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Welcome to Kings Oxford



The Kings Difference

1. Student-centred ethos

- Highly personalised approach to learning and pastoral development
- Friendly and empowering college community – on a human scale

2. Exceptionally small classes and personalised attention

- Just 4 - 10 in a class at GCSE and A-level
- Maximum contact time with subject specialists

3. Outstanding exam results

- Consistently in the top 10% of schools in England

2018 A-level results:

- A* pass rate 75% above the national average
- A*A pass rate 38% above the national average
- 39% exceeded predictions by two or more grades

2018 GCSE results include:

- 81% A* - B (9 - 6)
- 86% A* - C (9 - 4)
- 48% Grades 9 - 7 in Maths

4. Leading university destinations

- Extensive and individually tailored support for university degree selection and application
- Full UCAS guidance
- Specialist preparation for additional university assessments
- Making the most of your talents and achievements whatever your ambitions; Oxbridge, Medicine, Law, Art and Design
- Work experience, volunteering and research projects

5. Global perspective and opportunities

- Develop a global outlook for your future
- Assess opportunities for further study in the UK or overseas
- Share ideas and concepts with students from across the globe

Message from the **Principal**

“ Welcome to Kings Oxford.

Oxford is world famous as one of the great centres of learning. When you study here, you take your place within a centuries-old tradition of academic excellence.

At Kings, we provide a unique learning environment, which continues Oxford's traditional of academic excellence, with a contemporary approach and environment to meet the needs of students today.

We have a global community in which students are both challenged and supported to excel. We help students to explore their interests, understand the opportunities available to them and focus in on their target universities and degrees.

Our students have an outstanding record of success in gaining places at their first-choice university and we are all proud to have been able to guide students to achieve their full potential, dreams and ambitions. ”

Mike Smith
Principal, Kings Oxford



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Your future starts **here**

You are about to embark on the most exciting phase of your life so far.

Right now, you have the choice to go anywhere, do anything, be anyone you want to be.

As you move to the next stage of your education, it's time to take control of your future. Take the *right path*.

The one which fits who you are and who you want to be.



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Take your own path



Kings Oxford is a modern, international, independent college. A springboard to a new, globally connected future.

We are not a traditional school. We offer an education built for the modern global world which fits entirely around you. We'll respect you as an individual and will work with you to build on your strengths and interests, identify and explore the opportunities available to you, map out and prepare for your ideal future.

We'll work with you as a responsible and independent young adult because that's who you are. But we'll be here with you to support and guide you every step of the way.



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You. *Improved.*



“It is hard to put into words, it is amazing to think how far I have come, as a journey. The help I have been given, the guidance and support... Just getting me to this point is unbelievable, I am over the moon”

Kings student Joe, on receiving his A-level results, 2018



The Kings philosophy has always been student-centred.

We evaluate your unique strengths and interests and support you to maximise your full potential.

We work with you to design a learning plan that meets your personal needs and objectives, rather than expecting you to be bound by a single pre-determined approach.

We understand that your aim is to gain entry to a leading university. We will help you to identify the most appropriate degrees and universities to match your individual interests, learning style and character. We guide you to build the strongest possible university application and win your place at the very best university for you.

We'll encourage you to aim higher than you thought possible – and then to achieve your ambition.

Personalised approach to your education

- Supported and empowered learning
- Dedicated care and support for your well-being and academic success
- Small group tutorials
- Lectures, workshops and presentations
- Setting targets and learning plans
- Revision clinics

Regular personal assessment

- Regular meetings with your Course Director and tutor
- Regular tests and assessments
- Detailed feedback from your teachers
- Written assignments
- Regular examination practice

- Formal report twice per term
- One-to-one university counselling

Monitoring your own progress

- Expert guidance on how to monitor your own learning process
- Support to ensure you take personal responsibility for your own study and achievements

Interactive learning technology

- Interactive whiteboards with lessons stored and available via the student portal
- Free wireless internet
- Access to Technology classroom

***Leave us happy, fulfilled and
thoroughly prepared for the
next chapter of your life.***



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Become a global citizen

“The environment here has been amazing, and the relationships [my son] has made. I think Kings has been a great bridge for university because he has come out of the school environment into a college and made a great bunch of international friends.”

Parent of a Kings A-level student



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The world of tomorrow will be ever more internationally orientated. The internet and social media have revolutionised the nature of communication and international travel is increasingly accessible.

Citizens of the future will need to communicate on a global scale with technology providing the tools required to facilitate interactions. Cultural awareness, empathy and emotional intelligence will all be important skills for global citizens to nurture.

At Kings, you will make friends with fellow students from all around the world. Right here in London.

You may wish to explore the opportunities for further study or work experience around the world at other Kings college locations.



The Kings Difference



“ The teaching is fantastic...
I've seen so much improvement,
massively more than I'd ever
thought. ”

Charlie Protheroe, 2018 A-level student



“ There are so many different ways of learning and finding another way that you learn best – whether it is verbal, written, seeing or hearing – and I learned this when I took a test to find out how I study best. The results of that test were incorporated into my lessons. ” **Kings A-level student Joe**

“ That kind of custom learning, he wouldn't have got that if he had stayed where he was. Everyone does learn differently and aside from that you have to be able to engage with your teachers and tutors, enjoy their company, and you don't want to let them down, which is a big thing for Joe. I think that Kings were able to do that and custom design how they were going to get the best out of this Joe; we know that capability is in there, we just need to find it and pull it out! ” **Joe's mother, Colette**

“ 100%. That is exactly what it is, they get the best out of you. When you are loving learning, when you are having fun, when you are doing this because you like it rather than because you have to, they do get that belief out of you. ” **Joe**

Kings Oxford is a unique independent college in an inspirational location.

