



PROSPECTUS



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THE
KING JOHN
SCHOOL

A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL



**POSITIVITY
RESILIENCE
INTEGRITY
DIGNITY
EQUALITY**



WELCOME TO THE KING JOHN SCHOOL

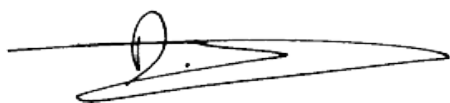
Thank you for expressing an interest in our wonderful school. The King John School is a thriving 11-18 school in the heart of the community.

Our mission is to deliver a quality education for every single young person who joins us. Our staff are totally committed to doing the best for our students, and in return our students are keen to succeed.

We provide a very strong core of traditional subjects up to A-level, as well as a huge breadth of choice, with some amazing facilities in Visual and Performing Arts, Science and Sports. In addition to learning in the classroom, our students also have access to a wide spectrum of extra-curricular activities, ranging from after-school clubs through to residential trips abroad.

Our school also has a thriving and over-subscribed sixth form. We believe the key to successful post-16 education is to offer a broad, balanced curriculum that is taught well by subject specialists. It is also about developing enquiring minds, creativity and strong, positive values that will help our students to thrive.

We are committed to providing the very best for the young people in our care and I hope that this prospectus inspires you to find out more about us.



Daniel Steel, BA Hons
Headteacher, The King John School

“The school has gone above and beyond our expectations. My child has been very happy, felt valued and has received excellent teaching. The pastoral care at the school has been second to none”

Parent Ofsted Quote



A PASSION FOR LEARNING ...FOR EVERY CHILD

Our ambition is for every one of our students to develop a lifelong passion for learning. We support them in this by encouraging them to think, to question and to develop the analytical skills they need to become confident, reflective and resilient learners – the global citizens of tomorrow.

Staff create a positive climate for learning in which everyone wants to learn. They inspire students to be curious about their studies, reach their potential and be ambitious for themselves and their futures.

Because students have high expectations of themselves and others, they gain a wide range of accreditations for their skills and knowledge. We celebrate their success and value their aspirations, helping them to enjoy and embrace school life and its many curricular and extra-curricular opportunities.

Independent Learning

We encourage our students continue their learning beyond school hours, and to embrace the many opportunities available to them. Regular homework is designed to encourage reflection, investigation, resilience and the key life-skill of independence – and pupils also have the chance to complete extended projects over longer periods of time. Parents have a hugely important role to play in their child's out-of-hours learning and can access details of set homework online, creating a meaningful home-school dialogue that is central to high-quality learning, progress and achievement.



“Teachers have strong subject knowledge”

Ofsted



*“ Behaviour around the school
is calm and orderly”*

Ofsted



“ The promotion of pupils’ personal development is a notable strength”

Ofsted

CELEBRATING SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

There is so much more to The King John School than strong academic achievement. We take great pride in offering an extensive range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities, including lunchtime and after-school activities.

These opportunities give students the chance to achieve in different contexts, develop existing talents and discover new interests and passions. There are many sporting and cultural opportunities to enjoy, as well as an impressive number of fascinating trips and visits. To celebrate success, we always aim to showcase the exceptional talents and abilities of our young people, regularly entertaining packed audiences of families and members of the local community. Most importantly, our students tell us that these opportunities greatly enhance their enjoyment of school.

Sporting Success

The King John School takes pride in sporting excellence, with many students representing us in local, regional and national competitions – placing us at the top of county and national championships for a whole range of sports. We also host many competitions and community sports activities throughout the year.

Students of all abilities are able to enjoy state-of-the-art facilities, including a sports hall, gymnasium, fitness suite, dance studio, modern athletics area, sports field and netball courts. There is an extensive sporting timetable before, during and after school, and we are proud of students' participation rates.

English Schools' Athletic Association Track and Field National Cup Winners 2019

Giving something back

We have a passionate desire for our students to become the global citizens of the future, contributing positively to the wider community as open-minded, thoughtful, and respectful individuals.

Our students appreciate and empathise with diverse cultures and the lives of others. Charity work plays a central role in the life of the school, and our young people's fundraising further deepens their awareness and understanding. Over recent years, our charity portfolio has broadened significantly and students have raised thousands of pounds for local and national charities and organisations. Their enthusiasm makes a real difference – and is great fun!

Many students also take part in Duke of Edinburgh Award every year and we are proud of their success in achieving the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

“Pupils are very positive about the extra-curricular provision, including after-school clubs, an array of sporting and cultural opportunities and a vast number of trips and visits. This adds significantly to their enjoyment of school.”

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FACILITIES

TO MEET THE ACADEMIC, SPORTING AND CREATIVE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS

At The King John school, we are determined to provide a quality education for all. Staff have high expectations of their students and themselves. They give willingly of their time and make use of high-quality resources to ensure the best outcomes for students. As such, we take great care of our school site. We are continually improving and developing our facilities to support our wide-ranging curriculum and extra-curricular provision, in order to meet the academic, sporting and creative needs of our students.

Our school offers the following state-of-the-art facilities:

- A purpose-built assembly hall with tiered seating for 350, plus professional light and sound systems
- A traditional school theatre space seating 300
- A well-stocked Learning Resource Centre with reading and computer facilities
- A modern, purpose-built sixth form centre with a well-equipped common room and extensive private study area
- A hair and beauty salon
- A purpose-built humanities block with eight classrooms and a conference room
- A sports hall catering for football, hockey, basketball, volleyball, netball and badminton
- An FA-approved and registered, floodlit 3G multi-use games area;
- Two high level competition netball courts
- A fitness suite with running and rowing machines and a free weight area;
- External playing fields for football, rugby and athletics
- A dance studio
- Well-resourced science and design technology suites
- Fully equipped IT rooms
- An inviting dining hall and servery offering a delicious selection of hot and cold food
- A fully resourced drama studio with lighting and audio systems
- Three playground areas with seating areas.

