

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Admissions 2019



Welcome to Kingston Grammar School

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With a history dating back to the 12th century, and founded in 1561 by Royal Charter, Kingston Grammar School is a school with one foot in the past, but both eyes firmly on the future.

The School's position in the heart of Kingston upon Thames benefits from excellent transport links. With easy accessibility to the metropolitan diversity of central London, and its wealth of cultural opportunities, students benefit from what our urban location offers.

Alongside traditional subjects, we place a real focus on extension projects such as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Maths) to produce an exciting and vibrant academic diet, designed to challenge and promote intellectual rigour. Our rich and diverse co-curricular programme, which encourages everyone to show a proper regard for people and our environment and which develops in all of us a culture of service, partnership and personal integrity, inspires our students to make a strong connection with the wider world.

Although we are rightly proud of our academic outcomes, the philosophy at KGS is not simply to achieve excellent results at any cost; delivering the right level of pastoral care is key to a child's success and, ultimately, their long-term happiness. We put a tangible value on supporting our students during these formative years with an unrivalled pastoral programme. Encouraging students to think positively about embracing risk and learning from mistakes, we give them the tools to develop true resilience and progress to achieve their ultimate ambitions.

Our 22-acre sports grounds and boathouse on the River Thames, opposite Hampton Court Palace, is the home of KGS Sport. We are particularly renowned for our success in hockey and rowing and as a school are proud to have produced 26 Olympians so far, with the latest being Sophie Hosking who won Gold at London 2012 in rowing.

Our aim has always been to produce happy, well-adjusted young adults who want to make their world a better place, and we hope that an education at KGS is a significant step towards this.

Admissions

Admission to Kingston Grammar School is by selection on academic merit.

All students are required to sit one of the entrance assessments described in the table opposite.

Examinations at 10+ deferred, 11+ and 13+ are broadly in line with the age-appropriate National Curriculum levels.

A formal interview is an important part of the entrance process at all ages and places are not offered without one.

The non-refundable registration fee is £125.

10+ deferred and 11+ entry

The examination process for 10+ and 11+ is similar but we have more places available for entrance at 11+. Applicants that decline or are unsuccessful for 10+ deferred entry are welcome to re-register for the 11+ exams. Candidates will take examinations in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. Those being considered for a place will be invited for interview.

13+ entry

Limited spaces are available depending on whole school numbers. Candidates will take examinations in English, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish) and Science. Those being considered for a place will be invited for interview. Firm offers for the following September will be made by the end of the Autumn term.

Sixth Form entry

Conditional offers for Sixth Form entry are based on both predicted GCSE grades (or international equivalents), and the School's own assessment process. Students will be required to complete written assessments in all of the subjects they intend to study at A Level.

Successful candidates will then be invited for a series of both subject-related and general interviews. Students who perform at an outstanding level in both the written exercise and interview process may be invited to interview for an Academic Scholarship.

Offers are confirmed once GCSE results have been published.

Entry into other year groups

For entry at 12+ and 14+ examinations will be held in the second half of the Spring term but only if places are available. Please contact our Registrar for further information (registrar@kgs.org.uk) prior to submitting a registration form.

For September 2019 entry

School year of entry	Closing date to register	Exam details	Date of examination	Approximate number of places available
10+ deferred entry into First Year (Year 7) in 2020	Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday)	Papers in: Mathematics, English, Verbal Reasoning + interview	Saturday 5th January 2019 (morning)	Up to 20
11+ First Year (Year 7)	Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday)	Papers in: Mathematics, English, Verbal Reasoning + interview	Friday 4th January 2019 (morning or afternoon*)	Up to 130 (including 10+ deferred places)
13+ Third Year (Year 9)	Friday 5th October 2018 (midday)	Papers in Mathematics, English, Modern Foreign Language, Science + interview	Thursday 8th November 2018	Varies
Sixth Form	<p>Fee assistance & scholarship application deadline: Monday 29th October 2018 (midday) (see examination date 1)</p> <p>All other applications: Friday 15th February 2019 (midday) (see examination date 2)</p>	Pre-assessment for specific subjects, GCSE results and interview for each subject to be taken at A Level	<p>Examination date 1: Thursday 8th November 2018</p> <p>Examination date 2: Friday 8th March 2019</p>	Up to 50

All applicants are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £125 by the closing date for entry listed above.

A report is requested from the candidate's current school prior to the date of examination.

