



THE KING'S SCHOOL
CHESTER

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

2017-18

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Introduction

Welcome to The King's School. The information contained in this booklet is relating to entry to the School from September 2018. The King's School is an independent, academically selective school taking girls and boys from ages 4-18 years old. Entry into the Infant School, Junior School and Senior School are by assessment days or examinations in January for the following September entry. Entry into the Sixth Form is based on GCSE results and an interview in December of the previous year of entry.

We do admit children into all sections of the School at other times of the year but this is dependent on spaces being available. For more information or if you wish to still apply for 2017, please contact the Admissions Manager (details below).

King's has an admissions policy which outlines the criteria and selection process for entry. Please read the policy for more information: www.kingschester.co.uk/about-us/policies. Selection is by academic merit alone.

We offer financial help by way of means-tested bursaries for Senior and Sixth Form entry to as many families as we are able to help. There are currently no bursaries available for the Infant or Junior Schools.

If you do not find the answers to all your questions within the pack of information we have sent to you or if you would like to attend one of our events or visit us, please contact the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or admissions@kingschester.co.uk, alternatively you can visit our website: www.kingschester.co.uk.



Entry stages

We will consider entry into Willow Lodge at any point in a pupil's infant school life, subject to availability of places, although the main year of entry to Willow Lodge is Reception (age 4+).

Admission and Assessments

Admission to Willow Lodge is by means of an assessment held each year in January. Children should be over four and under seven on the following 1 September, although exception may be made in special cases.

The assessment for entry to Willow Lodge in September 2018 will be small groups or individuals on the 19 January 2018.

Assessments may take place at other times by arrangement, but offers are made according to the availability of places.

As part of the assessment process, a reference will be requested from your child's current school/nursery.

On acceptance of a place, a £500 deposit is payable; this will be refunded when the pupil leaves the School, less any balance outstanding on their account. The deposit and the first term's fees is not refundable if a parent cancels acceptance of a place.

We expect all our Infant children to move smoothly through to our Junior School provided that progress and behaviour are in line with expectations.

Reception

Children must be four years old before 1 September of the year of entry. The 4+ entrance assessment is an informal play-based session of approximately one hour's duration. This will assess their gross and fine motor skills, social skills, imagination and verbal communication.

Infant 1 (Year 1) / Infant 2 (Year 2)

We do consider entry at Infant 1 and Infant 2, subject to availability of places.

How to apply

To enter a child for Willow Lodge, parents should complete the online registration form and pay the application fee at least one week before the date of the assessment in January. Printed registration forms can be obtained from the website or from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

Fees

2017/18	Monthly	Termly	Yearly
Willow Lodge	£749	£2,996	£8,988

Lunches are charged at £233 per term and are included in your Direct Debit. Fees are reviewed at Easter 2018 for the following year.



Visit us

A number of events are scheduled throughout the year. You are welcome to visit with your children on these occasions. You are also welcome to make an appointment to meet the Head of Willow Lodge or other members of staff by calling the Admissions Manager, on the details below.

Open Morning

Prospective pupils and their parents are warmly invited to attend the Open Morning where there will be an opportunity to tour the Junior and Infant Schools and enjoy a variety of activities. The next Open Morning will take place on Saturday 7 October 2017, Infants 9.30am-12 noon and Juniors 10.30am-1.00pm. The Senior School will be open in the afternoon from 1.00pm-3.30pm.

Discovery Days

Willow Lodge Discovery Days are a great way to find out more and are held on 26 May, 9 June and 16 June and 2 and 9 November 2017.

Class sizes

There will be a maximum of two classes in each year of approximately 22 per class.

Curriculum

Morning sessions provide literacy, language and numeracy learning opportunities when young minds are fresh. Sport, drama, knowledge and understanding of their world and creative development, such as art and music, usually take place in the afternoon. The day finishes with story time. All children at Willow Lodge take weekly swimming lessons. French and Spanish are taught with Mandarin introduced in Infant 2. Children enhance their learning with the use of iPads in the classroom.

