

THE KING'S SCHOOL

HARPENDEN

PROSPECTUS

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)







LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Dear Parents

It is with great delight that I welcome you to The King's School on behalf of the staff and the children. We trust that this prospectus will help you towards making the right choice for your child's education.

The King's School is an independent Christian day school for children of Foundation age up to GCSE, age range from 4 - 16 years.

The school was established in Hemel Hempstead in 1982 and moved to our present premises, situated in beautiful grounds on the outskirts of Harpenden, in 1987.

Although we are a Christian ministry, we are not affiliated to any one particular church or church grouping. Trustees and staff are drawn from a number of different churches in the area.

The school provides a Christian teaching environment with high quality teaching staff and strong pastoral support, so that individual assistance can be given to each child according to his/her need.

Our heart is that the Lord Jesus Christ should be sovereign over all the affairs of this school. That is why we could choose no better name than 'The King's School'. I commend the school to you for your children, your support and your prayers.

Ashraf Farahat
Chair of Trustees



THE KING'S SCHOOL



Kindness

Helping and respecting others whoever they are

Integrity

Doing the right thing, even when it's hard

Commitment

Giving our best in every situation

Togetherness

Playing our part in the school family

Growth

Becoming the best we can be

Thankfulness

Being grateful for all that we are given

Faith

Honouring Jesus Christ in all we do the foundation of **The King's School Way**

A WELCOME FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome to The King's School, a unique environment in which children can thrive and grow both spiritually and academically. Here childhood is valued and treasured, and God is firmly at the centre of all that we do. This is a place where children can develop a strong sense of identity and destiny, secure in who they are and looking confidently to the future.

With both the Primary and Secondary schools on one site we see ourselves as one family, and it is that strength of relationships between staff, pupils and parents, creating a safe, happy and peaceful environment, which is regularly commented on by people visiting us for the first time.

Our small class sizes ensure that every child is known and valued and that their individual needs can be met, stretching and supporting as appropriate. There are many opportunities for children to contribute to the life of the school, developing their gifts and abilities, growing in confidence and character.

We seek to give our children an excellent education, enabling them to develop academically, grow in character, discover their worth and achieve their potential. This is made possible by small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff and outstanding pastoral care.

OUR MISSION

Through the experiences we offer to all our pupils:

- We aim to serve our community by providing high quality education.
- We encourage understanding of what true faith in Jesus Christ means.
- We desire our pupils to grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.
- We believe these goals are best achieved within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Andy Reeves

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

The Primary school caters for children from 4 to 11 years old (Foundation to Year 6), and is organised by Key Stages.

Our curriculum is based on the National Curriculum, but has been adapted to suit our school and our pupils.

CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS

Each day starts with either class devotions or school assembly, when there is a time of worship and Bible teaching. The Bible and Christian living are also taught during Religious Study lessons.

CURRICULUM

English and Mathematics are taught each day. The curriculum also includes Science, History, Geography, Computing, Art & DT, Music, French, German and outdoor learning.

The children have two PE lessons a week. In addition, Years 2 to 6 have

swimming lessons for part of the year.

The teaching of PSHE is incorporated throughout the Primary school teaching, with weekly lessons on specific subjects.

The children are encouraged to make use of the library. As well as learning to enjoy books, it helps them in their reading and spelling.



PARENT LIAISON

There are Parent/Teacher consultation afternoons/evenings during the school year. This is to enable regular monitoring and feedback on each pupil's progress. In addition, a progress report is issued at the end of the Summer Term.

The school is concerned for the whole child, not just academic training. Parents are encouraged to get to know their child's teacher, so that they can work in partnership.

Regular liaison between the school and the home is vital. We maintain open communication, mainly via email, as well as letters where necessary.

HOMEWORK

Homework is set throughout the Primary School, at an age-appropriate level. This may be reading or spelling, or a research-based task. Older children will get more regular homework. All homework should be given priority and done under the supervision of parents, who should check the general standard and neatness. In addition, children who have not completed their work during the day may also be required to complete it at home.



THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

The Secondary school caters for children from 11 years to 16 years of age.

CURRICULUM

The Secondary school curriculum builds on the foundation established in the Primary school, extending and deepening the students' resourcefulness through a broader curriculum. The teaching of British Values is incorporated in the Secondary school teaching, including in assemblies, tutor times and occasional off timetable focus days.

