

FAMOUS KING'S ALUMNI

Some of King's many famous former pupils include:

Ronald Pickup (Actor), **Martin Lewis** (Money-saving expert and TV Presenter), **Olivia Whitlam** (Olympic Rowing finalist), **Tom James** MBE (Olympic gold medallist), **Andy Meyrick** (Le Mans Racing Driver), **Steve Leonard** (TV Vet), **James Fair** (GB and Olympic hockey player), **Oliver White** (Tenor and Opera singer), **Andrew Lilico** (Economist and Journalist), **Nickolas Grace** (Actor), **Thomas Brassey** (one of the greatest Civil Engineers of his time), **Joseph Everett Dutton** (Pathologist of Tropical Medicine who unlocked the cause of sleeping sickness), **General Jim Dutton** (seconded to Pentagon and Nato Deputy Commander in Afghanistan), **Judge Antony Russell QC**, **David Whitley** (Author) and **Sir John Vanbrugh** (Dramatist and Architect).

“ The Junior School gave me the firm foundation on which the rest of my career has flourished... the skills of independence, perseverance and team spirit. I will never forget my happy and successful time there.”

Andy Meyrick, Le Mans Racing Driver and former pupil



Colour their lives forever...



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VISION AND VALUES

We firmly believe that education should be fun and a visit to our Junior School will confirm that it is indeed a place of happy learners, a phrase coined in our last inspection report. Our children are stretched and challenged academically and enjoy their learning. We are continually being congratulated on the caring and purposeful environment which we have created, where pupils and teachers respect each other and work together in a school where you can always sense the enthusiasm and vibrancy.

The Junior School celebrated its 100th birthday in 2011. The King's School values of Ambition, Benevolence and Co-operation play a major role in our educational philosophy. Pastoral care is a major strength as highlighted in our most recent inspection report.

We have the advantage of specialising in junior education with children starting at 7 years of age (they do not share the facilities with infant children).

“ It was the best thing I have done to move my children to King's Juniors. They are thriving in the warm and nurturing atmosphere with the result that they are achieving much more than was ever thought possible at their previous school. ”

Parent of two pupils

An environment that is safe, calm, stimulating and fun.

Where girls and boys can thrive in working and playing together.

FACILITIES

The Junior School enjoys the luxury of being located at the edge of the campus, overlooking open fields. It is a self-contained school possessing its own extensive play space.

Facilities exclusive to the Junior School include: a Library, ICT suite, specialist music room, studios for Art and Design Technology, a sports hall and cricket pavilion. We also benefit from the shared use of the music school, swimming pool, astro turf pitch, extensive tennis/netball courts and the recently opened Vanbrugh Theatre.

The Junior School playground is a hard-surface area with marked games zones, including: a chessboard, netball court, games tables and other fun activities. There is also a wonderful adventure trail and outdoor stage and seating. We appreciate that sometimes pupils want to relax, so we also have a 'quiet area' with seating and an allotment.

CLASS SIZES

Class sizes start in J1 at 15-20 children. From J2 to J4, classes average 20-22. We will never exceed 24 children.

The teacher to pupil ratio is 1:13.

CO-EDUCATION

The Junior School has been co-educational for over eight years. Co-education at junior level is extremely successful, as girls and boys thrive in working and playing together, alongside each other in an environment that is safe, calm, stimulating and fun.

We prepare girls and boys together for senior education and we find children learn best amongst peers of similar ability, rather than on a gender basis. Plenty of our boys have what has been stereotyped as a 'feminine' preferred learning style: painstaking preparation and lots of hard, neat work. But we also have equal numbers of girls who prefer to work in what has been coined "a boy's way": typically taking risks, learning



things at the last minute and relying on inspiration. In fact, the truth is that here at King's we understand that all children learn in different ways, regardless of gender and we modify our teaching to suit our individual pupils accordingly. A good school is a good school.

“ Having recently relocated from London, I have been absolutely thrilled with the Junior School. My children have been made to feel very welcome and I am so impressed by the friendliness and caring attitude of both the staff and pupils. My children loved the school after only a couple of weeks here! ” A new parent



A FIRM AND LASTING FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR EDUCATION

Almost all our Junior children move seamlessly through to the Senior School and we firmly believe their success in later years at A level and University entrance can be traced back to the excellent foundations built in the Junior School.

