

RET

RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

A high performing school with a Christian ethos, open to all.



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## WELCOME TO KING'S SCHOOL

King's School, a new 11-18 secondary school in Brighton and Hove, opened with our very first Year 7 students in September 2013. King's is part of the Russell Education Trust (RET) and enjoys the many benefits of membership of an expert and high-achieving academy group.

Our emphasis on English and maths as the bedrock of all other achievement ensured that in our first four years students made very fast academic progress across the board. We expect this to be replicated with each passing year and to result in exceptional public examination results for our students.

King's is an ecumenical Christian school that welcomes all students, regardless of faith background. Our four core values are Love, Forgiveness, Respect and Responsibility; these values permeate everything we do and are evident in the atmosphere and day to day operation of the school.

This prospectus should give you a flavour of all the exciting things going on at King's, but we also look forward to welcoming you to the school to meet our staff and students for yourself.

*K. Lynch*

**Karen Lynch**  
CEO, Russell Education Trust

*Sarah Price*

**Sarah Price**  
Headteacher



“The Golden Rule of ‘do to others what you would have them do to you’ is a biblical principle that guides all relationships in our school.”

**Sarah Price, Headteacher**

## AT KING'S SCHOOL...

### Our students

- Act responsibly and respectfully
- Aim high in life and learning
- Engage with and contribute to the local community.

### Our staff

- Teach high quality lessons to support each student's quest to realise his or her academic potential
- Provide a nurturing environment where students and their individual learning needs are known by all staff
- Encourage parental engagement and a sense of community.



# THE POWER OF EXPERIENCE

## OUR PRIORITIES

The priorities of the school are to:

- Build a Christian school community where everyone is known and valued
- Develop exceptional teachers and support staff
- Provide a traditional curriculum with a focus on high standards
- Maintain our 'small school' ethos; our maximum intake is 150 students in each year group

“The school is an exceptionally harmonious community.”

Ofsted, June 2015

King's School is the result of a successful partnership forged between local parents and our academy sponsor Russell Education Trust. RET is an academy trust with five secondary schools, all of which are growing, like King's, from Year 7 upwards. King's was inspected in June 2015 and was judged good with outstanding Leadership and Behaviour.

RET St Andrew the Apostle was also inspected in June and was judged outstanding in every category – giving RET the highest average inspection grades of any sponsor nationally.

King's benefits enormously from the sharing of good practice and expertise within this very high performing group.

“The headteacher, senior leaders, Trust and governors have a compelling vision for an inclusive, nurturing school with high academic standards, based on Christian principles”.

Ofsted, June 2015

“Students’ progress is tracked carefully so that effective action is taken to support students at risk of falling behind.”

Ofsted, June 2015



## LEADERSHIP

“Our Senior Leadership Team is a model of great leadership. However, we believe that everyone at King’s is a leader because every student takes responsibility for their own behaviour and learning.”

Sarah Price, Headteacher

We have a dynamic Senior Leadership Team (SLT) who are all committed to our ambitious vision for King’s. Our Deputy Headteacher and two Assistant Headteachers (AHTs) have subject specialisms in English, science and maths, reflecting our school’s emphasis on mastery of the core subjects for every student. Our DHT and AHTs were each selected by the governors and RET inspectors not only for their management and teaching skills but for their continuing passion for their subjects.

“School leaders have successfully recruited high-quality, motivated staff”.

Ofsted, June 2015



## TEACHING

Effective and engaging teaching, which benefits every student, is at the heart of everything we do at King’s.

There is a strict appointment procedure, which includes a lesson observation by trained Ofsted inspectors as well as a formal interview. Only good or outstanding practitioners are appointed.

The school’s pastoral approach is closely linked to the Christian ethos of the school and our academic monitoring systems. Tutors play a central role in their tutor group’s academic success, through the daily contact with their students and within the cycle of personal target setting and review sessions. Progress is monitored half-termly and parents are kept up to date, enabling them to support their child’s learning.

# CURRICULUM

Underpinned by our Christian values, King's delivers a high quality, personalised curriculum that draws on best practice from independent and state schools nationally.

