



King's Bruton Sixth Form

Be Ambitious





Welcome from the Headmaster

There is a strong argument to make that the Sixth Form is the best two years of your school career. You will focus in more detail and depth on subjects that you have chosen to study, and you will find that you build even closer relationships with your teachers than has been the case up to this point. In addition you can begin to plan seriously for your life beyond school.

I hope that this sounds exciting, and at King's Bruton our Sixth Form is designed to ensure you are able to make the most of the wonderful opportunities you have in your last two years of school.

We will be ambitious for you, but also ask that you are ambitious for yourself. You will be given an incredible level of support and guidance, whilst also benefitting from greater levels of independence. You will be

expected to show leadership in your House and around the School, whilst taking advantage of the wide range of opportunities on offer in sport, music, drama, Duke of Edinburgh, CCF, or indeed any other facet of life at King's. On top of this you will have the opportunity to enjoy socialising with your friends in the Sixth Form Club, as well as being influential members of your House.

At your Leavers' Ball at the end of Sixth Form you will become an Old Brutonian, and as you celebrate the end of school surrounded by friends, parents and staff, it is our aim that you will be able to reflect upon the best two years of your school career, whilst also looking forward to the bright future ahead of you.

Mr M. R. J. Radley



Welcome from the Deputy Head – Sixth Form

The Sixth Form marks a clear transition into an education with greater privilege, freedom and responsibility.

With increasingly competitive university places and careers paths, the Sixth Form is also a critical time. The benefits of an excellent educational experience at Sixth Form are lifelong. King's Sixth Form provides a supportive and stimulating environment in which individuals can flourish. The centrally-located Sixth Form Centre, offering both relaxing social and light study spaces, provides a hub for academic focus and community.

We offer an enviable range of academic options which allow pupils of all abilities to choose a path that suits them and allows them to reach their potential. We are proud of the breadth of A Level, BTEC and WJEC Diploma subjects that are on offer at King's. The expertise of our highly qualified academic staff, combined with our supportive House and Tutor systems, ensures that all King's Sixth Formers are both challenged and guided as they make their important transition to life beyond school.

Future ambitions are supported and fostered with ongoing careers guidance, employability skills training, Higher Education visits and a wide range of opportunities to supplement CV and UCAS portfolios.

In recent years, King's leavers' destinations have included Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, medical courses, Australian, Canadian and USA universities, Swiss hospitality schools, highly-competitive degree apprenticeships and far more. Our ethos is that all pupils should be helped to understand the options for them, then guided and supported to discover and apply for their best individual fit, wherever that may be.

Those who have excelled at GCSE benefit from a well-established and experienced programme guiding them to elite universities and other highly competitive courses.

A hallmark of King's Sixth Form is the challenge for pupils to be ambitious with their learning, their time, and with their futures. This underpins all that we provide and what we challenge King's pupils to show in their approach to the Sixth Form.

Above all, the Sixth Form is a happy time, where pupils can develop academic curiosity in a supportive and motivating environment. We hope that you enjoy reading this prospectus and look forward to meeting you at King's.



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Ambition is at the heart of the Sixth Form at King's. Our approach centres around the ambition that we wish to see from our pupils, as well as the ambition that is embedded in our rich provision for pupils both inside and outside the classroom. There are three strands to this ambition:

Ambitious with your Learning

Pupils are challenged to strive for the best they can achieve in their learning. They are helped to develop a growth mindset approach, gaining a self-belief and a drive to succeed.

Whatever they achieved at GCSE, pupils are encouraged to exceed their expectations in the Sixth Form. They are guided in finding the best path to academic success for them as individuals.

Ambitious with your Time

The new found independence of Sixth Form life creates new opportunities. With a huge array of activities available, pupils are encouraged to make the very best of their time at King's, be that exploring new clubs and societies, taking on leadership roles, representing the School in music drama and sport, or enhancing CVs and UCAS applications through individual training and skill enhancement opportunities.

Ambitious with your Future

The Sixth Form represents that key step towards a future beyond formal school education. Pupils are informed of and challenged to explore and find the best path for them beyond Sixth Form. This may be to a prestigious UK university, or an overseas destination, or it may be into a career or degree apprenticeship. We seek to ensure that no option is closed to pupils at King's, and that they can be ambitious in where they apply to.



