The King's (The Cathedral) School Peterborough



Sixth Form Prospectus 2027 Entry

A FAMILY ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Welcome!



Thank you for the interest you have shown in The King's School Sixth Form. This booklet is designed to give you details of the wide range of opportunities available to Sixth Form students at the School - opportunities which will help you develop all your abilities and talents. In joining our Sixth Form you will be following in the footsteps of many former students who have achieved high levels of academic success in all subject areas.

You will also be encouraged to extend the range and depth of your personal skills and interests, by participating in an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities available in the School. Approximately one third of our Sixth Formers join us post-GCSE. We believe that life in our Sixth Form is challenging and exciting, a place to make new and lasting friendships and to extend your horizons, as well as your life out of school. I hope that you feel the same way and would wish to join us next September. Meanwhile, every good wish for success in your GCSE examinations.

Yours faithfully,

JH - Harrison

John Harrison
Headteacher

From the Head Students



The King's School is like an extended family with a close and supportive environment where pupils not only achieve academic success but also excel at the many extracurricular activities that are on offer. High standards are expected at King's, not only to enable pupils to achieve academically but also to promote positive behaviour, encouraging pupils to treat each other with kindness and respect.

As a student at King's, you are appreciated for your individuality, always made to feel welcome and support is readily available if you need it.

Our favourite aspect of the school is that inclusivity is at the core of all of its traditions - whether it is House Music, Sports Day, or the Cathedral Services - everybody is celebrated for their contribution.

The history of the school is something that is really very special. It is very motivational to see the names of previous students displayed on the walls of the building, celebrating their achievements which encourages current students to want to emulate their success. It is so inspiring that so many pupils really immerse themselves in all that The King's School has to offer so that they too can become part of that history.

Nicholas & Victory
Head Students 2026-2027

Why Study at King's?

At The King's School, Sixth Form is more than just the next step in your academic journey - it is a time of transformation. We believe that education should shape not only the mind, but also the character. That is why our Sixth Form experience is designed to help students grow into confident, compassionate, and resilient young adults, ready to thrive in a complex and ever-changing world.

We encourage students to build a broad and balanced programme, combining academic excellence with meaningful enrichment. Whether it is through team sports, part-time work, or volunteering, we know that learning does not stop at the classroom door. These experiences help develop the independence, empathy, and leadership that define a King's student. We set high expectations for everyone in our community. Our shared values: joyfulness, inclusiveness, generosity, and excellence create a culture where students feel supported, challenged, and inspired. Our Code of Conduct is not just a list of rules; it is a shared commitment to the kind of community we want to be.



More information can be found on the Sixth Form pages of our website:
https://www.kings.peterborough.sch.uk/academic-life/the-sixth-form

Enrichment in School

We offer the following opportunities as part of our enrichment programme:

- Sport - team sports and individual sports
- In-school support in Key Stage 3 and 4 lessons
- Voluntary service in the local community
- A variety of Wednesday Afternoon Societies
- CanSat – With the European Space Agency
- Working on the School magazine
- Working in local primary and special schools



Wednesday Run Club

Opportunities Further Afield

There are many opportunities to travel whilst in the King's Sixth Form; these include treks to far flung places, such as Everest Base Camp and Montenegro. This year our students went to Norway and places our annual Ski Trip to Austria are highly sought after.



Trip to Norway 2025

Departmental trips are popular; Art have visited Italy, France and the USA, Economics & Business regularly go to European cities, whilst English & Theatre Studies regularly visit theatres across the UK. This year, languages visited both Paris and Berlin in the same month.

Year 12 Futures Festival

In Year 12 we run a two-day event called the King's Futures Festival, where we invite a people from our wider community to come into King's to discuss their careers, and support our current students in their Post 18 applications.





Most of our students seek to access degree courses at Universities through the UCAS pathway, but an increasing number are entering direct and Degree Apprenticeships. In the last year [Destinations data from RD]. We are very fortunate to have a large number of former students at Oxbridge who help us with our Oxbridge programme of preparation. All students that apply to interviewing universities get at least one mock interview in preparation for their University application.

Leadership & Mentoring

Students may be appointed a **Prefect** in June of Year 12. The duties will be either those of a Pastoral Prefect, assisting a form tutor, or of a Specialist Prefect.

All prefects are members of the Break Duty Team, helping in a particular departmental area and responsible for supervising general behaviour around the School. There are also opportunities for some Prefects to help as House Captains or with particular areas such as Music, the Library Resources Centre, Learning Support and academic departments.



The Student Commission offers further opportunities for leadership at King's. Our Sixth Formers lead Extended Learning Opportunities to Key Stage 3 pupils, deliver Learn to Learn in form time to Key Stage 3 pupils, lead innovation & change within the school, mentor younger pupils and engage in public speaking activities.

The Sixth Form Team

Our Sixth Form Team led by Mr Rob Mbanu has a significant experience in developing the best interests of our Sixth Form at King's. Many of the team have been in post for a number of years and have a significant track record of success.



Mrs S Rickard - Sixth Form Student Support Officer, Mrs C Mouzoures - Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs C Park - Sixth Form Deputy, Mrs L Willis - Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr R Mbanu - Assistant Headteacher (Sixth Form), Mr R Dew - UCAS & Careers Officer, Mr C Dunn - Sixth Form Deputy

Tutor Groups

Students will be placed in a Sixth Form Tutor Group, usually with a tutor who teaches one of their A-Level subjects. Students are encouraged to get to know and consult their Tutor at every stage of the Sixth Form.

Each Tutor is responsible for the welfare of a number of Year 12 and 13 students and is normally the first person to be approached for guidance, advice and support. He/she will review progress on a regular basis and discuss short and long-term goals. It is also the Tutor who writes the personal section of a student's UCAS reference.



Teaching & Results

Students are fully supported throughout their Sixth Form career by their Form Tutor, the Sixth Form Team, their individual subject teachers and a dedicated Pupil Support Officer. We monitor students carefully, to identify those who are experiencing academic or pastoral difficulties. We aim to provide sensitive support for students during their Sixth Form career.



A-Level Results Day 2025

Advice & Guidance

Students have two periods of Learning for Life (LfL) per fortnight in both Year 12 and Year 13.

We aim to inform students of both the processes and demands of Higher Education and of the opportunities and rigours of employment, either post-18 or as a graduate. We will help them write a UCAS Personal Statement or other post-18 applications, and prepare for interviews. Our UCAS Consultant is Mr R Dew.

Students have the opportunity to collect careers information and to obtain guidance during their Sixth Form career. The School also has an Independent Careers Officer, who visits and is available for consultations. We use the Unifrog platform to log and record our student careers progress.



Resource Areas

There is a fine and progressive Library Resource Centre which is used for teaching purposes by all departments. Staff and students are able to use the Library for private study and recreational reading throughout the school day. The Library is on two floors, and has seating for 68 students. There is a stock of over 14,000 print and a good collection of audio book CDs are available for loan.



There are 20 computers on the school curriculum network and 32 netbooks for use within the Library. Online resources such as eBooks, journals and databases are available through the Library Website. JSTOR is available to students in The Sixth Form.

Assessment & Examinations

There are normally 14 teaching periods of 35 minutes each, per fortnight, in all A-Level subjects. All students will follow three A-Level courses of their choice. All A-Level results are awarded UCAS points towards Higher Education entry.



Students will usually be expected to continue with the three subjects they have chosen in Year 12 into Year 13 if they have achieved three passes (A-E) in their end of Year 12 internal examinations. It will very rarely be in a student's best interest to continue with a subject in which they get an 'unclassified' grade at the end of Year 12. Where a student fails to pass two of their three A-Level subjects at the end of Year 12 (i.e. gets an 'unclassified' grade), staff will support students and families in making the appropriate decisions. In exceptional circumstances, a revised programme of study may be offered, subject to timetabling and curriculum constraints.

