



**Kent
College**

**ADMISSIONS
HANDBOOK
2022-2023**

This school is us. KC girls becoming the people we choose to become. It's where we reflect on change. Personal and global. It's where we make mistakes. Get scared, get brave. Give up and then begin again. Where everyday's a school day for our teachers as they learn from our imagination, ideas and understanding. Where we try out new roles. Act with kindness, care and consideration. Where we show that a school is a meeting of minds, not a static institution. Where we follow traditions not as dusty rigidities, but as moments we breathe life into. This school is us because, soon, very soon, the world will be us.

WELCOME

Choosing the right school is an important decision and we aim to give you the information to help you decide if Kent College is the right school. We are here to guide you through the admissions process.

Visits

Before applying for a place, we strongly recommend, where possible, that prospective students and their parents visit the school to meet the Headmistress, staff and students and to see the facilities. Visits are recommended in the two years prior to entry and can be arranged by contacting the Admissions Office on admissions@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk. In addition to individual visits, we also hold Open Mornings in October and March and have regular events throughout the year.

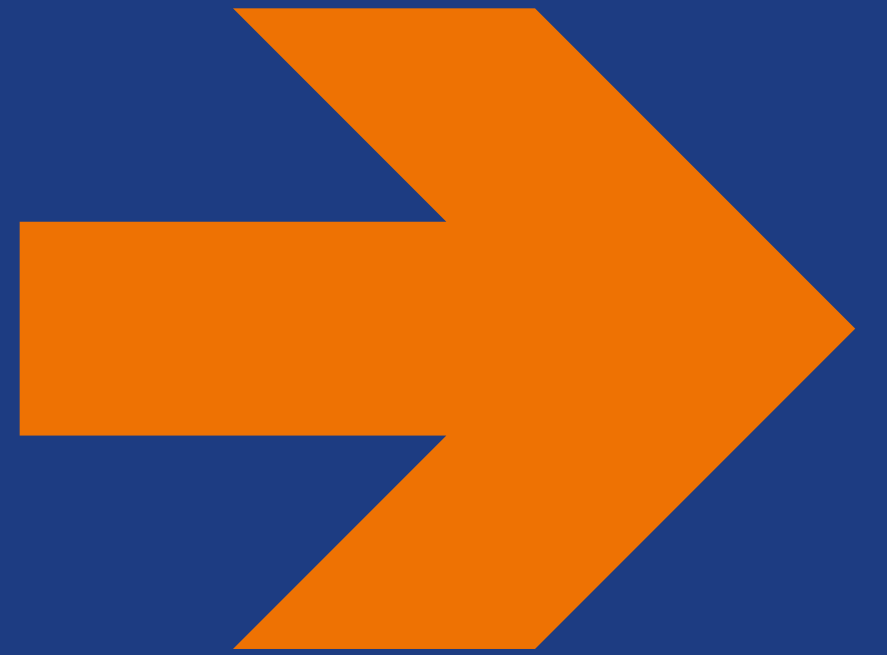
Entry Points

In the Senior School, the main points of entry are at Year 7, Year 9 and the Lower Sixth. Occasionally places are available in Year 8 and Year 10. For those who attend a Prep school there is also the option to apply at Year 6 and defer entry to start in Year 9. Assessments for entry are held in the Autumn Term prior to entry and offers of a place are made in December.

Parents who wish to proceed with an application to Kent College must complete the online Application Form. In addition, we would also require the £100 registration fee (£150 if outside the EU) together with a copy of your child's latest school report and passport. Upon receipt of the above, your child would be registered for entry and a member of the Admissions Team will be in touch to confirm the next steps.



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ADMISSIONS PROCESS

YEAR 7

Pupils applying for a place in September 2022 should be registered by October 15th 2021. The Entrance Assessments will take place on Saturday 13th November 2021. The entry process for Year 7 is as follows:

- Candidates will sit computer based, nationally standardised tests
- Candidates are interviewed in groups by Senior members of staff and take part in a range of activities
- A reference is requested from the candidate's current school

All pupils who sit the Entrance Assessment are considered for an Academic Scholarship and will be invited for a further interview. Parents will be informed of a scholarship award by the end of the Autumn Term.

Both general entry and Academic Scholarship entry decisions will be based on results from computer-based tests. No preparation is required for these tests and no practice materials are available.