We are part of a global education group which has pioneered an international approach to education for over 60 years.

Wherever we teach we retain a student-centred ethos, which means we treat every student as if they were our only student.

Experienced leadership team

Meet some of the team:



Mike Smith
Principal

- MB.Phil. (Psychology)
- QTS Teaching Certificate
- Ofsted school inspector (over 20 years' experience)

Mike has over 40 years' experience as a Head Teacher, director and consultant of international education projects and schools' inspector.



Melrose Fernandes
UCAS Coordinator, Personalised, Subject Coordinator, Head of Language, Communication and Study Skills

- BA Combined Studies
- PGCE
- QTS
- TEFL Cert.
- TEFL Dip.

Melrose has over 37 years teaching experience and over ten years counselling students for university entry.



Kings Oxford is your local, leading independent sixth form college. Our academic and pastoral leadership team is formed of highly experienced professionals.

Between them, they have well over 100 years' experience of providing academic and personal support to young people at the most important time of their lives.



60+ years of global success

Kings has been at the forefront of educational success since 1957, when the first college was opened in Bournemouth.

Today, we teach thousands of students across our 10 worldwide campus locations. They come to us each year from over 80 countries.



Paul Steele

**A-level and GCSE Course Director;
Examinations Officer**

- MA
- BA (Hons)
- PGCSE

Paul has over 40 years' experience as a senior academic manager and educational consultant. He has worked with leading UK and international organisations as Deputy Head, Chief Examiner, Subject Adviser and Educational Consultant.



Ian Tervit

Vice Principal

- MA
- BA (Hons)
- Dip Ed
- PGCSE

Ian has extensive experience of teaching and educational management. His career includes senior positions with prestigious international schools in the UK, Europe and Asia.

Credentials you can trust

Every Kings college in the UK is registered with the Department for Education and inspected by Ofsted. Leading universities also recognise how well-prepared our students are to succeed on their chosen degrees and thrive in all aspects of student life.

Our Ofsted inspections are available to view and download at
kingseducation.com/ofsted

“School leaders and directors have ensured that all the independent school standards are met. They have created a strong welcoming open ethos. Students from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds have developed secure, trusting relationships.”

“Teachers plan interesting and stimulating activities that engage students well. This enables them to make good progress in their learning.”

“Students achieve well. Almost all secure a place at the university of their choice.”

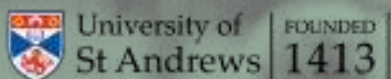
Extract from most recent Ofsted Inspection Report
of Kings Oxford (May 2016)

Read the full report by scanning the QR code.

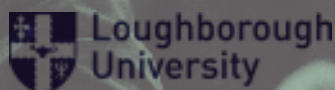




“ We have been delighted with the students who have come to us through Kings. Each has immersed themselves in all aspects of University life and has come well prepared for the academic rigours involved. ”



“ [Kings Students] stand out by virtue of their generally above-average degree results and their willingness and ability to immerse themselves in the life of our student community... I can assuredly put these successes down in large part to the sound preparation for university life that Kings students receive. ”



“ We are consistently impressed by the academic calibre of Kings students who seem to be well prepared prior to commencing their studies with us. ”



“ I have always been extremely impressed by the quality of students, the professionalism of the Kings staff and the wonderful commitment that is shown to their students. ”



Recent university progression

Recent Kings Results	University	Degree Course
A*A*AA	University of Cambridge	Economics
A*A*A*A	University of Oxford	Engineering
A*A*AAB	Queen's University Belfast	Medicine
A*BB	Royal Veterinary College	Veterinary Medicine
A*A*A*B	Imperial College London	Engineering
A*A*AA	Imperial College London	Civil Engineering
A*A*A*	Imperial College London	Physics with Theoretical Physics
AAB	Lancaster University	Physics with Theoretical Physics
AAAC	Durham University	Marketing
A*BB	Durham University	Applied Psychology
AAB	Durham University	Accounting and Finance
AABB	Durham University	Anthropology and Sociology
A*A*AAA	UCL	Mathematics with Economics
A*A*AAA	UCL	Medical Sciences & Engineering
A*A*AB	UCL	Civil Engineering
A*A*A	UCL	Mathematics with Modern Languages
A*A*AA	LSE	Mathematics
A*AAA	LSE	Government with Politics
A*BB	LSE	Economics and Management
A*A*AA	University of Warwick	Economics
A*A*AA	University of Leeds	Medical Sciences
A*AAB	University of Bath	Business Administration
A*A*B	University of Bath	Chemical Engineering
AAA ¹	University of Birmingham	Law with Criminology
ABBC	University of Birmingham	Chemistry
ABC	University of East Anglia	Economics



Our student-centred approach gets results. It's why our examination grades are consistently well above the UK national average.

With excellent academic results, and thorough preparation for UK higher education, our students win places at the UK's very best universities.