We expect a large proportion of our students to achieve the English Baccalaureate (between 5 and 9 good grade GCSEs including English, maths and science) with a high proportion of the Year 11 group getting mostly top grades.

In common with other RET schools, the core GCSEs (or equivalent) will be:

- Mathematics
- English Language and Literature
- Religion and Philosophy (RP)
- Science (including separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Other GCSEs will be available, including:

- Art
- Computing
- Drama
- Geography
- History
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Physical Education
- Technology

“The curriculum is broad and balanced and is focused on preparing students to achieve GCSE success in academic subjects.”

Ofsted, June 2015

We want to foster a love of learning in our students.

All students are expected to work hard and to do their very best. This ensures that everyone is an active learner and that lessons are a fun and rewarding experience. Students are also encouraged to develop as independent learners. Homework is essential for exam success and is compulsory. The work set is both appropriate and challenging.

Religious Studies is taught in all years so that students' moral and spiritual development is enhanced through both the curriculum and the daily act of collective worship.

When we move onto our permanent site the school will have a sixth form, meeting the needs of the 21st century learner and preparing students for both higher education and the workplace.

“The behaviour of students is outstanding. Students conduct themselves in an exemplary way.”

Ofsted, June 2015



## ENRICHMENT

**Enrichment of the curriculum in and beyond the classroom is an important part of the King's School experience.**

Off-site enrichment includes field trips and visits to places of interest. Our students have enjoyed a varied programme of off-site visits including a ski trip to Italy; a cross-curricular trip to the WWI trenches in Belgium and day trips to France.

### Extra-Curricular Sports

There is a full programme of sporting activities and our teams compete regularly and successfully against other schools. Sports include: boys' and girls' football; basketball; rugby; netball; hockey; athletics; cross-country; rounders; handball and cricket.

### Music and Dramatic Performance

There are a wide variety of music clubs, which include choir and instrument ensembles. There are regular music and dramatic performances for parents and the wider community; and the opportunity for all students to learn and practise a musical instrument as well as singing. Students are given regular opportunities to showcase their skills in school performances and concerts.

### Other Clubs

A Homework Club runs each day after school to enable students to complete work at school under the guidance of teaching staff.

Other after school clubs currently include: the school paper; Science club; debating; and creative writing club.

“School leaders and governors have a clear and uncompromising vision for the school that promotes the achievement of every student within a caring community.”

Ofsted, June 2015

## PARTNERSHIP & SERVICE

We work in close partnership with other schools in Brighton and Hove; and the local family of churches and church schools. All students are encouraged to have some involvement in community service (including service to a local institution, church or charity) during their time at school.

We actively support charities throughout the school year, with many students organising their own events.

At school level, our most important partnerships are with parents. We work together with you to promote your child's happiness, academic success and personal growth.

If you would like to visit the school or find out how to apply, please visit our website: [www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk](http://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk)

**We look forward to welcoming you to King's School.**

“The school promotes students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development particularly well. Students show respect and concern for the needs of others in their community and beyond. Students are very well prepared for life in modern Britain.”

Ofsted, June 2015

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RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

The Russell Education Trust (RET) is made up of five high-performing 11-18 secondary schools in the south of England. Member schools work together and with RET expert advisers to deliver the very highest standards of teaching and learning; and to support the achievement and happiness of every student across the Trust. The success of the Trust's schools has been recognised by Ofsted, the Department for Education, and by the communities they serve.

The RET family of schools also includes:



*"The school's groundbreaking development has been handled with exceptional skill and confidence by the trustees, governors and Headteacher. In a short time they have established a school with a strong reputation in the local community".*

Ofsted 2013



*"The headteacher's inspired leadership has quickly established a vibrant, orderly community which enables students to thrive. He ensures that a family atmosphere is fostered across the school in which all students feel cared for, and valued".*

Ofsted 2014



*"Students, from all starting points and backgrounds, make sustained, rapid progress across the curriculum. Current achievement exceeds national expectations by a wide margin".*

Ofsted 2015



Turing House is RET's fifth secondary school. It opened in September 2015 in Richmond upon Thames and is already oversubscribed.

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