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Welcome to King Edward's, a vibrant, forwardthinking school united by diversity since 1553

This prospectus is your introduction to a School that has been transforming lives for over 450 years. It tells you who we are, what we do and why we do it.

In these few pages I hope to give you a sense of our vision and the way we unlock the potential in your child. The caring and supportive relationships we develop – and the pride we take in their achievements - give your son or daughter the self-belief to reach for their very best at School and in their life beyond.

I do not believe there is such a thing as a complete education. School is just one part of your child's life, one stage in their life journey. What we teach is exciting and valuable, but it is the way we encourage them to think that is life-changing. Ours is an education without limits.

The unique opportunities here at King Edward's Witley come from our rich history and free-thinking independence. For us it is the whole experience that counts – our own varied and inspiring educational journey – and the lifelong learning to come. Our ability to connect these elements makes us different.

My role is to create the right learning environment - one that lets pupils thrive, and sets them up, poised and confident, for whatever lies ahead.

Mrs Joanna Wright Head









founded on our heritage

We have been nurturing young lives since the time of our founder, Edward VI. Inspired by the preaching of Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, the young king gave his palace at Bridewell in central London for the training and education of the poor.

That act of generosity and inclusiveness resonates down the years. It inspired a pioneering approach to education. We are now a fully independent school for girls and boys, and home to a learning community in which all pupils enjoy a rich and rewarding education based on the traditional Christian values of grace, service and compassion.

This Christian heritage guides us: we aim for deep roots, clear values and the quiet confidence of knowing what is possible. We want our teenagers to understand that they have the potential to change the world for the better.

King Edward VI's desire to do the right thing lives on through the Bridewell Foundation, a charity that continues to raise funds to provide free or supported education to young people from different backgrounds. The Bridewell Foundation sets the mission for King Edward's Witley and our nearby partner school, Barrow Hills.













confidence to collaborate

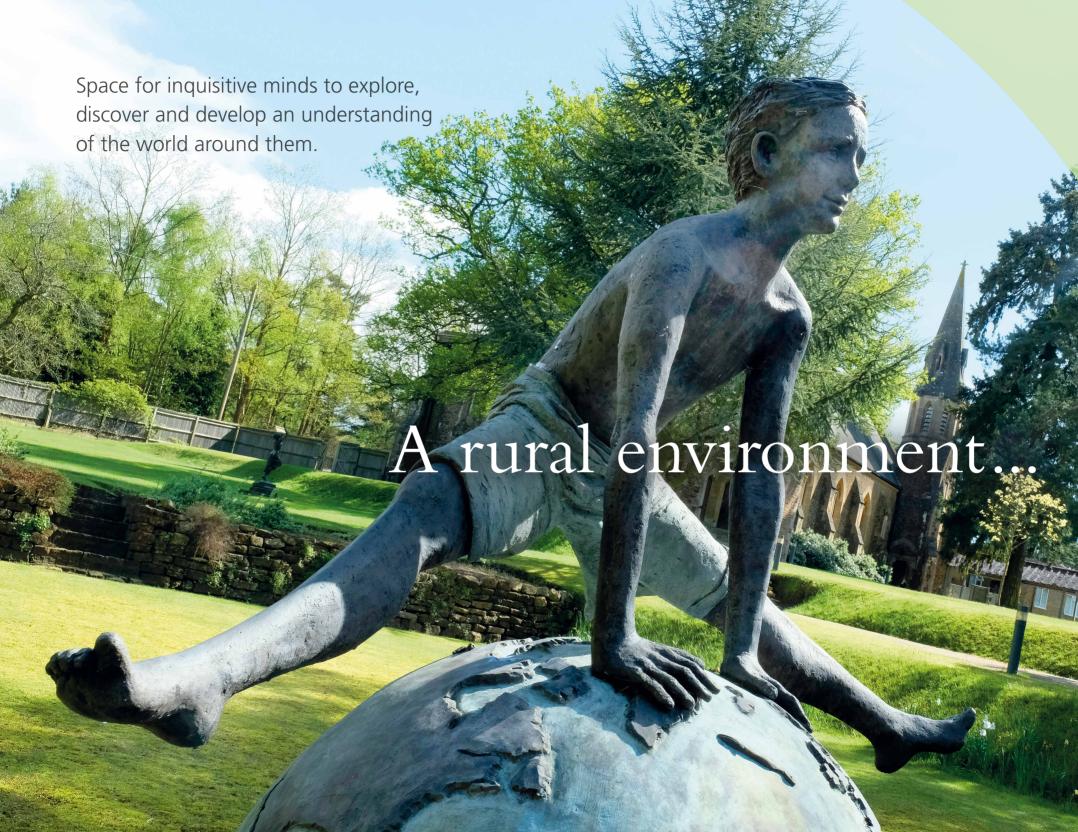
Our approach to pastoral care is simple. We develop a culture of empathetic relationships that's strong enough to ensure that every child is noticed, not merely seen ... is listened to, not just heard ... is empowered, not simply enabled.

The House system is fundamental to personal growth, resilience and wellbeing. It puts your child at the centre of a network of care and support. Every member of staff within that network is there to help them live life to the full – to be bold, effective and connected in School and beyond, even into the next generation.

