



*Your* SIXTH FORM  
EXPERIENCE



King Edward's  
WITLEY



# WELCOME

## TO SIXTH FORM AT KING EDWARD'S

*Thank you for your interest in the Sixth Form experience here at King Edward's Witley.*

As you move towards your final two years of school, horizons broaden. Choices about future pathways move into clearer focus. Our Sixth Form provides a time of transformation and excitement.

King Edward's is a historic learning environment, founded in 1553 in the City of London before moving to Surrey. We are proud to maintain our strong connections in the City which provide many opportunities for our Sixth Formers.

Whilst we build on our past, we look to the future as you are doing now. Today we offer individualised day, full boarding, weekly boarding and flexi-boarding options to Sixth Formers from the UK and around the world.

We provide a blend of structure and independence during your time in our Sixth Form, and offer the best possible academic, co-curricular and social experiences as you choose your next steps and future University and career options.



We are here to answer any questions you may have, and we look forward to being of service to you as you navigate your own route through these two pivotal years.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Mrs Joanna Wright, Head**

A photograph of two students, a young woman with blonde hair and a young man with brown hair, sitting on a blue sofa. They are both wearing dark blue blazers. The woman is on the left, looking towards the camera, and the man is on the right, smiling. In the background, a city skyline is visible through a large window, with the Shard building prominently featured. The image is framed by a teal border.

# SIXTH FORM LIFE

## AT KING EDWARD'S

*The Sixth Form at King Edward's is a time of immense change as you prepare for life beyond school. Academic excellence is complemented by rich opportunities for **personal growth, leadership and exploration**.*

Our broad and flexible curriculum is designed to suit a wide range of interests, ambitions and learning styles. We offer 25 A-level subjects alongside vocational BTEC and Level 3 Diplomas, taught in classes as small as two, and with dedicated tutors and expert teaching staff, allowing you to tailor your academic programme to your future aspirations.

Here, you will have the opportunity to develop your study skills through our Bridewell Diploma and the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) programmes, gaining additional UCAS points.

Our Sixth Form Programme includes a series of lectures, workshops and visiting speakers to support you in your academic and non-academic choices, maximising your opportunities to transition to high quality universities and exciting careers.



*King Edward's brings together pupils from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and traditions, both from the UK and across the world. Our diversity is celebrated and embraced as a vital part of school life.*

This diversity enriches classroom discussions, fosters empathy and understanding, and prepares our Sixth Formers to thrive in an interconnected world. We are a proudly inclusive School, where every pupil is known, valued and respected. Our Sixth Formers play a key role in modelling this ethos.

You'll develop academic excellence and a strong sense of identity, respect for others, and the confidence to lead with integrity as part of this community that is welcoming, open-minded and globally attuned.

As senior members of King Edward's, you'll help shape the culture and direction of our community, and further grow into confident, capable and courageous young adults, ready to take the next step in your journey with ambition, resilience and a strong moral compass.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form and supporting you as you take these very important next steps.

**Mr Anthony Kirk-Burgess** Deputy Head, Academic



# CHOOSING YOUR A-LEVELS OR BTEC/LEVEL 3 SUBJECTS

You'll be able to choose from a broad choice of A-level and BTEC/Level 3 qualifications at King Edward's. Our flexible approach allows you to focus on those subjects you most enjoy. If you have a specific career in mind, then your dedicated tutor and other experienced staff are here to provide extensive advice to guide and support you in your selection.

## ARTS & HUMANITIES A-LEVELS

Art  
Business  
Classical Civilisation  
English Literature  
Geography  
History  
Latin  
Modern Foreign Languages  
Music  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Textiles  
Theatre

## STEM A-LEVELS

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

## BTEC/LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS

Food Science & Nutrition  
Music Technology  
Sport

*All options are offered providing there are sufficient numbers to ensure our Sixth Formers can access a full learning experience.*



# *Our* PERSPECTIVES

## Peter *Head Boy*

Sixth Form at King Edward's has a great sense of community, with many places to socialise including my House, Grafton, where I've supported younger pupils and enjoyed many house events. I'm both sad and excited to leave my second home for Upper Sixth, but our move to Jubilee comes with great opportunities and also lets me be closer to my friends.