Welcome from the Heads of School Ashtyn and Samuel

Welcome to the Sixth Form at King's Bruton. In your two years here, you will be given more independence and freedom as well as the responsibility that comes with it. These years are a chance to expand on your previous

talented endeavours and to try new ones. You will be able to climb to roles of responsibility in the activities you enjoy and take full advantage of all that King's has to offer. It can be a busy but exciting time, and we strongly encourage you to embrace every opportunity that comes your way. If we could only give you one piece of advice, it would be to make the most of every second - it is over before you know it!

(Samuel) I have tried my best to live up to this and, after throwing myself into every aspect of school life, there isn't an opportunity that I wouldn't recommend exploring. Whether it be the annual inter-house debating competition, beating much larger schools in sports, or marching along the High Street in the pouring rain for Remembrance Sunday, I don't regret a second of it.

(Ashtyn) King's unique size truly allows you to get involved in everything! For three years I have played in the hockey

1st XI and I will forever be thankful for the friendships I have gained and the confidence I've developed from being a part of a such a successful team. Off the sports pitches, I occupy my time with house debating, attending three choirs, and rehearsing for our school production. A demanding schedule but filled with excitement as we explore far beyond academic boundaries - challenging, rewarding, and absolutely worth it!

The Sixth Form can be tough and occasionally stressful, but King's offers unique support to keep you motivated and on track to achieve your ambitions. You will receive personal guidance from dedicated teachers and encouragement from your Prefect Team, ensuring you have the support you need to thrive and, most importantly, enjoy two exciting years of your education. In the words of the King's Sixth Form motto: 'Be Ambitious', you will never regret giving it a go!

Ambitious with your Learning

A hallmark of King's is the ambition we have for what all pupils can achieve in their studies and it is our expectation that pupils will be reflect this in their own approach to their learning. For many, the step up to Sixth Form allows the first opportunity to truly specialise in the subjects that offer them the most interest and excitement.

The breadth of the King's curriculum allows for a multitude of individual pathways, giving the learners true control over the direction of their studies. Pupils have the choice of 20 A Level and 4 BTEC/WJEC subjects, allowing them to find the path in which they will succeed, and providing a platform for future success.

The Sixth Form Study Centre is a superb and popular location for the pupils to work independently and ambitiously in their learning.

Subject Specialists

Our dedicated teachers are all specialists in their subject area, allowing pupils to be extended and challenged on a daily basis. The style of teaching in the Sixth Form promotes and supports the best habits of independent thought. Pupils are expected to be focussed, positive and determined to achieve. Pupils are encouraged to form and defend their own viewpoints, an ability which is clearly witnessed in the annual, fiercely competitive, Inter-House Debating Competition!

Academic Support

Whilst continuing to foster a spirit of independent learning, there is unrivalled support on offer to pupils who find learning to be challenging. Subject teachers work closely with individual tutors, the Deputy Heads and parents to ensure that pupils are supported in their ongoing academic progress. Feedback

is regular, detailed and informative. Regular subject workshops and individual support sessions bolster pupils' learning, and the School boasts an outstanding Learning Support Department.

The Study Support Assistant, Mrs Cole, provides invaluable individual support to pupils requiring help organising and structuring their work, as well as wider study skills. Pupils can self-book sessions with her for one-off or regular sessions.

Academic Enrichment

Alongside the core curriculum, King's offers and encourages learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Departments offer a variety of trips, lectures, competitions and forums to extend pupils beyond the A Level/ BTEC curriculum.



Recent Academic Enrichment Opportunities

Visit to BMW Mini factory
Behind the scenes at The Dorchester
Tour of Google London
Visit to Bank of England
Geography field trip to Azores
Spectroscopy Day at Bristol University
Fitzjames History Forum
Art trips to Oxford and London

Chemistry Symposium
Molecular workshop
Guest art workshops
Physics Engineering Day
Hospitality Masterclass at
Les Roches
Business Challenge Day
History trip to Northern Ireland

Politics trip to Washington DC
Chemistry Synthesis at Bristol
University
Entrepreneur Showcase Evening
History trip to Berlin
Enterprise trip to The Newt, Somerset
Performing Arts visits to London
Oultonian English Society

MOOCs

We strongly encourage pupils to complete independent learning in topics of particular interest. Many use online university lecture courses hosted by Futurelearn and others, known as MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses).

