

King's House School

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WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome you to King's House School, which we believe is a very special place. We are a school with a warm, family atmosphere, where children feel safe, happy and positive about learning and growing up.

We aim to provide the children with an all-round education of the highest quality. From solid academic foundations, we build up their independence and challenge them with new ideas and concepts. Their physical and creative development is equally important and we aim to furnish them with the opportunities to pursue these through our broad curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Our dedicated teaching staff aim to create stimulating and engaging learning environments which bring out the best in every child, helping them develop as individuals on their journey through the school.

There is a strong rapport between the pupils, the staff and the parents, which contributes to the school's special feeling. Parents, individually and as part of the Friends Committee, play a key role in supporting the children and the school, and are valued by us. We are also keen that our pupils develop an understanding of their role as members of both the local and global community in which they live.

We look forward to seeing you at King's House and showing you our school.

Mr Mark Turner – Head



ABOUT US

King's House School is an independent day preparatory school for approximately 450 children between the ages of 3 and 13.

The nursery is for girls and boys but from Reception to Year 8, the school is boys only. The school was founded in 1946 and was established as a charitable trust in 1957. The Trust is administered by the Board of Governors. The Head is a member of the Independent Association of Prep Schools.

The distinctive family ethos of the school generates a love of learning and an awareness of the need to respect others and the whole school community.

The school is located on Richmond Hill and enjoys the advantages of having close access to London with all the educational opportunities that affords.

Full Bursary places are available and there are school bus routes from both Chiswick and Putney.

WHAT WE OFFER

ALL ROUND EXCELLENCE

At King's House School we recognise the importance of a broad curriculum. We follow the National Curriculum but extend well beyond its boundaries to provide the enrichment and challenge which will prepare pupils for Common Entrance and Senior School scholarships at a pace and level appropriate to their needs.

As a preparatory school we recognise the responsibility we have, not only in educating each pupil, but also in developing a love of learning and a satisfaction in personal achievement. The approach in the classroom through the school is one of praise and encouragement. Recognition of achievement is in the form of House Points which are awarded in each Department and added to the House totals. Boys' names are added to the Gold Book or Distinctions List and are included in the weekly newsletter. In the Senior Department half termly grades are given for both effort and achievement and the end of term reports provide targets for future improvement. Throughout the school we have qualified Learning Support teachers who work closely with the classroom teachers and provide extra support for pupils as and when it is needed.

PASTORAL CARE

From the day they arrive at King's House School, all the children feel that they belong to a larger community. In Nursery and Reception the teachers are all in close contact with home and the children feel safe, learning and exploring in a caring environment. Whilst in the Junior Department, the boys develop a sense of independence and an enjoyment of learning under the guidance of their form teachers. In the Senior Department the tutor system remains and the boys meet their form tutor each morning and for the weekly PSHE sessions and develop further independence moving from class to class. Throughout the school, the small classes allow for close monitoring and evaluation of each pupil's progress and well-being.

SPORTS

King's House School offers three major sports – rugby, football and cricket – which take place at King's House Sports Ground in Chiswick. Hockey, judo, athletics, basketball, cross country, tennis and golf are also on offer. In recent years the school has enjoyed considerable sporting success particularly with its senior rugby teams. We run plenty of teams for each age group to give as many boys as possible the opportunity to experience competitive fixtures.

We have a fully equipped gym and an Astroturf which enables us to provide plenty of variety for the weekly PE sessions. In addition, all boys from Reception to Year 5 go swimming once a week.

In the holidays, a variety of clubs use our grounds to provide activities for boys and girls of all ages and there have been successful rugby and cricket tours to both South Africa and Antigua.

ARTS

King's House School prides itself in a strong tradition of excellence in the Arts. We recognise that by giving our children the opportunity to express themselves outside the classroom we are helping to develop self-confidence and awareness.

All pupils have a lesson of class music per week. In addition up to 70% of them learn an instrument at school. For singers, there are Junior Department and Senior Department choirs as well as the BBK's (our Year 4 Blues group). In the Senior Department we have an orchestra, a wind ensemble, a brass group and a superb jazz band. Boys are encouraged to play in school assemblies and get the opportunity to perform in local community events.

With a large, fully equipped theatre we can be ambitious in our choice of production. There are regular productions in each department. All the boys get an opportunity to take part and workshops help develop their interests.