* Morning and afternoon sessions will be run; your child's allocated exam time will be communicated to you in December 2018.

Admissions policy

Kingston Grammar School is a co-educational, academically selective school offering an all-round approach to education for students aged 11–18.

The School seeks to promote accessibility, regardless of background, and provides a range of scholarships and means-tested fee assistance. We aim to identify and admit those who show the potential to benefit from the academic education, ethos and opportunities offered and who will contribute to the active life of our community.

The process

Admission to Kingston Grammar School is by selection on academic merit. All applicants are required to sit the entrance assessments as described on page 2.

The interview is an important part of the admissions process. The School will also take into consideration a report from the applicant's current school.

Applicants will be considered only when a completed registration form has been received with payment of the non-returnable registration fee. Any applications received after the published deadline will be accepted at the School's discretion. Admissions will be subject to the availability of a place and conditional on the fulfilment of the current admissions requirements. Entrance assessments may be varied and may be at times other than those published.

Equal opportunities

We are committed to preventing, challenging and eliminating unlawful racial discrimination and to promoting equality of opportunity between people of different racial or cultural groups, religion, gender, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

Accepting your offer

Admission at 11+ is subject to availability. Those 11+ candidates who meet the admissions criteria will receive an offer of an available place. Parents are required to accept the offer by the date set out in the letter of offer.

To see our full Admissions Policy please visit www.kgs.org.uk/about/policies

Additional information

Facts and figures

We are a co-educational, selective independent day school for children aged 11–18.

The average tutor group size is 24 students (First to Third Year) with smaller groups at GCSE and Sixth Form.

The boy/girl ratio throughout the school is around 54% boys and 46% girls.

We have over 150 'feeder' schools of all types and First Year students came from 80 different junior schools last year.

Transport

Most students make their own way to and from school as Kingston bus and rail stations provide readily accessible means of public transport from most areas. This is not only a 'green' issue but also gives the students invaluable life skills from an early age. Some students have permission to cycle to school and we provide secure cycle racks for their use. We bus students to and from our sports field although older students may request permission to cycle or drive there themselves.

Sports ground

We have a 22-acre site on the Thames opposite Hampton Court Palace (Summer Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0RD). Each year group will go to Ditton Field for one full afternoon, as well as for sports practices and matches, both during the week and at weekends. Families and friends are welcome to come and watch any of the sports fixtures taking place on a Saturday morning.

Learning support

We are able to support mild dyslexia and dyspraxia, and help with study and organisational skills. This is facilitated through individual lessons or in small groups and is free of charge.

Public examination results

A full set of examination results is available on our website www.kgs.org.uk/academia.

Higher education

Our students secure places at a variety of top ranked universities. Last year, 80% of students achieved places at Russell Group universities with some progressing onto prestigious Art and Drama courses, as well as internships. 90% of students achieved their first choice university, college or career.

In 2018 seven of our students secured offers from Oxbridge colleges and nine students achieved places at Medical School. This year Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds and Manchester were the most popular destinations for our leavers, followed closely by Nottingham, UCL, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Durham.

School policies and information

A full list of KGS policies and information is available on our website www.kgs.org.uk/about/policies.

Scholarships and fee assistance

The School provides a range of scholarships as well as means-tested fee assistance.

Our aim is to identify and admit those students who show the potential to benefit from the academic education, ethos and opportunities offered and who will contribute to the active life of our community.

The scholarships detailed opposite are subject to acceptance of the Conditions of Holding an Award. They are generally awarded for the duration of the student's time at KGS and are subject to annual review. A student may hold multiple scholarships and a fee assistance award.

Academic Scholarships 11+

Candidates who achieve a high standard in the 11+ entrance examination are invited to return a week later to sit scholarship papers in English and/or Mathematics.

All Academic Scholarship candidates will have a series of interviews.

Successful 10+ candidates will automatically be invited to sit the 11+ scholarship examination the following January.

Academic Scholarships 13+

Awarded at the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the entrance exam and subsequent interviews.

Academic Scholarships 16+

Awarded at the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the entrance exam and subsequent interviews.

Art Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

The assessment includes drawing tests and interviews and candidates are required to bring a selection of up to 10 pieces of work.

Music Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

Candidates will have an audition where they perform prepared pieces on their instrument(s) and undergo sight reading/aural tests followed by an interview.

Design & Technology Scholarships 16+ only

Candidates will need to bring a folder of work and evidence of recent practical work to their interview.