Core Academic Programme

In the Lower Sixth, the vast majority of pupils will choose 4 subjects from a range of academic options. Many will also complete an Extended Project Qualification. In the Upper Sixth, pupils will traditionally narrow this choice to three subjects. The list on the following page shows the diversity on offer, with scope to tailor one's own programme.

Extended Project Qualification

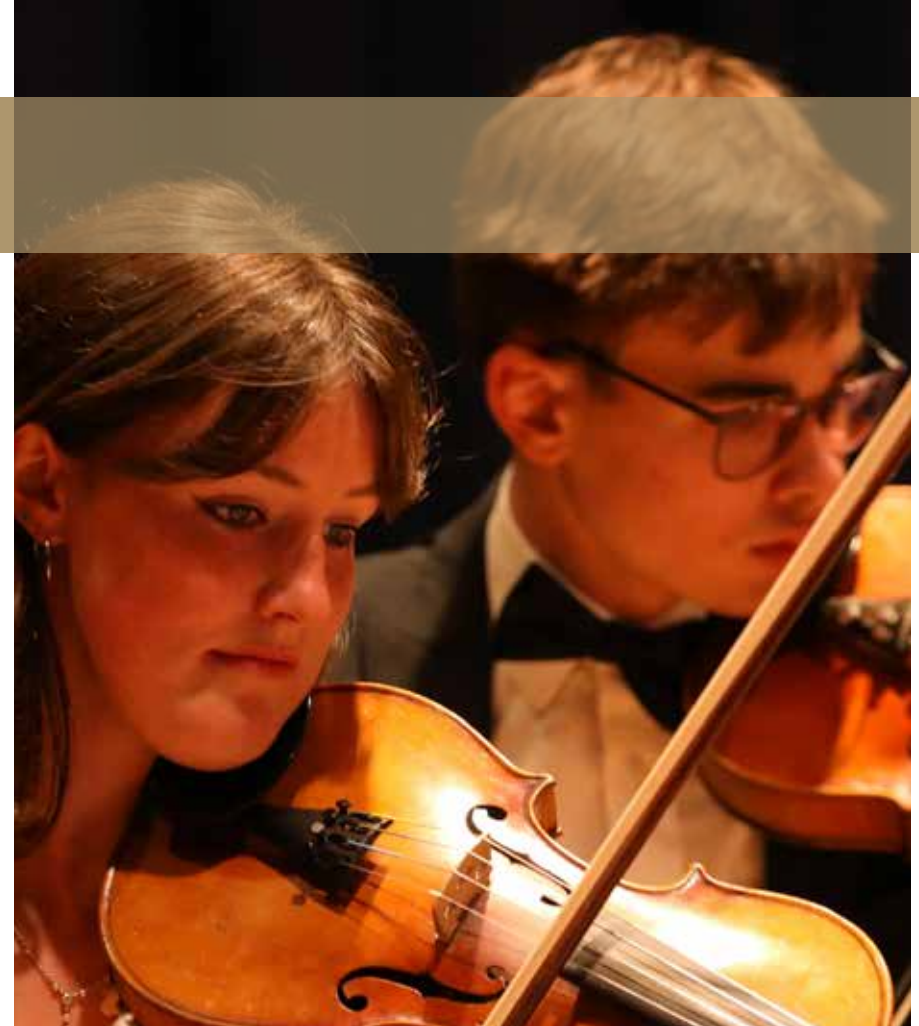
Highly rated by universities, the EPQ is an opportunity to research and write about a particular topic of interest. Pupils work independently, with individual mentoring from teachers to develop research skills, to produce a project. Whilst this can take many forms, typically it is a 5,000 word dissertation. Top universities are increasingly looking to the EPQ as evidence that prospective students have an enquiring mind and the ability to carry out independent research.

A Levels

For many years A Levels have been the gold standard of Sixth Form education. They have been fully reformed after a period of transition, and are now rigorously assessed at the end of the Upper Sixth.

BTECs and WJEC Diploma

Increasingly well regarded by leading universities, BTECs and the WJEC Diploma are an excellent complement to A Levels. They offer a more continual approach to assessment and develop highly sought after 'soft skills', such as organisation and time management. King's offers three BTECs and one WJEC Diploma, and has an outstanding record in using these to strengthen and enable university applications.