Recent Kings Results	University	Degree Course
AAA	University of Nottingham	Nutrition and Food Science
A*A*AA	University of Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics
ABB	University of Bristol	Management
ABB	University of Bristol	Cellular and Molecular Medicine
A*AAB	University of Manchester	Law
A*ABB	University of Manchester	Artificial Intelligence
AAA ¹	Newcastle University	Architecture
A*BB	University of York	Accounting and Finance
ABB	University of York	Politics with International Relations
AAA ¹	University of Surrey	International Hospitality and Tourism Management
ABBC	University of Surrey	Medical Engineering
A*A*BB	University of Sheffield	Chemical Engineering
A*AA ¹	University of Sheffield	Journalism Studies
A*ABC	University of Sheffield	Architecture
A*ABC	University of Edinburgh	Architecture
A*A*AB	King's College London	Medical Engineering
A*A*A* ¹	King's College London	History and International Relations
AAA ¹	King's College London	Digital Culture
A*A*AC	University of Leicester	Mathematics with Economics
Distinction ²	Goldsmiths	Fine Art
Distinction ²	Kingston University	Product and Furniture Design
Merit ²	Ravensbourne	Fashion
Merit ²	UAL	Architecture

Note: Results taken from recent exam grades at all Kings Colleges.

¹ Indicates equivalent A-level grades for the Kings Advanced Level Foundation, a one-year programme based on the A-level syllabus, benchmarked against A-levels and recognised by leading UK universities.

² Art Foundation grades

An aerial photograph of Oxford, England, showing a dense cluster of historic buildings with red-tiled roofs and a prominent church spire in the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Modern learning, modern living

Kings Oxford opened in 1986 and we are proud of our 33 years of students' success.

Oxford is an ideal location to live and study; a global centre for educational excellence with a stimulating blend of tradition and cutting-edge research and business, providing an endless range of opportunities for students' personal, academic and experiential development and to enhance their CVs and university applications.

Students are encouraged to engage with the local community; be that through work experience with local businesses, volunteering activities, sporting, cultural or leisure interests.

Take advantage of the opportunities on your doorstep.



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Student-friendly neighbourhood



**Train
Station**

**Kings Oxford
St. Michaels**

CHRIST
CHURCH
MEADOW

ABINGDON ROAD

GCSEs and A-levels are taught at our St. Josephs campus in Cowley, a 20-minute bus ride from the city centre. Popular with students, the area has a variety of places to eat, many entertainment facilities to choose from and hosts popular events, including the annual Cowley Road Carnival.

Our Art & Design Foundation is delivered in the city centre, in our newly fitted-out art department. Close by is the St. Michaels campus, where our English language courses are taught, and many extracurricular activities will be organised.



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Visit the college
on Google Maps:



Our campuses provide an ideal learning environment, with the latest interactive classroom technology and online learning resources accessed via Classmate, our dedicated student portal.

The college is well-equipped and carefully designed to give a spacious, contemporary feel and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. The indoor and outdoor spaces are ideal for socialising, reflection and quiet study.



Spacious, modern classrooms all
with interactive learning technology



Science
Laboratory



Dedicated multimedia art studios, photography
studio with backdrops and camera equipment,
printing press, screen printing facilities, sewing
machines and fashion mannequins, computers
with Adobe Creative Suite



On-site, modern, student cafeteria
and outside eating area



Library and learning
resource centre





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Free wireless internet
throughout



Reception and student
services help desk



Student zone and outdoor
courtyard garden



Classmate
Kings online learning



Take our
virtual tour



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Accommodation options to suit all student needs

Our facilities include student residences, student houses and homestay options to suit the varied preferences of our students.

Our residences provide high-quality single en-suite rooms in clusters of six rooms sharing a large kitchen and living room, private studios are also available. The residences provide communal areas, laundry facilities, free wifi throughout with self-catering, half and full-board options.

We also have a network of carefully selected local host families. The college cafeteria offers a varied and nutritious range of meals, snacks and beverages. Please contact us to discuss your individual needs.





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Courses designed around **you**



“ Students are able to select the right learning opportunities for them because there are a wide range of courses on offer. ”

Extract from most recent Ofsted Inspection Report
of Kings Oxford (May 2016)



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A-levels at Kings

A-levels at Kings are defined by a highly intensive, highly personalised structure to ensure effective and efficient learning.

Ultra small classes combine with a supportive, friendly college environment to ensure individual progress is maximised.

Key facts

Start dates: September and January

Minimum age: 16

Length:

Standard: 2 Academic years (6 terms)

Accelerated: 1 Academic year (3 terms),
September start only

Lessons: Average 20 – 25 hours per
week (plus homework and private study)

Class size range: 4 – 10

Two year or one year accelerated A-level

We offer both the traditional two-year A-level with September and January start dates and an accelerated, intensive one-year option, subject to availability.

4 – 10 per class

All A-levels are taught in very small classes of just 4 – 10 students to maximise teacher contact and interaction time with students.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ provides students with an opportunity to conduct research in to a subject area of their choice and develop their study skills in preparation for university. The EPQ is highly valued by universities and carries UCAS tariff points. At Kings, the EPQ is available as an option for all A-level students as part of your individual study plan.



Maximum options

The selection of A-levels is a key issue for our students. Our aim is to provide a range of subjects which offer our students the maximum flexibility for progression to leading universities and degrees. Our academic and UCAS teams liaise closely with admissions tutors to ensure we have a detailed understanding of university entrance requirements and preferred subjects. Our provision is informed by these discussions and has the facilitating subjects, as defined by the Russell Group, at its core.

A-level reforms have added a new dimension to A-level decision making. Individual learning plans are discussed and agreed with every student, including consideration over the number of subjects taken and the value of sitting AS exams in the first year. Each student's progress is carefully monitored throughout their time at Kings.