Our infants will read daily. As the children progress into Year 1 and Year 2, more formalised learning takes place, with separate science, humanities, religious studies and computing lessons.

More information

If you require any further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk. Alternatively you can visit our website: www.kingschester.co.uk



Entry stages

We will consider entry into King's Juniors at any point in a pupil's school life, subject to availability of places, although the main year of entry to the Junior School is Year 3 (age 7+).

Admission

Admission to the Junior School is by means of an assessment held each year in January. Children should be over seven and under ten years of age on the following 1 September, although exceptions may be made in special cases.

The main assessment for entry in September 2018 will take place on 19 January 2018 but assessments also take place throughout the year too.

How to apply

To enter a child for King's Juniors, parents should complete the online application form and pay the application fee, at least one week before the date of the assessment. Printed application forms can be obtained from the website or from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

A Junior School place does not later guarantee a place in the Senior School, although the vast majority of juniors do move up to the Senior School. Most of our J4s (Year 6) do not have to take the Senior School entrance exam, as offers of places are based on continuous assessment during Junior School years. Children who are not offered places at this stage may apply for the competitive exam. Children who join us after the start of J3 (Year 5) also have to complete the competitive entrance exams for the Senior School.

Fees

2017/18	Monthly	Termly	Yearly
Junior School	£848.25	£3,393	£10,179

Lunches are charged at £256 per term and are included in your Direct Debit. Fees are reviewed at Easter 2018 for the following year.

Visit us

A number of events are scheduled throughout the year. You are welcome to visit with your children on these occasions. You are also welcome to make an appointment to meet the Head of the Junior School or other members of staff by calling the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk.

Open Morning

Prospective pupils and their parents are warmly invited to attend the Open Morning when there will be an opportunity to tour the Junior and Infant Schools, meet the teachers and enjoy a variety of activities. The next Open Morning will take place on Saturday 7 October 2017, Infants 9.30am-12 noon and Juniors 10.30am-1.00pm. The Senior School will be open from 1.00pm-3.30pm.

Discovery Days

Junior School Discovery Days are a great way to find out more and are organised throughout the year. The next days are: 5 and 12 May 2017, 7 and 14 November 2017.

Class sizes

There are three classes in each year.

J1 (Year 3)

Approximately 15-22 per class

J2, J3 and J4 (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)

Approximately 20-24 per class

Curriculum

Pupils have a total of 40 periods each week as follows:

Junior School

Maths (8), English (8), Science (2), Geography (2), History (2), Religious Studies (1), Spanish (1), Technology (2), Art (2), Music (2), PE/Swimming (2), Games (2), PSHE (2), Activities (2), Computing (2).

The content and level of the curriculum is broadly based on the National Curriculum. We offer a good breadth and provide a diverse range of opportunities.



Junior School assessments

The main assessments for entry to the Junior School in September 2018 are held in January 2018. Assessments may take place at other times by arrangement, subject to availability of places.

All children will sit a written assessment in each of English, Maths, Reading and Non Verbal Reasoning followed by an informal chat. The majority of questions will be based on the National Curriculum for their current age.

As part of the assessment process, a reference will be requested from your child's current school.

On acceptance of a place, a £500 deposit is payable; this will be refunded when the pupil leaves the School, less any balance outstanding on their account. The deposit and first term's fees are not refundable if a parent cancels acceptance of a place.

More information

If you require any further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk, alternatively you can visit our website: www.kingschester.co.uk.



J1 (Year 3)

Children must be 7 years old before 1 September of the year of entry. They are invited to join us for a morning of group activities, which include assessments in Maths and English, based on the KS2 National Curriculum Programme of Study for Year 2 and a non-verbal reasoning exercise, followed by lunch.

J2 (Year 4)

Children must be 8 years old before 1 September of the year of entry. They are invited to join us for a morning of group activities, which included assessments in Maths and English, based on the KS2 National Curriculum Programme of Study for Year 3 and a non-verbal reasoning exercise, followed by lunch.