A significant number of the School's Oxford and Cambridge applicants and top performers at A level started their education in the Junior School. In 2011, a third of students receiving Oxbridge offers started in our Junior School and ex-Junior pupils at A level gained fabulous results: 38% A*, 74% A/A* and 92.6% A*/B results.

King's is ranked as the best performing school in Chester and Cheshire in 2011 and is placed 2nd in the North West for A levels and 3rd for GCSEs (The Telegraph and The Times).

“ Just as happy and with the buzz I remember from my time here, but so much more colour and such relaxed, confident pupils. ” Former pupil and prospective parent

“ Immediately felt a great atmosphere – it is everywhere and warm! ” Prospective parent

CURRICULUM

The curriculum broadly follows and builds on the National Curriculum.

All pupils learn Spanish from 7 years old with the addition of French and German at 10 years. Mandarin Chinese is offered as an after-school club.

We do not undertake annual SAT tests and therefore do not appear in any national league tables. We prefer to use alternative national externally benchmarked assessments which we believe to be more meaningful for our selective children.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are over 25 lunchtime and after-school activities on offer including five music groups. Activities range from dance and needlecraft to fencing and chess. All pupils have the opportunity to study golf, first aid and baking as part of the enrichment activities programme.

TRIPS

We greatly believe in the educational and social value to be gained from visits made outside the classroom environment. Both day and residential trips are arranged within the UK. Ski holidays and European visits further broaden pupils' experiences, whilst visiting speakers and performers enhance the learning process.



EXCELLENCE IN DRAMA, MUSIC AND ART

The Junior School has a fine reputation for excellence in drama and music with at least two major dramatic productions, together with two concerts annually. These are held in the newly-opened Vanbrugh Theatre, a fully functioning theatre with state-of-the-art lighting and sound facilities, and performances are also held in Chester Cathedral. We regularly win cups at the Chester Festival of Performing Arts and pupils may also take examinations in the Trinity Guildhall Speech and Drama Awards. Art and Design Technology are celebrated with an annual exhibition and we have specialist teachers for Music, Drama and Art.

“ My quiet 7 year old was transformed into a confident performer during his time in the Junior School. From his first performance at 8 years old as Mr Fox, to his portrayal of Lady Macbeth at 11, he flourished and found his singing voice through the talents of the teachers who encouraged him. ” Parent

SPORT

Sport forms a key part of our curriculum. We believe in giving our girls and boys every opportunity to participate. Regular fixtures against other schools take place in various sports. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to use coaches from our Senior School staff, many of whom are specialists and some are of current or ex-international standard, enabling our Juniors to be taught at the highest level.



In recent years we have won tournaments in boys' and girls' triathlon, boys' and girls' swimming, football, tennis and hockey. Both boys' and girls' swimming teams are Cheshire Champions and have represented the region at national finals on numerous occasions. We have won the AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) Cricket Cup several times over the last few years.

Many of our pupils hold county honours in chess, football, cricket, cross country, badminton and table tennis and we have national representation in show jumping, cricket and tennis.

A WONDERFUL LOCATION

The King's School is situated one mile from the city centre within 32 acres of landscaped land in the greenbelt of Chester.

We boast unrivalled facilities, including: 12 sports pitches, a floodlit astro turf pitch for hockey and football, an 18m swimming pool, eight tennis/netball courts, a sports hall, three pavilions and plenty of car parking space.



AN ENVIABLE HERITAGE

King's has a long and proud history of educating the young people of Chester for many centuries. It was founded in 1541 by King Henry VIII, starting life at Chester Cathedral. The Junior School was established in 1811 and moved to the current site in 1960. We are honoured to be one of only very few organisations to be allowed to fly a flag based on the Royal Standard, due to our long royal history.

Our pupils are very proud to be part of such a rich tradition and history and each generation adds to it with forward-looking, exciting developments which continue to keep King's at the forefront of education in the North West and beyond.