CULTURE BOARDING

FRIENDSHIP

INDEPENDENT

SUCCESS

BRITISH

INCLUSIVE SUPPORTED

COMMUNITY

NURTURING CONFIDENCE

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

Kent College

KEY FACTS

420

PUPILS AT KC

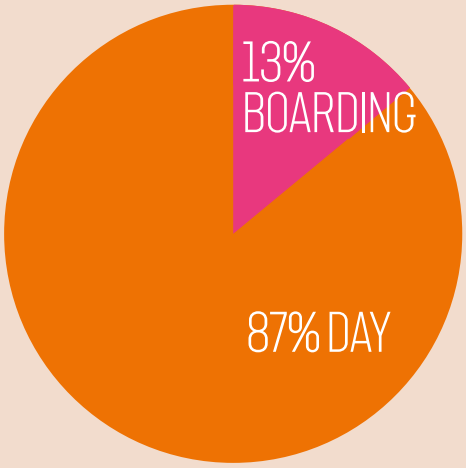
All-girls

SENIOR AND SIXTH FORM

Boarding House

11-18 years

Ratio of Senior Day and Boarding Students



Our boarders are from

HONG KONG
SPAIN
UNITED KINGDOM
SOUTH AFRICA
CHINA
GERMANY

Kent College opened its doors 1885

5 IS THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE AT A LEVEL

12 IS THE AVERAGE CLASS SIZE AT GCSE

TOP SCHOOL FOR VALUE ADDED

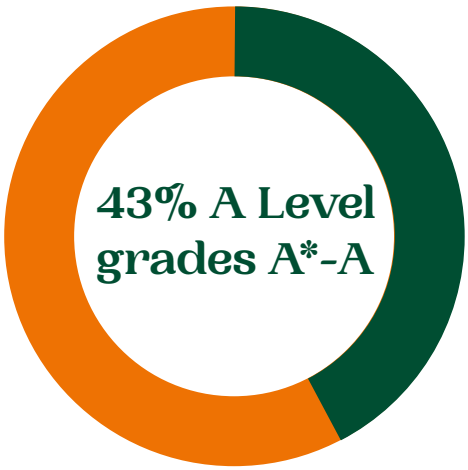
On average international students achieve 1.5 grades higher at GCSE

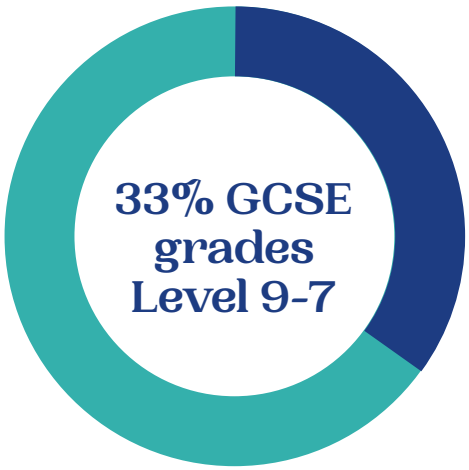
100%

ACCEPTED INTO THEIR 1ST OR 2ND CHOICE UNIVERSITY

Campus located close to Royal Tunbridge Wells and surrounded by **75** acres of beautiful Kent countryside

RESULTS 2024





UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF ALL

Kent College Pembury is a school which ensures every student, whether they are 3 or 18 years of age, succeeds above and beyond their potential. Whatever a student's strength, the environment and opportunities at Kent College provide the perfect setting to stretch, challenge and champion them to thrive.

> **"Pupils are highly confident and well prepared for the next stage of their lives."**
>
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Prep School

- International students can join as day students up to age 11 (Year 6). Boys can join all year groups as day students in the Prep School.
- The Prep School prepares students for a secondary school education with many Prep School girls moving into Kent College Senior School at Year 7.
- Students are taught by their form tutors and with specialist teachers for Music, Drama, PE and French.
- International students receive EAL support to help them develop their English skills.