After I leave King Edward's, I'm hoping to take a gap year, gaining work experience in marketing in China and then apply to either UCL or Exeter and study economics and business management. We are greatly supported here as we choose our next steps to Higher Education and careers, with workshops, guest speakers and Universities and current employers giving us a better understanding of application processes and where our futures might take us.

## Abi *Head Girl*

I've really enjoyed Sixth Form so far. Compared to earlier years, our classes are smaller and tailored to Sixth Form, and you feel closer to your classmates, teachers and tutors who provide a lot of support to us. We also have lectures from external speakers to help broaden our knowledge, and a number of different socials throughout the year in our year group.

In my leadership position, I've been able to speak to people of all ages and backgrounds, chair meetings and provide the Sixth Form voice to our School's Leadership. Peter and I have been involved in events in the City of London and whilst I don't yet know what I want to do when I leave King Edward's, the opportunities I've been able to take advantage of here are setting me up for a role helping and talking to people in the future.



# *Your* BRIDEWELL SIXTH FORM DIPLOMA

*As the world changes rapidly, career opportunities of tomorrow are predicted to be very different to those of today.*

*The Bridewell Diploma aims to equip our Sixth Formers with a strong and broad toolkit of adaptable skills, a proactive and agile mindset, and a set of embedded behaviours to create maximum impact and alignment with future challenges and opportunities.*

You'll be supported throughout the programme via 1:1 tutoring and structured feedback, whilst being able to easily track your progress digitally with our support.

This Diploma is designed to challenge and reward you across five key pillars: Leadership and Collaboration through our Young Enterprise Company programme, Co-curricular Engagement, Community Involvement, Global Citizenship and Academic Endeavour.

The Bridewell Diploma inspires academic excellence, leadership development, social responsibility, and personal growth. It is a future facing framework designed to integrate with and enrich every aspect of your Sixth Form journey at King Edward's, underpinned by core attributes that will help shape you into a confident, ethical and adaptable leader:

- Understanding of Self
- Nurturing Growth & Excellence
- Integrity & Ethical Leadership
- Thinking
- Engagement & Global Awareness
- Dialogue & Teamwork



# SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

As part of your Sixth Form programme you will be guided to undertake a year-long, self-directed research project on a topic you're passionate about. You'll learn advanced research, analysis, project management and academic writing methods in addition to honing your critical thinking, time-management, problem solving and communication skills. An EPQ is a Level 3 qualification – the equivalent to half an A-level and provides opportunity to enhance your university applications.

## Entrepreneurship & Young Enterprise Company Programme

Whether you go on to set up your own business or not, an entrepreneurial mindset, characterised by embracing challenges, initiative, problem-solving, a proactive approach and self-belief will help you unlock your potential and benefit your future. From learning how to pitch for start-up funds, to crafting marketing plans, managing finances, negotiating with suppliers and selling to real customers, we guide you to transform classroom theory into real world practical enterprise, while you build a professional network of local mentors.

## Community & Charitable Endeavours

We know that community involvement is crucial in developing essential life skills, empathy, leadership qualities and confidence through personal strong connection and sense of identity. As role models for our younger pupils, we will challenge you to become agents for positive change at the forefront of flagship events and charitable endeavours. As you seize the opportunity to lead, mentor, organise and serve in a wide range of initiatives across King Edward's, our local community and further afield, you will develop all important project planning, stakeholder engagement and event management skills, not to mention enjoying rich and diverse experiences which also support your personal statement.



# LEADERSHIP | PROBLEM-SOLVING | COLLABORATION

## Global Citizenship

You'll be part of workshops that tackle global challenges from climate action to social justice. Designed to equip you with knowledge, skills and a sense of collective responsibility, you will learn about complex global issues and international challenges.