YEAR 9

Students applying for a place in September 2022 should be registered by Friday 15th October 2021, and the Entrance Assessment will be on Monday 15th November 2021. The entry process for Year 9 is as follows:

- Candidates will sit computer based, nationally standardised tests
- Candidates are interviewed by a Senior member of staff
- A reference is requested from the candidate's current school

All pupils who sit the Entrance Assessment are considered for an Academic Scholarship and will be invited for a further interview. Parents will be informed of a scholarship award by the end of the Autumn Term.

Both general entry and Academic Scholarship entry decisions will be based on results from computer-based tests. No preparation is required for these tests and no practice materials are available.

Lower Sixth

Applications to the Sixth Form will be considered at any time during the year. External candidates are advised to apply by the end of the Autumn Term the year preceding entry to guarantee that they are able to study their chosen A Level options.

References will be sought from their current school and candidates will have an interview with either the Deputy Head Academic or the Head of Sixth Form.

For entry to the Sixth Form, candidates are required to have at least 6 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, with Grade 6 or above in the subjects being pursued at A Level. Candidates are expected to achieve a Grade 7 or above in Maths and the Sciences if they wish to study these subjects at A Level.

Other Applications

Where we have capacity, applications are welcome for other year groups. Please check availability with the Admissions Team before proceeding.

International Admissions

We welcome applications from full boarders, but also, depending on availability, for short stays of one term to one year. International families are encouraged to visit the school in person and should contact the Admissions Team to arrange a visit.

Entrance Assessments

Following receipt of an application, International applicants are required to sit online entrance tests in Maths and English before having an interview with our Deputy Head Academic or the Head of the International Study Centre.

Kent College does accept the UKiset test. Applicants who sit this assessment will not have to complete further assessments, but will be invited for an interview.



ACCEPTING A PLACE

To formally accept an offer of a place we require a completed Acceptance Form, Parent Contract and deposit. Upon receipt of these, the place will be secure. For those joining Year 10 or Sixth Form we would also require a subject Options Form that will be sent to you. Closer to the point of entry a New Joiner handbook and forms for completion will be sent to you with any other paperwork required.

AWARDS

Kent College is proud to offer a range of scholarship and exhibition opportunities at Year 7, Year 9 and for Sixth Form.

Scholarships and exhibitions are available in the following categories: Academic, Sport and Creative and Performing Arts – Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

Scholarships are awards worth up to 10% of net day fees, made to pupils demonstrating a particularly high standard of achievement or potential regardless of financial need. They will be annually reviewed and subject to satisfactory performance and commitment.

Exhibitions are awarded to scholarship applicants who show great potential but who are not quite yet at the level for a scholarship. These girls will take part in the scholarship programmes but not receive a financial award. It is expected that they will use their exhibition status to enhance their application for a scholarship at the next opportunity.

Scholars and exhibition holders at Kent College are all allocated a dedicated staff supervisor with whom they meet regularly. Their supervisor helps them to balance the demands on their time, their expectations and those of their teachers and the wide range of commitments that many of our scholars have, as well as providing ongoing feedback and reporting.

Personal targets are set and strategies considered to ensure that our scholars are best placed to meet expectations. All scholars are expected to contribute enthusiastically and regularly to the life of the school in their area and to be ambassadors of learning throughout their time at Kent College.

We are a non-profit-making organisation and all fee income is used to balance expenditure, therefore, these opportunities are limited and highly competitive.

External candidates awarded Practical Scholarship awards are required to meet Kent College's general academic entry requirements.

Only a limited number of awards will be made and there are usually many applications of a very high standard. Scholarship is a competitive process; the criteria detailed in the pages that follow are guidelines only, they are there to help families determine whether to make an application. They are not success criteria.

Outcomes of scholarship applications will be made known by the end of the Autumn Term prior to entry.

Awards provide a reduction of the day fees, 10% per scholarship. It is possible for girls to receive multiple scholarships. Girls applying for Year 7 and Year 9 can apply for up to two Practical Scholarships and will be automatically considered for an Academic Scholarship. Sixth Form applicants may apply for an Academic Scholarship and up to two Practical Scholarships.

If a scholarship is awarded, but the parents are able to forego all or part of the financial concession and transfer it to our bursary fund, then the status and title of 'Scholar' will still be retained by their daughter.

Awards are reviewed annually and will be retained provided that performance and conduct remain satisfactory in the view of the Headmistress.