Senior School

- Entry into the Senior School is from age 11 (Year 7) until age 16 when students complete GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.
- **Year 7 and Year 8** (starting ages 11-12). Students study a wide range of subjects taught by specialist teachers. Subjects include Maths, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Computer Science, Music, Drama, Art, PE and EAL. Internal examinations are held at the end of each year.
- **Year 9** (starting age 13). Students continue to study a wide range of subjects and will select two language options (EAL, French, Spanish, Latin and Classics) and two creative arts options (Art, Music, Food Tech and Textiles). Internal examinations are held at the end of each year.
- **Year 10** (starting age 14). Students will study a two-year GCSE programme with formal GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.

Sixth Form

- Students join the Sixth Form at age 16 into Year 12.
- We offer 2-year A Level, BTEC or AAQ courses or a 3-year Sixth Form Foundation Programme.
- There are a wide range of enrichment opportunities through the Honours Programme:

Leadership
Ivy House Award, School Officer and Peer Mentoring roles.

Entrepreneurship
KC Young Enterprise Programme.

Research Study
Extended Project Qualification.

Development
Gold CREST Award, London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) and Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM).

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY

At Kent College, we view every student as an individual learner with their own strengths and passions, and offer a wide range of GCSE and A Level options to meet every interest. We timetable our subjects to guarantee that a student's choice can be met by the school, and our results are exceptional due to the hard work of our students and excellence of our teaching.

1-Year GCSE (Year 12)

For the 1-year GCSE students will select a minimum of 2 GCSE's to study. Lessons will be taught by specialist teachers with practical lessons where appropriate.

Options
IGCSE English as a Second Language
GCSE Maths
GCSE Native Langauge
GCSE French or Spanish
IGCSE Single Science (covering Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
IGCSE Drama

2-Year GCSE (Years 10-11)

For the 2-year GCSE course students will take core subjects and select four further subjects from the options list, leading to 9 or 10 GCSEs.

Core Subjects	Options	
English Language	Art	French
English Literature	Business Studies	Geography
Mathematics	Classical Civilisation	History
Physics	Computer Science	Latin
Biology	Dance	Music
Chemistry	Drama	Physical Education
	English as a Second Language	Spanish
	Food Preparation and Nutrition	Textile Design

"The quality of the pupils academic and other achievements is excellent."

"Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to all aspects of their learning. They have a 'can do' attitude and persevere at all ages."

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2-Year A Level, BTEC or AAQ* (Years 12-13)

Students select 3 or 4 A Levels, BTECs or AAQ to study over two years which prepares them for university entry.

(*Alternative Academic Qualification)

Options		
Art	Film Studies	Photography
Biology	Food Science and Nutrition (Diploma)	Physical Education (BTEC)
Business	French	Physical Education (BTEC Diploma)
Chemistry	Further Mathematics	Physics
Classical Civilisation	Geography	Psychology
Dance (BTEC)	History	Sociology
Drama and Theatre	Mathematics	Spanish
English Literature	Medical Science (AAQ)	Textile Design
	Music	Cambridge IELTS

3-Year Sixth Form Foundation

This flexible, individualised approach to GCSE and A Level study is ideal for students aged 15 or 16 whose English may not yet be ready for Sixth Form or who lack the GCSEs required for UK university entry.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Qualification	IGCSE English as a Second Language GCSE Maths Required for entry into a UK university	3-4 A Level, BTEC subjects or AAQ	3-4 A Level, BTEC subjects or AAQ
Additional Study Options	GCSE required for A Level study: Biology, Chemistry Computer Science Geography, History Music, Physics EAL lessons	IELTS required for university entrance and work in the UK Native language A Level EAL lessons	Higher Education Programme for university applications and future interviews EAL lessons

SHORT TERM
STUDY PROGRAMME

International students seeking to improve their English and experience a British education can join our short term study programme. Students can stay from one to six weeks for an intensive English programme, or one term to one year. We offer this in Years 7-10.

