



THE KING'S SCHOOL

HARPENDEN

PROSPECTUS

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"

Proverbs 22 v 6 (NIV)



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Parents

It is with great delight that I welcome you to The King's School on behalf of the staff and the children. We trust that this prospectus will help you towards making the right choice for your child's education.

The King's School is an independent Christian day school for children of Foundation age up to GCSE (16 years).

The premises are situated in beautiful grounds on the outskirts of Harpenden and allow for 225 pupils with an age range from 5 to 16 years.

Although we are a Christian ministry, we are not affiliated to any one particular church or church grouping. Trustees and staff are drawn from a number of different churches in the area.

The School provides a Christian teaching environment with a high quality teaching staff and strong pastoral support, so that individual assistance can be given to each child according to his/her need.

Our heart is that the Lord Jesus Christ should be sovereign over all the affairs of this School. That is why we could choose no better name than 'The King's School'. I commend the School to you for your children, your support and your prayers.

David Crook

Chairman of the Trustees





'Young people
devoted to
Christ, equipped
for life and
prepared to
reach the
world.'



THE KING'S SCHOOL VISION

OUR AIM

The School aims to provide high quality academic preparation, based on the national curriculum, in an environment which is permeated by Christian values. Staff are committed to the Christian faith and endeavour to be role models of this lifestyle to the pupils they work with.

While there is an aspect of the overt teaching of our faith, which occurs in assemblies, morning devotions and religious studies, the Christian ethos of the School is not confined to these activities. Teachers are free to discuss issues of faith in any area of school life, should the issue arise. It is not our decision or intention to contrive opportunities to preach during academic lessons, however, there is no part of the School from which our faith is institutionally excluded or where it may not be referred to.

The King's School has an academic programme that is non-selective, which means that every year group is mixed ability. It is the goal of the school to guide and encourage each pupil to the very best academic level that they are capable of. The school's strong academic results and the level of progress made by our pupils through all the key stages is testimony of this

OUR MISSION

Our intention is to continue the Christian grounding which has begun at home and to support Christian parents and the local church in grounding children and young people in their faith, whether it be in designated, formal times of worship in church or at home or, in their everyday activities, including education.

We strongly believe that pupils should behave in a way which shows consideration for the needs of all others within the School community. Christian teaching shows us that we should love our neighbours as we love ourselves. We believe this should be evidenced in the School by expecting a standard of behaviour and attitude, from all members of the School community, which allows every young person to feel safe and appreciated and able to realise their full potential.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

The Primary School caters for children from rising 5 to 11 years old (Foundation to Year 6), and is organised by Key Stage.

The Infants department covers Foundation to Year 2 and the Juniors Year 3 to 6. Throughout the Primary School the children are taught using the National Curriculum.

CURRICULUM

English, Mathematics and Science are taught each day. The curriculum also includes History, Geography, Computing, Art & DT, Music, French and German.

The children have two PE lessons a week; Year 2 to 6 go swimming during Autumn and Spring Terms, Year 2 to 4 continuing in the Summer Term.

CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS

Each day starts with either class devotions or school assembly, when there is a time of worship and Bible teaching. The Bible and Christian living are also taught during Religious Study lessons.

The teaching of British Values is incorporated throughout the Primary school teaching, with occasional lessons on specific subjects.

PRIMARY LIBRARY

The children are encouraged to make use of the library. As well as learning to enjoy books, it helps them in their reading and spelling.

The library holds a collection of over 6,000 reading, general reference, fiction and non-fiction books.



THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

The Secondary School caters for children from 11 years of age up to 16 years of age, and is currently organised by year groups. The teaching of British Values is incorporated in the Secondary school teaching, with an annual British Values Day when the students are divided into mixed year groups and taught specific subjects throughout the day.

CURRICULUM

The Secondary School curriculum builds on the foundation established in the Primary School, extending and deepening the students' resourcefulness through a broader curriculum.

Years 7, 8 & 9

A good range of subjects is taught incorporating sciences, humanities and arts and including practical and physical education. In addition, and running through all three years, a Religious Studies course is undertaken.

This Religious Studies course is designed to develop an understanding of the Word of God and how to apply Biblical principles to daily life. The course includes an overview of world, social, and moral issues as well as Biblical principles.

During these years the students will begin to be prepared for the core GCSE subjects leading to examinations in Year 11.



SECONDARY - GCSE'S

Years 10 & 11 (GCSE's)

Establishing a well-balanced curriculum for GCSE is the best solution for most students. To this end, the School provides as wide a variety of GCSE courses as possible. We are always seeking to improve and update the provision of such courses.