High achievers

We are proud of the A-level results achieved by our students and celebrate each success with them. Every year many of our students go onto the very best universities in the country, including Oxford and Cambridge.



“Every teacher is truly passionate about their subject and can really relate to their students. They understand that every student is unique and has a slightly different way of learning; they really cater to this well. ”

Joseph Nash Price-Evans, Kings A-level student

A-level subjects

Our core curriculum is based around the 'facilitating subjects' as described by the Russell Group, to provide the greatest range of progression to degree. The following subjects are typically taught.

We are also able to offer additional subjects, depending on demand and availability. Please contact us to discuss your specific interests.

A-level Art and Design

These courses will develop your intellectual, imaginative, creative and reflective skills. You'll also develop investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical, and expressive skills, an aesthetic understanding and critical judgement. You'll gain an understanding of the inter-relationships between art, craft and design, and an awareness of the contexts in which they operate as well as knowledge and understanding of art, craft and design in contemporary society and in other times and cultures.

A-level Biology

Biology is probably the most accessible of the three sciences, as it can be related naturally to all aspects of life. You study carefully, and in detail, how life in the world works: how our bodies work; how diseases stop them working; how plants grow; how life may be threatened by poisonous substances; how ecosystems work; where energy comes from and how organisms use it; how genes and evolution affect us all.

A-level Business Studies

This course introduces core business concepts. You'll develop your understanding of how businesses work, of the current global issues they face and their impact. You'll explore decision-making tools to take a more scientific approach to management.

You'll investigate, analyse and evaluate business opportunities and issues with real-life case studies and use qualitative and quantitative methods to take a more strategic view of decisions and recommendations.

A-level Chemistry

Chemistry is the study of all chemical substances and how they can change. You'll learn to understand these and see in new ways the things that make up the world; your food, fuels and fabrics, building materials and manufactured goods, the air you breathe, the tools you use. You'll study atoms and reactions, bonding and structure, hydrocarbons, polymers and alcohols, energetics and transition elements. You'll use Mathematics to describe and understand chemical ideas. You'll devise and carry out practical experiments to test the principles you are learning.

A-level Chinese

This course aims to develop your ability to communicate confidently and effectively in Chinese. You will examine the language in a broader context including the culture and society of Chinese-speaking countries.

A-level Economics

The course develops an understanding of economic concepts and theories through a critical consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life. It also teaches you to apply economic concepts and theories in a range of contexts and to appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real-world phenomena. You will analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it.



A-level English Literature

Students will study a range of English literature texts, chosen from a broad genre and historical perspective. This will include a compulsory Shakespeare play in addition to a 20th century text.

A-level Geography

The course will enable you to acquire and apply knowledge and understanding of physical and human processes, their interactions and outcomes over space and time, through the study of places and environments. You'll also develop an understanding of the opportunities, challenges and constraints that face people in different places and environments.

A-level Government and Politics

The course develops a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes. You will acquire knowledge and understanding of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the UK and of other countries. You will also develop knowledge of the characteristics of the legislature, the executive and the judiciary, of the rights and responsibilities of the individual, and of ideologies, theories and traditions.

A-level History

The course develops your use and understanding of historical terms, concepts and skills. The periods studied develop your interest in, and understanding of, important developments allowing you to understand the wider perspective of change and developments over time. You will study significant individuals, societies, events and issues, analysing different historical perspectives, for example aesthetic, cultural, economic, ethnic, political, religious, scientific, social and technological.

A-level Law

This course will develop your knowledge and understanding of the role of Law in society and individual rights and responsibilities. Topics include the Nature of law and the English legal system, Criminal law, Tort, Law of Contract and Human Rights. You will also develop your problem solving and reasoning skills, these being relevant and transferable to a wide range of degrees and careers.

A-level Maths / Further Maths

The course will develop your understanding of mathematics and mathematical processes and your ability to reason logically and to recognise incorrect reasoning. You will construct mathematical proofs and extend your range of mathematical skills and techniques for use in more difficult unstructured problems. You'll also develop an understanding of coherence and progression in mathematics and of how different areas of mathematics can be connected.

A-level Modern Languages

You will follow a course of study in one or more modern language, depending on availability. Languages may include French, German, Spanish or Portuguese.

A-level Physics

The course will develop your essential knowledge and understanding in physics and, where appropriate, the applications of physics in new and changing situations. You'll develop an understanding of the link between theory and experiment, and will appreciate how physics is used in present day society. You will recognise the quantitative nature of physics and understand how mathematical expressions relate to physical principles.

Oxbridge Preparation

At Kings, our aim is always to help students realise their full potential. For some, this will include ambitions to progress to the world-renowned and highly selective universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Our team of experienced experts support students throughout the application process, utilising their specialist knowledge of the whole process and requirements.

Whilst every Oxbridge application will be assessed on its individual merits, all students will need to demonstrate that they are fully-prepared for their academic rigour and to both benefit from and contribute to their respective academic communities. Students will need to illustrate their:

- Outstanding academic ability
- Deep and genuine interest in the subject area
- Potential for the future

We work closely with students who are appropriately motivated and qualified to help them develop and prove that they are realistic Oxbridge candidates. This is an individual process and includes support for:

1. A-level Grades

Oxbridge are looking for outstanding academic results, this includes achieving exceptional A-level grades, with A*/A grade profiles in pre-requisite and relevant subjects. The EPQ can add further UCAS Tariff points and demonstrate independent study skills.