All international students will be integrated into mainstream lessons and have three one-hour English as a Additional Language lessons each week. This can be changed subject to the progress a student makes. They are taught EAL in one-to-one or in small groups where they can practise their English with other international students. All their subject lessons will be with British students and they will follow the timetable for their year group. At the end of their stay they will receive a study report.

Boarding

Short term stay students are full boarders and are encouraged to take advantage of all the extra clubs and activities after school and at weekends. These activities enrich their experience, allow for opportunities to interact with day and boarding pupils across the school and become fully involved in school life.

Cultural Experience

Students are able to understand British culture and history through excursions to heritage sites, museums, trips to London as well as to the many local attractions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMME

The International Study Centre is at the heart of the school where international students have English as an Additional Language (EAL) lessons with a team of specialist teachers. Depending on their level of English, students will receive a programme of EAL support designed to help them make fast progress to access the British curriculum. Students are taught in small groups or one-to-one, and EAL teachers work closely with subject teachers to ensure each student's EAL support is tailored to help them succeed.

EAL Programmes

Standard

- Students will have three one-hour lessons each week and the option to increase if more lessons are needed.
- Years 7-9: Students follow the mainstream curriculum and chose one language from French and Spanish.
- Years 10-13: Students study their chosen subjects. It is possible to study a reduced number of subjects at GCSE, if needed.

Enhanced

- Students will have as many EAL lessons as required and integrated into the mainstream curriculum when their English is at an appropriate level. These lessons are charged at an hourly rate.

BOARDING

Boarding at Kent College is a central part of school life and we welcome boarders from all over the world as well as the UK. Our boarding house is a home away from home, with a warm, friendly and family feel. Boarding is full of opportunity and our boarders are given the support to achieve academic success, grow in confidence and become a valued part of our community.

"Boarders collaborate well and progressively manage their study time more effectively due to the structured and supportive environment provided in the boarding houses." ISI Report 2023

- Boarders stay in a modern purpose-built boarding house with spacious bedrooms, a large common room and fully equipped kitchens.
- Boarders share in rooms of 2, 3 or they may have their own room, some with an ensuite.
- The boarding house is run by experienced staff including a House Parent and Assistant House Parent, who are always on hand to provide encouragement, support and care.
- We have an onsite medical centre, a dedicated pastoral team and two school counsellors who are there to help with our boarders' wellbeing.
- Teachers and house tutors provide study support.
- A busy and varied after school and weekend programme is designed to be fun and relaxing as well as enable boarders to experience a British way of life. Trips and excursions take place throughout the term along with on-site workshops, cooking, crafting and cinema nights.
- Flexible exeat weekends mean boarders can choose to remain on site or leave to stay with a guardian.
- There is daily laundry and cleaning.

"Boarders exhibit a sense of community and contribute to creating a positive and supportive environment."

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CLUBS

Students at Kent College are encouraged to follow their natural talents and passions outside the classroom, and are able to broaden their horizons through the many extracurricular and enrichment opportunities academically, in sport and in the arts.

Students take part in visits and residential trips, both in the UK and abroad. Some link directly to the curriculum, such as visits to the theatre, art galleries and geography field trips, whilst others such as a residential week have a broader educational remit.

A varied speaker programme includes author visits, careers insight and personal development events that offer our students new ways to look at and understand the wider world.

To create a balanced and well-rounded experience we have a wide range of clubs and activities in all areas of the curriculum.

Sport and Fitness	Fine and Performing Arts	STEM	Cultural and Leadership	Wellbeing
Hockey	Art	STEMinists	Greek	Anime
Netball	Photography	Science Club	Classics	Christian
Cricket	Textiles	Turtle Club	Duke of Edinburgh	Wellbeing Waves
Gymnastics	Ballet		Lucerna Discussion Group	Chat and Chill
Fitness	Jazz		Soroptimist	Memory
Swimming	Contemporary Dance			Film Club
	Drama			
	Technical Theatre			

ACTIVITIES

Boarders have plenty of opportunities to explore the local area, learn about British culture and develop new skills.