Private Study (PV)

To achieve their best, each student will need to spend at least five hours per A-Level subject on independent study per week. This will be done at home and during Supervised Private Study periods at school. The move from the GCSE curriculum to the more demanding individual Sixth Form programme of study requires a high level of self-motivation and competent time-management.

Learning for Life

All students have two lessons of Learning for Life a fortnight throughout Years 12 and 13. 'Learning for Life' in the sixth form covers Careers Education, target setting and PSHEE (personal, social, health and economic well-being education. In the sixth form there is a clear focus and emphasis on target setting and post 18 options, including university and employment research and interview skills. Guidance and support are given throughout the research and application process for these.

The School has a long tradition of students going on to Higher Education or joining the professions or business at a younger age. We have good links with universities and local colleges, as well as with local employers and Sixth Form students are given much advice and support to help them progress to the next stage of their career.

Learning for Life also prepares students for continued healthy and safer lifestyles as they make their decisions.



How to Apply

New to King's applicants

New applicants to the school must apply through our data collection partner, Applicaa. Applications for external students for Year 12 for September 2027 will open on **Thursday 1 October 2026.**

Applications will close at 9:00 on **Friday 4 December 2026.** Please click here to access the information on our website **Admissions 2027 - The King's - School**

Once we have received the application we will then contact the student's current school to obtain their predicted GCSE grades.

Current King's Year 11 students must **not** apply via Applicaa. Parents / students will be emailed instructions on how to submit their application and option choices

The outcome of your application

Once the Board of Governors has received the responses from all applicants' current schools, they will make offers. They aim to notify all applicants, both internal and external, by the end of February 2027. The viability of courses depends upon the demand for them.

Provisional offers are based on students obtaining their predicted grades. Those who have been offered a provisional place will be sent information relating to the Induction Course and Uniform Code.

In the event of oversubscription, offers will be made to external applicants on the basis of the availability of the group of subjects required by the applicant. In addition, reference will be made to the applicant's predicted GCSE grades. Offers will be made to candidates with the strongest package of grades.

Let us know your results

All current Year 11 King's School students and external students who have been made a provisional offer of a place must inform the school of their Post-16 intentions by **12.00pm on Friday 20 August 2027.**

Any places not positively accepted by this deadline will automatically be offered to applicants on the waiting list.

The Induction Course at King's

What happens in July

An Induction Course is held after the GCSE exams, which all those who have been offered a provisional place must attend. The course has several purposes:

- attend 'taster' lessons where the demands of the examinations are explained, and get to speak to the subject teachers;
- give students the opportunity to decide whether they are suited to the type of work required at A-Level;
- ensure that students have chosen the right subjects and 'firm up' on option choices;
- get to know the School's buildings and facilities.

Further Information

Details of your A-Level courses

Over the next pages you will find details of our A-Level courses. You will have the opportunity at the Sixth Form Open Evening to discuss the details of the courses with the Head of Department and subject teachers.

How to get in touch

If, after the Open Evening, you then have any further queries relating to the details of the courses, please contact the School Registrar at the email address shown below.

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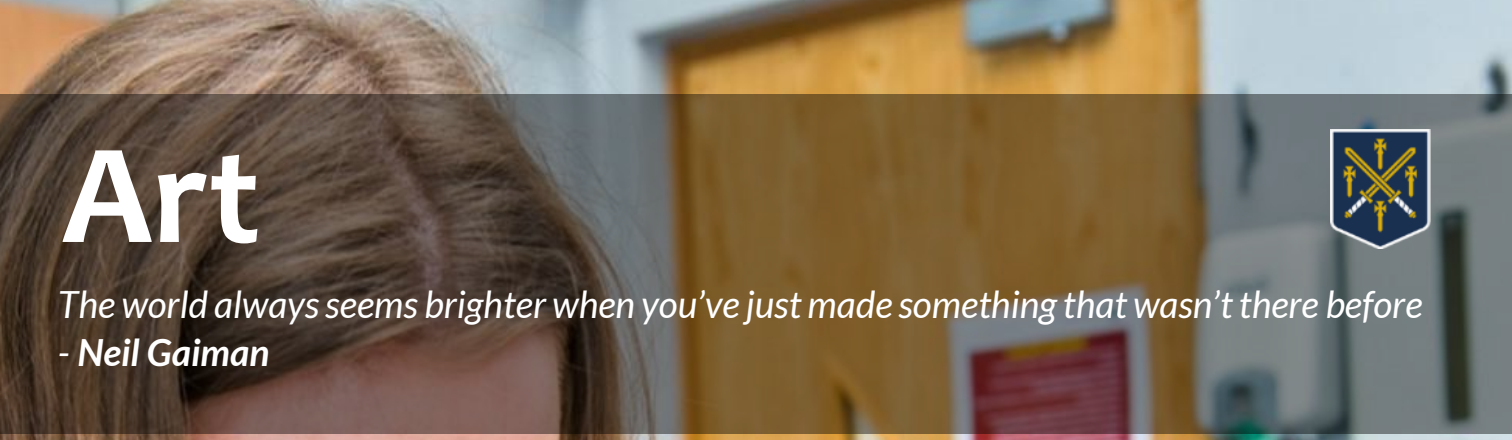
Mr J Harrison

Headteacher

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Art

The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before
*- **Neil Gaiman***



The Sixth Form Art courses at King's are highly rewarding A-Level in Fine Art and Photography. They provide students with the opportunity to develop a personal response to themes and ideas, while exploring and refining their skills and techniques in a range of disciplines. In lessons students develop a broad range of skills in painting, printmaking, sculpture, drawing and photography. There is also a series of critical and contextual lectures delivered throughout the first year, covering art, photography and architecture, giving students a secure grounding in art history.

The department is well-equipped with media and equipment which allows students broad opportunities in terms of the range and scale of the work they may undertake. Students need to have a genuine interest in and commitment to the subject as they are encouraged and expected to pursue personal paths. Students spend a considerable time outside of formal lessons developing their ideas and refining their skills. Students are expected to become responsible for their own learning and should show initiative in directing their study.

The department runs trips and visits to major national galleries to enrich the development of students' critical abilities and enable students to experience art first hand. A residential study trip is arranged during the October half term; destinations have included Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Tuscany and New York.

Extracurricular classes are run in life drawing and students also participate in workshops run by visiting artists throughout the course.

In addition, the courses provide a valuable foundation for further study and career development. Students often go on to courses in a wide range of areas including: architecture, animation, digital imagery, film, special effects, make–up, fashion, footwear, textiles, graphic design, product design, theatre design, jewellery, millinery, printmaking, photography, visual communication, art history, fine art, ceramics, surface decoration, stained glass, fashion marketing or journalism, conservation, museums and galleries curating, bookbinding, illustration, landscape design, interior design and furniture design.