A bursary may further enhance the fee reduction if parents can demonstrate, through a means testing process, that they would not otherwise be able to send their daughter to Kent College due to limited financial means. If you wish to make a bursary application, we ask you to contact the Bursary at bursary@kentcollege.kent.sch.uk

KEY DATES FOR 2022 APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline	Friday 15th October
Year 7 Entrance Day	Saturday 13th November
Year 7 Practical Scholarship Assessments	Monday 15th November – Sport Tuesday 16th November – Drama, Dance Wednesday 17th November – Art, Music
Year 9 Entrance Assessment	Monday 15th November
Year 9 Practical Scholarship Assessments	Monday 22nd November Tuesday 23rd November
Sixth Form Practical Scholarship Assessments	Thursday 18th November





ACADEMIC

Academic Scholarships are awarded to candidates who excel in the Entrance day assessments and there is no need to apply. We expect our Academic Scholars to demonstrate a passion for learning, an ability to think outside the box and a curiosity to find out more. We want to see a willingness to persevere, the rigour to achieve excellence and the desire to embrace new opportunities.

An Academic Scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 Regular one to one supervision meetings with an academic supervisor offering essential support.
- 2 Access to specialist teachers.
- 3 Year 7–11 Academic Scholars will attend the weekly Project Club, where they have the opportunity to work on a piece of independent research of their choice. They will work towards a formal qualification in project skills. Staff at Kent College know who our scholars are and ensure that significant 'stretch' material is always available for them.
- 4 They will be enrolled onto the Able, Interested and Motivated Students (AIMS) and are able to access a wide range of extra-curricular and in class enhancement activities, including for example CREST awards.
- 5 For scholars in Years 10, 11 and Lower Sixth the High Aspiration Learning Opportunity (HALO) club is available. This offers the opportunity for girls to consider theory of knowledge, significant historical and cross-curricular schools of thinking and significant cultural, scientific and political epochs. Through this they develop a personal learning journal which may be used during the university and career application process.

Scholars are expected to self-select for this opportunity. Additional university visits, for example to Cambridge, are offered to HALO participants.

- 6 Workshops and lectures from outside speakers.

Assessment

There is no need to apply as all candidates will be automatically be considered for Academic Scholarship based on their performance in the Entrance Day assessment.

Those considered suitable for an Academic Scholarship will be invited for a further interview, and Kent College will seek a full confidential report from their current school.



SPORT

Sport Scholarships are awarded to candidates who are outstanding at one sport or excellent at three KC sports. Sport Scholars are expected to play an active and positive leading role amongst students, to be ambassadors for Sport throughout their time at Kent College, to be willing to take part in matches/competitions as required by the department and to participate in all scholar programme events.

A Sport Scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 A weekly programme that includes lectures with nutritionists, physiotherapists, sport psychologists and other specialists in the field.
- 2 A dedicated mentor who meets with them weekly to discuss academic performance, their sporting schedule and general wellbeing. Goals are set and extra study support is put in place during busier training or competition periods to ensure they keep on top of their schoolwork. Each mentor acts as liaison with subject teachers and external coaches when needed, and communication is frequent with parents.
- 3 Strength and conditioning coaching, both one to one and group sessions.
- 4 Sport specific coaching and performance analysis programmes.
- 5 Visits to watch elite sport and talks by top-level athletes.
- 6 Pupils heading straight from school to training sessions are given a healthy supper to take away.

Facilities

Sport facilities include a full size Astro Pitch and Athletics Track, seven Tennis Courts, nine Netball Courts, two modern sports halls with viewing galleries, dedicated PE teaching classrooms, a swimming pool, Fitness Suite with cardio and strength training machines, a Dance Studio, a Cross Country Course, an Outdoor Adventure Course, three competition size trampolines and top-level gymnastics equipment.

Assessment

Candidates for Sport Scholarships must submit all completed forms, including a CV (not exceeding one side of A4) summarising sporting activities and achievements over the last two years, by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from their current school, plus a specialist reference from the Head of PE at their current school before assessment. If relevant, Kent College will also seek specialist references from external coaches/clubs.

Candidates are expected to be either:

- Outstanding in any one sport (i.e. performing at county level or above in any sport); or
- Excellent in three Kent College sports – netball, hockey, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, tennis and cross country – i.e. representing A teams in all three sports or have the potential to perform at regional or county level in any two

To support the CV, which should be submitted in advance, candidates are asked to bring a portfolio of achievements (which may include video evidence, if appropriate) for discussion at interview.