Cultural excursions

Visits to London, the Natural History Museum, art galleries and the theatre are frequent. Kent College is close to Hever Castle, Leeds Castle and Canterbury Cathedral.

Leisure trips

Activities including ice-skating, tree-top rope courses, countryside walks to local farm shops, indoor climbing and swimming. Visits to theme parks, wildlife centres, bowling and the cinema are also popular along with a weekly shopping trip. Boarders will also go to the seaside towns including Brighton and Hastings that are an hour away from Kent College.

On-site activities

After school and at weekends, boarders can take part is a wide range of workshops that include cooking, reflexology and textiles. They can use the on site sport facilities for swimming, badminton, fitness and trampolining. In the boarding houses they enjoy movie nights with popcorn, pizza and karaoke evenings.

Celebration events

Boarders' International Evening – an opportunity to celebrate different cultures with food, a quiz and performances.

Boarders' Charity Ball – an evening of fun, dinner and a disco in aid of a school charity.

Christmas Lunch – hosted by boarders for the local community.

Celebration Day – saying farewell to our Sixth Form leavers with a presentation, BBQ and fun inflatables.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

Kent College is in South East England and surrounded by 75 acres of beautiful countryside near the quiet village of Pembury.

Ten minutes away is Royal Tunbridge Wells, an historic spa town full of culture. It is a safe and wealthy town with excellent shops, independent cafes, restaurants, a theatre, arts centre and a cinema.

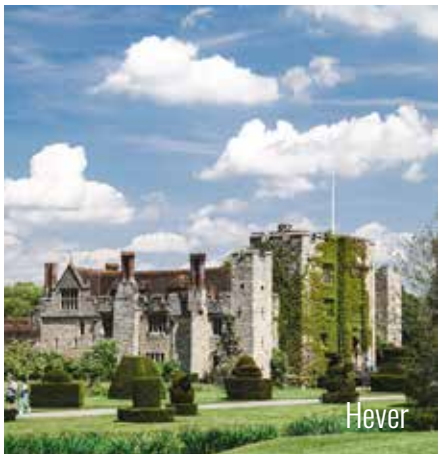
London is 35 minutes from Tunbridge Wells by train and beaches and seaside towns including Brighton and Hastings are one hour away. We are close to many historic attractions such as Hever Castle, which makes for a rich and varied choice of weekend excursions for boarders.

Location

- Countryside location in South East England
- 45-minute drive to Gatwick airport
- One-hour drive to Heathrow airport
- Closest station is Tonbridge
- 35 minutes to London by train

Tunbridge Wells

Brighton


Hever

London

Hawkwell Place

Kent College moved to its current location in 1939 and the beautiful Victorian manor house is complemented by modern facilities including a science block, music school, art studios, 250 seat theatre, library, an indoor swimming pool, two sports halls, all weather astro pitch, fitness suite, outdoor confidence course and dance studio. The 75-acre rural site is surrounded by woodlands and is a peaceful, safe and secure place to live and study.