Our Sixth Formers expand their knowledge of cross-cultural collaboration, ethical decision-making and sustainable development, along with developing analytical skills preparing them to thrive in an interconnected world.

## Your Diploma Outcomes

Key skills you'll develop during your Diploma include:

**Strategic Leadership:** Guiding a team, innovating, making data-driven decisions and inspiring peers.

**Entrepreneurial Acumen:** Market research, risk assessment, budget management and sales tactics.

**Advanced Collaboration:** Peer mentoring, conflict resolution and shared accountability.

**Professional Communication and Presentation:** Defining your persuasive messaging, pitching to stakeholders, negotiating contracts and presenting to judges.

**Critical Thinking & Creative Problem Solving:** Analysing and evaluating information objectively, and making informed decisions.

**Digital Fluency & Ethical use of Technology:** Navigating, using and developing technology and digital tools, and gaining the skills and confidence needed to harness its benefits responsibly, critically and with purpose.

**Financial Literacy and Money Matters:** Developing an understanding of the fundamentals of managing money, giving you the knowledge and skills to make informed financial decisions which align with your personal goals and values.



**Across your whole Sixth Form journey and through the breadth of Bridewell Diploma framework and integrated programmes, you will also focus on developing skills to robustly support:**

**Independent Enquiry – Reading & Research**

Analysis of Argument

**Research & Identifying Bias**

Risk Assessment & Management

**Analytical Skills**

Ethical Leadership

**Script Writing**

Collaboration / Relationship Building

**Teamwork**

Delegation

**Peer Mentoring**

Conflict Resolution

**Event Design & Management**

Project Management

**Responsibility**

Active Listening

**Time Management**

C.V Writing

**Interview Preparation & Technique**

Honest Self-Reflection & Evaluation

**Understanding Supply Chain Processes**

Current Affairs

**Strategic Storytelling**







# *Your* HOUSE

# EXPERIENCE

Our supportive and sociable houses are at the centre of King Edward's life and of the well-being of our day and boarding Sixth Formers, providing space for you to relax, study and immerse yourself in an exceptional programme of activities.

**In Lower Sixth**, you'll be the senior members in a house community. You will have many opportunities to play a leadership role in your house, and be able to gain valuable experience by helping to support younger pupils, and you'll feature in our wide-ranging and keenly

contested inter-house activities and competitions. Each of our Senior Houses is led by a Houseparent and House Team who will have your wellbeing as their primary focus.

**In Upper Sixth** you'll transition to your dedicated Jubilee House, designed as a stepping stone to the independent experiences you'll enjoy after leaving King Edward's. The Jubilee House leadership team will support your academic progress, personal development and wellbeing and offer a range of social opportunities.

Our Upper Sixth tutor team is based in Jubilee in the evenings to provide further subject specialism and university preparation support.

**Jubilee House** is built with a focus on learning, study spaces are central. En-suite bedrooms, a games area, a purpose-built kitchen, laundry facilities and common rooms to sit and relax with friends, and the opportunity to flexi-board create an unforgettable year at King Edward's.



# BEYOND THE CL

## SPORT

King Edward's Sixth Form **sports** programme aims to encourage you to explore and engage with a range of physical activities and to continue those you've enjoyed once they leave our school, whilst also providing a supportive, high-performance environment where Sixth Formers wishing to excel in their sporting passions are supported in their goals.

We offer you competitive and recreational options in our core sports - cricket, football, hockey, and netball - as well as access to a broader range of sport and physical activity on and off campus. These include badminton, golf, swimming, table tennis, tennis and wakeboarding, and our on-site fitness suite, run club and squash courts. If you have the highest ambitions in your sport, you'll be able to access our Elite Performance pathway programme and follow in the footsteps of Toby Roberts (Old Witleian 2022; Olympic Gold Medallist, Sport Climbing, 2024) and other King Edward's international representatives.

