

Year 7 Application Information Pack

September 2027 Entry



The King's (The Cathedral) School
Peterborough

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Welcome to King's!

I am delighted to offer you a very warm welcome to The King's (The Cathedral) School and to thank you for considering our school for your child's secondary education. Choosing the right secondary school is an important milestone for any family, and we are honoured that you are taking the time to learn more about our community.

Since 1541, generations of young people have proudly been part of our school community. Today, we continue to offer an exceptional education rooted in our Christian values, our close links with the Cathedral, and our commitment to nurturing kind, respectful and caring relationships.

Choosing the right secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family will make, and we are proud of all that our students achieve. Our academic results are excellent, our teaching is of a high standard, and our students are known for their calm, mature behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. However, what truly makes The King's School special is the way our students flourish as individuals.

I hope you will consider The King's School as the next step in your child's educational journey. This booklet contains all the information on how to apply for a Year 7 place. If you have any questions about the admissions process, please refer to the information provided in this booklet or contact the School Registrar, whose details can be found on the next page.



John Harrison
Headteacher

Introduction

Applying for secondary school for your child can be a daunting and complex process. We have provided the information in this booklet to help guide you through the application process. We strongly recommend that you take the time to read this booklet in full before submitting an application. The school has been oversubscribed for many years and all places are offered strictly in accordance with the published over-subscription criteria. **The school is a Church of England academy and does not operate a catchment area.**

Please note it is the parent/carer's responsibility to complete all forms related to their child's application by the deadline of 31st October 2026. This is a National Deadline for all children who are transitioning to secondary school in September 2027. If you miss the deadline then your child's application cannot be considered in the first round of applications.

We would encourage you to use the '**How to Apply Checklist**' that is at the back of the booklet and if you have any questions then please contact the School Registrar, Rebecca Pasqualino at admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk

- Please include your child's full name and DOB in the subject line of your email.
- We aim to respond to your email as soon as possible and no later than 5 school days from receipt.
- Please note that we experience a high volume of enquiries in September and October and recommend that you contact us in plenty of time before the application deadline.

This booklet is also available to download on our website and includes all of the links you will need to submit an application. Please scan the QR code on the back page of the booklet.

Oversubscription Criteria - Year 7 Entry

The Board of Governors will seek to preserve the existing character of the school by admitting 135 pupils, including those with an Education Health and Care Plan, which names the School, on the following basis and in the following order of priority. This will give a year group of 150 pupils, with the 135 pupils joining the 15 pupils who were admitted into the School in Key Stage 2.

Please be aware that for at least the last 20 years we have been oversubscribed as a school. In such circumstances, oversubscription criteria are applied in A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, B1 and B2, as listed below. To make sure that your application is given due consideration under our published oversubscription criteria, it is vital that when you complete the Local Authority Parental Preference Reasons section online, you check all of the boxes that are relevant to your application.

Even if you have completed a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)(Appendix A), you can still check as many boxes as appropriate on the Local Authority Common Application Form.

Should the number of pupils transferring from Year 6 not be 15, for whatever reason, then the places offered will be varied accordingly. If the places are oversubscribed, the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate the 135 places each year in the following order of priority:

Group A: A maximum of 120 places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

1. 'Looked After Children' or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A Looked After Child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority in England, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in England in the exercise of their social services functions, or (c) who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted only. (See note A below.)
2. Children of worshipping members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain (maximum of 74 places). (See note B below.)
3. Children of any member of staff employed by the Board of Governors of the School at the time of application:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the School for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the School is made and/or b) the member of staff was recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Siblings of children attending the School at the time of application. (See note C below.)
5. Children of worshipping members of other Christian denominations or of Other Major Faiths. (See note D below.)
6. Children of any other applicants to the limit of places available, places being awarded to the child(ren) living close(st) to the School as indicated by a straight line from the main school reception entrance to the child's home, as calculated using Peterborough City Council's measuring process.

Group B: Pupils allocated by ability as measured by the School's assessment procedures in merit order for a maximum of 15 places.

1. 12 of these places will be allocated on overall academic ability. (See note H below).
2. 3 of these places will be allocated on musical ability. (See note I below).

If there are unallocated places in B1 due to a lack of suitable candidates, these places will be allocated in B2 and vice versa. If there are insufficient successful applicants for B1 and B2, additional places will be allocated in Group A under criteria 3 to 6.

If at any stage, a tiebreaker is required, places will be allocated to the child(ren) living close(st) to the School as indicated by a straight line from the seed point of the school (*The King's (The Cathedral) School - Eastings: 519435, Northings: 299666*) to the seed point of the child's home, as calculated using Peterborough City Council's measuring process. If this system cannot separate two or more applications, these applications will be further ranked by lottery.

Please note each application is judged on its own merit and there is no automatic right to any sibling receiving an offer of a place in the same admissions round, e.g. twin/triplet where the other sibling has received an offer of a place.