2. Additional pre-entry assessments

The application process for many Oxbridge courses will require additional written pre-entry assessments to demonstrate aptitude for the target degree course. We will advise and support you on the specific requirements and preparation.



3. Demonstration of relevant, skills, experience and enthusiasm

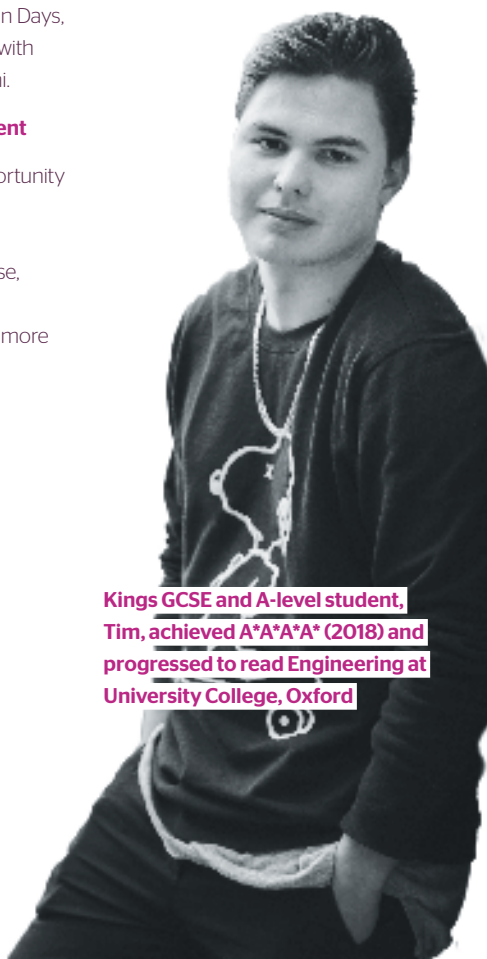
Students are expected to have done more than followed a set syllabus. They need to demonstrate their individual passion and drive. Kings specialists will guide you to ensure you have appropriate experience. This may be achieved through a range of activities including: extra-curriculars; wider reading; work shadowing and research projects; attending University Open Days, open lectures and talks, speaking with professionals and Oxbridge alumni.

4. Compelling personal statement

The personal statement is an opportunity to distinguish yourself from other candidates. We help you to craft a statement which is relevant, concise, personal and written to engage admissions tutors to want to learn more about you.

5. Outstanding interview

Oxbridge interviews are designed to assess your academic potential, intellectual capacity and ability to engage in new ideas beyond the scope of previous learning. Whatever the format, Kings provide you with extensive practise and constructive feedback to ensure you are prepared to make the best possible impression.



Kings GCSE and A-level student, Tim, achieved A*A*A*A* (2018) and progressed to read Engineering at University College, Oxford

Medical Preparation

Medicine is one of the most demanding, rewarding and important paths a person can follow. By following a career in the medical profession, be it Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, or a related field, you will be making a daily, active difference to the quality and longevity of lives and therefore playing a crucial role in society. It is therefore not surprising that only the most able and committed people achieve this goal.

Kings students are supported to fully understand the range of opportunities and prepare for those they are most interested in. We have developed a carefully planned programme to support students with the ambition of pursuing careers in medicine and allied professions which includes:

1. Academic development

With a focus on gaining outstanding grades in Biology and Chemistry plus one or two more subjects, often Mathematics, Further Maths or EPQ.

2. Senior Mentor

Providing specialist support throughout the preparation, selection and application process.

3. Research

Guiding your research into the most suitable medical school, their requirements and application processes.

4. Medical school visits

Arranging visits to and from medical schools and universities to broaden your understanding of the opportunities and requirements.

5. Aptitude Tests

Gaining experience and honing skills and strategies in preparation for required aptitude tests such as UKCAT and BMAT.

6. Work experience, shadowing and research

Assisting you to identify work experience, shadowing and research opportunities in relevant settings within local hospitals, care homes and medical practices.



7. Extracurricular and enrichment

Providing a varied programme to develop personal and social skills and engage in enrichment opportunities. These include regular visits and special study sessions at the University of Oxford School of Medicine. Our students have taken part in student-based trials carried out by the Department of Medicine. We also assist you to identify develop relevant skills in other areas in which you may have interest or participate.

8. Personal statement

Helping you to stand out to admissions tutors. Developing ways of communicating your achievements, aptitude and interests to your best advantage in your personal statement.

“After doing my AS level at Kings, I spent 2 months in a hospital doing some volunteering. During those 2 months I was able to shadow doctors, nurses, physical therapists and occupational therapists and I knew from that experience that Medicine was the right choice for me.”

Kings A-level student Jeremy,
now reading Medicine at Queen's
University, Belfast

9. Interview practice

Supporting you with practice, feedback and development to maximise your performance in the varying forms of interview you might encounter, including individual and panel interviews and MMIs.

10. Medical Summer School

Providing an opportunity, prior to commencing your a-levels, to developing your understanding of the requirements in preparing for Medical School applications.

“Aside from a very strong academic ability, students need to display strong supporting qualities. Together, this builds the kind of profile that universities look for in successful candidates. I counsel many Kings students on how to make themselves the outstanding candidate that they need to be to gain entry to a medical degree.”

Paul Steele, A-level Course Director

GCSEs at Kings

GCSEs at Kings offer highly personalised learning and very small classes to ensure maximum student-teacher interaction.

