

Welcome

Kings is a rapidly growing, ambitious 11 to 16 school that is committed to providing an inspirational and exceptional community for our young people. We have high expectations of our students and we encourage them to share our values of integrity, respect, responsibility, community and aspiration.

We intend that our students:

- Develop the skills, resilience and self-belief so that they are equipped to compete as equals for any educational and career opportunity they choose.
- Enjoy attending Kings, experiencing a broad curriculum so that they develop a balanced and open minded approach to themselves and others, leaving us as well rounded individuals who can enhance the environment and society around them.
- Form good relationships with both peers and staff, actively contributing to the College and the wider community.
- Receive recognition and praise for their efforts, strengthening the ethos of celebrating success at Kings.
- Challenge themselves to reach their full potential, accepting nothing less than their very best in all that they do.

Curriculum

We aim to deliver a broad and balanced educational experience. Year 7 and Year 8 are mainly taught in mixed ability groups, and pupils across key stage 3 study all statutory subjects. In Year 9, we introduce the element of responsibility to the students learning pathway by introducing a Performing Arts block and the choice of studying French or German in greater depth.

Kings students start their GCSE courses in Year 10 and they can study up to ten qualifications, including a vocational offer. Our young people are at the heart of the options process and are fully supported in choosing 4 subjects that they wish to study, in addition to the core curriculum.

The curriculum is also enriched by well-established links with both Wellington College and Surrey University and for more able students, there are opportunities to attend masterclasses in a variety of subjects.

To ensure that this is implemented, our curriculum has the following characteristics:

- 50 period timetable over two weeks, with some double lessons at GCSE e.g. Food Technology.
- All pupils study two languages in Year 7 and Year 8.

- Four option choices at key stage 4 to retain breadth but enable depth of study.
- Vocational options available at Farnborough College of Technology.
- A strong enrichment programme, including the option to study HPQ (Higher Project Qualification).

Pastoral Care

We recognise the importance of outstanding pastoral care in ensuring students' academic success, Each Head of Year is supported by an extensive team of qualified specialists, all of whom are working to ensure that our young people have the best of care should they need it. All students benefit from personal, social, health education (PSHE) which includes timetabled lessons and five special personal development days throughout the year. Kings staff believe that good communication between school and home is essential and we encourage parents to work with us to ensure that all children are as happy and successful as possible in their time here.

Personal Development Days

Personal Development Days enhance the core curriculum provision for all students at Kings. For five days during the academic year, the usual timetable is suspended and each year group will undertake a different whole day experience designed to develop further their Personal Learning and Thinking Skills, literacy and numeracy skills and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

The PD Days provide an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in learning activities for a whole day and whilst covering essential areas of the Citizenship and PSHE curriculum, they also will be used to raise aspirations through enlightening experiences.

Beyond the classroom

An enjoyable range of opportunities is on offer to Kings Students outside the classroom to help them challenge themselves and gain valuable life skills. We are very proud of our sporting facilities, with pupils able to utilise our 3G astro and indoor swimming pool. We also have an outstanding reputation for the Performing Arts and all students can be part of the annual extravaganza called Celebrating the Arts. There are opportunities to see shows in London, visit galleries, take part in expeditions, go up The Shard, see Science in Action and many other extra-curricular activities which will hopefully make the experience of being a student at Kings more memorable and treasured into adult life.