Notes:

- A. **'Looked After Children'** - A child or young person is regarded as a 'Looked after Child' when they are accommodated or in care. If they are accommodated this means that their parent(s) retain parental responsibility and can ask for them to be returned home at any time. If they are subject to a Care Order then the local authority in England shares parental responsibility with the parent(s) and decides where the child should live. Looked After Children are cared for in a number of different settings including foster homes, children's homes and residential schools.

'A child in state care outside of England' - A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society, but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only.

- B. **Children of worshipping members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain: (These applications must be accompanied by form SIF A2, which is available from the School).**

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Children of worshipping members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain are defined as those who score above zero on the School's scoring system as described below as the "Marking Process". In relation to Criteria A2, the Supplementary Information Form (SIF A2) will need to be signed by a Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland Priest or by a Methodist Minister, or if a Priest or Minister is unavailable during an interregnum, a Church Warden or Church Leader. Evidence of worship from the Priest, Minister or Leader of the religious community concerned, must be submitted on SIF A2.

The information should define the worship pattern of the applicant (the parent), who lives at the child's home address, in terms of frequency and duration. The information on SIF A2 should cover your **whole** attendance record and **current** pattern of worship for the last eight years, or more. If you have worshipped at different churches during the last eight years, or more, a separate SIF A2 from previous parish(es) must be submitted. Where a religious leader has been in post for only a part of the time you have worshipped there, they should state how they are able to confirm your attendance for the whole period. Please note the **maximum** number of marks available for Period of Attendance at Worship is 9.

Criteria A2 Marking Process

Frequency of Attendance at Worship	Marks
More than weekly throughout the year	5
Four/Five times per month	4
Three times per month	3
Fortnightly	2
Monthly	1
Major Festivals only	0.5

Period of Attendance at Worship	Marks
Greater than 8 years	9
Between 7 and 8 years	8
Between 6 and 7 years	7
Between 5 and 6 years	6
Between 4 and 5 years	5
Between 3 and 4 years	4
Between 2 and 3 years	3
Between 1 and 2 years	2
Less than 1 year	1

The **total** mark awarded for each application will be the product of the marks for frequency and period of attendance for worship, (i.e. frequency mark multiplied by period of attendance mark). Places are offered strictly in descending order of each applicant's **total** mark.

The evidence on Criteria A2 Supplementary Information Form (SIF A2) will be used by the Board of Governors in determining which applicants are awarded places. The evidence will help the Board of Governors assess the commitment, in terms of frequency and duration, which the applicant has devoted to their religious community.

C. Children are siblings if:

A brother or a sister, half-brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or sister, or the child of a parent/carer's partner, and in every case the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

Priority will be given where the applicant's sibling is a member of the school community in Years 7-11 or, where they are in the sixth form, had previously studied at the school in Years 7-11 (priority 1 sibling). Any remaining places would be allocated to an applicant where their sibling attends the school but had not previously studied at the school in Years 7-11 (priority 2 sibling).

**D. Children of worshipping members of Other Christian denominations and Other Major Faiths:
(These applications must be accompanied by form SIF A5, which is available from the School).**

In the event that during the period specified for attendance the relevant place of worship has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the relevant place of worship or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

- i) For parents/carers to be 'worshipping members', the applying parent/carer of the child, who lives at the child's home address, needs to be regarded by the priest/minister/worship leader as being part of the worshipping community at the church/worship centre. A church/worship centre will be determined by the award of a worship license as issued by the Local Authority. This would not necessarily mean that the parent/carer is a "Member" in the technical sense (e.g. through baptism, confirmation or electoral roll) but would imply a pattern of attendance at worship (on Sunday or at other times) that is more than "occasional" and **has been sustained for at least five years**. All SIF A5 Forms that are supported in this way will then be ranked by a lottery. Each application will be allocated a number and the numbers will be drawn at random to produce the rank order that will determine which children are awarded a place in this category.
- ii) Children of worshipping members of 'Other Christian denominations' are defined as members of any Church that is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance. To confirm whether your Church is a member of Churches Together in England please visit the following website - [Member Church Directory – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://MemberChurchDirectory-ChurchesTogetherinEngland.cte.org.uk)

The following denominations are affiliated to Churches Together in England:

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles + Ireland (2005)
Apostolic Church UK (2019)
Apostolic Faith Mission International Ministries (2023)
Apostolic Pastoral Congress (2011)
Armenian Orthodox Church (2013)
Assemblies of God (2012)
Baptist Union of Great Britain (1990)
Calvary Church of God in Christ (2017)
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (1990)
Church of England (1990)
Church of God of Prophecy (2005)
Church of Scotland (Presbytery of England) (1993)
Churches in Communities International (2010)
Congregational Federation (1990)
Coptic Orthodox Church (2003)

Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK (1990)
 Council of Lutheran Churches (1990)
 Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches (temporarily defunct) (1990)
 Elim Pentecostal Church (2009)
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (2011)
 Fellowship of Churches in Christ (2023)
 Free Church of England (2010)
 Free Churches Group (1990)
 Ground Level (2012)
 Holy Apostolic Catholic Syrian Church of the East (2021)
 Ichthus Christian Fellowship (1990)
 Independent Methodist Churches (1990)
 International Ministerial Council of Great Britain (1990)
 Ixthus Church Council (2016)
 Joint Council of Churches for All Nations (1990)
 Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church)
 Mar Thoma Church in Europe (2009)
 Methodist Church (1990)
 Moravian Church
 New Testament Assembly (1990)
 New Testament Church of God (2006)
 Oecumenical Patriarchate (1990)
 Order of St. Leonard (2018)
 Pioneer (2012)
 Presbyterian Church of Ghana in England (2019)
 Redeemed Christian Church of God (2007)
 Religious Society of Friends (1990)
 Ruach Network of Churches (2014)
 Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) (1990)
 Salvation Army (1990)
 Serbian Orthodox Church (2018)
 Synod of German-speaking Lutheran, Reformed, and United Congregations in Great Britain (2007)
 Transatlantic Pacific Alliance of Churches (2005)
 Unification Council of Cherubim + Seraphim Churches (Europe Chapter) (1990)
 United Kingdom World Evangelism Trust (2015)
 United Reformed Church (1990)
 Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (2021)
 Wesleyan Holiness Church (1990)
 Wesleyan Reform Union (2019)

iii) To confirm whether your Church is a member of the **Evangelical Alliance**, please visit the following website;
<https://www.eauk.org/churches>

iv) Children of members of the following major faiths: Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

- E. **The relevant sections of the SIF/A2/A5 form (Appendix B and C) should be filled in by the applying parent and then sent to the priest/religious leader for completion. Once the form has been completed, the applying parent should return it to the School. The address submitted on Supplementary Information Forms (SIF A2 and SIF A5)(Appendix B and C) should be the child's home. This is the home at which the child spends the majority of school week nights (Sunday – Thursday inclusive).**

- F. The Board of Governors will deal with late applications after all of the 'on time' applications have been processed.
- G. Parents/Guardians/Carers not offered a place for their child due to the School having admitted up to the published admission number (PAN, 135) will be advised of their right to appeal.
- H. Pupils admitted to Category B1 will have taken the Governors' Entrance Examination and will have been ranked in order of merit. The examination consists of tests in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning.

A minimum total score of 40 out of 58 will be required for the child to be considered for admission. Places are offered strictly in descending order of each child's total score. Examples of the English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning tests are on The King's (The Cathedral) School website Year 7 Admissions page.

- I. Pupils will be allocated for category B2 by audition, carried out by the Music staff of The King's (The Cathedral) School. At the audition the candidate will be expected to:

- i) Perform a piece of his/her choice on their main instrument or voice. Candidates who play another instrument may, if they wish, perform a second piece.

- ii) Respond to various aural tests which might include:

Repetition of a melody

Clapping a rhythm

Identification of time signatures/beats in bars.

- iii) The following scoring system will be used to determine the successful music applicants:

- a) Performance of chosen piece

This will be judged and scored by considering both the difficulty of the music performed and the quality of the performance.

Level of Difficulty	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Grade 3	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24
Grade 4	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29
Grade 5	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34
Grade 6	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39
Grade 7	30 - 34	35 - 39	40

b) Response to tests:

Level	Points
Grade 4	5 - 9
Grade 5	10 - 14
Grade 6	15 - 19
Grade 7	20

Each applicant will be awarded a total mark for the audition and places will be awarded to the top three scoring pupils.

- J. Admission of children out of their normal age group – Parents/carers may seek a place for their child out of their normal age group by completing the Local Authority Common Application Form. In addition, parents should write to the Registrar to request consideration of the request. The Admissions Committee will convene a panel to consider the request and will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking account of:

- the parent's/carers' views;
- information about the child's academic, social and emotional development;
- where relevant, the child's medical history and the views of a medical professional;
- whether the child has previously been educated out of their normal age group;
- whether the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely;
- the Headteacher's views.

If the Admissions Committee does not agree to this request to be admitted out of cohort, there is no right of appeal against that decision.

- K. If the School has more applications than places available, unsuccessful parents may elect to place their child's name on a waiting list. Pupils will be placed on the waiting list in strict order according to the oversubscription criteria on the Admissions Policy. If a place becomes available at the School, places will be allocated according to the oversubscription criteria. The waiting list will be held from the allocation of places date, until the end of the academic year. Parents will be asked to contact the School and the local authority, to request that their child's name be placed on the waiting list.
- L. Please note that children who are the subject of a direction by the Local Authority to admit, or who are allocated a place in accordance with a Fair Access Protocol will take preference over those on the waiting list.