Sixth Form Scholarships

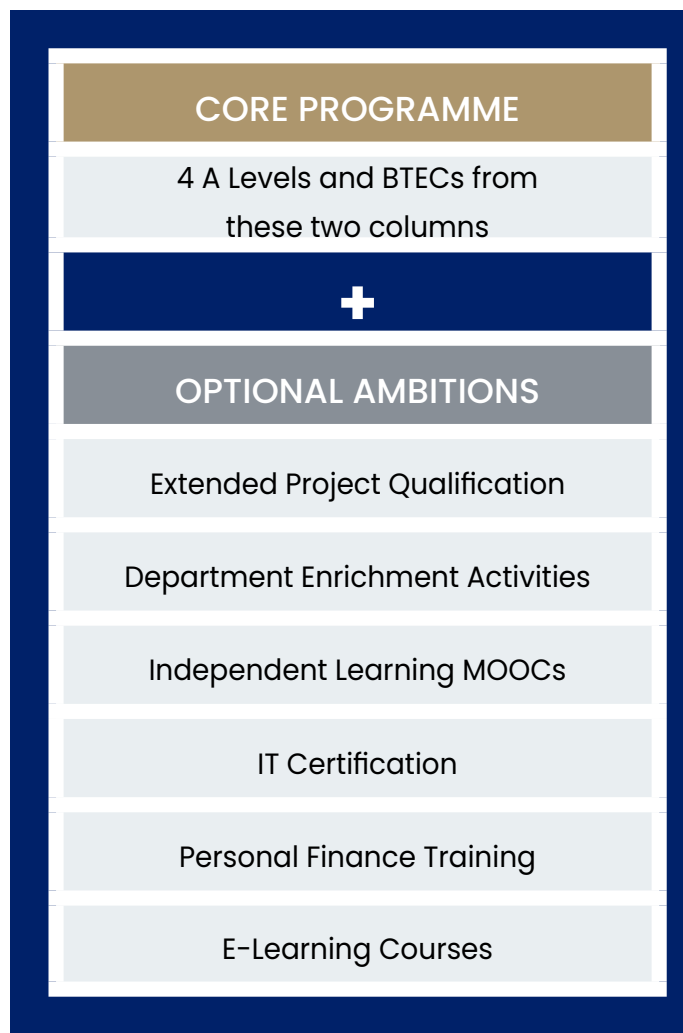
Scholarships are available in the following categories:

- Academic
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Sports

Please visit the website for further information or contact registrar@kingsbruton.com

Academic Programme

Art and Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Design and Technology
Economics
English Literature
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (BTEC)
Food Science & Nutrition (WJEC Diploma)
French
Geography
History



History of Art
Latin
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Music
Music Technology
Performing Arts (BTEC)
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Spanish
Sport (BTEC)

Examination Results

We are consistently proud of our pupils' achievements in their A Level and BTEC qualifications. The value added by the academic education at King's is above the national average, with pupils being supported to achieve excellent results in their chosen subjects.

This is a summary of our 2019–2025 A Level results (2020 and 2021 did not have formal examinations). 2019 and 2023–2025 represent years with “normal” grade distributions nationally.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2019
A* – A	27.7%	36.1%	35.3%	58.0%	34.0 %
A* – B	62.1%	60.5%	59.4%	75.4%	60.1 %
A* – C	79.0%	84.1%	84.1%	89.9%	80.4 %

We have enjoyed a similar rate of success with BTEC results, with the majority of pupils achieving Distinction or Distinction* grades.

These results enabled **over 95% of pupils gain a place at their firm or insurance choice of university or apprenticeship.** Many of these pupils use a combination of A Levels and BTECs to secure their places.



Deputy Head – Academic, Dan Cupit, writes:

The 2025 A Level, BTEC and EPQ results at King's Bruton showcase the exceptional commitment, resilience and ambition of our Sixth Form pupils. Over the past two years, pupils have not only excelled academically but have also embraced the many exciting and varied extra-curricular opportunities available to them at King's – a balance that makes these achievements even more impressive.

