

CULTURE BOARDING
FRIENDSHIP **ALL-GIRLS**
SUCCESS **BRITISH**
INCLUSIVE SUPPORTED
COMMUNITY
NURTURING CONFIDENCE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**INTERNATIONAL
PROSPECTUS**





KEY FACTS

480

PUPILS AT KC

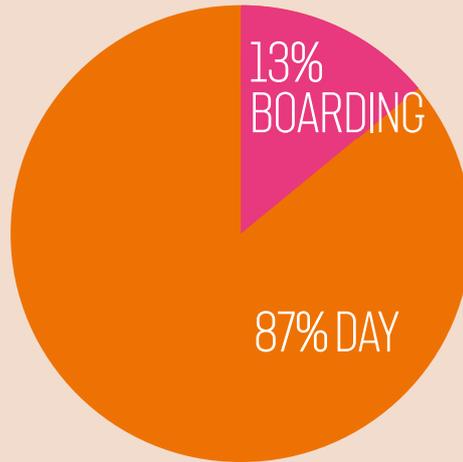
All-girls

SENIOR AND SIXTH FORM



2 Boarding Houses
JUNIOR 8-13 years
SENIOR 14-18 years

Ratio of Senior Day and Boarding Pupils



Boarding nationalities

32% HONG KONG 25% CHINESE
18% BRITISH 18% SPANISH

AMERICAN, ARGENTINIAN, SINGAPOREAN,
SOUTH AFRICAN AND THAI



Kent College
opened its
doors 1886

5 IS THE
AVERAGE
CLASS
SIZE AT A
LEVEL

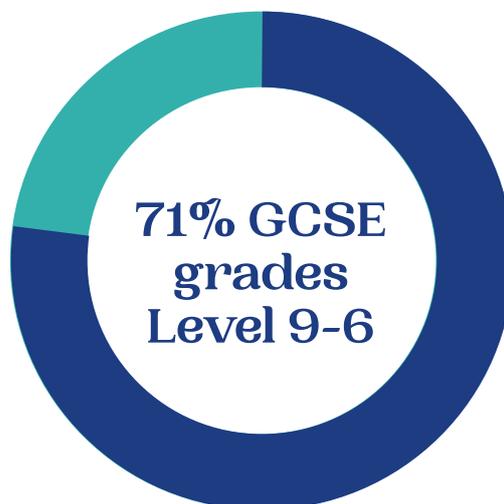
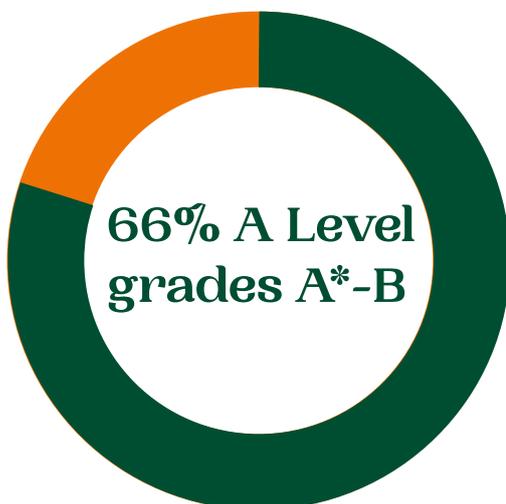
12 IS THE AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE AT GCSE

TOP 7%
IN THE UK FOR
VALUE ADDED

Pupils achieve at
least one grade
higher at GCSE

83%

ACCEPTED INTO THEIR
1ST CHOICE UNIVERSITY



Campus located
in Pembury and
surrounded by

75 acres of
beautiful
Kent countryside



FIND YOUR FUTURE

Kent College is a school with a forward thinking, creative and adventurous approach to life and learning, and our Methodist ethos of 'doing all the good you can' is at the heart of daily life. We are on a mission to ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to find their strengths and talents and are equipped for very bright futures. Our pupils become well-rounded, globally aware citizens with skills to excel in life beyond school.