AQA 7202/7206

80.8% A*-B

Grades in 2026
National Pass 68.2 %

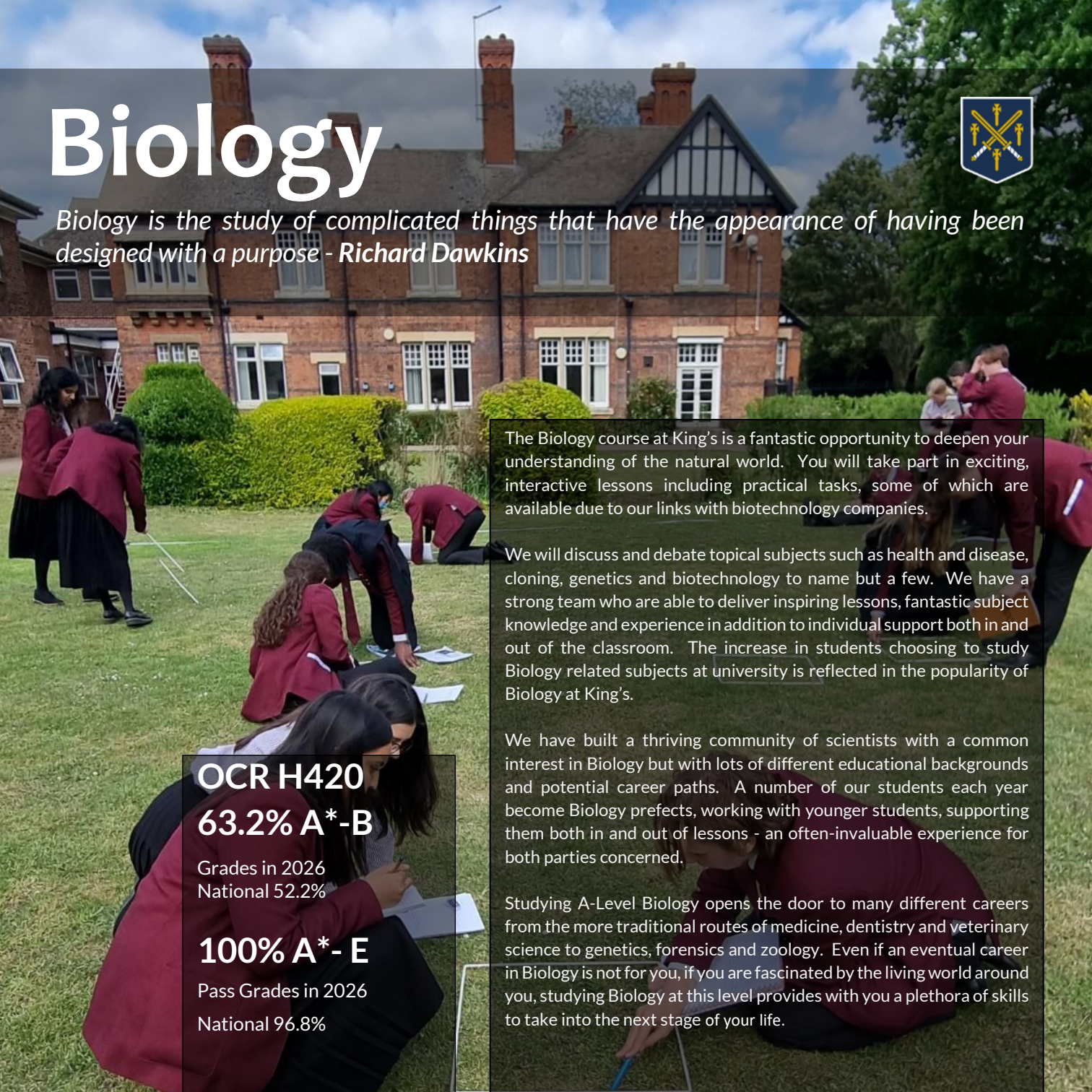
100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026

National 99.6%

Biology

*Biology is the study of complicated things that have the appearance of having been designed with a purpose - **Richard Dawkins***



The Biology course at King's is a fantastic opportunity to deepen your understanding of the natural world. You will take part in exciting, interactive lessons including practical tasks, some of which are available due to our links with biotechnology companies.

We will discuss and debate topical subjects such as health and disease, cloning, genetics and biotechnology to name but a few. We have a strong team who are able to deliver inspiring lessons, fantastic subject knowledge and experience in addition to individual support both in and out of the classroom. The increase in students choosing to study Biology related subjects at university is reflected in the popularity of Biology at King's.

We have built a thriving community of scientists with a common interest in Biology but with lots of different educational backgrounds and potential career paths. A number of our students each year become Biology prefects, working with younger students, supporting them both in and out of lessons - an often-invaluable experience for both parties concerned.

Studying A-Level Biology opens the door to many different careers from the more traditional routes of medicine, dentistry and veterinary science to genetics, forensics and zoology. Even if an eventual career in Biology is not for you, if you are fascinated by the living world around you, studying Biology at this level provides with you a plethora of skills to take into the next stage of your life.

OCR H420

63.2% A*-B

Grades in 2026
National 52.2%

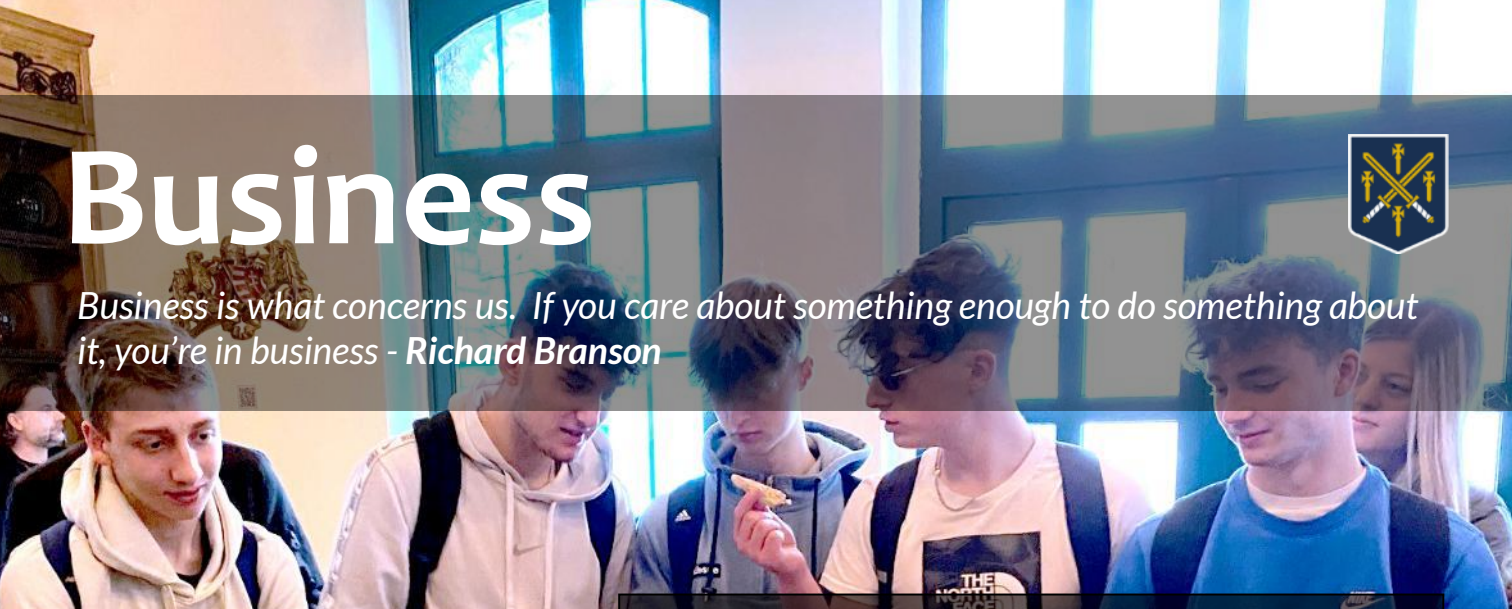
100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026

National 96.8%

Business

*Business is what concerns us. If you care about something enough to do something about it, you're in business - **Richard Branson***



A-Level Business at King's will give you an exciting insight into the dynamic world of business. It is not just a theoretical subject; it is about real life. This combination of academic challenge and practical focus makes the prospect of studying A-Level Business highly appealing. You will learn about businesses and the way they operate in today's society, investigate problems which real businesses are currently facing and use your initiative to develop possible solutions. In lessons you will experience an interesting and challenging learning experience which includes discussion, case studies, visits to local and international businesses, guest speakers, and the opportunity to put your ideas, opinions, independence of thought and initiative to practical use.

