



King Edward's

WITLEY

SIXTH FORM & PRE-SIXTH FORM







Welcome to King Edward's Sixth Form.

This prospectus is your introduction to the Sixth Form experience at King Edward's Witley. For over 450 years, the School has been working with young people, preparing them to be independent, successful and effective wherever they choose to go.

Whether this is your first insight to life in the Sixth Form or whether you are simply looking for information to confirm your choice, know this: the last two years of School are the most exciting and the most important.

At King Edward's, we want you to be comfortable about yourself, confident about your potential and curious to learn. We want creative thinkers who enjoy learning and want to contribute to the school community.

Whether you are a current or prospective pupil, I trust that you will find answers and be inspired by these pages. I hope that you will be able to picture yourself, not just in the next few months as you embark on your newly chosen courses, or in a few years when you leave School, but in decades to come when you look back at your schooldays and appreciate that they contributed to all that you achieved.

Education is lifelong and here it has no limits. We want you to have the best possible education as you prepare for life beyond. We want you to join us purposeful and curious, and leave us poised and confident for whatever lies ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joanna'.

Mrs Joanna Wright Head



Mr Richard Davies Head of Sixth Form

WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form at King Edward's is an exciting, dynamic and incredibly diverse learning environment in which pupils from over 20 countries come together to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding that will empower them to succeed when they embark on Higher Education and build their subsequent careers. Established over 450 years ago to provide training for disadvantaged boys in London, the School has a history of innovation which it has continued by pioneering the International Baccalaureate alongside A-levels, to give pupils

flexibility to follow a course that best suits them, and through transitioning to an online learning platform during the COVID pandemic. Alongside your academic endeavours you will follow a rich extracurricular programme predicated on sports, music, the arts and inter-House competitions. Staying true to the School's founding mission, all pupils are also encouraged to complete a Service Programme where they pursue an altruistic cause, for instance improving the School's sustainability footprint or supporting a local care home. To guide you through your learning

journey, you will be supported by an experienced Sixth Form tutor as well as outstanding House staff. As you start to look ahead to the future, our dedicated Head of Careers and Higher Education is on hand to help you navigate the perils of university admissions and target your career pathway.

Mr Richard Davies Head of Sixth Form



'The small class sizes have been great,
and I've really got to know my teachers well.'

LIFE IN SIXTH

As you embark on your Sixth Form Programme of study you will have an array of opportunities to develop leadership, communication and project management skills, outside the classroom, that will complement your study skills.



As Sixth Formers, you are ambassadors for the School and will take on positions of responsibility such as Prefects, Head Girl and Head Boy, Chapel Prefects (where you will represent the School at formal events in The City of London), and supporting your Housemaster or Housemistress as Head of House. The Sixth Form Council works with the Head of Sixth Form to run the Sixth Form Social Programme and has a dedicated budget to manage and run weekly 'post prep' evenings, as well as half-termly formal events such as balls and themed events. You will also benefit from the Sixth Form Programme comprising a series of lectures and workshops that, in previous years, has included a journalist from The Times talking about how to manage personal

finance at university; a double amputee ex-Royal Marine who served in Afghanistan talking about resilience and goal setting; and an online gambler, who lost his house and his marriage, talking about the perils of addiction.

Given the School's historic ties to the City of London, having started out at Bridewell Royal Palace, there are opportunities to experience the ceremonial side of the City, for instance the annual law competition at the Royal Courts of Justice, immediately preceded by the historic 'Ceremony of the Quit Rents'. These experiences, together with the School's history of innovation, will stand you in good stead as you leave and embark on the next stage of your learning journey.

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'I've got to know people
from a whole range of
countries and cultures...
we're like a family that just
works. You wouldn't expect
us to gel but we just do!'





'I like the whole range of options, and the extra-curricular side of it as well because you can choose your own path. You can do whatever sports you like and academically there's a whole range of subjects which is amazing!'

New Upper Sixth Form House

Opening late 2021



These images are architect interpretations and subject to change.