J3 (Year 5)

Children must be 9 years old before 1 September of the year of entry. They are invited to join us for a morning of group activities, which included assessments in Maths and English, based on the KS2 National Curriculum Programme of Study for Year 4 and a non-verbal reasoning exercise, followed by lunch.

J4 (Year 6)

Children must be 10 years old before 1 September of the year of entry. They are invited to join us for a morning of group activities, which included assessments in Maths and English, based on the KS2 National Curriculum Programme of Study for Year 5 and a non-verbal reasoning exercise, followed by lunch.

Entry stages

The main year of entry to the King's Seniors is Year 7 (age 11) but we do consider entry at any other point up to Year 10, subject to the availability of places. For entry in Year 12, please see the next section, Sixth Form.

Admission

Admission to the Senior School at 11 is by means of an assessment held each year in January and candidates must be over 11 and under 12 years of age on the following 1 September. Exceptions may be made in the case of outstanding candidates under this age.

The examination for entry to the School in September 2018 will be on 19 January 2018.

How to apply

To enter a child for the King's Seniors, parents should complete the online application form and pay the application fee, at least one week before the date of the examination. Printed application forms can be obtained from the website or from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

Fees

2017/18	Monthly	Termly	Yearly
Senior School	£1,106.25	£4,425	£13,275

Lunches are charged at £266 per term and are included in your Direct Debit. Fees are reviewed at Easter 2018 for the following year.

Visit us

A number of events are scheduled throughout the year. You are welcome to visit with your children on these occasions. You are also welcome to make an appointment to meet the Headmaster or other members of staff by calling the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk

Open Afternoon

Prospective pupils and their parents are warmly invited to attend the Open Afternoon when there will be an opportunity to tour the Senior School with pupils, meet the teachers and enjoy a variety of activities. The next Open Afternoon will take place on Saturday 7 October 2017, 1.00pm-3.30pm. The Infant and Junior Schools are open on the same day, in the morning 9.30am-1.00pm.

Discovery Days

Discovery Days for children in Year 5 are being held on: Thursday 22 and 23 June 2017. These are a great, fun opportunity to experience a day at King's.

Open Doors Days

Twice a month from September through to March we open our doors every Tuesday between 2pm and 3.30pm for parents to see how King's Seniors operate throughout a normal working day. Please pre-register on the number below.

Further details can be obtained from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

Senior School assessments

The main assessments for entry to the Senior School in September 2018 are held in January 2018, after which offers are sent to parents in line with HMC guidelines. Assessments may take place at other times by arrangement, subject to the availability of places.

All children will sit a written examination in each of English, Maths and Non Verbal and Verbal Reasoning and an interview. The majority of questions will be based on the National Curriculum within Key Stage 2. Sample papers in Maths and English can be found on the website: www.kingschester.co.uk.

As part of the assessment process, a reference will be requested from your child's current school.

On acceptance of a place, a £500 deposit is payable; this will be refunded when the pupil leaves the School less any balance outstanding on their account. The deposit and first term's fees are not refundable if a parent cancels acceptance of a place.

Transition to the Sixth Form is dependent on pupils meeting the entrance criteria.



Curriculum (2017)

The philosophy behind the curriculum is that the School aims to provide a broad and balanced curriculum in the first two years, with a degree of specialisation in the Third Year (Year 9) leading to GCSE and A Level choices. Typical class sizes in the first three years are 24-26 pupils. The curriculum for 2017/2018 is as follows; the number in brackets indicates the number of periods offered per fortnight with each period lasting 55 minutes.

Removes Year (Year 7)

English (6), History (3), Geography (3), Religious Studies (3), Maths (6), Biology (2), Chemistry (2), Physics (2), Spanish (4), Drama (2), Latin (3), Music (2), Art (2), Computer Science (2), Design Technology (2), PE (2), Games (2), PSHE (1), Enrichment (1).