By studying A-Level Business you will be given the chance not only to achieve great success within the classroom but also outside of it. Students are given the opportunity to take part in an Investor Challenge and the Tycoon Enterprise Competition where they run their own businesses with a loan from the Peter Jones Foundation. We also offer trips and visits (which have included visits to European cities), which have been really popular with students and provide excellent learning opportunities.

A-Level Business is an excellent base for a university degree, especially degrees in business, management, human resources, accountancy, law, finance, philosophy, politics and economics, sociology and psychology. It also offers a range of career possibilities including banking, insurance, advertising, distribution, sales, accounting, law, education, central or local government and business consultancy. Even if you do not pursue a Business-related course, Business skills touch on every part of our modern society and are in high demand worldwide.

Edexcel 9BS0

90% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 48.3%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National— 98.2%

Chemistry

Every aspect of the world today - even politics and international relations - is affected by chemistry - ***Linus Pauling***

The Chemistry A-Level at King's enables you to deepen your understanding of those 'but why?' moments GCSE provoked and, we hope, inspire you to look at Chemistry beyond the specification. Participation in lessons will lead to you developing a wide range of knowledge from how organic chemicals react to understanding arrangement and entropy; problem solving skills during calculations; and analysing spectroscopic data and practical skills where you will eventually synthesise Aspirin. You will be supported in your learning by experienced, enthusiastic and caring staff who encourage interactive, independent and collaborative learning.

The popularity of Chemistry at King's continues to increase because it is a gateway into a diverse range of careers and because of its close links with both the Physical and Biological Sciences and also Mathematics. Chemistry opens the door to the more traditional routes of medicine, dentistry and veterinary science but also to other routes including Law and Journalism. Many of our students go on to study Medicine, Law and of course Chemistry and other specialist chemistry courses such as Chemical Engineering at University. The mixture of supported and independent study will help prepare you for higher education and your career. A number of our students each year become Chemistry prefects, working with younger students, supporting them both in and out of lessons, meeting families at Open evenings and being ambassadors for a subject they love.

There is also the opportunity to take part in the Chemistry Olympiad competition and Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Chemistry Competition.

AQA 7405

63.4% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 57.7%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 96.8%

Classical Civilisation

*Ancient Rome still matters mainly because Roman debates have given us a template and a language that continue to define the way we understand our own world and think about ourselves - **Mary Beard***



Classical Civilisation is a wide-ranging subject that opens up the Ancient World of Greece and Rome. At The King's School we explore what it means to be a hero in the context of the Trojan War and study the storytelling associated with that war. We study how Greek Religion played an important and integral part in the life of the Greeks and how the gods were believed to influence all aspects of society. In addition, we study the Imagery in art and literature used by Augustus to establish his rule in Rome.

We have a strong Classics department and we aim to use a range of activities in lessons to aid learning. There will be chances to perform, to debate and discuss, to present to one another and to be creative, as well as textual and source analysis.

Classical Civilisation is a multi-disciplinary subject, drawing on skills and understanding across areas like History, Literature, Drama, Art and Architecture, as well as social and cultural awareness. It requires an ability to analyse texts, data and artefacts and to understand the way humans interact with one another. It encourages the ability to present a line of thought and construct a logical argument using proof.

As a result, it opens up the doors to a wide range of career options, including Law, Human Resources, Business management, Accountancy, Media, Journalism, Teaching, and Museum Curation among many others.

OCR H408

75% A* - B

Grades in 2026
National 62.3%

100% A* - E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99.3%

Computer Science

*The computer was born to solve problems that did not exist before - **Bill Gates***

A-Level Computer Science at King's is a practical subject where learners can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real world systems. It is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism.

OCR's A-Level in Computer Science will value computational thinking, helping learners to develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence. Learners will develop an ability to analyse, critically evaluate and make decisions.

Computer Science will, above all else, be relevant to the modern and changing world of computing. The project approach is a vital component of 'post-school' life and is of particular relevance to Further Education, Higher Education and the workplace. Each learner is able to tailor their project to fit their individual needs, choices and aspirations.

Students will have the opportunity to compete in competitions such as The UK Bebras Computing Challenge, National Cipher challenge, The Oxford University Computing Challenge.

OCR H446

45% A* - B

Grades in 2026
National 49.8%

100% A* - E

Grades in 2026
National 96.3%

Drama & Theatre Studies

Drama is exposure; it is confrontation; it is contradiction and it leads to analysis, construction, recognition and eventually to an awakening of understanding - ***Peter Brook***



AQA 7261

100% A* - B

Grades in 2026
National 63.5%

100% A* - E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99.8%

The Drama and Theatre Studies course at King's provides you with a great opportunity to discover a range of theatre styles, genres, practitioners and theatre companies that have shaped the way we see theatre today. This qualification emphasises practical creativity alongside research and theoretical understanding. The Drama and Theatre Studies course at King's provides you with a great opportunity to discover a range of theatre styles, genres, practitioners and theatre companies that have shaped the way we see theatre today. This qualification emphasises practical creativity alongside research and theoretical understanding. Students learn through experience, seeing theatre and making theatre for themselves. Students are introduced to a wide range of theatrical styles and contexts as they explore plays practically, devise and work on performances.

Students can be assessed through a multitude of selected roles, either as a performer, designer (lighting, sound, set, costume), director or a combination of these roles.

Lessons are practical as we explore, through embedding theory and practice, the different set texts and styles chosen. We will create our own interpretations of the work of Stanislavski, Brecht, The Paper Birds, Berkoff, Complicite, DV8 and Frantic Assembly to name just a few.

