



KING'S
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Uniquely King's



There is a spirit which pervades the School, from our Nursery through to our Sixth Form. Visitors comment on it yet find it difficult to define. But it is there.

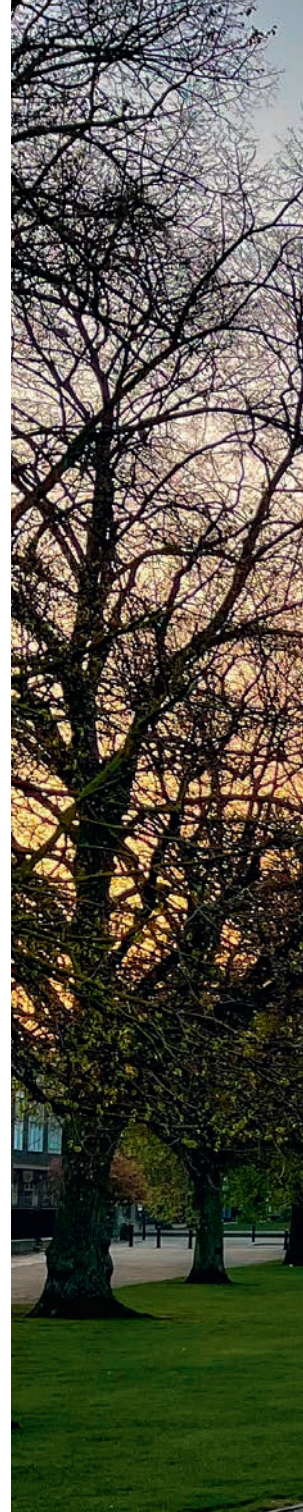
It is evident in the way in which our staff and pupils conduct their daily lives at King's Ely. It inspires and cajoles them to do their best. It encourages them to be respectful and value others around them. It gives them space to grow but provides the boundaries within which to develop. This intangible ethos affords all students the lay firm foundations for what lies ahead so that they can flourish in an environment which is challenging, supportive and community oriented. It allows everyone the chance to discover where their individual skills, talents and ambitions lie.

This spirit is rooted in the compelling history of the School but it is also future looking and relevant to the here and now. It means that our students are distinctive in their abilities to react and to be responsive and in their broad and balanced perspectives, in their assured levels of self-esteem and in their determination and resilience to look forward. All are confident to face their futures and to make a meaningful contribution to the wider world around them. We are proud of them all.

No other school's pupils are the same and no two King's Ely students are alike. They are, as a result, *Uniquely King's*.

Lovely King's

Our School is located in the stunning city of Ely, just a few miles outside of Cambridge. Founded in 970AD, it is one of the oldest schools in the country. Boasting some of the most historic buildings in the city, the School's facilities provide the perfect blend of old and new, creating an inspiring place in which to teach and learn. Our weeks begin and end in a service of reflection within the magnificence of Ely Cathedral. The sky above the city is often blue. The air quality is always pure. There is no better place in which to grow and learn.







Selectively King's

Our pupils are in the top 50% ability range based on both performance and potential. To ensure that they will be able to access all that we have to offer, we carry out entry assessments from Nursery through to Sixth Form. Scholarships (Y9 and Y12) reward our top performers in Art, Music, Academic, STEM, Drama and Sport. Our GCSE and A Level results are strong and success in Oxbridge entrance is on the rise. In 2023, 98% of those heading into Higher Education secured places at their first choice Universities, Colleges, Music Conservatoires, Fashion and Drama Schools. Our academic rigour is balanced by a timetable which values the contribution made by students in all areas of our Co-Curricular Programme.



Extensively King's

Our Co-Curricular Programme is modern and exciting, encompassing such opportunities as robotics, pottery, Mandarin, food nutrition, History Café, Avicenna (budding Medics and Vets) and The Ely Scheme; a chance to brave the outdoors ahead of embarking on the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Our approach challenges students to give things a go, confident in the knowledge that they are in control of the choices that they make and are not being judged on their performance.