Category Specific Requirements Overview

As stated in the oversubscription criteria on pages 3-9, parents/carers can apply in as many categories where they meet the entrance requirements. Please see the below table which outlines the specific requirements for parents/carers applying under certain application categories. **This is intended as a guide only and parents/carers should always refer back to the oversubscription criteria on pages 3-9 for further clarification.**

Category A	Specific Requirements
EHCP Please note that children with an EHCP do not need to sit the Entrance Exam or attend the Music Auditions.	If your child has an EHCP their transition to secondary school will be processed by the SEND team at your Local Authority, not through general school admissions. Please contact them directly for further information.
A1 – Looked After Child	Please email proof of your child's LAC status/adoption certificate to admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk
A2 – Children of worshipping members of the Church of England and Methodist Church of Great Britain	You must submit a SIF by 31st October 2026 – see further information on page 11-12.
A3 – Children of Staff	You must email the Registrar and tick the staff box on the Local Authority Application Form.
A4 – Siblings	You must tick the sibling box and enter the sibling's full name on the Local Authority Application form.
A5 – Children of worshipping members of other Christian denominations or of Other Major Faiths	You must submit a SIF by 31st October 2026 – see further information on page 11-12.
A6 – Proximity	No additional information required to apply in category A6, Proximity to school.
Category B	
B1 – Academic Ability (Entrance Exam)	Your child must achieve the pass mark of 40 to apply in category B1. Children that achieve the pass mark are ranked strictly in descending order. The top 12 students are offered a place. If two children receive the same score they are given an equal ranking and the 'tiebreaker' will be applied and applications are then ranked by distance.
B2 – Musical Ability (Music Auditions)	Your child must attend the Music Auditions and achieve a ranking. Children that achieve a ranking are then ranked strictly in descending order and the top 3 students are offered a place.

Out of Cohort

If your child has been educated out of cohort then you must contact the School Registrar to request consideration of the request. We will require a letter from your child's current Headteacher. Please follow the instructions in the admissions policy on page 9.

Faith Categories

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF)

If you wish to apply in either of the Faith categories below, then you then you **must** submit the relevant Supplementary Information Form (SIF) **directly to the school**:

- A2 - Children of worshipping members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain
- A5 - Children of worshipping members of other Christian denominations or of Other Major Faiths

Please ensure you read the information below for the category you intend to apply in and that you complete the correct SIF form. A hard copy of the A2 and A5 SIFs are included in the appendices of this booklet. The SIFs are also available to download in PDF format on the school website.

The deadline to submit a SIF for your application to be considered in the first round, is the 31st October 2026.

Category A2 – Church of England/Methodist

As a Church of England school, we can admit up to 74 pupils under category A2. If you are a worshipping member of the **Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain** then please ask your Vicar/Priest to complete their section of the A2 SIF.

Please note the following important points before submitting your A2 SIF:

- Worship is based on the parent/carer's attendance not the child.
- The SIF must be completed in full by your Vicar/Priest.
- The Vicar/Priest must include the dates you began worshipping (month/year).
- Your Vicar/Priest must sign and stamp your form. If your church does not have an official stamp then we request that the Vicar/Priest provides a letter on church letterheaded paper or emails admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk stating that they completed the SIF for your application.
- Parents/Carers can submit more than one SIF if they have attended more than one church or have moved churches. The SIF must be completed by the Vicar/Priest from that church.
- If your church is in interregnum (currently without a Vicar/Priest) then please ask a Church Warden or other person responsible for the running of the church during the interregnum

period to complete and sign your SIF. Please ask them to email admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk to explain the current situation at your church.

Category A5 – Other Christian Denominations and Other Faiths

Please note the following important points before submitting your A5 SIF:

- Worship is based on the parent/carer's attendance not the child and you must have at least **five** years of sustained worship.
- The SIF must be completed in full by your Religious Leader.
- Your Religious Leader must sign and stamp your form. If your place of worship does not have an official stamp then we request that the Religious Leader provides a letter on official letterheaded paper or emails admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk stating that they completed the SIF for your application.
- Other Christian Denominations - your place of worship must be registered with either Churches Together or the Evangelical Alliance. Please refer to the instructions on the A5 SIF for further information
- For an application to be considered under this oversubscription criterion, the address provided must have been a registered place of worship for at least 5 years with the Local Authority.
- **As per the admissions policy all eligible applications in category A5 are ranked by a lottery draw.**

Submitting your SIF

- You can submit a hard copy in person at front reception, or alternatively email a clear, legible scanned PDF version to admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk Please state your child's full name and DOB in the subject line.
- You must submit your completed SIF directly to the school for your application to be considered in either category A2 or category A5. **It is very important that you submit the SIF directly to the school.**
- The deadline to submit a SIF for your application to be considered in the first round, is the **31st October 2026**.
- **We strongly recommend submitting your SIF in plenty of time.** Please note that the school is closed from 26th October – 30th October 2026 for half term and will reopen on Monday 2nd November 2026.
- **Any SIFs submitted after the 31st October deadline will not be considered in the first round of applications.**

Category A4 – Sibling

- If you already have a child at the school, you **must** tick the sibling box on the Local Authority Secondary School application form and submit the sibling's name and DOB.
- **Failure to tick this box will mean that your child's application will not be considered in category A4, sibling.**
- Unfortunately, sibling admission into the school is not guaranteed.
- As per the admissions policy, sibling applications are ranked by priority 1 and priority 2 and then by distance.

Category A6 - Proximity

Please note that the school does not operate a catchment area and historically we have been unable to offer places in category A6 as they have been filled with applicants from higher categories.