“Pupils are highly confident and well prepared for the next stage of their lives.”

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Prep School

- ➔ International boarders can join from ages 8-11 (Years 4-6).
- ➔ The Prep School prepares them for a secondary school education with many Prep pupils moving into Kent College Senior School at Year 7.
- ➔ The maximum class size is 18.
- ➔ Pupils are taught by their form tutors and with specialist teachers for Music, Drama, PE and French.
- ➔ International pupils receive EAL support to help them develop their English skills.

“If you’re looking for an injection of optimism, it’s right here: bold, courageous and resilient learning where the message emblazoned on the school minibuses - ‘We Are The Future’ - really does apply to these pupils, who we felt are more than ready to ‘smash the world’.”

Good Schools Guide 2023

Senior School

- Entry into the Senior School is from age 11 (Year 7) until age 16 when pupils complete GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.
- Year 7 and Year 8 (starting ages 11-12). Pupils 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. Examinations are held at the end of each year.
- Year 9 (starting age 13). Pupils 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). Examinations are held at the end of the year.
- Year 10 (starting age 14). Pupils will study a two-year GCSE programme with examinations at the end of Year 11.

Sixth Form

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

Leadership

Ivy House Award and School Officer roles.

Entrepreneurship

Young Enterprise Programme.

Research Study

Extended Project Qualification.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM)

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

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform with a white collar and a plaid tie, is looking through a microscope. She is holding the eyepiece with her right hand and the base with her left. The microscope is a light-colored compound microscope with a black eyepiece. The background is a blurred classroom setting with other students and a computer monitor.

“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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At Kent College, we view every pupil 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 pupil's choice can be met by the school, and our results are exceptional due to the hard work of our pupils and excellence of our teaching.

2-Year GCSE (Years 10-11)

For the 2-year GCSE course pupils 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

2-Year A Level/ BTEC (Years 12-13)

Pupils select 3 or 4 A Levels or BTECs to study over two years which prepares them for university entry. BTEC Level 2 is equivalent to one A Level.

Subjects		
Art	Film Studies	Music Technology
Biology	Food Science and Nutrition	Photography
Business	French	Physical Education BTEC
Chemistry	Further Mathematics	Physics
Classical Civilisation	Geography	Psychology
Dance (BTEC)	Government and Politics	Sociology
Drama and Theatre	History	Spanish
Economics	Latin	Textile Design
English Literature	Mathematics	Cambridge IELTS

3-Year Sixth Form Foundation

This is a flexible and individualised approach to GCSE and A Level study ideal for pupils aged 15 or 16 whose level of English may not yet be ready for A Level study or not have the GCSEs required for entry to a UK university.

	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 or BTEC subjects	3-4 A Level or BTEC subjects
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 pupils seeking to improve their English and experience a British education can join our short term study programme. Pupils 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 pupils will be integrated into mainstream lessons and have five English as a Additional Language (EAL) 35-minute lessons each week and this can be changed subject to the progress a pupil makes. They are taught EAL in one-to-one or in small groups where they can practise their English with other international pupils. All their subject lessons will be with British and International pupils and they will follow the timetable for their year group. At the end of their stay they will receive a study report.



Cultural Experience

Pupils 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.

Boarding

Short term stay pupils are usually full boarders and they are able 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 involved in school life.



INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

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



EAL Programmes

Standard

- Pupils will have five 35-minute lessons each week and the option to increase if more lessons are needed.
- Years 7–9: Pupils follow the mainstream curriculum and chose one language from French and Spanish.
- Years 10–13: Pupils study their chosen GCSE and A Levels. It is possible to study a reduced number of subjects at GCSE, if needed.

Enhanced

- Pupils will have as many EAL lessons as required and integrated into the mainstream curriculum when their English is at an appropriate level.