Library and Art Centre

Library

Outdoor Adventure Course

Science Lab

Swimming Pool

Fitness Suite

Organ Room

Bluebells in our woods

Kent College in the snow

Classroom

Sports Pitches

THIS IS US

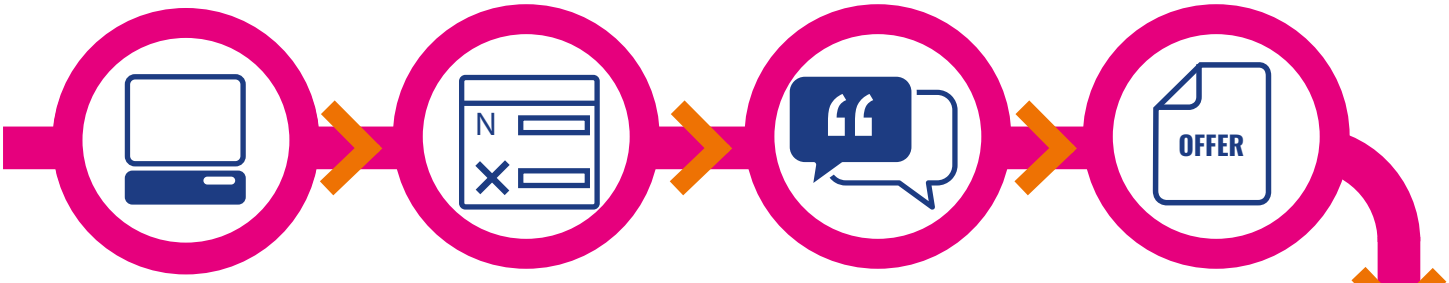
"I am in the second year of the Sixth Form Foundation Programme after taking my English and Maths GCSE, both needed for university entrance. The foundation year gave me more time to think about what subjects I want to study and gave me an opportunity to explore my interests and develop my confidence for the direction I should take in the future. I feel confident and calm as I know where classes are and can just go straight to a class and without getting lost! Moreover, I am a boarder so I have had the chance to get used to boarding life and living independently."
Joanne.

"I am currently studying in the Upper Sixth after a foundation year last year when I studied for my Maths and EAL GCSEs. I am studying A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, and the Sixth Form Foundation Programme has helped me to gain more confidence especially for my A Level Maths. The programme has helped me with Biology and Chemistry knowledge so I am more confident and find it easier to understand the topics. I enjoy being at KC as I meet students from different countries and we talk together in English."
Natalie.

"I joined KC in Year 10 initially for a term, but the boarding community convinced me to stay! My friends in the boarding house come from different places and I love learning about their home countries, celebrating their festivals with them as well as sharing mine. Boarding is such a nurturing environment; we feel seen and cared for by the amazing staff and I couldn't ask for better company. I believe that anyone who hasn't tried boarding hasn't seen the soul of KC.

Outside of boarding, I have thrived at KC. From being shy and insecure, especially of my English skills, I have become a top student, in academia as well as in the artistic areas, and I have had the opportunity to explore new passions such as music, performing arts or new sports. I've participated in every KC production since I joined, and I was able to choreograph last year's junior musical, SIX. I have immensely grown in confidence, become brave and ambitious enough to seize every opportunity. "
Loreto.

JOIN US



APPLY

Complete the online application form and submit with the registration fee. We require a current school report and a copy of the applicant's passport.

TEST

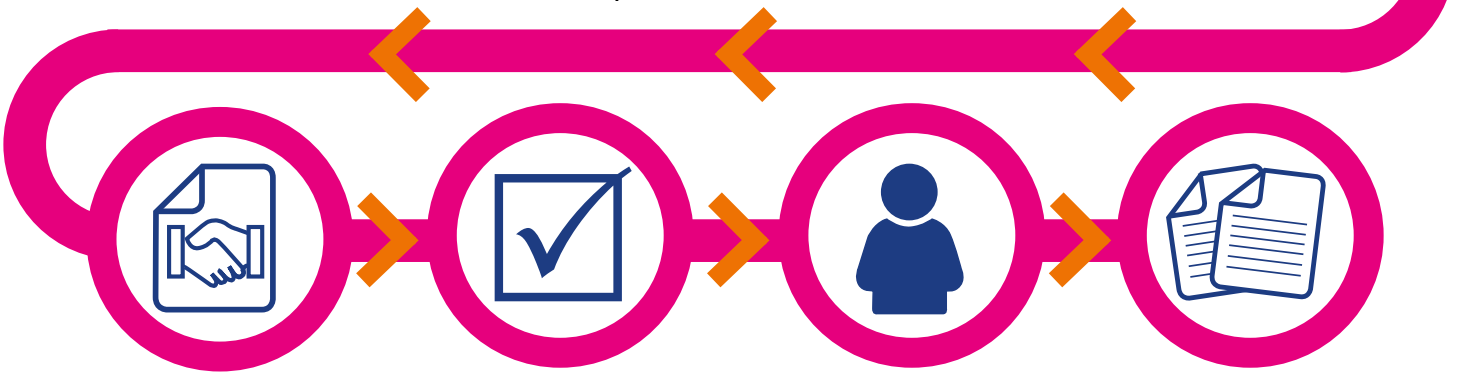
Students will sit computer based tests in English and Maths. These can be done at school, an agent's office or the British Council. Further tests in certain subjects to be studied at A Level will also be required.