Shells Year (Year 8)

English (6), History (3), Geography (3), Religious Studies (3), Maths (6), Biology (2), Chemistry (2), Physics (2), Latin (3), Spanish (4), French or German (4), Art (2), Music (2), Computer Science (2), Design Technology (2), PSHE (1), PE (2), Games (2), Enrichment (1), Drama (1).

Third Year (Year 9)

All pupils study English (6), History (3), Geography (3), Maths (6), Biology (3), Chemistry (3), Physics (3), PSHE (1), PE (2), Games/Rowing (4), Enrichment (2).

In addition students attend four periods in their chosen first modern language (French, German or Spanish) and three periods each in three optional subjects chosen from the following: French, German, Spanish, Latin, Classical Civilisation, Religious Studies, Art, Design Technology or Music.

*For advanced Mathematicians only.

Fourth Year (Year 10) and Fifth Year (Year 11)

All pupils study GCSE English Language and Literature (6), GCSE Maths (5) and Games (4). All pupils study a further seven optional subjects (5 periods each), including at least one Modern Language and two Sciences.

GCSE options include: Art, Biology, Economics, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Design Technology, Drama, French, Geography, German, History, Computer Science, Latin, Further Mathematics*, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Religious Studies, Spanish.

Bursaries and help with fees

Bursaries are available for children entering the King's Seniors in Year 7. In most cases bursaries are considered for families with a gross income below £50,000. We work with an external partner to assess our bursary applications. In most cases this will involve a home visit and an interview. More information is available in our "Helping with Fees" leaflet. Please request a Bursary application form from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

Scholarships

Entrance Scholars (for pupils who enter September 2018)

Up to 12 Entrance Scholarships are awarded to new Removes (Year 7) based upon the results of the entry examination in Maths and English. These pupils will be awarded £50.

King's Scholars (awarded July 2018)

King's Scholar awards are made during the course of the Lower School. The awards of £250 are based on the results of examinations.

Music Scholarship

Two music scholarships are offered to pupils on entry to Removes (Year 7). Candidates will normally have reached at least grade 4 or above to apply for the £500 means tested Music Scholarship or grade 5 or above for the Fergal O'Mahony Scholarship.

For more information on bursaries and scholarships, please see the "Helping with Fees" booklet.

More information

If you require any further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk, alternatively you can visit our website: www.kingschester.co.uk.



How to apply

To apply for Sixth Form, please complete the online application form and pay the application fee to the address at the bottom of the form. Printed application forms can be obtained from the website or from the Admissions Manager on 01244 689553. We hope you will be able to attend our information evenings and we will be delighted to arrange a taster day for your child.

Interviews for entry into Sixth Form in September 2018 will be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

Sixth Form entry requirements

- A minimum of seven GCSEs are required, four of which need to be grade 7 (A) and three at grade 6 (B) or above.
- Grade 7 (A) GCSEs are required in the four subjects that will be studied at A Level. (Grade 8 (A*)) needed for Further Maths).
- A minimum grade 4 (C) in GCSE Maths and English Language.
- An interview with a senior member of staff.
- A satisfactory report or reference from the pupil's current school.

Curriculum

Sixth Form

Students take four of the following subjects in Lower Sixth (Year 12) with 10 periods each: Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Language, English Literature, Economics, Business Studies, Geography, History, French, German, Computer Science, Spanish, Latin, Religious Studies, Art, Drama and Theatre Studies, Music, Physical Education, Philosophy, Politics, Classical Civilisation, Design Technology.

In the Upper Sixth they may choose to take three or continue with four of their subjects. Students may also choose to study for the AQA Extended Project. In addition all Sixth Form pupils have a weekly games afternoon (two periods) and an afternoon of Enrichment (two periods).

Fees

2017/18	Monthly	Termly	Yearly
Senior School	£1,106.25	£4,425	£13,275

Lunches are charged at £258 per term and are included in your Direct Debit. Fees are reviewed at Easter 2018 for the following year.