Enrichment and education can happen in a variety of different ways. Having opportunities through the Co-Curricular Programme can not only build lifelong interests, but develop numerous skills that cannot be achieved in a classroom. Through our programme, our pupils' voices are heard, loud and clear.

HAYLEY MORTIMER, DEPUTY HEAD



Our vision at King's is to provide an inclusive and immersive sporting experience that inspires our pupils to develop a lifelong passion for Sport, Health and Exercise. This is achieved through our Games and Co-Curricular programme that offers a diverse range of opportunities that cater for all abilities.

ALEX MEDDLE, DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Actively King's

Sport is an important part of school life and we run a committed and competitive programme. As well as embracing the sports of rugby, football, hockey, netball and cricket from the earliest of ages, we also make room for swimming, cross country, shooting, basketball, badminton, archery and rowing in order to offer as wide an opportunity as possible. Our students are extended the chance to compete locally, regionally and nationally. The top performing athletes enjoy their sport and achieve an impressive level of success and accolade. Others find motivation in keeping fit, being part of a team and rising to physical challenges outside of their natural comfort zones. The sports facilities at King's Ely are extensive and part of an on-going programme of focus and investment.



Creatively King's

Art (including Textiles, Photography and Fine Art) and Drama are undoubtedly some of the stand-out strengths of the School. Our students are inspired by a skilled team to take their talents to unparalleled heights. Frequently recognised in national and international competitions, we offer them the chance to showcase their creations on the capital's catwalk, in local and London exhibition spaces and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Our musicians perform to the highest standards as soloists and ensemble players. Many attend London Music Schools at weekends to enhance further their performance skills. All enjoy making music under the watchful eyes of an unparalleled orchestra of visiting teachers and professional musicians. Ely Cathedral provides the ultimate concert space for our most talented students.





The Art Department stands as a very special reflection of the passion of its students and staff, and of the innovative work created. Our programmes of study present breadth, depth and flexibility. They develop a student's awareness of cultural heritage and personal preference through traditional or contemporary response. We aim to build knowledge, skill and understanding throughout the Senior School experience.

MRS ALISON RHODES, DIRECTOR OF ART

Inquisitive*ly* King's

The School develops its students' natural curiosities to learn and to discover. Teaching techniques and informed classroom practice extend the skills of investigation of our youngest to our oldest pupil. Discussion and debate is encouraged to further enhance the learning outcomes of the whole school community. Inside the classrooms our curriculum is forward looking. It is constantly reviewed and refreshed to keep it relevant and reflective of the skills that students need in an ever-changing world.





Supportively King's

We offer a full programme to promote pupil welfare including access to School Counsellors and Welfare Assistants. Our House System, Form Tutors, dedicated SEN practitioners and a 24-hour Medical Centre provide further levels of insight and care. We were proud that our pastoral care was rated as 'excellent' in our most recent (December 2021) ISI Inspection.

Lively King's

Our School is full of character and personality. Students are encouraged to be themselves and we recognise that each student's experience is different and individual to them. We wouldn't have it any other way. Whilst this asks more of our staff, they are willing to give of their time and expertise to make each journey memorable and full of life-enriching moments.







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Home*ly* King's

Many of our 200 domestic and international boarders wake up to a view of the magnificent Cathedral. Located in some of the School's most picturesque buildings, our House Masters, Mistresses and Matrons work hard to create a home-from-home environment in which our students can feel settled and at ease. A schedule of weekend and evening activities means that there is never a dull moment for our students who are able to board on either a full or flexible basis. With Cambridge and London easily accessible by train, our older students can enjoy all that these two great cities have to offer. For some, boarding is a necessity. For others, it is a positive choice made for all the life-enhancing benefits that it can bring.