Our aim is to enable each pupil to choose a course of study best suited to his or her abilities and talents.

The normal arrangement is for each pupil to enter for all of the common core subjects (six GCSE's) plus three additional subjects from a range of course options (selection subject to time-tabling). This means that each pupil normally takes a total of 9 subjects at GCSE.

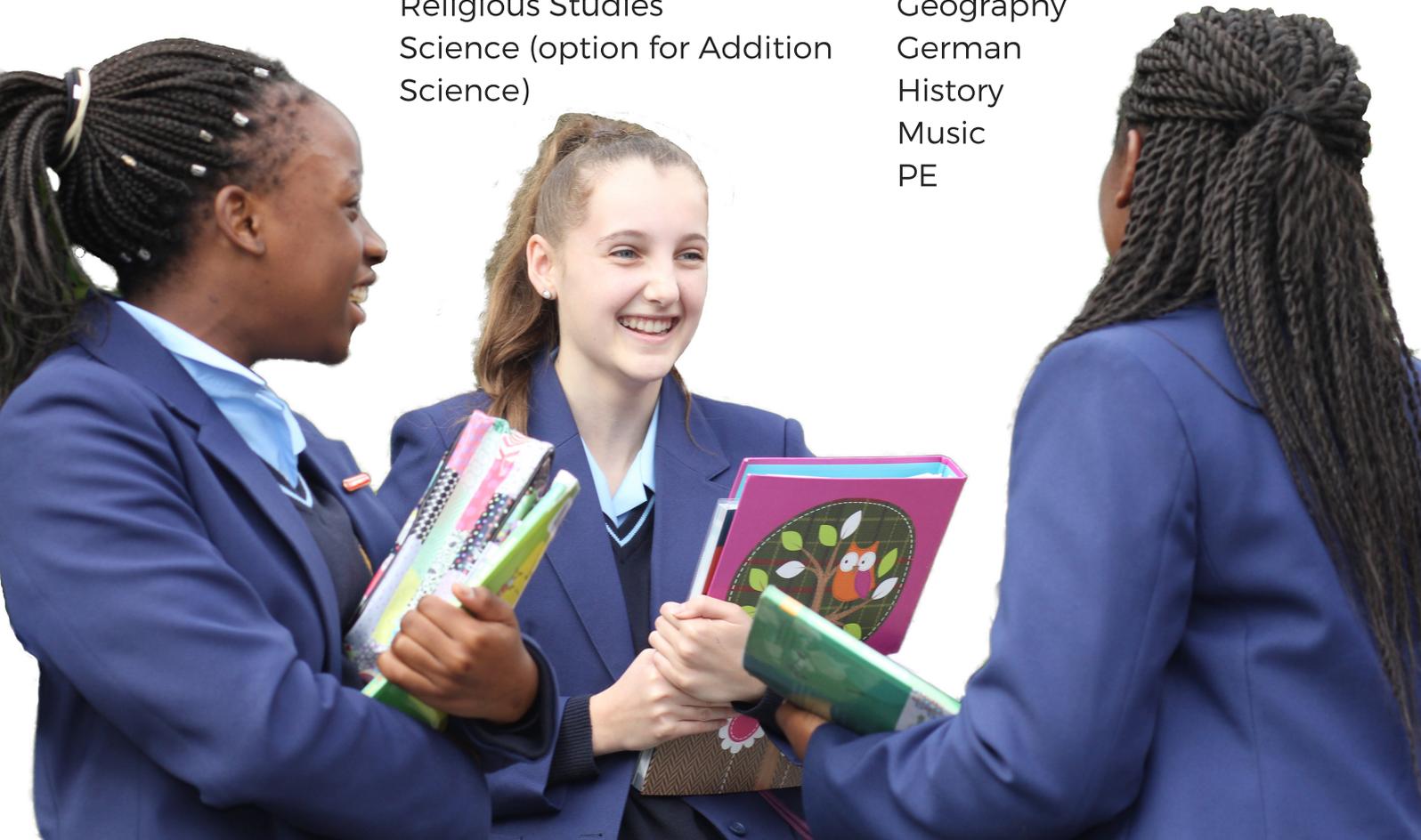
SUBJECTS

Core Subjects:

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Religious Studies
Science (option for Addition
Science)

Optional Subjects:

Art
Food Preparation & Nutrition
French
Geography
German
History
Music
PE



CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

SPORTS AND GAMES

The School encourages the physical training of each child alongside spiritual and intellectual development. Physical activities are provided for all children, along with weekly games in major sports.