Visit us

Sixth Form Information Evening:

Thursday 5 October 2017, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Open Afternoon:

Saturday 7 October 2016, 1.00pm-3.30pm

Sixth Form Choices Evening:

Thursday 9 November 2017, 4.45pm-6.45pm

Sixth Form 2017 Interview Day: 6 December 2017

Bursaries

We have bursaries available for Sixth Form students who meet our entrance criteria. In most cases bursaries are only considered for families with gross a income below £50,000. We work with an external partner to assess our bursary applications. In most cases, this will include a home visit and an interview. Please request a bursary application form from the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553.

For more information on bursaries, please see our "Helping with Fees" booklet on the website.

Scholarships

Sixth Form Scholarships and Awards (for current and new pupils in September 2018, awarded at various times from December 2017).

There are several scholarship opportunities for Sixth Form study at King's:

- Investec Scholarship worth £1,000 – this is awarded in the autumn of a student's Fifth Year (Year 11) and is based on a competitive exam.
- McAlpine Award of £1,000 for an outstanding engineer – this is awarded during the Lower or Upper Sixth year and is based on a competitive interview.
- The Keith Oates Scholarship worth £1,000 for an outstanding Economist – this is awarded during the Lower or Upper Sixth year and is based on a competitive interview.
- Up to four King's Scholarships worth up to £1,000 for pupils joining the Sixth Form from other schools – these are awarded in the November prior to starting King's the following September. They are awarded after interviews and predicted grades and are conditional on gaining eight grade 7-8 (A*/A) GCSEs.
- Up to five King's Scholarships worth £500 for pupils joining the Sixth Form from King's Fifth Year (Year 11) – these are awarded in the November prior to starting King's the following September. Students will be invited to apply further to mock examinations and are conditional on gaining eight grade 7-8 (A*/A) GCSEs.

For more information on bursaries or scholarships, please see the "Helping with Fees" booklet on the website.

More information

If you require any further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Manager on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk, alternatively you can visit our website: www.kingschester.co.uk

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To contact the Chair of Governors

Mrs Joanne Clague

If you wish to contact the Chair of Governors, please write to Mrs J Clague at the above address.

The King's School website

www.kingschester.co.uk



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School policies

All our policies can be found on our website under the 'About us/school policies' tab; these include the following subjects:

- Admissions Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Child Protection (safeguarding) Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Safe Recruitment Policy
- Sanctions and Punishment Policy
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Policy

Other information

Academic results can be found on our website:

www.kingschester.co.uk/about-us/academic-results

Staff details can be found on our website:

www.kingschester.co.uk/about-us/staff-and-governors

Number of formal complaints 2015/16: 0 and 2016/17: 1 (to date).

Our most recent School inspection report can be found on the website: www.kingschester.co.uk/about-us/inspection-report

If you would like a printed copy of any of the policies or information above, please contact the Admissions Office on: 01244 689553 or email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk

Please see the website for the most up-to-date information www.kingschester.co.uk



How to find us

By road

The King's School is located on the A483 Chester, Wrexham Road, 1 ½ miles south of the city centre and about half a mile from the A55 Chester southerly bypass. Visitor Parking is available.

From M6/M53

Take M53 Chester/North Wales and continue South (it becomes the A55). Take the A483 Chester/Wrexham exit, follow signs to Chester. The School is on the right immediately after the second roundabout.

From A56/A51/A41

Turn south onto A55 and then as above.

From A41 Birkenhead

Follow signs through Chester to A483 Wrexham/North Wales. The School is on the left, a mile south of the city.

By bus

The following public bus services stop outside the School:

- Wrexham-Chester: 1
- Mold-Chester: X44/X55
- Ince/Ellesmere Port-Chester Business Park: DB8

Daily return bus services are organised by parents for the benefit of pupils at King's. Services operate on the following routes from:

- Nantwich/Tarporley
- Whitchurch/Malpas/Broxton/Waverton
- Llandudno/St Asaph/Northop

Please contact the Admissions Manager to refer you to the appropriate organiser for information on costs and to confirm the availability of seats. Early application is advised.

By train

Chester railway station is a 10 minutes bus journey.
The Chester-Wrexham: 1 bus service operates between the railway station and stops outside the School.



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