Art, Design and Technology are central to the creative arts teaching in the school. In Design and Technology the emphasis is on project work and in Art the boys are encouraged to express themselves using a variety of media with work being displayed all around the school and in the weekly newsle

OUT AND ABOUT

All of the school from Nursery upwards takes advantage of the opportunity our proximity to London affords us with regular trips to museums, galleries and theatres. We also regularly visit Richmond Park and Kew Gardens.

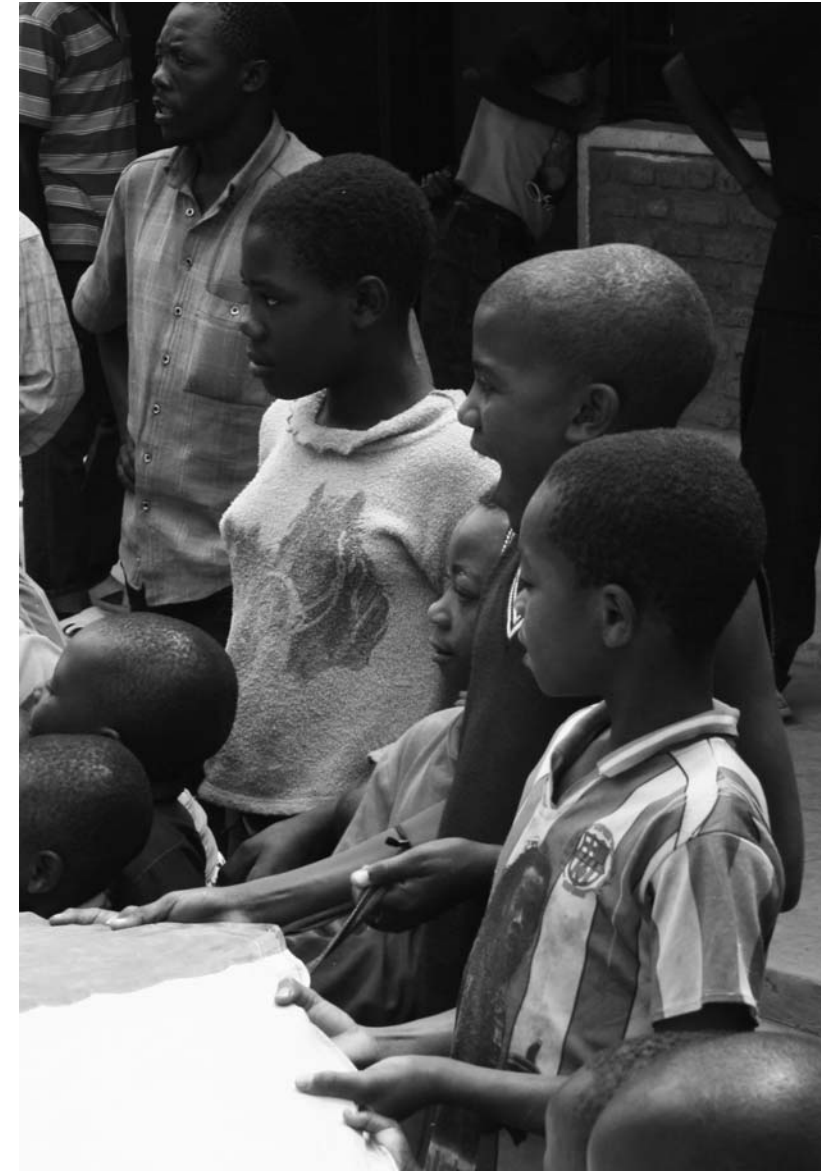
After the examinations in the summer all of the Senior Department take part in Activity Week, where the boys spend a week away from their desks. The week is spent at residential activity centres for the older boys while the younger ones make new discoveries closer to home. For the Year 8 boys an exciting post Common Entrance programme gives them a flavour of what they can expect at their Senior Schools.

There are always plenty of exciting residential trips to choose from – the Classics trip to Italy, the Geography trip to Iceland, the French trip to Brittany and the bi-annual ski trip. These trips are always tremendous fun and help to develop a feeling of community and shared experience.

