

KING'S SCHOOL CANTERBURY

Canterbury
Kent

A leading independent day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 13–18

co-education Church of English

About School

Founded in 597 AD, King's School, Canterbury is one of the oldest schools in the world, with a remarkable educational heritage spanning more than 1,400 years. Located within the historic precincts of Canterbury Cathedral in Kent, the School combines an exceptional historic setting with a modern, academically ambitious approach to education. Canterbury is well connected to London and other parts of the UK, with Canterbury West and Canterbury East railway stations providing regular services to London and other major destinations. London Heathrow Airport (LHR) is approximately 1 hour from Canterbury by car, providing convenient options for families travelling from the UK and overseas.

King's provides a broad and challenging education that extends well beyond the classroom. Pupils have opportunities to participate in a wide range of sports, music, drama, academic societies, clubs, performances, trips and other co-curricular activities. The School's boarding environment allows pupils to take part in activities and societies beyond the normal academic day, while its strong tradition in music and the performing arts provides numerous opportunities for pupils to perform and develop their talents. King's also places significant emphasis on leadership, service, community engagement and personal development as important elements of the wider educational experience.

Admission to King's School, Canterbury is selective, with major entry points including Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 (Sixth Form), depending on the applicant's age and educational background. For entry at 13+, applicants are normally assessed through the ISEB Common Pre-Test, followed by the School's own assessment and interview process for shortlisted candidates. Applicants may also be considered for academic, music, sport or other scholarships, depending on their strengths and interests. Entry to the Sixth Form is also competitive, with applicants normally expected to achieve strong GCSE or equivalent results and demonstrate academic potential in the subjects they wish to study at A level. Sixth Form applicants are assessed through a combination of academic results, subject-specific assessments and interviews. Overseas applicants may complete initial assessments at their current school or through an approved test centre before shortlisted candidates are invited to Canterbury for further assessments and interviews. If you have any questions about the admissions process, contact Scholar Gateway – we're here to answer your questions and guide you through every step.

University Destination – 2025

- Oxford and Cambridge 7%

Entry Process

Entry Year	Entry Point	Exam Date(s)	Notes
2027 Entry	Year 9 (13+)	3 October 2026	At King's School, Canterbury
	Year 9 (13+) International	3 – 7 October 2026	At your current school / British Council / Agency
	Year 10 (14+)	3 October 2026	Alongside 13+
	Year 12 (16+)	6 – 7 November 2026	Sixth Form Entrance Exam
2028 Entry	Year 9 (13+)	October 2027*	King's Entrance Exams
	Year 10 (14+)	Autumn 2027*	King's Entrance Exams
	Year 12 (16+)	November 2027*	Sixth Form Entrance Exam
2029 Entry	Year 9 (13+)	October 2028*	King's Entrance Exams
	Year 10 (14+)	Autumn 2028*	King's Entrance Exams
	Year 12 (16+)	November 2028*	Sixth Form Entrance Exam

Students

850

Total Students

690

Total Boarders

Percentage of Boarder stay over the weekend 100%
Percentage of International Students 25%

Fees/term

Day
£ 13,302
Boarding
£ 22,584

Educational

Programmes offered

- GCSE/IGCSE
- A Levels
- Pre-U modern language and history of art

Information in year 2026

School Ranking

 THE TIMES PARENT POWER 2026 #4 UK INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (Based on 2025 examination results)	 THE TIMES BOARDING SCHOOLS 2026 #4 UK BOARDING SCHOOLS (Based on 2025 A-level results)	 WORLD'S TOP SCHOOLS 2026/27 #68 WORLD
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Academic Results

GCSE	9(A*)	8–9(A*)	7–9(A*–A)	4–9(A*–A)
	45%	70%	88%	99%
A-LEVEL	A*–A	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
	20%	54.4%	78%	92%

Location

Nearest Airport:
London Heathrow
1 hour drive from Airport



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