At Kings London we offer an accelerated one-year GCSE programme with subjects that include Mathematics, English, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, and Information Technology.

Key facts

Start dates: September

Entry level: Minimum age 15

Typically students have completed at least 10 years of schooling with good results

Length:

Accelerated: 1 Academic year (3 terms)

Lessons: 40 – 42 lessons per week.

Class size: 4 – 10

Learning outcomes:

- Gain subject knowledge in preparation for A-levels
- Develop study skills required at Sixth Form level

Course structure

Main academic subjects:

- Mathematics: 8 lessons per week
- English: 8 lessons per week
- Study Skills: 2 lessons per week
- Business Studies: 5 – 6 lessons per week
- IT: 4 lessons per week
- Sciences: 9 lessons per week

Enrichment programme subjects:

- PSHE and Citizenship: 2 lessons per week
- Physical Education: 2 lessons per week
- Creative Arts: 2 lessons per week



Sample enrichment activities

- Annual three-day learning and cultural excursion
- UK & European study tours
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Trinity Arts Award
- Sports and Fitness clubs and activities
- Debating Society
- Photography Society
- Drama Club
- Production of Shakespeare plays
- Special Effects Makeup and Arts Society
- Textiles Club
- Science Club
- UK Maths Challenge
- Current Affairs and News Club

Mentoring for under 16s

Includes:

- Full supervision during college hours Monday – Friday
- Welfare Counsellors
- Half-termly reports
- Separate Student and Parents' Portals
- Regular contact with parents on request

“ [In my old school] I had a class with about 30 people. Here, the teachers have a focus on you so can help you much more easily. There are usually about 6 of us in a class. One of the best things is that it's an international school so you can meet people from different cultures and you can learn a lot about them. ”

Sara studied GCSEs at Kings



Art & Design Foundation

The Art & Design Foundation at Kings will give you the knowledge, skills and understanding of creative development and practice required by leading arts universities. We offer a one-year programme starting in September and an intensive option with a January start.

Key facts

Start dates: September and January*
(*intensive option)

Entry level: Minimum age 17

1 A-level, Portfolio.

Length: 3 terms: September – June or
January – July

Lessons: Average 20 – 25 hours per
week (plus additional private study,
workshop time and homework)

Class size: 4 – 12

The Programme

The programme is designed to equip you with core technical skills and to develop your creativity through a cycle of experimentation, reflection and further development. This provides the foundation for progress in your chosen specialisation, the realisation of a final project and development of your portfolio.

Degree options

Kings students have recently progressed to study degrees in:

Advertising, Architecture, Book Making, Design, Embroidery, Fashion, Fashion Illustration, Fine Art, Garden Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, Installation Art, Interior Design, Jewellery Design, Landscape Design, Packaging design, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textile Design



Programme Units

Part 1 – Learning skills and context

Unit 1: Art and Design Research Methods

Research methodology, contextual awareness, interpretation, evaluation and application

Unit 2: Ideas and Development

Concept and idea generation and creative development using a broad range of approaches

Unit 3: Materials and Methods

Experimentation with materials and methods to explore and deliver creative solutions and responses

Unit 4: Evaluation and Reflection

Reflective, analytical and evaluative skills, assessment of outcomes and experience for continued development

Part 2 – Development and Progression

Unit 5: Integrated Art and Design

Integrated research, ideas and methods within the context of a chosen art or design specialism

Unit 6: Preparation for Progression in Art and Design

Development and demonstration of a range of skills, approaches and analysis; demonstrate potential for further progression

Part 3 – Proposal and Realisation

Unit 7: Project Proposal and Realisation of Final Major Project culminating in a public exhibition.

Take responsibility for personal learning, demonstrate achievement through the proposal and realisation of a large project which integrates contextual perspective, research, problem solving, planning and organisation, evaluation and reflection, practical, technical and presentation skills. Work to briefs to produce both two-dimensional and three-dimensional work, part of which will reflect a specialist subject area.

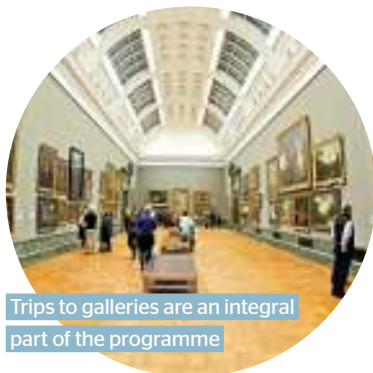
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Kristina, pictured here, went on from Kings to study fashion at Kingston University



Trips to galleries are an integral part of the programme

Skills development: The creative journey

Term 1

Units 1/2 – Core skills

All students are introduced to the core skills vital to the successful pursuit of any specialist pathway. You will have an introduction to all specialisms so you can make an informed choice about your focus for the rest of the course, as well as your progression to your target degree and career.

In these units you will explore:

- Different ways of recording and developing ideas to improve your critical thinking and research skills.
- 2D skills to develop a variety of drawing approaches, print making, collage, photography, painting, Photoshop, In Design
- 3D skills, casting, mixed media structures, and an experimental approach to different materials

- The design process
- Working to a brief
- Presentations and reflect on work as it develops

You will receive UCAS support from an art specialist. This will help prepare you for your specialism, research options and to prepare a carefully crafted personal statement for degrees in your chosen area.

Units 3/4 – Choosing elective pathway

You can choose one of the elective pathways below:

- Animation
- Architecture
- Fashion
- Fine art
- Game design
- Interior design
- Product design
- Textile design





You will continue to experiment and develop projects in your elective pathway refining your skills and work for both hard and e-portfolios ahead of UCAS applications.