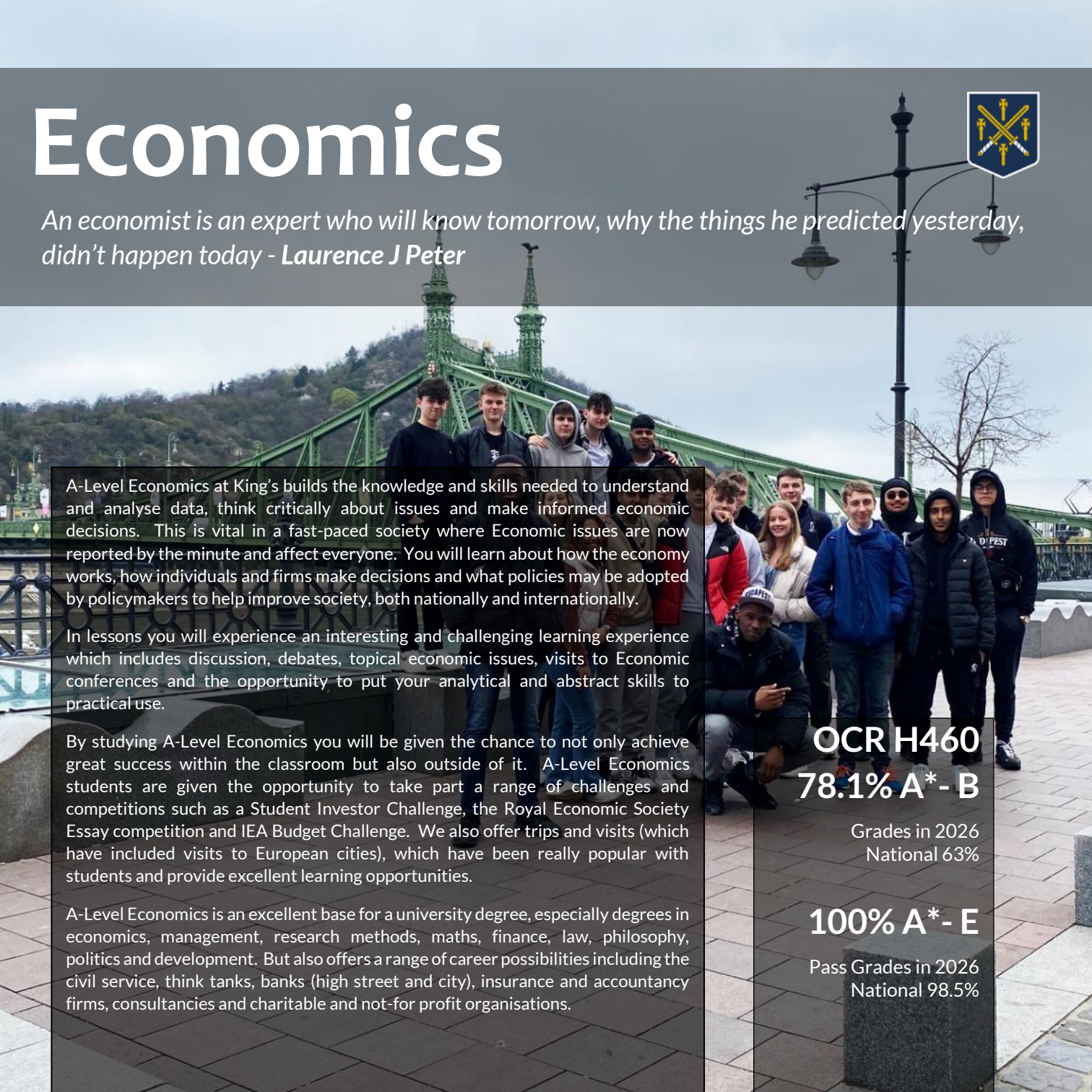
As well as creative lessons we also take our students on a number of trips. Over the past couple of years, we have been to see Guys N Dolls, The Glass Menagerie, Stranger Things (The First Shadow), Everybody's Talking About Jamie, True West, Blood Brothers, Woman in Black, The Mousetrap and many others. Sixth Form Students also benefit from having a backstage tour of the National Theatre.

Seeing live theatre really allows you to see the newest ideas and bring them into the classroom environment and integrate them into your own work. Whilst going to see these amazing performances you also have the opportunity to be part of the whole school production; in recent years we have produced Footloose, Chicago, Sister Act, Les Misérables, Bugsy Malone, Grease, Footloose and most recently Legally Blonde, with a cast and crew of over 200 students. 6th Form students also have the opportunity to assist with running both KS3 Musical Theatre and Drama clubs and recently have undertaken roles as assistant directors for our Lower School Production of Grimm Tales.

Drama and Theatre Studies provide you with many transferrable skills that will make you an asset in any professional environment. As well as jobs in drama and theatre, your confidence, team skills and developed empathy can support you in almost any working environment. Students may progress to a variety of performance or theatre-based courses and careers which would include teaching, law, working with children, theatre, therapy and other areas which involve working with people.

Economics

*An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow, why the things he predicted yesterday, didn't happen today - **Laurence J Peter***



A-Level Economics at King's builds the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed economic decisions. This is vital in a fast-paced society where Economic issues are now reported by the minute and affect everyone. You will learn about how the economy works, how individuals and firms make decisions and what policies may be adopted by policymakers to help improve society, both nationally and internationally.

In lessons you will experience an interesting and challenging learning experience which includes discussion, debates, topical economic issues, visits to Economic conferences and the opportunity to put your analytical and abstract skills to practical use.

By studying A-Level Economics you will be given the chance to not only achieve great success within the classroom but also outside of it. A-Level Economics students are given the opportunity to take part a range of challenges and competitions such as a Student Investor Challenge, the Royal Economic Society Essay competition and IEA Budget Challenge. We also offer trips and visits (which have included visits to European cities), which have been really popular with students and provide excellent learning opportunities.

A-Level Economics is an excellent base for a university degree, especially degrees in economics, management, research methods, maths, finance, law, philosophy, politics and development. But also offers a range of career possibilities including the civil service, think tanks, banks (high street and city), insurance and accountancy firms, consultancies and charitable and not-for profit organisations.

OCR H460

78.1% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 63%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 98.5%

English Literature

Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic - ***Carl Sagan***



OCR H472

80.8% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 57.3%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99.4%

Taking A-Level English Literature at King's will mean you read, study and write analytically about novels, plays and poetry. As Sagan suggested, this is an opportunity to experience other lives and times on the page: from the violence of Shakespeare's Richard the Third to the domestic intrigue of 'A Doll's House'; from the hedonism of 1920s America with Fitzgerald, to the Depression dustbowl of the 1930s with Steinbeck. Decide whether Robbie's use of 'the worst word' was crass or passionate, and whether Blanche is to be pitied or punished. Politics, history, passion, cruelty and fate: Literature has them all. After Goblin Market, you will never look at your five-a-day the same way again.

Being a part of the English Department gives you the opportunity to share your love of Literature with other members of the school. In Lit Soc and Poetry Soc, you can encourage younger readers to broaden their literary experience, whilst the mentoring scheme allows you to share your expertise with those hoping to do well at GCSE.

The outstanding teaching team will share their delight in the texts, and your study of these will help you to become an autonomous, analytical, progressive thinker. Learn how to create a cogent argument, hone your analytical skills and deepen your capacity for empathy, ready for the next chapter - the workplace. You might find yourself speaking at a medical conference, writing an article for The Economist, presenting to a board of shareholders, or editing the next Booker winner; knowing how language, crafted and written, spontaneous and spoken, both shapes and reflects the world, can only enhance your success.

French

Vouloir, c'est pouvoir

AQA 7652

75% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 67.5%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99%

On the A-Level French course you will be able to build on the skills you have been developing at GCSE and develop greater fluency in speaking work as well as producing more accurate, complex written work. The course is delivered by an experienced team and you are given regular detailed feedback on your progress. The A-Level French course focuses on the French-speaking world, so students gain many cultural insights into French heritage and modern society.

A-Level French lessons aim to get you practising all the major language skills, so they are varied and stimulating. As well as practising in class, A-Level French students have regular one-to-one speaking practice with our French Assistante, Mme Smyth. Our students often work as mentors for the younger students, so have the opportunity to give something back to the school community by supporting younger language learners. There is also the opportunity to travel to France on one of our residential trips.

An Advanced Level qualification in French is the passport to an undergraduate course in languages, and a good result often means that you are given the opportunity to pick up new languages at university. Even if you choose to take a different study path, an A-Level in French shows you to be a conscientious and flexible potential employee who would relish the opportunity to work with foreign colleagues or find work abroad. Linguists are identified as good team players who communicate readily with a wide range of people and can easily link their language skills to their other strengths and interests, giving them a very wide choice of potential careers.

Further Maths



Edexcel 9FM0

93.8% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 82.4%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99%

The Further Mathematics course at King's is a fantastic opportunity to advance your understanding of both the pure and real-world application of this subject. You will explore the mathematical arguments and proofs applying them to problem solving and modelling real life situations beyond the traditional Maths A-Level.