The Sport Scholarship assessment will take the form of:

- An interview with the Director of Sport where the candidate's CV and portfolio will be discussed
- Fitness assessments
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate their practical skills individually and within a team



ART

Art Scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate a high level of skill and independent interest in the subject. Art Scholars are expected to play an active and positive role amongst Art students within the school, and to participate in all scholar programme events.

An Art scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 A weekly session led by the Head of Art and Art Prefect, where they not only work on their own pieces but also debate topics of interest and support each other's work. This mentoring approach is valuable to all involved and excellent preparation for A Level and university.
- 2 An annual exhibition attended by friends, family and the whole school community to display their work.
- 3 Access to the art studios outside of timetabled lessons.

Facilities

Art is taught in modern studios in our purpose built arts centre, with equipment for exploration of a wide range of processes and techniques. For those interested in photography, we have Nikon DSLR cameras with a wide range of lenses and software for digital post-production.

Assessment

Candidates for Art scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from their current school, plus a specialist reference from the Art teacher at their current school before assessment.

Candidates' level of artistic achievement, enthusiasm and future potential will be assessed during an interview to which candidates should bring a selection of up to six pieces of recent work. As well as their own artwork, they should also bring evidence of a recent gallery visit and responses to any artist's work that they found interesting. This could be written or drawn.

Candidates for Art Scholarships will be required to demonstrate the following:

- A high level of visual competence
- An informed knowledge and interest of Art and artists
- The ability to work independently; at least two works from the portfolio must be work created from outside the classroom

The Art Scholarship assessment will take the form of:

- An interview with the Art department – to include discussion of work and gallery visit
- A one hour observational drawing test on the day

DANCE

Dance Scholarships are awarded to candidates who show creativity, verve, and commitment to the subject and excellent physical and interpretive skills. Candidates should also have an interest in professional dance and theatre that will sustain them throughout their time at Kent College. Dance Scholars are expected to participate in Dance productions and support whole school events by showcasing the department, to be ambassadors for Dance throughout their time at Kent College, to play an active and positive role within the School and to participate in all scholar programme events.

A Dance Scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 A dedicated Dance supervisor who will meet with them regularly.
- 2 Workshops with specialist teachers and industry professionals.
- 3 Regular theatre trips.
- 4 Scholars' ballet classes
- 5 Performance roles in the annual Dance show and all school productions.
- 6 They have the opportunity to lead Dance clubs and workshops.
- 7 Additional support from the Head of Enhanced Learning and academic support from specialist teachers.

Facilities

Dance is taught in our Dance studios and in our state-of-the-art Countess of Wessex Theatre. The Theatre is a modern, flexible performance space with a capacity of 300. With raked seating providing excellent sight lines, computerised lighting, and sound equipment, it is a first class venue for all performances.

Assessment

Candidates for Dance Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from their current school, plus a specialist reference from the Head of Dance of their current school before assessment.

Candidates for Dance Scholarships will be required to demonstrate the following:

- The ability to show commitment and strong ability with a technical dance class
- To be able to use clear interpretive and creative skills during performance
- To be able to take corrections and use them to develop and improve their skills

The Dance Scholarship auditions will involve the following elements:

- To take part in a technical dance class
- To work creatively alone and in a group under direction
- To present a prepared performance piece in any dance style for the duration of one minute
- An interview during which the candidate should present a side of A4 documenting her performance history, displaying commitment and a genuine interest in the subject.





DRAMA

Candidates will be expected to show creativity, verve, and commitment to the subject and excellent vocal and physical skills. Candidates should also have a feeling for text, atmosphere and character and an interest in the theatre that will sustain them throughout their time at Kent College. Drama Scholars are expected to participate in Drama productions and support whole school events by showcasing the department, to be ambassadors for Drama throughout their time at Kent College, to participate in all scholar programme events and to play an active and positive role within the School.

A Drama Scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 A dedicated Drama supervisor and pastoral and professional development advice and guidance from the Head of Drama.
- 2 Academic support from specialist teachers and further support from the Head of Enhanced Learning.
- 3 Workshops with specialist teachers and industry professionals.
- 4 Regular theatre trips.
- 5 Leadership involvement in clubs and instruction in technical theatre and historical drama.
- 6 Involvement in the lower school and whole school productions taking on roles from Shakespeare to Chekov, Richard Rodgers to Sondheim and Lloyd Webber.