At every stage of school life, our framework of pastoral care nurtures confidence, fosters collaboration and teases out a wealth of untapped potential.













with a global outlook

The world is not shrinking. We are growing into it. Our friends and families, whether they are local or international, are all just a couple of taps away. The adventure of understanding begins with these relaxed, school-time connections.

Whilst most of our pupils come from the local community, we also welcome pupils from over 40 nations from across the globe. This unique blend of familiarity and opportunity makes the world so much more accessible.

By living, learning and laughing in this open-hearted environment, your child will acquire, and contribute to, a positive global outlook like no other.

At King Edward's the educational experience of difference is at once reassuring and life-changing. It provides the conditions for dynamic learning within a community that is proud to be open-minded, unprejudiced and worldly wise in its finest contemporary sense.









Our culture of thinking and enquiry runs deep. Here, a pupil's natural curiosity prompts exploration of ideas without fear of failure. We encourage them to set their sights high – to be ambitious in their learning and to want to do better.

Although we set ourselves rigorous academic targets, our approach to learning is all about personal growth. We add value as well as knowledge.

We run courses, not competitions. In all areas of school life our goal is the achievement of a personal best.

What an individual pupil is capable of achieving is fundamental to our philosophy. This is the pioneering spirit on which we were founded, and which still drives us today.

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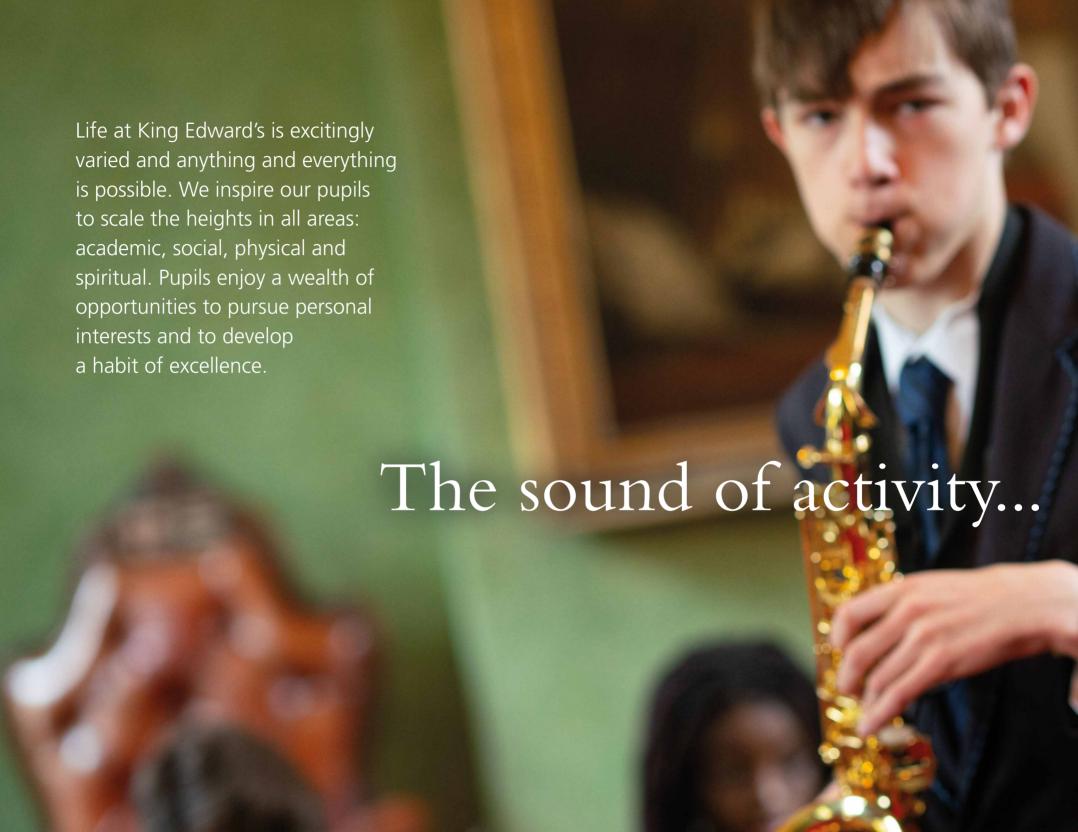


share it with the world

Every King Edward's pupil learns that they are unique, and that they matter to themselves, their peers and their future. We encourage pupils to know themselves well because that's the finest foundation for lifelong achievement. Through small class sizes, personalised tutoring and the caring oversight of Housemasters and Housemistresses, we help your child connect with their own thoughts and ideas. Our challenge is to help them find their voice – to communicate in a way that invites others to listen.

One aspect of finding a voice is taking time to listen and think. Through Chapel, assemblies and House events, we give pupils valuable time to pause for thought.

Another vital life skill is the ability to appreciate each passing day. With so much positivity and quiet confidence, our pupils become great ambassadors for the School and influential social advocates as they play their part in building a better world.







Join us on our journey

We invite you to see what makes King Edward's such an extraordinary, distinctive, forward-thinking and globally-minded community. When you visit us, you will realise how special a place this is for living and learning – an education without limits. You will discover that we are as keenly focused on your child's future as you are.

A warm and personal welcome awaits you.