We have a strong team of Further Maths A-Level teachers who are able to deliver inspiring lessons, have excellent subject knowledge and experience, and will support students both in and out of the classroom.

The number of students studying Further Mathematics is high as they recognise that the subject often supports the other A-Levels being studied as well as being a very satisfying subject in and of itself which enhances their love of the subject. A number of students each year become Maths prefects, working with Mathematics A-Level students in a Maths hub which can be an invaluable experience to both parties.

A-Level Further Mathematics opens the door to many different careers, from the more traditional routes of Teaching, Architecture, Accountancy and Actuarial work to the Sciences, Economics and Engineering. It ensures you can work logically and problem solve efficiently which is of great benefit in any career you choose.

Geography

*Geography forces us to look forward, down the road and into the future - **Danny Dorling***

Geography is an essential component in preparing young people for life in the twenty-first century. As the pace of change quickens, communications get faster and challenges to the environment multiply, a knowledge and understanding of geography is more vital than ever. Geography is unique in its study of human and physical patterns and the interaction of people and their environment in shaping the landscape. To supplement our A-Level course, we offer a huge range so Super-Curricular opportunities including on-line lectures from universities such as Sheffield and UAE. We also expect all students to participate in our micro-lecture programme sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society.

Fieldwork is central to geography at King's and within the OCR specification we study. Geography is the study of the real world and therefore students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a range of different environments. All students are required to attend a four-day residential fieldwork course in the Yorkshire Wolds to practice their skills in the field. This takes place in July for a weekend and costs approximately £450. There is also an option to join us in Iceland in March 2027 costing a maximum of £1,700 for an exciting and packed five day tour.

We are considered by universities to be a facilitating subject, supporting study in most other academic and vocational courses. But an advanced Geography qualification will place you in a very employable position, with a wide breadth of skills and knowledge. Whether you consider yourself stronger at the Humanities or the Sciences, Geography is an excellent companion to your other courses. We encourage students to discuss topical issues, analyse data and to search for patterns. These transferable skills are obviously very desirable and would make you a strong applicant for careers law, accountancy, architecture and a full range of other choices including medicine. Geographers have a very high employability rate due to the increasing demand from our UK's growing green economy

OCR H481

83.3% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 55%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 98.6%

German

Übung macht den Meister



AQA 7662

50% A*- B

Grades in 2024
National 70.4%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2024
National 99.4%

On the A-Level German course you will be able to build on the skills you have been developing at GCSE and develop greater fluency in speaking work as well as producing more accurate, complex written work. The course is delivered by an experienced team and you are given regular detailed feedback on your progress. The A-Level German course focuses on the German-speaking world, so students gain many cultural insights into the heritage of the German-speaking world and its place in the modern world.

A-Level German lessons aim to get you practising all the major language skills, so they are varied and stimulating. As well as practising in class, A-Level German students have regular one-to-one speaking practice with our German Sprachenassistentin. Our students often work as mentors for the younger students, so have the opportunity to give something back to the school community by supporting younger language learners. There is also the opportunity to travel to Germany on one of our residential trips.

An Advanced Level qualification in German is the passport to an undergraduate course in languages, and a good result often means that you are given the opportunity to pick up new languages at university. Even if you choose to take a different study path, an A-Level in German shows you to be a conscientious and flexible potential employee who would relish the opportunity to work with foreign colleagues or find work abroad. Linguists are identified as good team players who communicate readily with a wide range of people and can easily link their language skills to their other strengths and interests, giving them a very wide choice of potential careers.

History

Real history is far more complex and interesting than the simplistic summaries presented in Wikipedia articles. Knowing this allows you to question received wisdom, to challenge 'facts' that 'everybody' knows to be true, and to imagine worlds and characters worthy of our rich historical heritage and our complex selves - ***Ken Liu***

OCR H505

81.1% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 58.9%

100% A* - E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 99.1%

History is a subject which encourages students to be wise. That may sound strange. As a 6th form student you will be thinking, quite rightly, about grades, certificates, university applications and career pathways when making subject choices. Whilst all these things are important History offers something a bit deeper than that - an opportunity to push the boundaries of pre-conceived ideas and to embark on a higher level of learning. It also helps to develop the skill of being able to support arguments and theories on past societies and human progress with factual detail, rationality and sound evidence.

The study of History gives you an intellectual grounding and clarity of thought. It requires you to pause and contemplate events and societies of the past to try to work out why we do what we do, how we arrived at our current situation and what sense we can make of our present world.

As we undertake studies whether it be on Modern Germany, Civil Rights in the USA, or Norman England we are able to build up a picture of human development and the continuities and changes between the past and the present. This can be both eye-opening and challenging and always intellectually stimulating.

There is a real depth of experience within the department and the facilities and resources are excellent. Lessons are varied but all are based on the fundamental importance of discussion of ideas and a questioning approach.

And for the future… your future, what of careers? History is a facilitating subject for university and is a highly regarded academic discipline. Students who do History at A-Level go on to take a wide variety of subjects at university such as Law, Medicine, Politics, Criminology, Economics, Business Studies, English and, of course, History.

Maths



Edexcel 9MA0

67.9% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 62.9%

98.8% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 97.1%

The Mathematics course at King's is a fantastic opportunity to advance your understanding of both the pure and real-world application of this subject. You will explore the mathematical arguments and proofs applying them to problem solving and modelling real life situations.

We have a strong team of A-Level teachers who are able to deliver inspiring lessons, have excellent subject knowledge and experience, and will support students both in and out of the classroom.

The number of students studying Mathematics is always high as they recognise that the subject often supports the other A-Levels being studied as well as being a very satisfying subject in and of itself. A number of students each year become Maths prefects, working with younger students, supporting them in a 'maths hub' which can be an invaluable experience to both parties.

A-Level Mathematics opens the door to many different careers, from the more traditional routes of Teaching, Architecture, Accountancy and Actuarial work to the Sciences, Economics and Engineering. It ensures you can work logically and problem solve efficiently which is of great benefit in any career you choose.

Music

*Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent - **Victor Hugo***



The King's School Music A-Level course (Edexcel 9MU0) is rigorous, stimulating and rewarding. Pupils broaden their general musical knowledge by studying set works from Bach to Berlioz, and The Beatles to Kate Bush, whilst specialising in performing and composing styles of their choices.

Teaching by experienced, dedicated staff is complemented by a large peripatetic team which caters for all instruments and vocal styles. There are strong links with the Cathedral, Peterborough Music Hub, the Kingsgate Conference Centre and the Peterborough Partnership of Secondary Schools.

More widely, links with various universities and colleges, including several Oxbridge colleges, offer pupils opportunities to experience music in different environments. Pupils also perform in local, regional and national ensembles such as the Britten Sinfonia and the National Youth Choir.

A large proportion of pupils at The King's School continue their Music studies either at university or conservatoire. Others forge careers as professional performers or composers, music producers, sound engineers, events organisers, teachers, lecturers, music critics or music therapists.

Music Prefects and other sixth-form musicians have areas of responsibility within the Department, such as leading rehearsals, designing display material, archiving in the Department Library, designing concert publicity and writing concert reviews. By doing so they become more creative and resourceful, developing their initiative, organisation, communication, team working and problem-solving skills. These transferable skills are highly valued by employers in all walks of life.

