



A Personal Word from the Headteacher - Darren Ayling

I am delighted to introduce The King's (The Cathedral) School to you.

We are all extremely proud of our School with its long history and exceptional achievements. Pupils of all abilities thrive in our challenging, supportive and friendly environment, where our aim is to encourage individual success and to expect maximum commitment in all activities. Excellent examination results are important, but not enough; our extra-curricular programme provides innumerable opportunities in music, sport, drama and other activities. We expect all our pupils to take advantage of this exciting provision.

At The King's (The Cathedral) School we nurture a sense of belonging to our extended family, each member being an individual. We believe that our pupils are hardworking, involved and, above all, happy. An £11m capital improvement programme, in 2009, provided the School with excellent accommodation in a number of curriculum areas, in addition to a Sixth Form Centre. We have added to those facilities this year with a Sixth Form Café, which will improve the quality of the dining experience across the whole School. In 2012, we spent £750,000 refurbishing and extending the School Hall, thus allowing the whole School to meet together every week. Our latest capital projects have provided us with a new Fitness Suite to complement our existing PE facilities, and four outstanding science laboratories.

In September 2011 we admitted 60 pupils in to our new Junior Department and now admit 15 pupils into Year 3 each year. This development allowed all of our Cathedral Choristers to be educated in our Cathedral School, along with a number of non-chorister pupils.

In 2018 we were delighted to be awarded the Sunday Times 'State School of the Year' Award (East Anglian Region).

The Area

The King's (The Cathedral) School is situated close to the centre of Peterborough. Peterborough is situated in the north of the former County of Cambridgeshire and is served by excellent road (A1 and A14) and rail links. The east coast rail line provides fast and easy access to the North and South e.g. both London and York are approximately one hour away. Cambridge is forty minutes by road.

Peterborough was designated a New Town in the 1970s and has seen its population grow to over 200,000. There are many pleasant residential areas providing a variety of housing at prices that are below the national average, ranging from £150,000 for a two-bedroom terraced house and from £250,000 for a modern three-bedroom detached property. In addition to living in Peterborough itself, many staff commute into School from the Fenland districts, rural Northamptonshire and South Lincolnshire. Access into and out of the City is very quick which means you are never far from the countryside.

The City provides very good shopping facilities and, in the area, there is a range of cultural and recreational activities.

With Cambridge and London so accessible, the best in food, music, art and culture are all within reach.

The School

The King's (The Cathedral) School is a publicly-funded Independent Academy. It was founded by Henry VIII in 1541 as the Cathedral School to educate the Cathedral choristers and this close link with the Cathedral is still valued and maintained today.

Approximately 1,200 pupils attend The King's School, with 60 in our Junior Department through to more than 360 in the Sixth Form.

Since becoming comprehensive and co-educational in 1976, The King's School has maintained its outstanding record of success. Pupils of all abilities are encouraged to achieve their highest academic potential. Other aspects of development are not neglected; there is plenty of opportunity for participation in music, drama, outdoor activities, sport and social events, as well as a range of clubs and societies, catering for leisure pursuits. Our children are expected to develop a sense of responsibility for their conduct and behaviour, and to become aware of the needs and rights of others. The size of the School enables each pupil to find a sense of both identity and security: new pupils soon settle in and become part of our extended family. The School is very much up-to-date, and offers pupils a thorough preparation for life in the twenty-first century.

Statement of Values and Ethos of The King's (The Cathedral) School

The King's (The Cathedral) School is a partnership between students, staff, parents and Governors who seek to create within the School and the community an educational environment in which the strengths and potential of all are realised, the needs of individuals are respected, and high expectations are achieved.

We seek to:

- Recognise and value the contribution of every member of the School community;
- Maintain the tradition of achievement and academic excellence to the best of each individual's ability;
- Foster a community in which good mutual communications are promoted and in which, through pastoral care, all students achieve self-esteem and an appreciation of others, with a sense of responsibility for their environment;
- Provide a broad range of extra-curricular activities that give opportunities for all to develop individual interests and skills;
- Encourage a happy, well-motivated staff to work effectively and successfully through good leadership, efficient structures and the provision of resources.

The basis for these values is the Christian ethos of the School.

Our Motto is 'A Family Achieving Excellence'.