KING'S HOUSE RWANDA

Rwanda is a country rich in beauty and diversity but it has had a very troubled and ravaged past. On the shores of Lake Kivu in the south west of Rwanda is an isolated and impoverished province of Cyangugu. Here Neville Chaplin, a previous Head of King's House, has been supporting his brother David in his work for Rwanda Aid, a charity raising money to help develop, extend and maintain practical, self-help and sustainable projects to benefit poor communities in this province. Inspired by an article in the Daily Telegraph, an ex-King's House family provided the funds for the building of a school at Cyato and because of this connection King's House School, Cyato was born.

Every year a team of King's House School teachers spend time in Cyato, assisting with the training of the teachers and meeting the children and money is raised by pupils of our school to provide resources and building for their sister school. This year, through inspirational fund raising efforts here in Richmond, we raised sufficient funds to connect the school up to the main electricity grid as well as providing essential supplies such as uniforms, shoes, pencils and paper which we endeavour to buy from the traders in Cyangugu itself to bring more trade to the locality.



MOVING ON

With a 100% pass rate for senior school entry in Year 8, about 70% of our boys move on to 13+ London day schools; the remainder transferring to boarding schools. King's House School is justifiably proud of its success in recent years in getting its boys in to some of the most academic schools in the country. The emphasis is always on finding the right school for the right child and advice is given throughout a child's time at the school.

About a third of our Year 8 boys are prepared for academic scholarship entry examinations or for music, sport, art or drama awards.

In recent years we have sent boys to the following day schools:

Hampton School
The Harrodian School
Ibstock Place School
Latymer Upper School
Kingston Grammar School
King's College School
St. Benedict's School
St. Paul's School
Westminster School

We have also sent boys to the following boarding schools:

Bradfield College
Brighton College
Canford
Charterhouse
Cranleigh
Epsom College
Eton College
Harrow
Marlborough
Radley College
Reeds
Sherborne
Tonbridge
Wellington College
Winchester College

Every other year we host a senior school fair for parents where up to twenty five senior schools are represented and parents of younger boys can gather information and meet ex King's House students.

JOINING THE SCHOOL

VISITOR MORNINGS

There are regular Visitor Mornings when prospective parents and children may visit the Nursery, Junior and Senior Departments and meet the Head of School, Head of Junior Department, Head of Nursery and other members of staff. Please contact the Registrar, Mrs S Bass for details of forthcoming mornings bass.s@kingshouseschool.org or 020 8940 1878.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Girls and boys may start in the Nursery in the term of their 3rd birthday. We offer places on a first come basis.

Boys aged 4 to 12 can join the school at any time, if there is a vacancy, but the main entry is at 4. Priority is given to both those who are entering from our Nursery and siblings. We expect all boys to remain at King's House until the Common Entrance or Scholarship stage. Offers are made by order of registration and we pride ourselves on being a mixed ability school.

Entry at 7+ or 8+ is by assessment in November. Boys are invited to attend school and are assessed in English and Maths. A few places are available at this point. Further details are available from our Registrar, Sally Bass on 020 8940 1878 or bass.s@kingshouseschool.org



THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT

School day

Caterpillar Group 9.00am – 11.30am Monday - Friday

Butterfly Group 8.45am – 2.45pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8.45am – 11.45am Wednesday & Friday

The Nursery was established in January 2009 for girls and boys aged 3 and 4. Our aim is to introduce children to the exciting world of learning in a safe, secure and interactive environment. We want our children to have a fantastic start, to become confident little learners, to understand kindness and courtesy and to develop friendships and respect for others.

Set in the Old School House, Princes Road, the Nursery enjoys two large purpose built school rooms, divided into learning areas. Each area has been carefully planned to create an environment where children can explore and learn. The Nursery is well equipped with stimulating educational toys and games and a range of large and small construction equipment to encourage physical development which are rotated so that the children are regularly introduced to new and different ideas. There is a wide range of books and everyday there is quiet time to share books and read together.

There are two playgrounds for outdoor interest and learning where children can play, build, cycle, explore and have fun. As part of King's House School, the Nursery benefits from the many resources available including weekly music sessions with a specialist teacher from the Junior Department and an introduction to French with a French language specialist.

All Nursery activities are underpinned by sound educational theory and follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. The Nursery staff are all experienced in Early Years education and aware of the crucial role they play in developing learning. They recognise that children learn in many different ways and draw on a range of teaching strategies and knowledge of child development to encourage children to explore, observe and question. With a high staff to pupil ratio, experienced staff guide and facilitate learning in a gentle and friendly atmosphere.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

School Day

8.30am – 3.00/3.30pm

King's House Junior Department offers its pupils a unique, caring and stimulating environment in which all the boys are encouraged to reach their potential.

