to the historic and beautiful Cathedral and Castle.

In Pre-Prep, small class sizes, specialist teaching in subjects such as Music, Drama, Games, Swimming and Languages, and a strong focus on individual care, ensure that your child receives the attention they need to thrive. Regular opportunities to perform and express themselves help them grow in confidence, creativity and joy – laying a strong foundation for their future at King's.



To keep track of their children's progress, photos are shared on a daily basis with parents through the SEESAW platform.

“We observed buzzy classrooms alight with readiness to learn – pupils ultra-keen to tell us what they were working on.”

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Our 'learning to learn' lessons develop metacognitive strategies that promote self-reflection, resilience and personal responsibility – skills essential for pupils to act with integrity in an ever-changing world.

A much-loved area for real adventures is our beautiful woodland known affectionately as The Alps where we promote outdoor learning. Here children can construct hedgehog houses, enjoy scavenger hunts and build their own dens.

From Year 6, pupils benefit from access to Senior School specialist facilities in subjects such as Art or Design and Technology, broadening their horizons and preparing them for the next stage of their journey.



Prep

(age 8 to 13 years)

Within a lively and caring atmosphere, our Prep School inspires children to develop as confident, curious individuals. Here, pupils are encouraged to discover their talents and passions while embracing the many opportunities life at King's has to offer.

Our broad curriculum focuses on educating rather than testing. From Year 5, pupils take part in our bespoke Futures programme, which places climate change and sustainability in a multidisciplinary context and empowers them to take meaningful action on global issues. In Years 7 and 8, they follow the King's Diploma, promoting intellectual curiosity, cultural literacy and

personal growth through innovative Enquiry Days, digital portfolios and authentic real-world challenges.

In a world that is fast-changing and often complex, we help children develop a strong sense of purpose, self-awareness and resilience. Our high teacher-to-pupil ratio ensures personalised support, enabling every child to flourish. Alongside this, pupils enjoy leadership opportunities that nurture responsibility, teamwork and confidence. Our Prep School is large enough to offer a wide range of facilities and experiences, yet small enough to retain the warm, supportive atmosphere that defines the King's experience.



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RATION!

Senior School (age 13 to 18 years)

The connected structure here allows pupils to shape their own personalised paths, reflecting their strengths, interests and ambitions. And our dynamic curriculum, rooted in strong values and future-focused learning, empowers pupils not just to succeed in exams, but to think deeply, act wisely and lead with purpose.



Seniors

(age 13 to 16 years)

Academic rigour and qualifications are very important of course, but a real education goes much further – developing the skills and character every young person needs to make the most of their abilities. Academic results may secure an interview, but it is the engaging character who is offered the job.

Our enhanced curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity, extend intellect and open doors to subjects and areas pupils may not have considered. Our bespoke learning programme is tailored to individual strengths and qualifications such as the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) provide academic stretch and preparation for university-style research.

“Pupils develop self-confidence and high self-esteem through the positive manner in which classroom discussions are conducted and the praise for their achievements they receive from staff.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate



Academic stretch and challenge is provided via our Zetounes Society with a wide programme of visiting speakers from a range of industries, and the Barton Society focuses on scientific challenge.

Our House system plays a crucial role in providing pastoral care. Every pupil is supported by a House Tutor, who monitors academic progress, encourages co-curricular involvement and promotes general wellbeing.

Extensive co-curricular activities further enrich this journey and pupils are encouraged to explore new experiences and nurture talents both in and beyond the classroom. This, combined with a strong set of values, forms the bedrock of rounded, confident individuals ready to thrive in the world.



Sixth Form

(age 16 to 18 years)

Our Sixth Form is where the foundations are laid for extraordinary futures. Pupils are given the freedom and guidance to pursue their own specialisms and explore the destinations they wish to aim for. There is the option to study both A Levels and BTECs, with the benefits of smaller study groups and a more mature relationship with teachers and peers. Crucial skills, such as time management, organisation and independent study are developed, preparing them for life beyond school.

Academic progress is closely monitored, with a strong focus on UCAS applications,

apprenticeships and career pathways. Pupils are encouraged to study three or four A Levels, with the option of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is highly regarded by top universities. Alongside this, a programme of electives in the Lower Sixth broadens horizons with opportunities such as public speaking and British Sign Language.

Our Sixth Formers are well supported throughout this intense but rewarding two-year journey, ensuring they leave with the confidence, skills and ambition to succeed in the professional world.





Located in the historic Satis House overlooking the River Medway, the Sixth Form Centre combines dedicated study areas with welcoming social spaces, a kitchen for hot drinks and snacks and a garden where pupils can relax or play table tennis. Sixth Formers also enjoy a greater sense of independence, with the freedom to spend lunchtime in town.



The creative arts are an integral part of life at King's, inspiring creativity, leadership, confidence and self-expression.



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Drama is focused around integration with the real-world industry, and aims to equip pupils with the skills and qualities, such as public speaking, so vital in many careers. In the Senior School, we offer support and guidance for pupils interested in auditioning for the National Youth Theatre.





Music

We are a school that sings. King's offers a unique opportunity for pupils to become choristers of Rochester Cathedral. There is no limit to musical ambition here, and we actively encourage everyone to get involved.