Category B1 Academic Ability and Category B2 Musical Ability

- Your child only needs to take the Entrance Exam or attend a Music Audition if you are applying under Category B1 (Academic Ability) or Category B2 (Musical Ability).
- These are **not** required for applications under any other category.
- There are **12 places** available in Category B1 (Academic Ability) and **3 places** available in Category B2 (Musical Ability).
- **Please note that all of the categories are ranked separately and sitting the Entrance Exam/ attending the Music Auditions does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place in another category.**
- Children with an EHCP do **not** need to sit the Entrance Exam or attend the Music Auditions. If your child has an EHCP you will not apply through General Admissions for a Year 7 place. Your child's transfer to secondary school will be processed by the SEN team at your Local Authority. Please see the LA school admissions website for further information.
- Only children born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will be eligible for Year 7 entry in September 2027 and can be registered to sit the Entrance Exam/attend the Music Auditions.
- The Entrance Exam is being held on **Saturday 3 October 2026**. There is no other opportunity to sit the Entrance Exam.
- The Music auditions are being held on **Wednesday 30 September, Thursday 1 and Friday 2 October 2026**.
- **The deadline to register for the Entrance Exam and Music Auditions is 3.25pm on Monday 28 September 2026.** We are sorry but we cannot accept any late registrations.
- There is no other opportunity to sit the entrance exam/attend the music auditions.
- Please refer to the Entrance Exam and Music Auditions FAQs in the appendices for further information.

Key Dates for Year 7 2027 Applications

Tuesday 22 September 2026	Open Evening: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Monday 28 September 2026, 3.25pm	Deadline for submitting Entrance Exam and Music Audition Registration Forms
Tuesday 29 September 2026, 10am	Deadline for booking a Music Audition. Please follow instructions on the Music Audition registration form.
Tuesday 29 September 2026, 3.25pm	Entrance Exam- Access Arrangements For children who currently receive access arrangements at primary school, information must be submitted by the school to our SENDCO for review by 3.25pm on Tuesday 29 September.
Wednesday 30, Thursday 1, Friday 2 October 2026	Music Auditions
Saturday 3 October 2026	Entrance Exam: 8.45 am (doors open from 8.00 am)
By Wednesday 7 October 2026	Entrance Exam results and Music Audition results sent to parents.
31 October 2026	Deadline for submitting The King's School Supplementary Information forms (SIF A2/SIF A5) and Supporting Information for Looked After Children applications.
31 October 2026	Deadline for submitting your Local Authority Secondary School Application.
1 March 2027	National Offer Day Local Authorities notify parents of application decisions



How to Apply for a Year 7 place - Parent/Carer Checklist

Please ensure that your child's Local Authority Secondary School Application is completed in full and submitted by the deadline. Parents/carers are responsible for meeting the application deadline.

Action	Deadline Date	Completed
Read the Year 7 Over-Subscription criteria on pages 3-9, to check which categories you can apply in for your child. - You can apply in as many categories where you meet the entrance requirements. - All of the categories are ranked separately. - Sitting the Entrance Exam does not increase your child's chances of being offered a place in any of the other categories.	Before you submit your child's application	
Faith Categories only - Read the guidance on pages 11-12 how to submit a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). - Submit the relevant SIF directly to the school by the 31st October deadline. - A hard copy of the SIFs are included in this booklet and are also available in PDF format on the school website. - You can submit a hard copy in person at front reception, or alternatively email a clear, legible copy to admissions@kings.peterborough.sch Please state your child's full name and DOB in the subject line. - Any SIFs submitted after the 31st October deadline will not be considered in the first round of applications.	31st October 2026	
Category B only - Read the guidance on page 13 about the Entrance Exam/Music Auditions. - The entrance exam and music audition registration forms open on the school website on the 11 September 2026. - The deadline to register your child to sit the entrance exam/attend the music auditions is 3.25pm on Monday 28th September 2026. - The deadline to book at music audition is 10am on Tuesday 29th September 2026. - For children who currently receive access arrangements at primary school, information must be submitted by the school to our SENDCO for review no later than 3.25pm on Tuesday 29 September. - We are unable to accept late registrations. - You will receive your child's entrance exam/music audition results via email by Wednesday 7 October 2026.	3.25pm on Monday 29th September 2026	



Action	Deadline Date	Completed
Complete your Local Authority Secondary School Application Form by 31st October 2026 • You must apply through your Local Authority (who you pay council tax to) by the 31st October 2026. • If you have issues with the LA online portal please contact them directly. • You must tick all of the boxes for the categories that you wish to apply in on the Local Authority Secondary School application form. • If you are applying in category A4, Sibling – then you must tick the sibling box and submit the name and DOB of the child who is currently on roll at The King's (The Cathedral) School. • Please note that there is no specific box for the entrance exam/music auditions - Please tick 'aptitude' (this is an option on the Peterborough LA application form). Please also add a note to the application, stating that you child was ranked in category B1 Academic (entrance exam)/B2 Musical ability (music auditions).	31st October 2026	
Secondary National Offer Day – 1st March 2027 • If you applied to your LA by the 31st October 2026, you will receive the outcome of your application from your LA on Secondary National Offer Day which is Monday 1st March 2027. • Please note that we are unable to inform you of the outcome of your application. Your LA will inform you directly on National Offer Day. • Accepting a place – we will post a message on our homepage on National Offers Day and will email you by Tuesday 2nd March with further instructions on how to accept the place. • Waiting lists – if we were unable to offer your child a place and you would like further information, then please visit our home page. We will post a message with instructions on how to request your child's waiting list position and a National Offer Day FAQ document.	N/A	