Drama Scholarships 16+ only

Actors are required to prepare two contrasting monologues, and a short interview will follow their audition. Designers/Technicians should prepare a portfolio that shows their work on two contrasting productions to present and discuss at interview.

Sport Scholarships 11+, 13+, 16+

Candidates must undergo practical tests which will assess fitness, agility and athleticism, together with assessments in specific sports. 13+ and 16+ candidates would be expected to show county, regional or national representation or equivalent in one of the major sports offered by the School (hockey, rowing, cricket). Candidates need to submit a written endorsement by a sports coach/teacher.

Fee assistance 11+, 13+, 16+

Fee assistance is means tested and based on a confidential financial statement. Application forms can be downloaded from our website. For 13+ and Sixth Form entry please contact the Registrar for information regarding the application process. There are a limited number of fee-assisted places available and academic performance in the entry assessment will be taken into account.

“The high levels of achievement derive significantly from the impact of a culture of all-round accomplishment for all pupils that is so effectively promoted by senior leadership and governors. Pupils are determined to live up to the school motto ‘Work well and be happy’, and in this they are conspicuously successful.”

ISI Report, May 2017

Scholarships and fee assistance

Scholarship	Closing date	Date of assessment
Academic (11+)	By invitation based on performance in 11+ examination	Friday 11th January 2019
Academic (13+)	At the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the 13+ examination	Autumn term 2018
Academic (16+)	At the discretion of the Head Master based on performance in the 16+ examination	By arrangement
Art (11+, 13+ & 16+)	11+ & 13+ Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday) 16+ Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	Tuesday 22nd January 2019
Design & Technology (16+)	Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	Friday 11th January 2019
Music (11+, 13+ & 16+)	11+ & 13+ Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday) 16+ Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	11+ & 13+ Monday 21st January 2019 16+ Tuesday 22nd January 2019
Drama (16+)	Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	By arrangement
Sport (11+, 13+ & 16+)	11+ & 13+ Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday) 16+ Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	11+ & 13+ pre-assessment Monday 14th January 2019 (all applicants – all day) 11+ & 13+ full assessment Friday 18th January 2019 (by invitation) 16+ by arrangement
Fee assistance (11+, 13+ & 16+)	11+ & 13+ Monday 3rd December 2018 (midday) 16+ Monday 29th October 2018 (midday)	Fee assistance is means tested and based on confidential financial statements

Online application forms are available at www.kgs.org.uk/admissions

For further information on fee assistance and scholarships, please read our separate information booklet – Fee Assistance & Scholarships 2019

10+ and 11+ entry*

Key dates 2018/19

*10+ deferred entry

Autumn term 2018

Monday 3rd December

Midday

10+ and 11+ application deadline (including fee assistance & scholarships)

3 DEC

Spring term 2019

4 JAN

11+ entrance examination

Friday 4th January

All day

Saturday 5th January

9am-1pm

10+ entrance examination

5 JAN

Friday 11th January

11+ Academic Scholarship examination (by invitation)

1.30pm-4pm

Friday 11th January

Midday

All applicants will be contacted by this date regarding the outcome of the examinations

Academic Scholarship interviews

Tuesday 15th January

All day

Monday 14th January

Midday

11+ Sport Scholarship pre-assessment

Friday 18th January

Midday

11+ Sport Scholarship full assessment (by invitation)

19 JAN

10+ and 11+ interviews

Saturday 19th January

9am-1pm

11+ and 13+ Art Scholarship assessment and interviews

Tuesday 22nd January

All day

Monday 21st January

All day

11+ & 13+ Music Scholarship assessment

Thursday 24th January

10+ interviews

14 FEB

Friday 14th February

All day

ALL offers published

Friday 1st & Tuesday 5th March

9am-10.45am

Group tour prior to acceptance of offers (10+ and 11+)

Sixth Form entry

Entry requirements

In order to cope with the demands of an academically rigorous Sixth Form programme, students must have a sound base across all their GCSE or IGCSE subjects, and excel in those they wish to study at A Level or Pre-U.

As a minimum, students must achieve at least grade 7 (equivalent to A grade) in four separate subjects. In addition, all students must achieve a minimum grade 6 (equivalent to a high B grade) in Mathematics and English GCSE or IGCSE. Please also note that a minimum of grade 7 is required in those subjects, or closely related subjects, that students wish to study for A Level or Pre-U with the exception of Mathematics where students will require a minimum grade 8 at GCSE.