Edexcel 9MU0

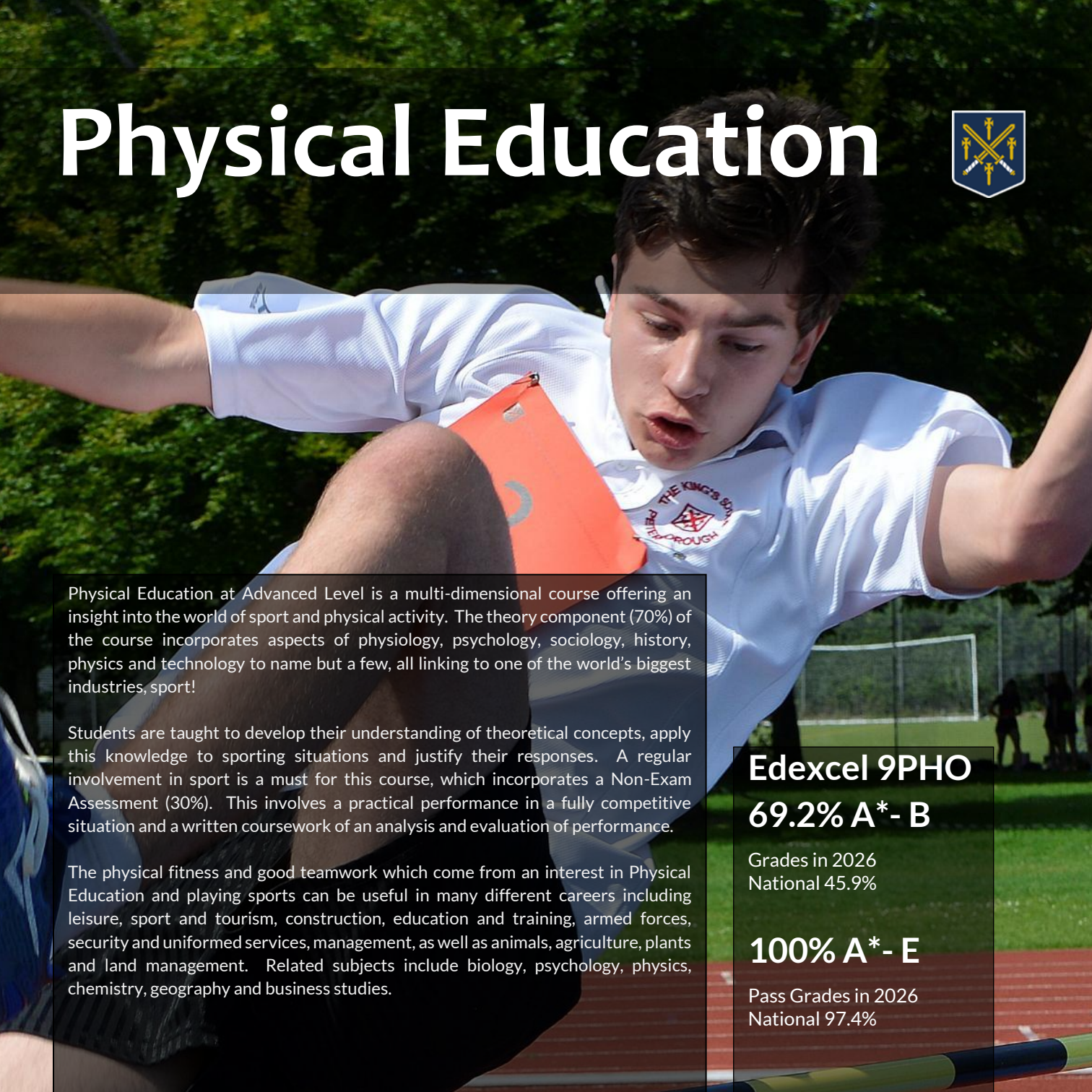
50% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 52.7%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 98.5%

Physical Education



Physical Education at Advanced Level is a multi-dimensional course offering an insight into the world of sport and physical activity. The theory component (70%) of the course incorporates aspects of physiology, psychology, sociology, history, physics and technology to name but a few, all linking to one of the world's biggest industries, sport!

Students are taught to develop their understanding of theoretical concepts, apply this knowledge to sporting situations and justify their responses. A regular involvement in sport is a must for this course, which incorporates a Non-Exam Assessment (30%). This involves a practical performance in a fully competitive situation and a written coursework of an analysis and evaluation of performance.

The physical fitness and good teamwork which come from an interest in Physical Education and playing sports can be useful in many different careers including leisure, sport and tourism, construction, education and training, armed forces, security and uniformed services, management, as well as animals, agriculture, plants and land management. Related subjects include biology, psychology, physics, chemistry, geography and business studies.

Edexcel 9PHO

69.2% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 45.9%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 97.4%

Physics

*Energy is liberated matter, matter is energy waiting to happen - **Bill Bryson, A Short History of Nearly Everything***

Edexcel 9PHO

65.5% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 55.5%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 96.3%

A Level Physics at King's offers an exciting opportunity to explore some of the biggest questions in science, from the behaviour of subatomic particles to the origins and evolution of the universe itself. Whether you are fascinated by black holes, cutting-edge technology or understanding how everyday objects work, Physics will challenge you to think critically, solve problems and see the world in a new way.

Our lessons are dynamic, interactive and highly practical. You'll use specialist equipment and modern technology to investigate real-world phenomena, including motion tracking software to analyse projectile motion, data loggers to study movement and electron deflection tubes to calculate the speed of travelling electrons. Through hands-on experimentation and discussion, you will develop a deeper understanding of the physical principles that underpin our world. Physics is a popular choice at King's, attracting around 40-50 students each year. Our classes bring together students from a wide range of backgrounds who share a curiosity about how the universe works and a love of scientific discovery.

Each year a number of our students become Physics prefects where they have the opportunity to work with younger members of the school community in a supporting role, i.e. mentoring or support in lessons, as well as representing the department at open evenings.

A Level Physics is one of the most highly regarded qualifications by universities and employers. It demonstrates resilience, analytical thinking, mathematical competence, and excellent problem-solving abilities. These skills are highly transferable and open doors to a vast range of careers, including Engineering, Medicine, Computer Science, Architecture, Finance, Data Science and many more.

Product Design

People ignore design that ignores people. - ***Frank Chimero***



Product Design is the study of how we interact with everyday objects and how we can improve the quality of people's lives through better, more thoughtful and intelligent design. You will take part in a range of tasks, incorporating practical challenges, material testing and product analysis to develop your theory knowledge. The department has a broad range of equipment, including a well-stocked workshop and an IT suite with CAD equipment including a laser cutter, 3D printers and a CNC router. You will be supported by a team of staff with relevant industrial experience and excellent subject knowledge to offer guidance both in and outside of lesson time.

This course will provide you with the opportunity to integrate work-related activities and/or links to the industrial and commercial world, a capacity to design and make products and an appreciation of the complex relations between design, materials and marketing. You will have the opportunity to develop practical skills, theoretical knowledge and skills to work in a wide range of careers - especially those in the creative industry, such as all areas of design, engineering and architecture; with many students going on to study these areas at university or choosing to take an apprenticeship route.

You will be continually encouraged to explore your creativity and innovation and will have an opportunity to gain personal satisfaction from working with a variety of briefs and materials. A number of students each year become D&T prefects; this may include working with younger students, running the Airgeneers drone club or taking part in the eco-committee.

AQA 7206

63.6% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 46.2%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 97.8%

Psychology

*Psychology cannot tell people how they ought to live their lives. It can, however, provide them with the means for effecting personal and social change - **Albert Bandura***

The Psychology A-Level course at King's is an exciting opportunity to study concepts that affect all of us in our daily lives. Each lesson looks at an aspect of human experience and explores research and theories relating to that topic.

Students are encouraged to question ideas and challenge assumptions in the light of new evidence. A whole range of topical subjects are considered including criminal behaviour; social media, mental health and wellbeing; and the causes and treatments for psychological disorders, such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), depression and phobia.