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 two boarding houses are a home away from home, each with a warm, friendly and family feel. Boarding at Kent College 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





- ➔ Two boarding houses, one for our junior boarders (ages 8–13 years) and one for our senior boarders (ages 14–18 years).
- ➔ Each house has modern facilities with spacious bedrooms, cosy common rooms with TVs and bathrooms with private shower units.
- ➔ The boarding houses are each run by an experienced staff including a house mistress, assistant housemistress, boarding assistant or resident graduate who are always on hand to provide encouragement, support and care.
- ➔ Onsite medical centre, a dedicated pastoral team and two school counsellors are there to help with our boarders' wellbeing.
- ➔ Teachers and house tutors provide study support.
- ➔ Busy and varied after school and weekend activities designed to be fun and relaxing as well as enabling 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 where boarders can choose to remain on site or leave to stay with a guardian.
- ➔ Daily laundry and cleaning.



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

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CLUBS



Pupils 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.



Pupils 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 pupils 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.

Arts	Dance	Sport	STEM	Academic
Choir	Latin Fusion	Fitness	Engineering	Classics
Songwriter	Street Dance	Cricket	Science	Chatterbooks
Big Band	Junior Dance Corps	Football	3D Printing	Soroptimists
Orchestra		Tennis	Robotics	Politics
Music Tech				
String Ensemble				
Theatre Tech				

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. 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 in 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.

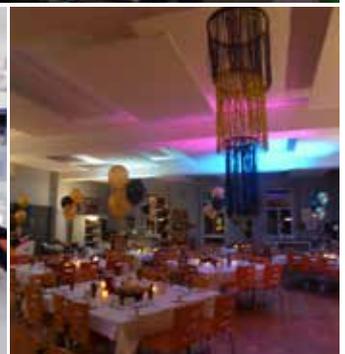
Celebration events

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





Hawkwell Place

Kent College moved to its current location in 1939 and the beautiful Victorian manor house is home to our junior boarders and is complemented by modern facilities including an indoor swimming pool, two sports halls, all weather astro pitch, science block, music school, art studios, 250 seat theatre, library, 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. The school has a medical centre, two boarding houses and an onsite catering team.



Library and Art Centre



Library



Outdoor Adventure Course



Science Lab



Swimming Pool



Fitness Suite



Organ Room



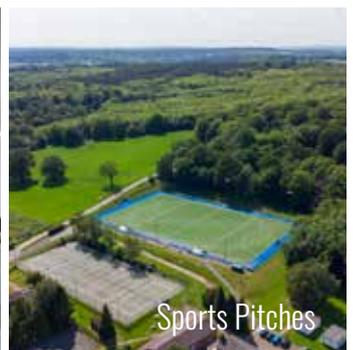
Bluebells in our woods



Kent College in the snow



Classroom



Sports Pitches

THIS IS US

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“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 Lower 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.

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“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, became brave and ambitious enough to seize every opportunity. I am now Deputy Head Girl of Kent College and I hope to help and inspire people who feel as I felt, not that long ago.”

Loreto.

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JOIN US



APPLY

Complete the online application form and submit with the Registration fee of £150. We require a current school report and a copy of the applicant's passport.



TEST

Pupils 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

Pupils 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, at no extra cost, 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 2023/2024

Full Boarding: £13,500 per term or £40,500 a year.

Weekly Boarding: £11,500 per term or £34,500 a year.

Short Term (1-6 weeks): £1,485 per week.

Registration Fee: £150 (non refundable).

Deposit: £750 if applicant's parents are resident citizens of the UK/EU.

Deposit: £13,500 if applicant's parents are not citizens or residents of the EU.

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.

English as an Additional Language 2023/2024

Standard: £350 per term.

Enhanced: £350 per term + £35 per 35 minute additional lesson.

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 Housemistress 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.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to international students. These are worth £2,000 per year. Academic, Sport, Art, Music, Drama and Dance Scholarships are available. Students would need to have been offered a place before attending assessment days for practical scholarships.

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