Years 7, 8 & 9

A good range of subjects is taught incorporating sciences, humanities and arts, and including practical and physical education. In addition, and running through all three years, a Religious Studies course is undertaken. This course is designed to develop an understanding of the Word of God and how to apply biblical principles to daily life, and includes an overview of world, social and moral issues.

During these years the students will begin to be prepared for both core and optional GCSE subjects leading to examinations in Year 11.



YEARS 10 & 11 (GCSE)

Establishing a well-balanced curriculum for GCSE is the best solution for most students. To this end, the school provides as wide a variety of GCSE courses as possible. We are always seeking to improve and update the provision of such courses.

Our aim is to enable each pupil to choose a course of study best suited to his or her abilities and talents.

The normal arrangement is for each pupil to enter for all of the common core subjects plus three additional subjects from a range of course options (selection subject to time-tabling). This means that most pupils take a total of 10 subjects at GCSE.

SUBJECTS

Core Subjects:

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Religious Studies

Biology, Chemistry and Physics

(option for Combined Science)

Optional Subjects:

Art

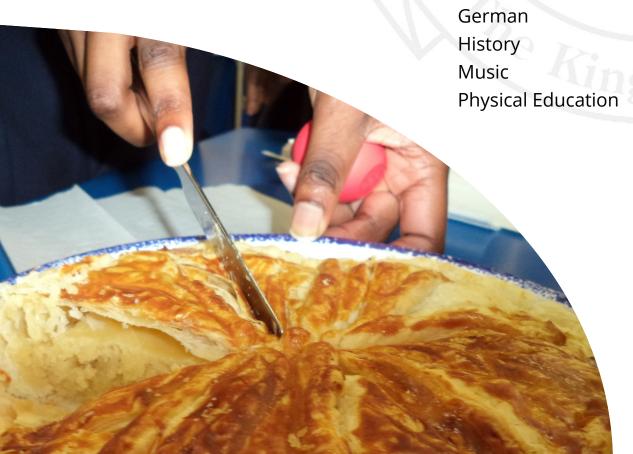
Business

Computer Science

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French

Geography



CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

SPORTS AND GAMES

We have regular inter-school matches in football and netball and occasional fixtures in rounders, table-tennis and basketball.

The school participates in district and county level competitions with local schools in table tennis, basketball and athletics. There are frequent interhouse fixtures and regular after-school sports clubs.

In the summer term, the school participates in a Christian Schools' sports day and we have our own inter-house athletics events. As a member school of ISA (Independent Schools Association) we take part in a range of regional and national tournaments and festivals, which give our pupils an enriching experience in a range of activities.

MUSIC

Throughout the school, children have the opportunity to join the Primary or Secondary choir or orchestral groups which practice once a week during lunch times. Every other year we stage a live musical theatre production, usually involving pupils from Years 5 to 11

The music department offers individual lessons on the piano, violin, drums, guitar, woodwind and brass, as well as singing lessons.



SCHOOL EXCHANGES

We have fruitful links with schools in Germany for the German language and Switzerland for the French language. Students will stay in the homes of pupils in the link schools which helps to develop and improve their language skills. They then extend hospitality for a return visit from their German or Swiss exchange partner.

LUNCH-TIME CLUBS

We offer a variety of lunch-time clubs from the following:

Primary

KS1&2 Board Games KS1&2 Drama Club

Years 2-6 Choir

KS2 Art Club
KS2 Orchestra
Sport Clubs - including
Basketball, Football, Hockey,
Indoor Athletics, Kwik-Cricket,
Multi-Sports, Netball,

Secondary

Art Club

Bible Study (Student led)

Chess/Board Games

Choir

Debate Club

Drop-in Subjects (various)

German Club

Homework Club

Instrumental Ensemble

Student Voice

Sport Clubs - including:

Basketball, Darts, Football,

Netball, Table Tennis,

Tennis & Volleyball

Touch-Typing

Primary Fixtures

Arranged casually between schools in:
Athletics, Basketball, Football,
Kwik-Cricket, Netball, Rounders,
Table-Tennis, Tag Rugby

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and Tennis

Secondary Fixtures

Basketball

Football

Netball

Rounders

Tennis

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our Bible After School Club is for pupils in Years 1 to 4 and is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. The children participate in worship, Bible stories, and various other activities such as arts and crafts, song writing, dancing and acting, quizzes, and much more.