SIXTH FORM HOUSES

All Lower Sixth Form pupils, whether they are joining the School for Sixth Form studies, or have been at King Edward's for longer, will be assigned to one of the Senior Houses, home to boarding and day pupils from age 13 to 18.

There are four senior boys' houses, Edward, Grafton, Ridley and Wakefield and two senior girls houses, Tudor and Elizabeth. Two of our boys' houses are paired with girls' houses, Edward with Tudor and Wakefield with Elizabeth, both which benefit from shared living space for both boys and girls, leaving Ridley and Grafton as bachelor houses. Lower Sixth Form boarders will either have a twin or a single room. Lower Sixth Form pupils perform an important role in the Houses mentoring younger pupils in their House. Each House has its own identity and character and there is healthy competition between the Houses in music, drama and on the sports fields. Sixth Form pupils can take up full, weekly, flexible and occasional boarding.

For those living closer to the School, we know flexible and occasional boarding helps busy families' work-life balance and allows our Sixth Form day pupils the flexibility to fit more into their active schedules, while spending extra time with their friends and peers.

In late 2021, we will be unveiling our Upper Sixth Form House, which will become home to all Sixth Form pupils, both boys and girls, in their final year at King Edward's. The new House will benefit from landscaped outdoor space, study and social areas and boarders will have their own study bedrooms with full en suite facilities. Our Upper Sixth Form House will provide the perfect stepping stone to university and independent living.

PRE-SIXTH

Our one year Pre-Sixth Form Course is a marvellous opportunity for pupils aged 15-16 to prepare for A-level and IB courses.

It is ideal for international pupils who would like a taste of English education and for families relocating to the UK seeking a way for their children to integrate into the English system. Our aim is to support English language skills, the thinking and learning habits that are essential for Sixth Form success and to provide a taste of the rich co-curricular and social experience that are essential aspects of an English boarding school education.

We test all applicants for Maths and English ability, and we interview to ensure that we can offer the right pathway for those children who enrol with us. There are various options open to our Pre-Sixth Form pupils. For those with good English and Maths, there is an academic route allowing pupils to take up to five IGCSE subjects. Some pupils opt for a more science-based focus, taking intensive EAL and preparing for the First Certificate in English whilst opting for IGCSE Physics.



FORM

SUBJECT LESSONS PER FORTNIGHT

ENGLISH	8
MATHEMATICS	7
SCIENCES	13
<i>Biology, Chemistry and Physics</i>	
LANGUAGES	6
<i>French, German, Spanish, Latin</i>	
HUMANITIES	10
<i>Economics, Geography, History</i>	
THE ARTS	10
<i>Art, Drama, Design Technology</i>	
PSHE	1
MUSIC	1
GAMES	4

All pupils are entered for IGCSE Maths and a Modern Foreign Language. More details are outlined on our website. Course information is provided as a guide. Exact curriculum content may change.





In an increasingly globalised marketplace, it has never been more important for pupils to leave School equipped not only with academic qualifications, but also with the skills and qualities to prepare them for modern life at university and in the workplace. At King Edward's, our pupils' learning journey through the Sixth Form provides opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills; to reflect

and think critically about their learning; to take appropriate risks that enhance their learning; to delve into issues of local, national and global significance; and to build the skills, principles and analytical ability that will help them make effective decisions. Our Sixth Formers emerge from School ready for the worlds of work and higher education.

The International Baccalaureate forms a structured framework through which these skills and qualities are integrated into pupil learning by augmenting their academic studies with the Theory of Knowledge course, an Extended Essay Project and the Creativity, Action, Service programme.



IB DIPLOMA CHOICES

Pupils select **six** subjects, one from each of Group 1-6. We also include a selection of Group 3 and Group 4 subjects in Group 6 to allow applicants to create an individualized programme that will play to their strengths. Pupils select three subjects at Higher Level and three at Standard Level.

PLEASE NOTE: The School reserves the right to withdraw a subject if there is insufficient demand. In addition, each pupil will follow a course in Theory of Knowledge, complete CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) and write an Extended Essay. Those taking Higher Level Maths can take their Group 2 subject at Standard Level only.