Options

Students must choose four A Level subjects from the list below. Most groupings of subjects will be possible, but this can never be guaranteed.

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Classical Greek
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics (Pre-U)
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics
- History
- Italian
- Latin
- Mathematics/Mechanics
- Mathematics/Statistics
- Music
- Philosophy & Theology (Pre-U)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

In the Lower Sixth year, in addition to four A Level subjects, students will follow an Academic Enrichment Programme which is designed to broaden the students' horizons and develop their independent research skills. There is also a fortnightly lecture on a range of topics.

Sixth Form entry (continued)

Application date	Registration deadline	Assessment	Interview
Autumn term*	Monday 29th October 2018	Thursday 8th November 2018	Thursday 15th November 2018
Spring term	Friday 15th February 2019	Friday 8th March 2019	Wednesday 15th May 2019
Summer term (re-sits only)		Friday 3rd May 2019	Wednesday 15th May 2019

Please note: 16+ offers are made any time from 1st December.

*Compulsory for those who wish to apply for fee assistance or a scholarship.

Sixth Form entry

Key dates 2018/19

Autumn term 2018



Monday 29th October

Deadline for 16+ scholarship and fee assistance applications

Midday

Thursday 11th October

9am – 10.45am

Sixth Form group tour

Thursday 8th November

Afternoon

Sixth Form entrance assessment – exam date 1



Thursday 15th November

Interviews

Afternoon



Spring term 2019



Friday 11th January

Midday

Design & Technology Scholarship interview (by invitation)

w/c Monday 14th January

Drama Scholarship assessment (by arrangement)

All day



Tuesday 22nd January

All day

Music Scholarship assessment

Tuesday 22nd January

Art Scholarship assessment and interviews

All day



Friday 15th February

Deadline for all other 16+ applications

Midday



Friday 8th March

Afternoon

Sixth Form entrance assessment – exam date 2



Wednesday 15th May

Interviews

Afternoon



Fees

(2018–2019)

In addition to the fees and the extras outlined here parents should also note that they will need to purchase uniform and sports kit (from the School's chosen suppliers) and there may be additional charges relating to optional trips, some co-curricular activities and compulsory subject field trips.

Registration fee

£125 non-refundable fee to accompany the registration form.

Deposit fee

£1,650 payable on acceptance of the offer of a place and retained until after the pupil leaves.

Tuition fees

£6,410 per term inclusive of stationery and text books. Public Examination (GCSE/A Levels) fees are not included and will be added to fee bills as appropriate.

Music lessons

The rate payable to a visiting music teacher is agreed between the parents and teacher and is billed separately by the teacher.

This is around £210 per term and includes 10 lessons.

Lunch

£255 per term (optional).

Application for admission

For September 20..... entry (Please tick relevant box)

- 10+ examination for deferred 11+ entry (taken Year 5)
- 1st Year (Year 7)
- 3rd Year (Year 9) (taken Autumn Year 8)
- Sixth Form (Year 12)
Please also complete page 4 of this form

Examinations for the following entry levels will only take place if spaces are available. These will normally be in the second half of the Spring term.

Please contact the Registrar before completing this form.

- 2nd Year (Year 8)
- 4th Year (Year 10)

Please attach a passport-sized photograph of your child

To be completed by those with parental responsibility⁽¹⁾ for the child. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.

Child's surname: Date of birth:

All forenames: Gender:

Preferred forename: Current school year:

Nationality as shown on child's passport:

Is English your child's first language? Yes No (If not, please state his/her first language)

Parent 1*:

Title: Full name:

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Address:

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Occupation:

Nationality:

Home telephone:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Parent 2*:

Title: Full name:

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Address:

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Occupation:

Nationality:

Home telephone:

Mobile number:

Email address:

*If you have parental responsibility for the child in a capacity other than as a parent of the child, please state your relationship to the child here:

*If the parents' addresses are different, please tick one box to indicate the student's home address: Parent 1 Parent 2

Complete form and detach here



Any previous KGS association? Yes No

Sibling(s) currently at KGS? Yes No

(Please specify)

Please state the name and postcode of present school or educational institution (with date of entry):

Name of headteacher (or equivalent):

Additional information:

Are there any disabilities or learning difficulties relating to your child of which the School should be aware?