Communication and Study Skills modules allow you to hone your research, presentation and note-taking skills. You'll also develop effective written communication for analysis, critique and presentation in art and design.

Term 2

Units 5/6: Elective pathway project and portfolio work

Through a number of project briefs, you will put the skills you have learned in to practice to demonstrate, illustrate and record your creative journey and add to your portfolio.

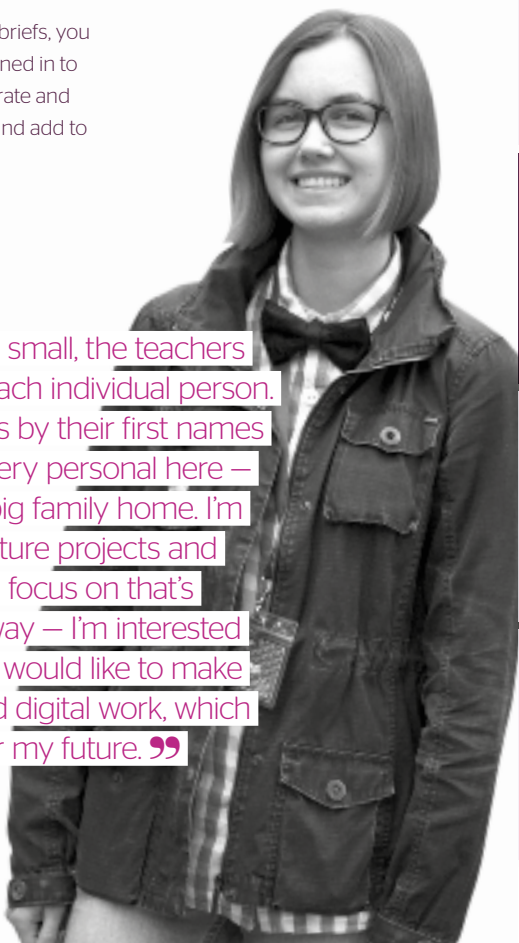
Term 3

Unit 7 - Final major project

Working to a brief, you will design your own final major project in your elective pathway, culminating in a public presentation and exhibition of your work. This is externally assessed, and will form the centrepiece of your final foundation portfolios.

“Because it is quite small, the teachers can really focus on each individual person. I can call the teachers by their first names so everything feels very personal here – it kind of feels like a big family home. I'm looking forward to future projects and what I can make and focus on that's relevant to my pathway – I'm interested in games design so I would like to make more illustrations and digital work, which would be relevant for my future.”

Annabelle Greenaway,
studied Art at Kings



Total learning

A smiling woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark patterned top, is looking towards the camera. She is in a library or study area, with bookshelves filled with books visible in the background. The lighting is warm and slightly blurred, creating a soft atmosphere.

Acceptance to the most selective universities requires more than just good grades. As a consequence of A-level reforms, universities need to use a basket of measures to assess applications.

You will need to demonstrate your understanding of the demands, skills and attributes required for the successful completion of your chosen degree programme. This should be evidenced through a broad and relevant range of interests and experience.

Successful students are those who make the most of their opportunities, inside and outside the classroom, and at Kings we ensure that there is plenty on offer.



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Extracurricular activities



Provides a unique opportunity to take part in new activities, expeditions and volunteering.

Student Council

Gives students the opportunity to present student views to staff and to organise in-college events, such as fundraising activities and end-of-year proms.

Kings Business Enterprise

A great opportunity for you to learn from visiting business experts about running your own business. You can form your own company selling real products and services, issue shares and appoint key people.



A nationally recognised certificate offering the opportunity to explore areas of the Arts, and to develop useful skills for university application.

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)

A free-standing qualification equivalent to half an A-level covering a extended project related to your current course or future career.

Debating Society

The opportunity to train and participate in debating and public speaking activities, including internal and external competitions.

Sports and fitness clubs

(e.g. badminton/basketball/football/chess)

You can take part in a range of sports. Whether you want to play just for fun, or would like to join a College team, there's something for everyone.

Creative clubs

(e.g. performing art/photography/textiles/guitar)

Open to all students at Kings, irrespective of your academic studies. Enable you to supplement your in-class learning or develop an entirely new hobby or skill.

Academic clubs

(e.g. maths/science in the news/current affairs)

Academic clubs are a great way for students to supplement their in-class learning in more relaxed environments.

Work experience and volunteering

Opportunities with companies such as Apple and Barclays Eagle Labs, giving insight into many areas of these worldwide brands. Experience in other specialist areas, such as medicine, is also possible.

Educational visits

These help your learning come alive. Typical examples include local businesses, law courts, exhibitions, galleries, historical sites, field trips and university departments.

Lecture programme

Free lectures after lessons cover a variety of topics of general academic, linguistic or cultural interest.

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employers in 2020*

Critical thinking	Complex problem solving	Creativity	People management	Coordinating with others	Emotional intelligence	Judgement and decision-making	Service orientation	Negotiation skills	Cognitive flexibility
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* Taken from a survey conducted by the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council

Clubs and societies

All students at Kings can take part in regular clubs and societies to learn new skills or develop existing hobbies and interests. There are a range of creative clubs, sports and exercise clubs, as well as clubs which cover more academic subjects, and the Student Council. Other popular events during the academic year include the May Ball; drama productions; seasonal and international celebrations; university fairs, visits and guest lectures.