# SSROOM

*You'll have many options to participate, lead and mentor within our extensive, inclusive, co-curricular programmes during your time at King Edward's, whether you enjoy the simple pleasure of taking part in activities or if you want to excel in your passions.*

## DRAMA

Sixth Formers play a vital part of the **drama** offering at King Edward's, taking leading roles both on and off stage as members of our backstage crew, leading on stage management, lighting, sound, and projection.

You'll be able to take advantage of a variety of play texts from large scale musicals to smaller written productions, and be able to cast, direct and publicise your own productions. We are excellently located for visits to the West End, Chichester Festival Theatre and other touring venues, and we also welcome visiting practitioners from professional companies to Witley each year. Our LAMDA lessons are offered exclusively through our professional partnership with Creative Connection, and exams at grade 6 and above carry UCAS tariff points.



## MUSIC

Our **music** department has a fine reputation for the breadth and quality of its music-making and includes a Mac Suite and recording studio, along with numerous practice and rehearsal rooms.

You are welcome to use the facilities during study periods as well as before and after school, and choose to take individual music lessons and form and perform in bands and senior ensembles. We have a wide range of performance opportunities and our international touring schedule offers unique cultural and musical opportunities. Our Sixth Formers lead their own ensembles and bands and have the opportunity to perform in and out of school.





# *Your* FUTURE PLANS

## BEYOND KING EDWARD'S

*We are proud of our Sixth Formers' diverse aspirations, and their onward journeys from our school reflect their ambition.*

You'll benefit from a Sixth Form higher education, careers and counselling programme, including highly motivating workshops, speaker events and 1:1 career consultations. You'll be able to access our bespoke Early Applications Programme if you're aiming for Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine at University.

Each year around two thirds of our Sixth Formers transition to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities; others progress to a range of other, often specialist universities, to apprenticeships or directly to their chosen careers.

You'll be encouraged to explore many higher education disciplines whilst at King Edward's. Our Sixth Formers' intellectual curiosity is reflected in the breadth of programmes our leavers enjoy; in 2024 alone, these included English, Engineering, Fashion Management, Football Coaching, Industrial Economics, Illustration, Medicine and Modern Languages amongst many more.

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

*Upper Sixth Former, 2025*



City, University of London  
Imperial College London  
King's College London  
Kingston University  
St Mary's University, Twickenham  
University of the Arts London  
UCL  
University of Westminster

University of St Andrews

Durham University

University of Leeds

# UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2024

Lancaster University

University of Manchester

University of Warwick

Nottingham Trent University

University of Nottingham

University of Cambridge

Oxford Brookes University

University of Essex

University of Reading

University of Bath

University of Southampton

University of Winchester

University of Exeter

University of Kent

University of Sussex

University of Portsmouth





*Your* ADMISSIONS JOURNEY...

# REGISTER & PERSONAL TOUR

*The Admissions team at King Edward's is here to support you at every step of your journey to Sixth Form. We recommend coming to see our School, senior staff and Sixth Formers on a personal tour if possible. We also offer online information sessions if you're based outside of the UK.*

If you've taken GCSE or IGCSE, we expect a minimum of six 9-4 grades (equivalent to A\* – C) including Mathematics and English, with at least a grade 6/7 in the subjects to be studied at A-level (7 if in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects).

Further information around subject level pre-requisites may be found on our website. Under normal circumstances a place will be offered following an interview and the receipt of a satisfactory report from the Head of the applicant's present school.

Our dedicated Head of SEND and Inclusive Learning welcomes discussions during our admissions process with parents and applicants to explore how we may support additional needs as identified.

If you have any questions at all regarding King Edward's, you are welcome to contact the Admissions Office via [admissions@kesw.org](mailto:admissions@kesw.org) or by calling +44 (0)1428 686735.

We look forward to welcoming you to our School.

## Getting to King Edward's in Witley

King Edward's is exceptionally well located by mainline rail and major road networks, and has easy access to Gatwick and Heathrow airports.

Witley station is a 5 minute walk from King Edward's, and is accessible from many South Western Railway destinations. We also have an comprehensive network of bus routes school using experienced, DBS checked, drivers, and we are currently planning additional routes owing to increased demand.



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