Please tick box as appropriate:

- ADHD Allergies Asperger's Syndrome Autism Dyslexia Dyspraxia Hearing impairment
 Visual impairment Other (Please specify)

If you wish to apply for fee assistance please visit our website and download the form: [www.kgs.org.uk/admissions/fee assistance](http://www.kgs.org.uk/admissions/fee-assistance). The deadline to return a fee assistance application for 11+ entry is 3rd December 2018; for 16+ entry it is 29th October 2018. Fee assistance applications will not be accepted after this date. (Fee assistance may be offered subject to confirmation of financial status and is subject to annual review.)

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please visit our website and download the form: www.kgs.org.uk/admissions/scholarships. The deadline to return the scholarship application for 11+ entry is 3rd December 2018; for 16+ entry it is 29th October 2018. Scholarship applications will not be accepted after this date. We offer scholarships in the following fields: Academia, Art, Drama (16+ only), Design & Technology (16+ only), Music and Sport. Scholarships are awarded in recognition of excellence in a subject, not for financial support. (Applicants are welcome to apply for both fee assistance and a scholarship.)

Please send your completed registration form, a passport photo of your child and the registration fee of £125 to 'The Registrar, Kingston Grammar School, London Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6PY'.

Your information

For details about how the School will use your information, and your child's information, please see our privacy policies. These documents are published on the School's website: www.kgs.org.uk/about/policies. If your child is aged 12 years or older please show him/her a copy of the pupil privacy notice and discuss it with him/her.

Declaration (Please complete and return with the registration form)

We (as the holders of parental responsibility for him/her) request that the name of our child be registered as a prospective pupil of the School AND we enclose a cheque for the non-refundable registration fee of £125 [cheque to be made payable to Kingston Grammar School]. Please tick box if enclosing a cheque . By signing the registration form we understand, accept and agree that:

1. registration of our child as a prospective pupil does not secure our child a place at the School but does ensure that our child will be considered for selection as a pupil at the School;
2. if our child is offered a place at the School, such an offer will be subject to the School's terms and conditions for the provision of educational services, which will bind us (as the holders of parental responsibility for him/her^[1] in the event (and from the moment) that we accept the place;
3. in order to comply with your responsibility as a registered Tier 4 sponsor^[2], we consent to you notifying and/or supplying information relating to our and/or our child's right to enter, reside and/or study in the UKVI unit of the Home Office, and in any event, if our child is offered a place at the School, such an offer will be subject to us confirming that our child has the right to enter, live and study in the United Kingdom;
4. Kingston Grammar School would like to provide you with further information about the School and upcoming events. Please select this box if you wish to receive this information .

Signed:

Name (print):

Date:

Notes:

^[1] **Parental Responsibility** is defined in the Children Act 1989 as "all rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his or her property". It equates to legal responsibility for the child. If you have any doubts about whether you do or do not have parental responsibility for the child you may wish to seek legal advice.

^[2] **For a child whose nationality is non-European.** The School is currently a registered Tier 4 sponsor (via the Home Office UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) unit). Please tick this box if you may require the School to sponsor your child for visa/immigration purposes. Details of Tier 4 sponsorship arrangements will be sent to everyone who ticks this box .

Providing this information does not guarantee that the School will sponsor your child or that the School is somehow obliged to. The School reserves full discretion over any decision whether or not to sponsor your child. If you do not require the School to sponsor your child please confirm that your child has or will have a time-restricted or temporary visa in any other immigration category (for example, as a dependent) and please provide a copy. Please also provide any further relevant details on a separate sheet.



Sixth Form applicants only

Options

Students must choose four A Level subjects from the list below. Most groupings of subjects will be possible, but this can never be guaranteed.

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Classical Greek
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics (Pre-U)
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics
- History
- Italian*
- Latin
- Mathematics/Mechanics
- Mathematics/Statistics
- Music
- Philosophy & Theology (Pre-U)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

*For talented linguists only (Italian to AS)

Subjects to be taken at GCSE (if already taken please state grade achieved and year taken)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

Please indicate which 4 A Level subjects are to be taken

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Registration fee payment

If you wish to pay by credit/debit card please return this slip with your completed registration form.

Child's full name:

Cardholder's name:

Cardholder's address:

Telephone number:

Please debit my card with the sum of £125 as payment for the registration fee for entry to Kingston Grammar School.

Visa MasterCard Delta Maestro/Solo

Card number:

Expiry date:

Issue no: Maestro/Solo only

Card verification number (last 3 digits of the number found on the signature strip)

Signed:

Date:

Complete form and detach here





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