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF A2) YEAR 7 ENTRY SEPT 2027

This form must be completed if you wish to be considered in the oversubscription criteria of Children of Worshipping Members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain

Child's Details (Parent/Carer to complete)

Surname	Forename(s) in full	Gender
		Male / Female
Date of Birth	Address and Postcode	Contact Telephone No.
Current School Name & Address:		

Parent/Carer's Details

Title	Initial	Surname	Parent/Carer's signature

Priest to complete

Parent/Carer's Pattern of Worship (Parent/Carer named above)			Please see notes overleaf	
Frequency of Worship	Please Tick	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	No. of Years
More than weekly throughout the year				
Four/Five times per month				
Three times per month				
Fortnightly				
Monthly				
Major Festivals				
Other comments relating <u>ONLY</u> to parent/carers' pattern of worship:				

Signature of Priest/Minister: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____ Church: _____

PLEASE SEE NOTES OVERLEAF

Official Church
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Please return completed forms to: The School Registrar,
The King's (The Cathedral) School, Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2UE
by **31 October 2026**.

Privacy Notice: The information you provide on this form will be used to assess your application for your child to the school. It will be shared with the Admissions Committee and the Local Authority. Further information about how we handle personal information and your rights is available on our website at www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk

For School use:

Frequency:	Duration:	
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF A2) NOTES FOR PRIESTS

Children of Worshipping Members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain

In completing the form only provide information for **your** church and to your certain knowledge. Please do not simply pass on information provided by the applicant. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide additional support forms from any other church at which they may have worshipped.

If the frequency of worship is variable over the period covered, please provide further information in the other comments relating to parent/carer's pattern of worship box overleaf.

If you have not been in post for the whole period covered please state how you are able to verify the information.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Marking Process for Children of Worshipping Members of the Church of England, Church of Wales, The Episcopal Church of Scotland and Methodist Church of Great Britain

Frequency of Attendance at Worship	Marks
More than weekly throughout the year	5
Four/Five times per month	4
Three times per month	3
Fortnightly	2
Monthly	1
Major Festivals only	0.5

Period of Attendance at Worship	Marks
Greater than 8 years	9
Between 7 and 8 years	8
Between 6 and 7 years	7
Between 5 and 6 years	6
Between 4 and 5 years	5
Between 3 and 4 years	4
Between 2 and 3 years	3
Between 1 and 2 years	2
Less than 1 year	1

The total mark awarded for each application will be the product of the marks for frequency and period of attendance for worship, (i.e. frequency mark multiplied by period of attendance mark). Places are offered strictly in descending order of each applicant's total mark.



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (SIF A5) YEAR 7 ENTRY SEPT 2027

This form must be completed if you wish to be considered in the oversubscription criteria of Children of Worshipping Members of other Christian denominations or of Other Major Faiths

Child's Details (Parent/Carer to complete)

Surname	Forename(s) in full	Gender
		Male / Female
Date of Birth	Address and Postcode	Contact Telephone No.
Current School Name & Address:		

Parent/Carer's Details

Title	Initial	Surname	Parent/Carer's signature

(Religious Leader to complete)

Worshipping member of another Christian denomination or another faith (state which)
.....

I verify that the Parent/Carer (**named above**): has been an active member of this congregation/religious community for **at least the last five years**.

Signature of **Religious Leader**:

Role in the Religious Community:

Official
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I confirm we are a member of:

*Churches Together in England	*Evangelical Alliance	* Address of Registered Place of Worship

*** Please indicate**

For an application to be considered under this oversubscription criterion, the address provided must have been a registered place of worship for at least 5 years with the Local Authority.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance the relevant place of worship has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the relevant place of worship or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

Privacy Notice: The information you provide on this form will be used to assess your application for your child to the school. It will be shared with the Admissions Committee and the Local Authority. Further information about how we handle personal information and your rights is available on our website at www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk



Children of worshipping members of Other Christian denominations and Other Major Faiths:

- i) For parents/carers to be 'worshipping members', the applying parent/carer of the child, who lives at the child's home address, needs to be regarded by the priest/minister/worship leader as being part of the worshipping community at the church/worship centre. A church/worship centre will be determined by the award of a worship license as issued by the Local Authority. This would not necessarily mean that the parent/carer is a "Member" in the technical sense (e.g. through baptism, confirmation or electoral roll) but would imply a pattern of attendance at worship (on Sunday or at other times) that is more than "occasional" and **has been sustained for at least five years.**
- ii) Children of worshipping members of 'Other Christian denominations' are defined as members of any Church that is a member of Churches Together in England, or the Evangelical Alliance. To confirm whether your Church is a member of Churches Together in England please visit the following website - [Member Church Directory – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://cte.org.uk)