Psychology complements a range of subject choices and vocations. Over the course of the year, you will encounter aspects of Biology, History, English Literature, Maths, Art, and Drama. The course will help you to develop skills related to a range of disciplines, including debating, essay and report writing, designing experiments and data analysis . The A-Level can provide you with skills and knowledge in preparation for careers in the criminal justice system, medicine, social care, finance, research and business.

Psychology is a very popular A-Level choice at King's, and a significant number of students choose to study it at university. Beyond the traditional psychology degree, there is a growing range of specialism courses on offer, including forensic psychology, counselling, child development, and sports psychology.

Over the years, students who have studied Psychology at university have progressed onto pursue a wide range of careers. With some further specialised study, it can lead to careers in clinical psychology, marketing / advertising, neuroscience, education, and criminology. This is not an exclusive list; psychology offers students significant flexibility in how it can be used for career development.

AQA 7182

64.6% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 48.6%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 97.4%

Research Studies

Research Studies is part of the Sixth Form enrichment programme which all students access throughout their time in the Sixth Form. Its aims are to encourage students to:

be super-academic

broaden their knowledge and skills

be able to make competitive applications

be able to understand and discuss complex issues

Students will have the opportunity to study and discuss a range of the following:

Financial capability and risk

- Politics and the media
- Globalisation and ethics
- Data analysis
- Research and writing skills
- Faith, belief and ethics
- The Arts
- Crime and social policy

They study MOOCs (massive open online courses) or an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), furthering their academic interests and developing research skills further.

80% A*- B

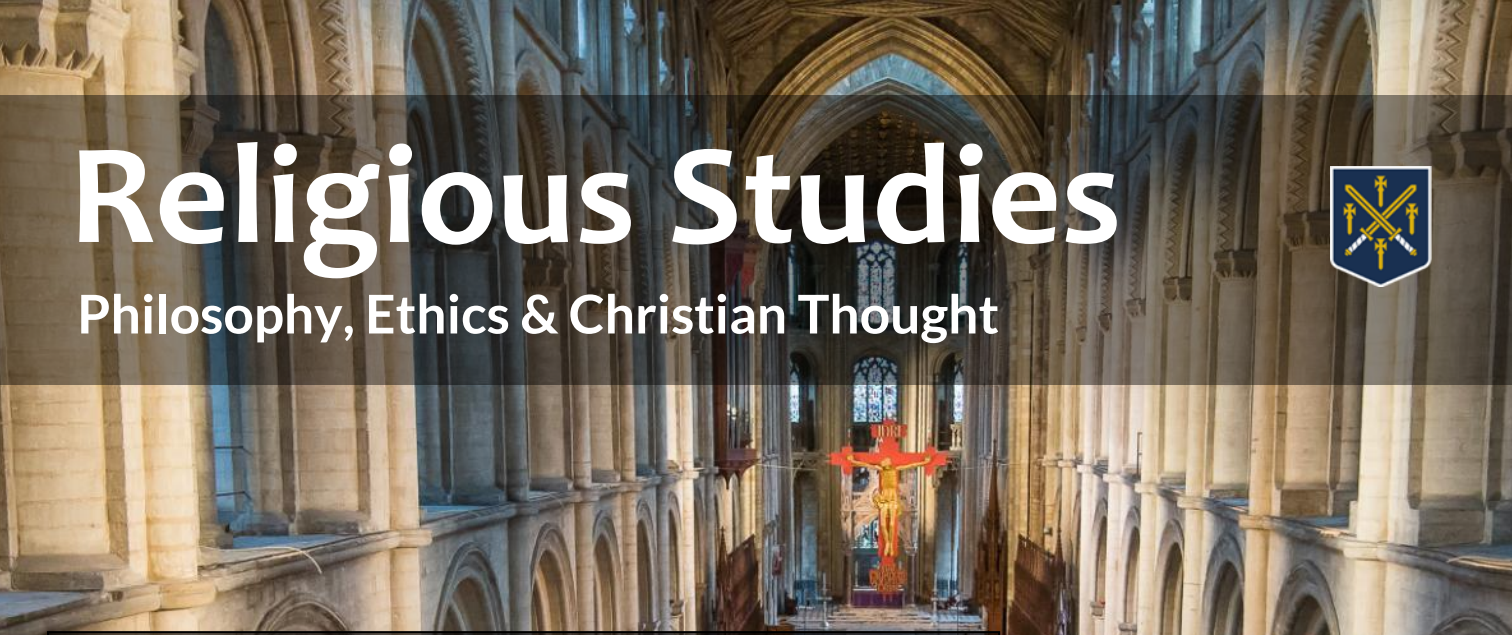
Grades in 2026
National 45.2%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 95.4%

Religious Studies

Philosophy, Ethics & Christian Thought



Religious Studies is one of the fastest-growing A-Levels, valued by universities and employers alike for the style of thinking students develop.

Our enthusiastic team deliver thought-provoking and academically rigorous lessons. We aim to give you the tools you need to understand the world we live in, and what it means to be human today. Religious Studies shines a light on many other A-Level and university courses, including (but not only) History, Psychology, the Sciences, English Literature, Politics, and Law.

We follow the OCR course, using this as an introduction to the history of ideas in the so-called 'West', with its twin roots in Greek philosophy and Jewish religion ('Athens and Jerusalem'). You will study for three papers, Philosophy, Ethics, and Developments in Christian Thought.

By the end of the course, you will have a broad-minded approach to life's biggest questions. As well as understanding multiple viewpoints, you will become more comfortable with ambiguity and with questions that can never be fully resolved. Your own ideas will be challenged, and you will gain vital skills including developing arguments, analysing texts, writing, presentations, and more. Very many careers value the intellectual and practical skills a Religious Studies student develops. Just a few examples:

- Analysis – management consultancy, civil service, think-tanks
- Mental flexibility - marketing and creative services, military or intelligence officer
- Advanced literacy - law, policy
- Ethical reasoning - medicine, social care, uniformed services.

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting field!

OCR H573

70% A*- B

Grades in 2026
National 56.8%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2028
National 98.5%

Textiles

What you wear is how you present yourself to the world, especially today, when human contacts are so quick. Fashion is an instant language - ***Miuccia Prada***

The Fashion and Textiles course teaches you about how we interact with everyday objects and how we can improve the quality of people's lives through better, more thoughtful and intelligent design. You will take part in a range of tasks, incorporating practical challenges, material testing and product analysis to develop your theory knowledge. The department has a broad range of equipment, including a well-stocked workshop and an IT suite with CAD equipment including 3D printers, laser cutters and computerised embroidery machines. You will be supported by a team of staff with relevant experience and excellent subject knowledge to offer guidance both in and outside of lesson time.

The practical problem-solving process in this course encourages independent learning, creativity and innovation, allowing you to study your own fields of interest for the NEA coursework and work with your own live client. These are transferable skills needed for everyday life. Subjects to be discussed include innovation in technology, culture, a changing society, inclusive design, and the growing importance of sustainability. A range of external trips and visits, such as degree shows and exhibitions provide a rich insight into the world of design and manufacture.

In the past students have chosen to continue their studies in areas such as Fashion, Textile Design, Costume (TV and stage), Fashion Marketing, Fashion Buying and Merchandising, Art, Fashion Communication and Business. Former students have gone onto work for companies and designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Ralph Lauren, Coast, Monki and Richard Nicoll and work on costumes for series such as Killing Eve, Endeavour, The Halcyon and Rellik.

AQA 7562

87.5% A*-B

Grades in 2026
National 46.2%

100% A*- E

Pass Grades in 2026
National 97.8%

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