FRIENDSHIP
POWERS OF NEGOTIATION
RESPECT
FRESH PERSPECTIVE
ACHIEVEMENT
CO-CURRICULAR SATISFACTION
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION
CONTINUITY
OF CARE
SECURE AND STABLE
ENHANCED
EXPERIENCE
UNDERSTANDING
APPLICATION
RESILIENCE
PRIDE
SELF-CONFIDENCE
FOCUS

Diversity King's

With over 35 nationalities represented within the School, we are proud of our strong sense of international community. Each student has a story to tell and space is found for individual narratives to resonate and be respected. Made up of so many backgrounds, our extended community of staff, students and their families is most reflective of life beyond King's Ely. Students forge friends for life irrespective of wide-ranging cultural and language boundaries. All students are encouraged to be the truest version of themselves and to identify as the individual that is most reflective of their personal outlook and beliefs.





Divinely King's

We have enjoyed close ties with the Cathedral for over a thousand years. As a place of outstanding beauty and spirituality, it presents an unrivalled backdrop for school life. As well as providing an incomparable stage for our musicians, the Cathedral plays host to our weekly assemblies, end of term and special services. The Cathedral's boy and girl choristers are a respected and much-loved part of our school community. Whilst keeping some energy in reserve for their rehearsals and services, the choristers throw themselves into all aspects of school life with enthusiasm and gusto.

Figuratively King's

1,143 pupils

630 Senior 403 Prep

110 Pre-Prep and Nursery

28 subjects taught at **A Level**

Over **21 GCSE** options

75 acres
of grounds

Class sizes:

 15 to 18 (Prep)



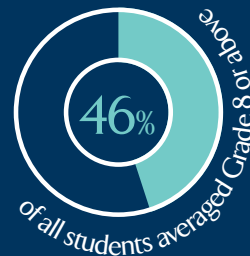
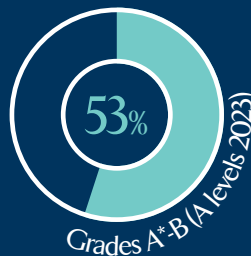
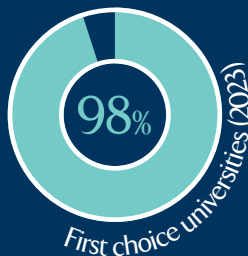
 18 to 20 (Senior)



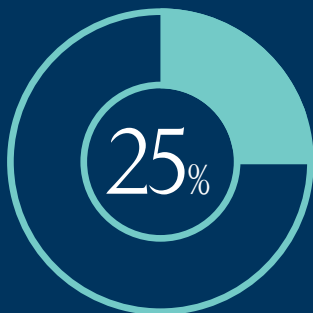
 From 10* (Sixth Form)



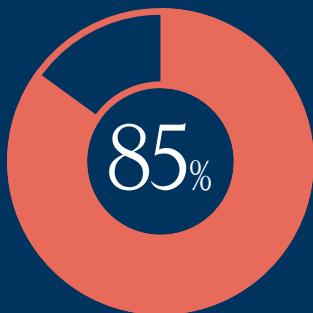
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**International
students** make up



of King's Ely Senior



of **senior boarders**
enjoy single
or twin room
accommodation

185 sports teams

1,000 competitive matches each year

**35 visiting music teachers inspire
380 pupils each week**

2,500 audience enjoy
8 drama productions
featuring **350 pupils**

120 after school clubs and activities
across the School and Nursery
throughout the year

200 students

involved in The Ely Scheme and
Duke of Edinburgh

Positively King's

“We knew we'd 'Found the One' on our first visit to King's Ely. It was immediate. It's not just the beauty and history of the buildings, the majesty of the Cathedral nor the politeness of the students but the overwhelming sense of family and homeliness. The staff are so very kind and thoughtful and it was clear to us that they have the children's best interests at heart.”

MRS WARWICK, KING'S ELY PARENT

For further information about securing a place at King's Ely, contact our Admissions team on admissions@kingsely.org or 01353 660707. They will be very happy to chat through the process and to advise of the best point of entry for your child or children. It could be the best decision you ever make.

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