The Curriculum

The School curriculum is shown below in terms of periods per ten-day timetable cycle.

Curriculum Summary:

KEY STAGE 2

25 Teaching hours per week

KEY STAGE 3

PERIODS PER WEEK			
SUBJECT	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Mathematics	4.5	4.5	4.5
Technology	3.5	3.5	3.5
Art	2	2	2
Music	2	2	2
Science	4	4.5	4.5 (KS4)
English/Drama	5.5	5.5	5.5
French	4.5	2.5	2.5
German/Latin	-	2.5	2.5
History	3	3	2.5
Geography	3	3	2.5
Religious Studies	2	2	2
Physical Education	3	3	3
Learning for Life	1	1	1
ICT	2	1	2
TOTAL	40	40	40

KEY STAGE 4

CURRENT PERIODS PER WEEK		
SUBJECT	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
English	6.5	6.5
Mathematics	6	6
Physical Education	2	2
Science	9	9
Religious Studies	2	2
Learning for Life	1	1
Options including a Modern Foreign Language	3 x 4.5	3 x 4.5
TOTAL	40	40

GCSE Options

There will be three option columns, one subject will be selected from each column. The three subjects must include a Language. The probable subjects to choose from are:

Art & Design

Business

Computer Science

Drama

Food Technology

French

Geography

German

History

Latin

Music

Physical Education

Product Design

Textiles Technology

KEY STAGE 5

At The King's (The Cathedral) School, from September 2019 we will offer the following A-Level courses:

English and Languages

- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- French
- German

The Arts

- Art and Design
- Music
- Theatre Studies

Science, Mathematics & Technology

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Physics
- Product Design
- Textiles Technology

Humanities

- Business
- Classical Civilisation
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Religious Studies

Other

- Extended Project Qualification

Psychology is taught outside the normal option blocks. Certain minority-interest subjects only run if there is sufficient demand.

Teaching Groups

When pupils enter the School, they are taught in mixed-ability groups. In Key Stage 2, they are taught in two classes each catering for two national curriculum areas. During Year 7, they are set according to ability for Mathematics. In Year 8, they are set in Modern Languages and Mathematics. Pupils with special needs are helped with in-class support from members of the Learning Support Department.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There is a wide variety of extra-curricular activities in the School and applicants for posts should indicate any personal interest in these. A willingness to contribute to the extracurricular life of the School will be an advantage.

Music and Drama are flourishing areas of the School and many pupils take part in the activities, which take place at lunchtimes and after School. There is a long-standing tradition of public performances each year and staff being able to help in any way is invaluable. A strong tradition in games and sporting activities provides an opportunity for new members of staff to be involved in a wide range of activities. Other activities have included the following clubs in recent years: Art, Drama, Indoor Cricket, Sailing, Duke of Edinburgh Award, ICT, Science, Basketball, Homework, Martial Arts, Young Enterprise, Christian Union, Fencing, World Challenge.

The School also organises a wide range of residential experiences for the pupils.

For further information, please visit our website: www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk

The Staff

The School is led by the Headteacher, two Deputy Headteachers (Academic and Pastoral) and three Assistant Headteachers supported by Middle Managers. Staff are regularly seconded in to the Senior Leadership Team. The Senior Leadership Team has collective responsibility for academic, pastoral, administrative and financial matters. Approximately one hundred and fifty staff are employed at the School.

There are currently sixty-five full time equivalent teaching staff assisted by Support Staff. The academic organisation is managed within a curriculum area structure. The pastoral organisation is based on Lower School, Middle School and the Sixth Form. Each year has an Academic Head of Year who works alongside three Pupil Support Officers.

All members of the teaching staff have a teaching role in one or more departmental areas and the majority have a role as a Form Tutor.

We value our staff and endeavour to provide excellent support and working conditions for everyone. All staff have free use of a first-class fitness suite and our occasional 'Cake Days' are very popular.

A career at The King's School will bring you into contact with motivated pupils, supportive parents and highly professional colleagues and Governors. Those who join us will enjoy a unique working environment, a welcoming family and a chance to contribute to one of the best schools in the country.

I regard myself as being very privileged to be able to lead The King's School Family and hope that you would wish to join us in this unique place of learning.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Ayling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and 'A'.

Darren Ayling
Headteacher