We offer a couple of after school sports clubs for Years 5 to 11, usually on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30pm until 4:30pm.



THE SCHOOL DAY

PRIMARY

9:00am - 3:15pm 8:50am - 3:30pm

Morning break:

10:30am - 11:00am 10:50am - 11:10am

Lunch break:

All pupils eat their packed lunch in their class or form rooms then go out and play. Ball games can be played on the MUGA all year round, and the front lawn is used during dry summer months. Table Tennis can be played on the playground, and Primary pupils may play on the adventure playground.

SECONDARY

Morning break:

Lunch break:

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Our Term Dates are similar to Hertfordshire schools, with a few exceptions.



ADMISSIONS

ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL

Applications will be considered for entry into all classes from Foundation through to Year 9. New pupils are not taken into Year 11, and Year 10 admissions will only be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants need to adhere to the process as set out below.

We will consider pupils from all social backgrounds, nationalities and abilities.

We accept pupils from families who are practising Christians.

We do not accept pupils whose families are practising other religions. We respect the right of everyone to follow and adhere to the practices of any religion they choose. However, actively following another religion may bring home and school into conflict of belief, which would not be in the best interest of the child.

We will consider pupils who may have Special Educational Needs, but they will only be offered a place if it is felt that the school is able to cater for their educational needs in the context of a particular class.

We may not be able to offer a place if a class is deemed to be full. The school has an ideal class size of 16 per year group in Primary and 22 per year group in Secondary.

See our website for further details: www.thekingsschool.com/admissions

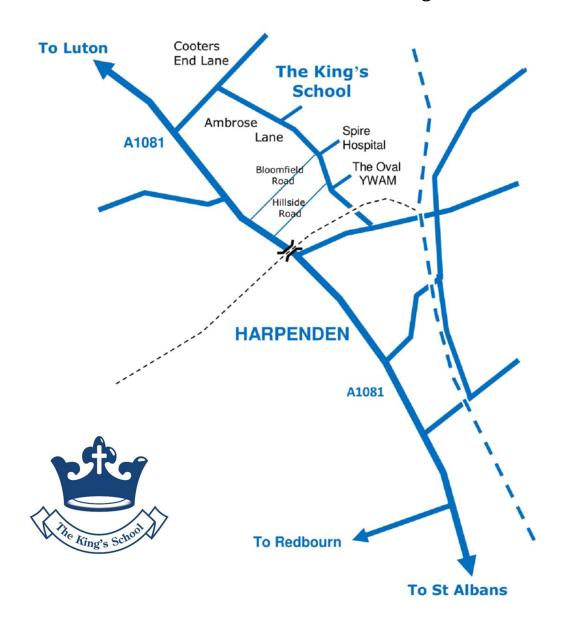


FIND US

LOCATION

The King's School is situated in Ambrose Lane close to Spire Hospital on the outskirts of Harpenden. From St Albans, pass through the centre of Harpenden and, after you pass under the disused railway bridge, turn right onto Hillside Road. At the top of the hill turn left onto Ambrose Lane.

Approaching on the A1081 from Luton, as you near the 30mph sign turn left onto Cooters End Lane, and take the first on the right onto Ambrose Lane.



For more information, school policies, or the parent handbook, please visit our website www.thekingsschool.com.

SCHEDULE OF FEES 2024/25

School fees for the **2024/25** academic year are quoted as follows exclusive of any applicable taxes:

Year Group	Annual	Termly	1st Child Monthly	2nd Child Monthly	3rd Child Monthly	4th Child Monthly
Yrs 10 & 11	£10,128	£3,376	£844	£675	£507	£422
Yrs 7, 8 & 9	£9,624	£3,208	£802	£642	£481	£401
Yrs 3 - 6	£8,832	£2,944	£736	£589	£442	£368
Yrs 1 & 2	£7,884	£2,628	£657	£525	£394	£328
Foundation	£6,936	£2,312	£578	£462	£347	£289

Sibling discounts are applied in order of age, from the oldest child ('1st child') to the youngest.





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