INTERVIEW

Students will have an online interview with a senior member of staff where they will show their passport, talk about their interests and have the opportunity to ask questions.

OFFER

After the tests and interview we may offer a place. At this stage we will propose the appropriate EAL programme.



ACCEPT

To accept a place we need a completed acceptance form and signed contract along with the deposit.

VISA

All visa applications will be handled by Newland Chase, a global immigration service. They will manage the application and arrange appointments in your home country.

GUARDIANS

All boarders will need a guardian aged over 25 who lives within a one hour drive from Kent College.

NEW JOINER FORMS

Parents will need to complete various forms for their child including a medical questionnaire.

Our Admissions Team are here to help you at every step of the process.

Entry Assessment and Requirements

YEAR GROUP	ENGLISH LEVEL (CEFR/IELTS)	ASSESSMENT
Year 4-6	A2	Online Maths and English. Interview with Head of International Study and Head of Prep.
Year 7-9	B1	Online Maths and English. Interview with Head of International Study.
Year 10: 2-year GCSE	B2/IELTS 5	Online Maths and English. Interview with Head of International Study.
Year 12: 2-year A Level / BTEC	C1/IELTS 6	Online Maths and English. Subject papers for A Level Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Interview with Head of International Study and Head of Sixth Form.
Year 12: 3-year Sixth Form Foundation	B2	Online Maths and English. Interview with Head of International Study and Head of Sixth Form.

Boarding Fees 2024/2025

Fees are inclusive of VAT.

Full Boarding: £15,884 per term or £47,652 a year.

Weekly Boarding: £13,531 per term or £40,593 a year.

Short Term (1-6 weeks): Bespoke fees available.

Registration Fee: £180 (non refundable).

Deposit: £900 if applicant's parents are resident citizens of the UK/EU.

Deposit: One term's boarding fees if the applicant's parents are not resident citizens of the UK/EU.

English as an Additional Language 2024/2025

Standard: £450 per term.

Enhanced: £450 per term + £78 per additional one hour lesson.

Scholarships

Scholarships are open to international students at Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form entry. These are worth £2,000 per year and are awarded in Academic, Sport, Art, Music, Drama and Dance. Students need to have been offered a place before attending assessment days for practical scholarships.

Bursaries and Discounts

For children of Methodist families, funding may be available via the Methodist Bursary Scheme. www.methodistschools.org.uk

We offer a 20% fee reduction for Ministry of Defence service personnel.

When two or more siblings attend the school, there is a reduction of 5% of net day fees for each pupil.

Additional Information

Fees are all-inclusive and cover meals, laundry and most boarding activities.

A few boarding activities may require a small additional payment. Please budget around £100 per term.

School uniform is purchased through www.schoolblazer.com. Please budget around £400 for essential uniform.

The boarding staff can arrange transport to and from the airport or for a private visit. We use a trusted local company and all costs will be charged to your termly bill.

An immigration handing fee will be charged to your first term's bill. The cost of the visa should be paid directly to Newland Chase or to the UKVI.

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