The following denominations are affiliated to Churches Together in England:

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles + Ireland (2005)
Apostolic Church UK (2019)
Apostolic Faith Mission International Ministries (2023)
Apostolic Pastoral Congress (2011)
Armenian Orthodox Church (2013)
Assemblies of God (2012)
Baptist Union of Great Britain (1990)
Calvary Church of God in Christ (2017)
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (1990)
Church of England (1990)
Church of God of Prophecy (2005)
Church of Scotland (Presbytery of England) (1993)
Churches in Communities International (2010)
Congregational Federation (1990)
Coptic Orthodox Church (2003)
Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK (1990)
Council of Lutheran Churches (1990)
Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches (temporarily defunct) (1990)
Elim Pentecostal Church (2009)
Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (2011)
Fellowship of Churches in Christ (2023)
1Free Church of England (2010)
Free Churches Group (1990)
Ground Level (2012)
Holy Apostolic Catholic Syrian Church of the East (2021)
Ichthus Christian Fellowship (1990)
Independent Methodist Churches (1990)
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain (1990)
Ixthus Church Council (2016)
Joint Council of Churches for All Nations (1990)
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church)
Mar Thoma Church in Europe (2009)
Methodist Church (1990)
Moravian Church
New Testament Assembly (1990)
New Testament Church of God (2006)
Oecumenical Patriarchate (1990)



Order of St. Leonard (2018)
Pioneer (2012) Redeemed Christian Church of God (2007)
Presbyterian Church of Ghana in England (2019)
Redeemed Christian Church of God (2007)
Religious Society of Friends (1990)
Ruach Network of Churches (2014)
Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) (1990)
Salvation Army (1990)
Serbian Orthodox Church (2018)
Synod of German-speaking Lutheran, Reformed, and United Congregations in Great Britain (2007)
Transatlantic Pacific Alliance of Churches (2005)
Unification Council of Cherubim + Seraphim Churches (Europe Chapter) (1990)
United Kingdom World Evangelism Trust (2015)
United Reformed Church (1990)
Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland (2021)
Wesleyan Holiness Church (1990)
Wesleyan Reform Union (2019)

iii) To confirm whether your Church is a member of the **Evangelical Alliance**, please visit the following website; <https://www.eauk.org/churches>

iv) Children of members of the following major faiths: Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

All Supplementary Information Forms (SIF A5) that are supported in this way will then be ranked by a lottery. Each application will be allocated a number and the numbers will be drawn at random to produce the rank order that will determine which children are awarded a place in this category.

The address submitted on Supplementary Information Form (SIF A5) should be the child's home. This is the home at which the child spends the majority of school week nights (Sunday – Thursday inclusive).

The relevant sections of the SIF A5 form should be filled in by the applying parent and then sent to the priest/religious leader for completion. Once the form has been completed, the applying parent should return it to:

**The School Registrar
The King's (The Cathedral) School
Park Road
Peterborough
PE1 2UE**

Closing Date: 31 October 2026



FAQs - Entrance Examination for Year 7 Entry

Preparation/Format of the Entrance Examination

Q ***Is the Entrance Exam equivalent to the 11+ Exam?***

A The entrance exam is equivalent to the 11 plus exam, but is set by the school. It tests English, Maths and verbal reasoning.

Q ***Where can I find an example of the Entrance Exam paper?***

A An example paper can be found on The King's School website under Admissions, Year 7. Please note that the paper and answer sheet is provided so candidate can familiarise themselves with the layout of the exam only. We do not provide the mark scheme for the sample paper.

Q ***Are there any other practice papers that the candidate can refer to?***

A Book shops sell practice guides for 11+ Exams.

Registration for the Entrance Examination

Q ***When can I register my child to sit the exam?***

A The online registration form for the entrance exam opens the second week of September on the school website. Your child must be in Year 6 to sit the entrance exam.

Q ***Will I receive confirmation that the online registration form has been received?***

A Yes, you will receive an automated response to the email address used to register your child for the Entrance Exam. There will be a registration document attached to the email with full instructions for the day. If you do not receive this, then please check Junk/Spam folders before contacting the school at EntranceExam@kings.peterborough.sch.uk

Q ***My child has an EHCP, do they need to sit the entrance exam?***

A No, children with an EHCP do not need to sit the entrance exam. Transfer to secondary school for children with an EHCP is separate to general school admissions. Please contact the SEND team at your Local Authority or speak to the SENDCO at your child's Primary School for further information.

Q ***We are in the process of applying for an EHCP for my child but it hasn't been granted yet. Can my child sit the entrance exam?***

A Until an EHCP is granted and the final paperwork issued your child's application to secondary school will be processed through general admissions. If you wish to apply in category B1, Academic for your child, then you are welcome to register your child to sit the entrance exam.