Facilities

Drama is taught in our Drama studios and in our state-of-the-art Countess of Wessex Theatre. The Theatre is a modern, flexible performance space with a capacity of 300. With raked seating providing excellent sight lines and computerised lighting and sound equipment, it is a first class venue for both end on theatre and theatre in the round. The Head of Drama leads a team including a Dance specialist, Speech and Drama specialists and a Theatre Technician.

Assessment

Candidates for Drama Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from their current school, plus a specialist reference from the Head of Drama at their current school before assessment.

Candidates for Drama Scholarships will be required to demonstrate the following:

- The ability to analyse and evaluate a play
- The use of own skills and imagination to create a meaningful performance
- To be able to take direction and use it to develop and improve their skills

The Drama Scholarship auditions will involve the following elements:

- To take part in a voice class and a movement workshop
- To work alone and in a group under intense directorial intervention
- To present a dramatic piece chosen by Kent College, learnt and prepared beforehand
- An interview during which the candidate should present a side of A4 documenting their performance history, displaying their commitment and a genuine interest in the subject

MUSIC

Music Scholarships are awarded to talented musicians with at least a Grade 3 in one instrument (including voice). Music Scholars are ambassadors for the department; they help raise the standard of music making within their own year group and the school through their skill set, enthusiasm and passion for the subject. They are also expected to play an active and positive role within the School.

A Music Scholar at KC will receive:

- 1 A dedicated Music supervisor who reviews progress both in and out of school.
- 2 Pastoral and professional development advice and guidance from the Head of Music and further support from the Head of Enhanced Learning.
- 3 One free in-school instrumental lesson each week during term time.
- 4 Masterclasses and workshops with professional musicians.
- 5 Solo roles in concerts and high profile events.
- 6 The opportunity to lead sectionals, take rehearsals and start up their own musical groups.

Facilities

We have a dedicated Music block with a recording studio, specialist teaching, practice rooms and a state-of-the-art computer suite with sound equipment, software and keyboards. There is access to the Countess of Wessex Theatre, the Organ Room and Old Church for concerts and shows. A wide range of instruments

is available.

Assessment

Candidates for Music Scholarships must submit all completed forms by the published deadline. Kent College will seek a full confidential report from the Head, plus a specialist reference from the Head of Music, of her current school before assessment.

Expected ability level – Grade 3 standard in at least one instrument.

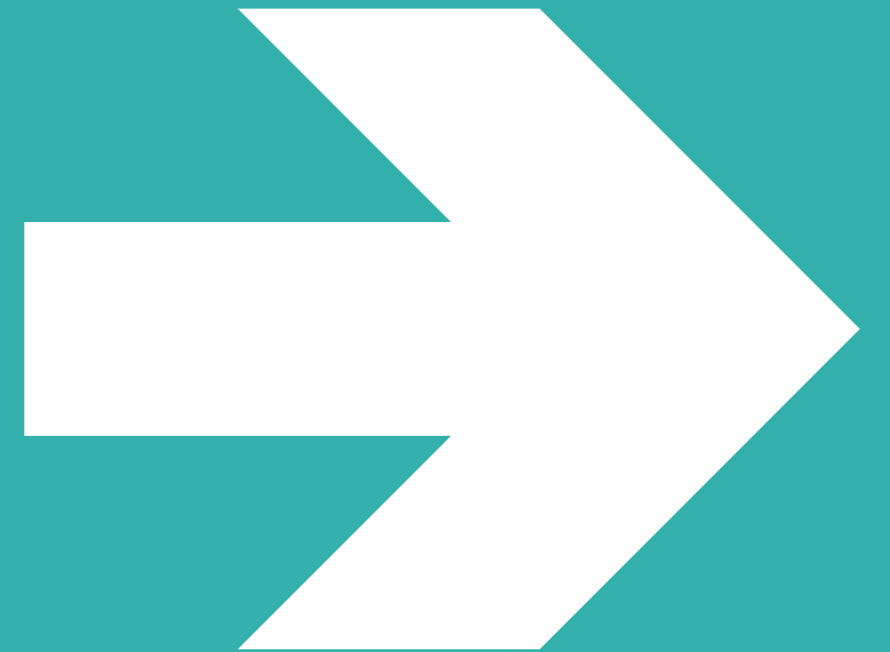
The Music Scholarship assessment will take the form of:

- A practical audition on one or more instruments
- Sight-singing and aural skills
- An informal interview where candidates get to demonstrate their knowledge and love for the subject

Candidates with one instrument (including voice) should prepare TWO contrasting pieces for audition. Those with more than one instrument (including voice) should prepare ONE piece on each instrument.



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