The Junior Department is housed in two Victorian buildings which have been sensitively extended and enhanced to provide a wonderful learning environment.

The classrooms are bright and well equipped with a networked computer, interactive whiteboard and projector. The Department has its own hall, library and ICT suite. The Food Technology area offers opportunities for the boys to develop their culinary skills whilst learning about healthy eating.

There is a fabulous newly designed astro playground paid for by funds provided by King's House parents.

Food is prepared daily in the onsite kitchen and regular theme days enhance the boys knowledge of food from other cultures.

Dedicated teaching staff are supported by an enthusiastic team of classroom assistants. The curriculum is designed to challenge its pupils whilst offering a diverse range of opportunities in Music, Art, Drama and Sport.

The boys join school in Reception age 4 where they are gently introduced to the school routine. The school uses the Jolly Phonics scheme and boys follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. The boys are class based but have specialist teachers for Music and French.

Over the next four years, the boys receive specialist teaching for Music, PE and ICT. French is taught from Reception. They develop their skills across all areas of the curriculum and become confident, independent learners. They enjoy the arts and the school performs plays at Christmas and in the Spring and Summer. Classes present assemblies in the Autumn and Spring terms to which parents are invited.

Visits to local museums and places of interest enrich the boys learning experience. Parents and other visitors are invited into school to talk to the boys.



Fundraising plays a big part in the department activities and over the last academic year a huge amount has been raised for different charities.

The boys have plenty of opportunities to develop their physical skills in the playground and gym. All boys swim during the school year. Year 3 have an additional games session at King's House School Sports Ground.

The school operates as one entity and there are plenty of opportunities for boys and staff to get together from all departments. Heads of Department liaise regularly with the subject coordinators to ensure delivery of an exciting and challenging curriculum. Teachers from all departments work very hard to ensure that there is a smooth transition from Nursery to Reception and Year 3 to Year 4; the most exciting change being the wearing of long trousers!

Homework diaries, form reps and the weekly newsletter all ensure that there is excellent communication between staff and parents. Regular meetings are arranged for formal discussions about boys' progress but parents are welcome to meet with the Head of Department or class teachers should the need arise.

Reception: Age 4+

The boys are divided into small groups each with a key worker. There are currently two specialist teachers and two EYFS assistants on the team. The boys follow the EYFS curriculum and cursive writing is introduced. They also engage in a diverse range of creative, physical and musical activities and begin swimming lessons in the summer term. French, taught by a specialist, is also introduced.

Year 1: Age 5+

There are three mixed ability classes each with a Form Teacher and Classroom Assistant. The boys begin to extend their skills and start to work more independently. They develop their skills in Numeracy and Literacy. They have swimming in the Autumn and Summer terms. Boys can begin learning an instrument now and all boys are introduced to the recorder. In Reception and Year 1, homework is confined to reading practice. In the Spring term of Year 1, the boys are given spellings to learn.

Year 2: Age 6+

There are two mixed ability classes each with a Form Teacher and a Classroom Assistant. The boys visit subject specialists for PE and Music. They develop their investigative skills in Science and begin to do their own research in ICT. They continue

to have swimming. There are two half hour homeworks, one written and one maths. There is also nightly reading practice and some learning of spellings and tables.

Year 3: Age 7+

There are three mixed ability classes each with a Form Teacher and Classroom Assistant. The boys visit subject specialists for ICT, PE, Music and French. They have a games afternoon at the King's House Sports Ground following the whole school rugby, football and cricket programme. They work independently and are expected to sustain concentration for extended periods. Boys begin to write with a pen. There are two written and one maths homeworks a week in addition to the reading and learning of spellings and tables.





THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT

School day

8.30am – 3.30/4.00-4.30pm

In the first year of the Senior Department boys are still class based for most of their lessons and subject teachers come to them. From Year 5 boys move to subject specific rooms and in addition to the core subjects have lessons in Design and Technology, Drama, Art, ICT, Music and PE. All boys have a locker for books. There are two well-equipped science laboratories, a large airy Art and DT room, a music room with four practice rooms and a large ICT suite with 26 networked flat screen PC's. Every classroom has a networked computer and interactive whiteboard and projector.