- Q** *My child has another commitment and can't attend the Entrance exam. Is there any other opportunity to sit the exam?*
- A** Unfortunately, the only opportunity to sit the entrance exam is in early October when your child is in Year 6. We only run one entrance exam and cannot offer alternative dates.
- Q** *My child receives extra time at their primary school in assessments (for example, if they are dyslexic). Can they receive extra time for the entrance exam?*
- A** Please follow the instructions on the registration form on how to submit a request for Access Arrangements. You must arrange for the SENDCO at your child's school to email evidence of the access arrangements by the published deadline. The information will be reviewed by our SENDCO, and we will inform your child's primary school of the outcome. Please note that requests submitted after the deadline may not be considered.

On the day

- Q** *Will the car park be open on the morning of the Entrance Exam?*
- A** we are sorry but there is no car parking available on the school site or the main road. It is strongly recommended that you park elsewhere in Peterborough and walk to the school.
- Q** *Does the candidate need to bring any stationery or equipment with them?*
- A** Pens, pencils and erasers will be provided by the School for the candidate to use. Your child **does not** need to bring any equipment with them.
- Q** *Can parents/carers wait for the candidate whilst they take the Entrance Exam?*
- A** Parents/carers are asked to register their child and then leave. Please return to pick them up at 10:45.

Results

- Q** *What is the pass mark for the entrance exam?*
- A** The pass mark is 40. To apply in category B1, Academic ability applicants must achieve the pass mark. The places are offered to the top 12 students, strictly in descending order of marks.
- Q** *When will the results of the Entrance Exam be available?*
- A** Results will be sent to the email address that was used to register your child for the entrance exam by the **Wednesday** after the exam.
- Q** *Can I contact the School to receive the result before I receive the email?*
- A** No, we do not disclose results over the phone. Please wait to receive your child's result by email. If you do not receive an email then please check your Junk/Spam folders before contacting the school.



Q *Can I apply for a place at The King's School under the academic criteria before my child has sat the Entrance Exam?*

A It is advisable to wait until the result of the Entrance Exam is known, to ensure that the child has met the minimum score requirement for the academic criteria B1.

Q *My child has received an equal ranking. What does this mean?*

A The equal ranking means that your child has achieved the same score as another candidate. As per the admissions policy, when children are ranked equally the 'tie breaker' is applied and applications are ranked by distance.

Q *Can I request a re-mark of my child's exam?*

A After receiving your child's results you may request a manual recheck. Please contact EntranceExam@kings.peterborough.sch.uk , stating your child's full name and DOB in the subject line. Please note that your child's score may go up or down following a manual re-check and their rank will be adjusted accordingly.

Q *Can I request a copy of my child's exam paper?*

A We do not allow candidates or parents access to copies of answer or question papers.

Q *My child did not achieve the pass mark. Can I still apply for a Year 7 place?*

A Yes, you are welcome to apply in any other categories where you meet the entrance requirements.



FAQs Music Auditions for Year 7 Entry

Q ***Where will the auditions take place?***

A The auditions will take place in the Music Department at Madeley House on Park Road. If you should need directions please go to our Main Reception and they will advise you.

Q ***Can I borrow an instrument from The King's School to use at my audition?***

A No, however, a School piano and drum kit will be available (please bring your own drum sticks).

Q ***How many pieces of music can be played?***

A Up to two pieces – as given in the Admissions Criteria.

Q ***What grade is the aural?***

A Listening tests such as clapping rhythms, singing a melody back, recognition as to how many notes are being played in a chord all start off at an easy level and then get progressively harder.

Q ***Is it worth applying for the audition if a student is not already at a high grade?***

A We cannot prescribe a standard so candidates can apply at whatever level they are currently at. However, past candidates who have been recommended to the Governors have been of the equivalent of between a Grade 4 and Grade 7 and with good responses to the Aural Tests. (Students do not have to have taken these exams).

Q ***Do pieces of music need to be sent to the School beforehand or brought along on the day of the audition?***

A Music can be brought in on the day of the audition.

Q ***Will there be any warm-up time beforehand and for how long?***

A Yes, we will try to make a room available for practice with the practice session lasting no longer than ten minutes.

Q ***Do students need to bring along proof of grades to the audition?***

A No, but students can bring mark sheets or certificates if they wish.

Q ***Can a student bring along an accompanist?***

A Yes. – please state this on the registration form.

Q ***When will the results of the audition be available?***

A Results will be sent to you via email by the Wednesday after the auditions.

Q ***Can I apply for a place at The King's School under the music criteria before my child has sat the Music Audition?***

A It is advisable to wait until after the result of the Audition is known to ensure that the child has been recommended by The King's School for a music place.

Questions?

Please contact the School Registrar, Mrs Rebecca Pasqualino:

Please include your child's full name and DOB in the subject line of your email.

We aim to respond to your email as soon as possible and no later than 5 school days from receipt. Please note that we experience a high volume of enquiries in September and October and recommend that you contact us in plenty of time before the deadline.

admissions@kings.peterborough.sch.uk

Please scan the QR code below to access this booklet on our website:



www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk



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