We are thrilled to see pupils across the full ability range achieving outstanding success in a diverse breadth of subjects. Many pupils secured the very top A/ A and Distinction*/ Distinction grades, with both A Levels and BTECs continuing to complement one another superbly as part of our broad and flexible Sixth Form curriculum, further enriched by the Extended Project Qualification. This not only supports progression onto an exciting array of Higher Education courses, but also ensures that every individual's learning style and aspirations are nurtured and celebrated.*

The 2025 examination results are a testament to the determination of our pupils and the high-quality teaching and support provided by our dedicated staff. The continued success of our Sixth Form pupils confirms King's School Bruton as a place where pupils thrive, excel and leave fully prepared to take the next step with confidence and purpose.

Ambitious with your Time

Alongside the demanding nature of A Level and BTEC study, pupils are challenged and encouraged in the use of their time in order to make the most of every opportunity. King's offers countless ways for pupils to do this, through planned activities, but also helps pupils to identify ways in which they can use their time as individuals to enhance personal prospects.

There are over 60 activities that pupils can be involved in within the School. Sixth Form pupils, together with their housemasters, housemistresses and tutors, identify the extras that they could be involved in. At King's we are certainly a seven-day school, with opportunities taking place late into the evenings, at weekends and in the school holidays.

Pupils are challenged not just to see activities as enjoyable things to do, but also as opportunities to broaden their education, develop their soft skills and make themselves all the more irresistible to future universities and employers.

Sport

Whilst the scale of King's allows for all pupils to represent the School at sport, the quality of coaching and facilities on offer ensures that King's teams are competitive against far larger schools. The Sixth Form has an enviable record of reaching regional and national finals across a range of sports. Specialist performance coaching is available across many disciplines.

Music and Drama

The standard of musical and theatre productions within the School is exceptional, and we are fortunate to have the tremendous Queen Elizabeth Music School, built as part of the 500th Anniversary of King's.

Combined Cadet Force

Our strong CCF, with Army and Royal Navy Sections, gives the chance for pupils to build their instructing and leadership skills in the Sixth Form. King's has a strong track record of pupils receiving prestigious Army Scholarships upon leaving King's.



Leadership Development

It is our firm expectation that King's Sixth Form pupils will be enabled to go on to take leading roles in society and business. With this in mind pupils are given opportunities to lead and represent bodies of pupils.

At the start of their final year, the Upper Sixth are given leadership training, so that all Sixth Form pupils are equipped in such vital skills.

Many will take up roles as prefects,

both within houses and within the wider school. Others will lead sports teams, musical ensembles, organise charity events, take up posts on the Sixth Form Club committee or represent the School when parents visit.

Many will also take on ranks within the Combined Cadet Force, instructing and leading junior cadets, or lead teams on the challenging Ten Tors event.

There are opportunities for all to lead and leavers are recognisable for their ability to stand up in front of others, speaking and leading with confidence.

Sixth Form pupils also take on School Mediator roles, being a go-to person within the Houses for other pupils needing guidance, support and assistance. Across the board, they are expected to be role models to the younger years.

Here is a flavour of some other activities that Sixth Form pupils get involved in:

Ten Tors	Zumba
Duke of Edinburgh	School Magazine
Oultonian Society	Astronomy
Community Service	Robotics
Green Power Car Challenge	Fitzjames Forum (History)
Christian Union	Pilates
Golf	Military Band
Speech and Drama Coaching	And many more besides!
Combined Cadet Force	

Social Activities

Whilst 'being ambitious with your time' is about engaging in activities that will broaden and enhance individuals, there is also a very important and strong social side to the Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form Club, open on Saturday evenings, is a unique environment in which Sixth Form pupils can enjoy each other's company and represents a step up in privilege.

There are also many social events throughout the year, including the annual Sixth Form Dinner, for which the teachers become the waiters for the evening!

King's is a hard working, ambitious environment, but one where enjoyment and happiness are essential characteristics of our identity.



Social events are a key and popular part of the Sixth Form experience. Whether it is the popular Sixth Form Club on Saturday nights (where theme nights often see nearly all the Sixth Form present), formal dinners or just daily socialising over a coffee in the Sixth Form Centre, these help to ensure that the Sixth Form is a friendly and close community. The many new pupils each year settle quickly into both their House and Sixth Form environments.

Ambitious with your Future

Sixth Form education is a key stepping stone into future pathways. It is a time of exploration and a time when ambitions and aspirations are formed.

Recognising that one size certainly does not fit all, King's Sixth Form pupils are encouraged to explore all options for their future paths. The vast majority of pupils do go on to university and we have an excellent track record in pupils gaining places at a full range of institutions.