Students can access the school and its facilities before and after the formal day and are often found in our Learning Resource Centre, which is open between 8am and 4.30pm or using our extensive sporting facilities.



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“My children have been supported educationally and personally to such a high level through their school life at King John”

Parent

A CURRICULUM FOR FUTURE SUCCESS



A broad, balanced and well-taught curriculum, as well as our extensive extra-curricular provision, enable students to make strong progress and to maximise their potential, regardless of background. We are proud of our rich and robust curriculum, which provides an enviable range of learning opportunities. Any student starting school now, will be entering a job market where many of the careers with which we are familiar, will have changed by the time they are sixteen years old! As a result, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our existing offer, researching and adapting our curriculum to better meet the needs of our young people in a rapidly changing world.



Our innovations can be seen across all key stages; through the work of the Chrysalis group at Key Stage 3, the wide range of choices at Key Stage 4 and post-16 which includes a strong academic offer and the opportunity to blend the academic, applied and vocational. The design of the curriculum at The King John School is about providing choice and opportunity for progression so that the student benefits in the long term. We pride ourselves in knowing our students and supporting them in reaching their full potential to enable them to move onto the next stage of their lives.

“The curriculum is broad and balanced. Large numbers of pupils engage in, and enjoy, a wide range of trips, visits and extra-curricular activities.”

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On a practical note, at Key Stage 3, the 350 students in a year group are generally divided into 12 teaching groups. Students in Year 7 & 8 are taught in both teaching groups and tutor groups. Students are placed in ability sets in a variety of subjects including maths, English and science.



OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

...OPEN-MINDED AND RESPECTFUL

Everyone at our school has a role in making our school a truly reflective learning environment, with the highest possible aspirations and expectations. We expect students and all members of our community to be treated – and to treat others – with respect at all times. This helps make our school a calm and orderly place in which students have a positive attitude to their learning.

Students benefit from an open culture that actively promotes all aspects of their welfare and gives them a voice. As a result, they are happy and enjoy good emotional wellbeing.

Our well-trained pastoral teams support students by getting to know them well and going out of their way to meet their day-to-day needs. All students have a personal tutor whom they meet every day, while each year group is led by a Head of Year who is supported by an Assistant Head of Year and non-teaching Student Support Officer. The Student Support Officer follows your child from Year 7 through to Year 13, ensuring continuity of support for both students and parents.

“ Teachers have very positive relationships with pupils, based on mutual respect and learning.”

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PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS ...TO SUPPORT AND ENGAGE

Positive partnerships between families and school are crucial, helping parents and carers to support and engage with their children's education as effectively as possible.

To encourage this, we strive to provide you with clear, timely and constructive communication. We also hold additional events for parents as learners – Partnership with Parents Information Evenings (PWPs) are there to help you support your child as they prepare for independent study and examinations.

We excel at creating a smooth and enjoyable transition for students as they join us from primary school. It can be a challenging as well as an exciting time, so we do all we can to help students foster new friendships, support their academic progress and recognise their talents and achievements.

Our community spirit is essential to the Year 7 experience being a happy, successful one. We work closely with local primary schools to ensure as many new students as possible visit us before they enrol. Also, primary students often visit to watch our performances, take part in Year 5 master classes or participate in LAMDA, arts skills, or

sports summer programmes. We know these initiatives really help to quell the mystique and fear of moving to secondary school.

We also help new students foster early connections with our staff and develop friendships with older students. A team of Year 8 buddies supports new students throughout the induction days and the first weeks of the first term. A dedicated group of Year 10 and 11 listeners are on hand to support the younger students and to make sure they are finding their way around the school. As a result, your child can look forward to learning in a safe, calm and happy environment, where success is possible for everyone.

“The feedback from each of the teachers has proven to be invaluable to our daughter in preparation for her recently completed exams”

Parent

SIXTH FORM

... A LONG HISTORY OF ACHIEVEMENT



Our well-established, successful sixth form offers a high quality post-16 educational experience based on a broad curriculum and a caring, friendly environment.

Students can choose from a wide range of advanced academic and vocational courses, alongside a host of additional experiences – both inside and outside the classroom. With a winning blend of exceptional study facilities and unique extracurricular opportunities, the sixth form is a modern purpose-built centre with a well-equipped common room and an extensive private study area. Our active student committee plays an important part in the organisation of sixth form life with regular social events and charity fundraising activities.

We pride ourselves on encouraging every student to reach their full potential. This helps to make the experience of studying at King John sixth form a very positive and fulfilling one. Our students have high expectations of themselves because the teaching staff have high expectations of them – expectations which lead to success.

“...articulate, confident and caring young people are very well prepared to make positive contributions to life in Britain”

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Core Values

To provide our students with the learning, skills and opportunities needed to improve their life chances and maximise their potential.

- POSITIVITY
- RESILIENCE
- INTEGRITY
- DIGNITY
- EQUALITY

Zenith Multi Academy Trust

On 1 December 2017 The King John School became part of the Zenith Multi Academy Trust along with The James Hornsby School and Laindon Park Primary School. For information about the Zenith Multi Academy Trust please explore the Zenith Multi Academy Trust website:

www.zenithmultiacademytrust.co.uk



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***“Pupils enjoy their studies
at The King John School”***

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“ There are some truly stand out teachers who I am totally in awe of because of their drive and commitment to ensuring the best teaching and learning is available.”

Parent

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