The breadth of opportunity is vast – from choral and orchestral performances in the Cathedral, to jazz, wind and rock bands, as well as a dazzling programme of open-mic nights and annual house music productions.

“Musical expression truly provides the soundtrack to life at King’s.”



Our pupils play in county and national orchestras and many have gone on to study at leading conservatoires.





Sport

Sport here is for everyone, regardless of ability or experience. Playing a prominent role in everyday school life, sport provides countless opportunities for pupils to build their confidence, take care of their physical and mental health and develop team skills.

“Pupils are given the skills to succeed and thrive both independently and as part of a team.”





*“This is a holistic,
forward-looking place
that nurtures not just
musical excellence,
academics and sport,
but also kindness and
a sense of community.”*

Talk Education

Life beyond the classroom

The co-curricular opportunities at King's are every bit as enriching as academic study. We believe that participation is paramount — through trying different activities, pupils flourish and find their passion. Once they discover something they excel in, it often leads to greater confidence in other areas and pursuits.

From the performing arts to sport, from volunteering to clubs, and from our enrichment programme to Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, there are countless opportunities for each and every child.





**Our clubs are wide
and varied, but here
are just a few:**

- Ballet
- Bell Ringing
- Cheerleading
- Ecology
- Film
- Gardening
- Karate
- LAMDA
- Lego
- Model UN
- Mountain Biking
- Novel Writing
- Robotics
- Yoga



Wellbeing

Our pastoral care is built on one simple belief – happy children learn best. We take the time to know your child as an individual, ensuring they feel supported, understood and valued. Our three-tiered system includes Form Tutors, House staff and Pastoral Leads working together seamlessly and our dedicated Wellbeing Centre is a calm, welcoming space offering drop-in support, counselling and access to external therapy.

Wrap-around care

We understand that families have busy and demanding lives, so our Breakfast Club and After School Club provide a homely environment for your child.



“Staff encourage participation in a supportive atmosphere, setting high expectations and supporting emotional wellbeing.”

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Boarding

Boarding at King's is more than a place to stay – it's a place to belong. School House is warm, modern and family-focused, offering a common room, study rooms, music practice rooms and a fully stocked kitchen. Boarders enjoy fun weekend activities, from on-campus events to trips further afield, making every weekend an opportunity to connect and explore.

To fit into modern family life we offer full, weekly and flexible boarding and welcome pupils from the UK and overseas.

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Scholarships at King's

We believe that being talented and motivated is something to be proud of. Scholarships at King's offer more than just financial support – they provide an opportunity for scholars to develop their talents, lead within our community and participate in a tailored enrichment programme to nurture and enhance their abilities.



Our location

Our unique location in the Cathedral precinct, next to Rochester Castle, is a daily inspiration.

Our School is situated amongst the cobbled streets in the heart of historic Rochester: pupils enjoy access to the independent shops, cafés, sports clubs and vibrant arts scene and culture of the town, whilst fast rail links make travel home to the capital and surrounding counties easy.

King's is proud to be neighbour to the magnificent Rochester Cathedral and to be recognised as the oldest Cathedral school in the world, founded in 604 AD. It is a privilege for our community to be part of the fabric of life at the Cathedral, through our regular school services, musical events and choral practice.







Our connections

Our unashamedly Christian ethos, reinforced by the presence of the Cathedral in our day-to-day lives, promotes kindness and the importance of always thinking of others. Whilst we acknowledge our historic tradition as a Christian foundation, we warmly welcome the diversity and breadth of spirituality in a 21st century environment. By honouring individual faith and expression, our School is a community which celebrates the exploration of ethical, moral and philosophical ideas.

At King's, pupils can become Cathedral Choristers – a rare and ancient privilege that builds confidence, discipline and musical excellence.





Community

The King's community is one of our greatest strengths. Through our House system, buddy schemes, alumni network, parent partnerships and events, we foster an inclusive and vibrant environment where everyone feels they belong. Pupils support each other, celebrate achievements and take pride in shared values.

Partnerships with local universities and industry provide pupils with access to cutting-edge environments and expert mentorship. These real-world experiences in research, design and technology foster innovation, deepen scientific understanding and prepare pupils to thrive in a global, tech-driven world.

From Pre-Prep onwards, every child belongs to a House which brings fun, teamwork and friendships across year groups through the regular competitions such as the hilarious pancake race, House rowing and music events.





The King's community extends past our school walls, providing pupils with a valuable network of contacts that will enrich and further their respective careers, in many cases giving them that crucial 'foot-in-the-door'.



Beyond King's

Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors. Their quiet confidence and self-belief gives them the courage to engage with the world and pursue their dreams. Pupils leave as well-rounded young adults, who go on to flourish and thrive in whichever path they take. Even when our pupils officially leave King's, they are still part of our story.

Our alumni network, the Old Roffensian Society, keeps former pupils connected through mentoring, work placements and social events and many come back to inspire the next generation.

With a warm welcome guaranteed, the best way to discover all that we have on offer here at King's is to come and visit us. **With over a thousand years of experience and a world of potential ahead, you will discover that we are a truly King'spirational school!**







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