University Support

Pupils are supported in exploring their options from an early stage in the Lower Sixth, benefitting from guidance from experienced tutors, the Deputy Head - Sixth Form (who is a member of the International Association of College Admissions Counsellors) and the Head of Highly Selective University Applications. This includes:

- British university visits and talks
- Overseas university fairs at King's
- Visits to external UCAS and overseas university fairs
- Use of Unifrog research and shortlisting tools
- Individual Head of Sixth Form guidance meetings
- Alumni university forums

Individual support through drafting of personal statements and UCAS applications

Individual support in applying to overseas universities

Parental talks to involve them in the process

Assistance in accessing summer academic schemes, such as Yale Young Global Scholars

Careers Advice

Throughout the Sixth Form, the pupils are offered careers advice and guidance on making the step into future jobs.

In the Lower Sixth, there are opportunities to explore a range of career options with experts from a wide variety of fields at the Lower Sixth Careers Convention. Pupils are also able to make use of Morrisby Careers Profiling tests to help narrow down their options, which is followed up with guidance from school staff.

The Sixth Form Ambitions Programme embeds employability skills, including the writing of CVs, job application letters, LinkedIn profile creation, and soft skill development. Early in the Upper Sixth, pupils experience an interview with professional employers as part of the Sixth Form Interview Scheme. The Ambitions Programme also sees visiting careers professionals visiting the School so pupils are better informed on their future options.

Interview Practice Scheme

A highlight of the Upper Sixth is the Interview Practice Scheme. In readiness for their first university or careers interview, pupils are given two practice interviews with volunteers from professions outside of King's. Recognising modern employment trends, pupils are given a mix of virtual and in-person interviews.

Pupils are carefully trained for these interviews, for which they also compile CVs and mock job application letters.

The Sixth Form Team

Pupils are well supported in their academic and pastoral needs, critically, in planning and exploring their future pathways. Alongside the Deputy Head – Sixth Form, Will Daws, there are three other members of the Sixth Form Team who are there to provide specialist support to pupils pursuing particular pathways.



Elite University Applications – Mrs Caroline Garland

Additional support is given to those aspirational pupils who wish to apply to either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. Pupils are guided along every step of the application process and will have regular mentoring sessions with Mrs Garland, ensuring that each pupil submits the strongest application possible.

There are opportunities for further academic enrichment, such as the Headmaster's Essay Society, and pupils are given thorough interview and admissions assessment preparation support. There are also opportunities for visits to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Those pupils who want to apply to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science are also well supported at King's. Pupils are guided during 1:1 meetings with Mrs Garland and are supported throughout the process of application. Pupils are also helped to find relevant work experience, prepare them for interviews and the UCAT assessments required by each of the courses.

Apprenticeship Adviser – Mrs Marie Goffe

An increasing number of pupils are choosing alternative pathways to employment. Recent research published by UCAS found that over 25% of pupils nationally are now planning to apply for higher or degree level apprenticeships. Recent successes have included degree



apprenticeship placements with TLT (legal), Cushman and Wakefield (surveying), Siemens (management) and Airbus (engineering), with competition for places often exceeding over 1,000 applicants for as few as 4 places.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study and, as an apprentice, you will be an employee earning a wage and working alongside experienced staff. Apprenticeships span 150 industries and cover more than 1,500 different types of jobs.

Applying for an apprenticeship is a very different process to applying to study at university as there are many different methods of recruitment that potential employers might use, ranging from the traditional interview to a multiple stage application.

At King's, Mrs Goffe is on hand to offer her significant expertise to support those navigating the application process. Mrs Goffe will:

- Offer 1:1 meetings to help research and discuss suitable opportunities
- Work with pupils to create a strong CV and covering letter
- Guide pupils through the online application
- Assist with interview preparation



Study Support Assistant – Mrs Victoria Cole

Pupils needing additional support with study skills, time planning or revision techniques can have one-off or regular meetings with Mrs Cole. This is particularly helpful to those working through BTEC courses, where management of ongoing assignments is a crucial skill.

Recent Leavers' Destinations

King's Sixth Form pupils go on to a wide range of destinations. No one destination type is held above another, the approach is to inform pupils of their options and then work individually to find their best fit destination. Here are some of the many destinations that pupils have gone to in recent years, including degree apprenticeships, UK and international universities.







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