A-LEVEL SUBJECTS:

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Art
Classical Civilisation
Economics
English Literature
Geography
History
Latin
Music
Philosophy
Theatre Studies

STEM

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design Technology
Maths
Further Maths
Physical Education
Physics

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A CHOICE OF A-LEVELS

We offer a range of A-level subjects that allow pupils to choose subjects strategically, playing to their strengths and their passions.

The introduction of more rigorous linear A-levels five years ago provides pupils with a significant challenge, and along with that, the satisfaction of developing in-depth knowledge that will equip them superbly for university study in their chosen field.

Ideal for the dedicated, mature pupil who enjoys academic stretch, A-levels are demanding and gratifying.

All A-level pupils other than those taking Further Maths may also choose a course from the IB programme: this could be a Language Course, or the Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay option. These earn UCAS points and enhance a pupil's application to university by demonstrating their interest and ability to conduct independent research and write in an academic style.



CO-CURRIC

ART

King Edward's has a vibrant Art Department and is committed to inclusivity, upholding the philosophy that every individual possesses important abilities and skills worthy of development within this subject.

Whether taking Art as an academic subject or joining in Art Club activities, girls and boys can engage in everything from drawing and painting to photography and digital image manipulation.

The Art Department boasts spacious, light rooms, a ceramics room, printmaking studio, photography darkroom, library and ICT resource room, and takes the opportunity throughout the year for outdoor inspiration in the School's landscapes and woodlands.

DRAMA

Everyone at King Edward's is encouraged to become involved in Drama and Theatre, either as a performer, theatre maker, director, designer or a member of the audience.

Our inclusive approach means we welcome all pupils to take part in our co-curricular drama programme, regardless of their subject option choices or previous theatrical experience.

The annual inter-House Drama Cup is open to all and is guaranteed fun, whether performing, costume designing or supporting in the audience. Regular provincial and London theatre trips are open to all.

MUSIC

Music plays a significant part in the life of the School. The Music Department is staffed by full-time specialists and visiting instrumental and singing teachers. Facilities are centred around the purpose-built Countess of Munster Music School and include a recital room, an extensive suite of teaching and practice rooms and Music Technology and recording spaces.

For instrumentalists there is the Orchestra as well as specialist ensembles for strings, wind, brass, classical and electric guitar and rock bands. There is a carefully structured set of performance opportunities for pupils of all abilities and aspirations, ranging from small scale, informal showcase concerts and workshops to the Chapel Choir and formal termly school concerts.



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SPORTS

All forms of sport build character, help develop a healthy competitive spirit and contribute to fitness and wellbeing in both body and mind. Extensive facilities include an astro turf pitch, four badminton courts, two cricket nets, indoor netball, tennis, hockey and a basketball court. The Sports Centre has a cardiovascular suite, weights room and swimming pool; there are also three squash courts and five netball courts.

All pupils are involved in physical exercise as part of their school week. Girls' and boys' sports teams enjoy regular fixtures appropriate to the season against other schools. Pupils further develop their sporting interests and talents through inter-House matches and the many and varied extra-curricular sporting clubs and societies.



YOUR FUTURE BEYOND KING EDWARD'S

Your experienced Sixth Form Tutor will guide you through the process of university admissions and apprenticeships, which starts in the second term. The School uses the Unifrog platform to help you research courses/careers and draw up a shortlist of universities/careers to which you are best suited before you work with a specialist Head of Careers and Higher Education, and the Head of Sixth Form, to craft your Personal Statement and submit your application. Recent leavers have gone to Cambridge, LSE, Kings, UCL, Warwick, Loughborough

and Exeter as well as international universities such as IE (Spain), Bocconi (Italy) and Hong Kong University. As you embark on undergraduate study and enter the world of work, our 'Old Wits' Development Office will keep you up to date with the latest news from the School and arrange networking opportunities to meet up with former alumni in order to ensure relationships with old friends endure and allow you to forge new ones within the wider King Edward's community.



'Try to get involved in as many things as you can because it all adds to your personal statement. In most schools you can barely fill it but here it was like; what to take out?'





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