Year 4: Age 8+

There are three mixed ability classes in their own classrooms each with a form teacher. The boys are taught by subject specialists for most subjects. They have 40 minutes homework each night. There may be an extra half hour of homework at the weekend. From Year 4 onwards the boys have lessons in all the core Common Entrance subjects except Latin and move around for their Music, Science, Design Technology, Art, ICT and PE lessons.

Year 5: Age 9+

There are three mixed ability classes. They visit subject specialists for all subjects. The year group is split into three sets for English and Maths. They have 1 hour of homework each night. There may be an extra half hour of homework at the weekend.

Year 6: Age 10+

There are three mixed ability classes. Latin classes begin. The year group is split into three sets for English, Maths and French. The eight examined subjects for Common Entrance are: English, Maths, French, Science, Geography, History, Religious Studies and Latin. Verbal reasoning and philosophy also form part of the curriculum.

Year 7: Age 11+

There are three streamed classes for all subjects. They have a form tutor responsible for their pastoral needs.

Year 8: Age 12+

There are three streamed classes for all subjects. They have a form tutor responsible for their pastoral needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch is prepared daily in the onsite kitchen and regular theme days enhance the boys knowledge of food from other countries and cultures. Junior and Senior Department lunch menus can be viewed or downloaded from the school website.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Extra help is available for a boy who may be initially slow to make progress or where he may encounter a specific difficulty, at no extra cost. If this persists he will be assessed by one of our learning support teachers who may suggest he needs a full assessment by an education psychologist. We can give boys up to two half hour sessions, either individually or in small groups, to help with any diagnosed problems within our competence. An Individual Educational Programme is written for each boy receiving extra support and is agreed between the Learning Support teacher, the parent and the child. Boys are permitted to have extra time during English, History and Religious Studies examinations if they have an Educational Psychologists report to support this and, under certain circumstances after discussion with the Head, may also use a laptop for examinations.

We also have a policy providing for and indentifying those who need extra extension work in any area.

EXAMINATIONS

There are school examinations in November and June of each year for Year 4 and above. In November, Year 4 are examined in the core subjects only: English, Maths and Science. These examinations are used as a practice on how to revise and how to prepare for the more formal examinations our pupils will face later.

All other year groups have examinations in all subjects. These examinations are an integral part of the learning process. Their purpose is to help pupils and teachers assess what has been understood and to then address any difficulties. The marks are sent home to parents but as a school we endeavour to keep examinations in balance with the rest of the curriculum and with the rest of the academic year.

We aim to prepare the boys for these examinations whilst still encouraging them to take advantage of all the extracurricular activities on offer.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Please see our website where you can view or download our policies www.kingshouseschool.org

Privacy Notice – Data Protection Act 1998

Anti-Bullying Policy

Admissions Policy

Educational Visits Policy

Pupil Behaviour Policy

Safer Recruitment Policy

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School Travel Plan Policy

Safeguarding Children Policy

School Travel Policy



STAFF

Head of School

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SENIOR DEPARTMENT

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French

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Year 4 and Key Stage 2

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Year 4, Key Stage 2 and Sustainable Development

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Mrs N Picken

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JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Assistant Head and IW Form Teacher

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3S Form Teacher

Mrs H Steel Cert Ed

IT Form Teacher

Mrs C Trundley B Ed

Reception V Form Teacher

Mrs T Vincent BA QTS

Teaching Assistant

Mrs S Bamford

Teaching Assistant

Mrs L Buckle

Teaching Assistant

Mrs E Daley

Teaching Assistant

Mrs J Davies

Teaching Assistant

Mrs J Hatchett

Teaching Assistant

Mrs P Hurley

Teaching Assistant

Miss R McIntosh

Teaching Assistant

Mrs W Nicol

Teaching Assistant

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Playground and After Care Supervisor

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Playground and After Care Supervisor

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NURSERY DEPARTMENT**Assistant Head and Teacher**

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Nursery Assistant

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TERM DATES**Autumn term 2011**

Wednesday 7 September – Thursday 15 December

Half term

Monday 17 – Friday 28 October

Spring Term 2012

Thursday 5 January – Friday 23 March

Half term

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

FEES

Nursery Department

£1750.00 (5 mornings)

£2800.00 (5 mornings + 3 afternoons)

Junior Department

Reception/Year 1 £3145.00

Years 2/3 £3690.00

Senior Department

£4250.00



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