Clubs and societies at Kings
Oxford vary during the year based
on the interests of our students,
and include:



Book
Club



Debating
Club



Engineering
Club



Global
Citizenship Club



Guitar
Club



History Film
Club



Image Editing
Club



Chemistry
Club



Maths
Club



Physics
Club



Quiz/games
nights



Football
Club



Running
Club



Yoga



Excursions and
Tours

...and many
more



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Kings Social Responsibility



Students at our latest partner school at
Kapin in the remote North Eastern jungle
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Sustainability



Community



Education

We aim to make a difference across these three main areas as part of our social responsibility initiatives at Kings.

For more details, visit: kingseducation.com/ksr



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A Different School of Thought

At Kings, we are proud to partner with **United World Schools** – a charity that builds and sustains new schools in some of the world's most disadvantaged regions.

We have committed to support the work of UWS by funding the building and resourcing of at least one new school each year, which we do through student and staff fundraising.



Next step: university

Kings students have recently won places at all of the UK's top 30 ranked universities and progressed to degrees in a broad range of subjects.

The universities recognise that Kings students have been expertly prepared.



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Diego, now studying Earth and
Environmental Sciences at
Lancaster University

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Your path to university

At Kings, our students consistently win places at the UK's top universities.

We encourage and enable each student to be the best they can be, and to set their ambitions as high as possible. Whether you are aiming for a top ten university, or a university which is recognised as a leader in your intended field of study, we'll help you get there.



“The staff were very helpful in helping me choose which universities and subjects I was interested in. They helped me set up meetings with students who had gone to universities I was interested in, and helped me meet up with them so I could speak with them about their experience.”

Nina progressed to read Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at **King's College London**



“Kings really helped at all stages of the application – from the personal statement to what to choose. I got an offer from another university, but my academic director told me that I could aim higher. They're also really responsible though and are realistic about your choices.”

Laetitia went on to study a degree in Politics and International Relations at the **University of Bath**



1. We know what universities are looking for

- Academic ability alone is no longer sufficient for acceptance to the best UK universities.
- Kings students win places at the very best universities because we develop their full potential – inside and outside of the classroom.



Learn more about Kings' expertise in university applications on our blog, Kings Life

2. We guarantee highly qualified teachers

- All teachers are subject specialists. Many hold a second degree or equivalent qualification, including PhD.

3. We support every student individually

- We ensure every student benefits from regular progress testing and skills analysis.
- Our pathways to university always include choice in order to accommodate differing abilities, ambitions or changes in focus. Our dedicated care and support teams are always available for help and advice.

4. We ensure very small classes

- Smaller class sizes means greater teacher contact time and a more immersive learning experience.
- GCSE and A-level: 4 - 10 students per class.
Art & Design Foundation: 4 - 12 per class.

5. We deliver a total learning system

- The Kings Academic Enhancement Programme makes learning come alive by building in practical, real-world experience to complement class-based study.
- **Kings Classmate** is our interactive Virtual Learning Environment. It provides resources for guided and self-study outside class.



Learn more about ClassMate

6. We provide professional university guidance

- We provide expert university guidance for one of the most important decisions in life.
- Our comprehensive University Application Programme provides a clear application plan to the widest choice of universities.

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Personalised university counselling



“ Bespoke careers guidance enables students to make the most suitable choice for their next stage of education. ”

Extract from most recent Ofsted Inspection Report
of Kings Oxford (May 2016)



Our dedicated **University Application Programme** runs alongside your main academic course. It provides all the information, guidance and support you need to ensure you secure a place at the best possible university to suit you.

You will be assigned a personal university counsellor. They will work directly to help you research, select and apply for the ideal universities for your future plans.

The Kings University Application Programme

Weeks 1 and 2

- Introduction to your university options and UCAS registration

Week 2 onwards

- Regular counselling sessions from your personal UCAS Adviser, including support in drafting your personal statement

Week 3 onwards

- Practical first-hand information about your university options
- Subject specific workshops, university guest lectures, fairs, meetings and visits
- Guidance through the application process and ensuring deadlines are met
- Support after your UCAS submission and assisting with university admissions tutor communication

Our support is tailored to your individual needs and achievement of the best outcomes. We like to remain in contact with you through our alumni network.



See our University Application
factsheet by following the QR code

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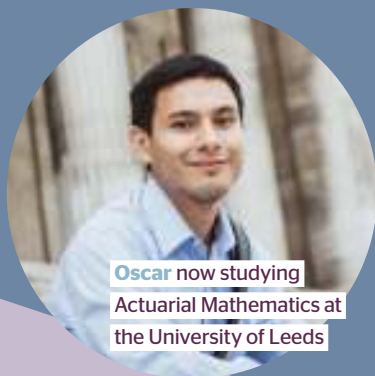
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Mechanical and Electrical
Engineering at the University
of Bath



Sofia now studying
Criminology and
Psychology at the University
of Southampton



Lisys now studying
International Relations at
Loughborough University



Oscar now studying
Actuarial Mathematics at
the University of Leeds



Anna now studying English
Language and Linguistics at
the University of York



Guillaume now studying
International Business at
the University of Essex

Further information

If you think that Kings Oxford could be the place for you, please get in touch.

You are bound to have lots of questions, and our team at Kings Oxford is on-hand to answer them.

Get in touch

To arrange a meeting, a presentation or to visit during an Open Day please contact:

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Or complete the enquiry form on our dedicated website:

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