We have regular inter-school matches in football and netball and occasional fixtures in rounders, table-tennis and basketball.

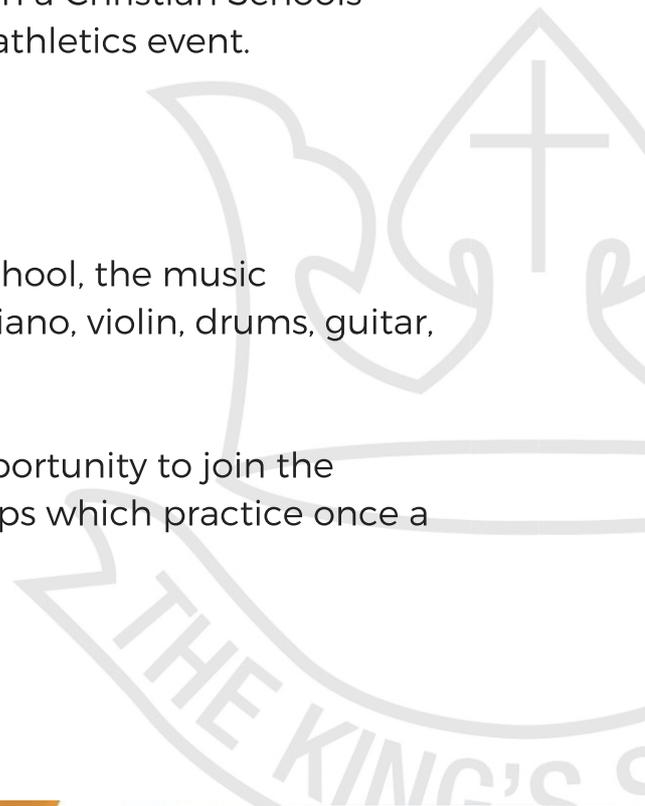
The School participates in district and county level competitions with local schools in table tennis, basketball and athletics. There are frequent inter-house fixtures and regular after-school sports clubs.

In the summer term, the School participates in a Christian Schools' sports day and we have our own inter-house athletics event.

MUSIC

In addition to general music periods in the School, the music department offers individual lessons on the piano, violin, drums, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, flute and recorder.

Throughout the School, children have the opportunity to join the Primary or Secondary choir or orchestral groups which practice once a week during lunch times.



CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

DAWN KIDS

This is a voluntary after school activity for 11-16 year olds. It was set up to provide the children with an opportunity to express and share their faith. Through dance, music, testimony and drama the youngsters, as a group, are able to demonstrate their love of God in churches, schools, prisons and in open air witness.

Since 1994, 'Dawn Kids' has been involved in a number of missions to other European countries. They have performed in concerts and participated in outreaches in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Finland, Estonia, Northern Ireland, Spain, Latvia and Germany. Whether at home or abroad, Missions continue to be a central part of the 'Dawn Kids' ministry.

TESTIMONIAL FROM DAWN KIDS KIDS!

"We love Dawn Kids! Just getting the chance to use music, dance, and community work to express our love and our faith is always so much fun and such a privilege. Getting to travel and do things abroad is also so exciting and we can't wait to see where God leads us next!"

SCHOOL EXCHANGES

The School currently has links with a secondary school in Bremen, Germany, and has had fruitful short duration exchange visits with this School for many years. We also exchange trips with a school in L'Isle, Switzerland, to cater for the French language.



ADMISSIONS

ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL

Applications will be considered for entry into all classes from Foundation through to Year 9. New pupils are not taken into Year 10 and 11. Applicants need to adhere to the process as set out below.

We will consider pupils from all social backgrounds, nationalities and abilities. We accept pupils from families who are practising Christians.

We do not accept pupils whose families are practising other religions. We respect the right of everyone to follow and adhere to the practices of any religion they choose. However, actively following another religion may bring home and school into conflict of belief, which would not be in the best interest of the child. We will consider pupils who may have Special Educational Needs but they will only be offered a place if it is felt that the School is able to cater for their educational needs in the context of a particular class. We do not normally admit children with a Statement of Educational Need.

We may not be able to offer a place if a class is deemed to be full. The School has an ideal class size of 20 per year group with a maximum number of 22 per year group.

Please see our website for further details:

www.thekingsschool.com/kings-school-admissions

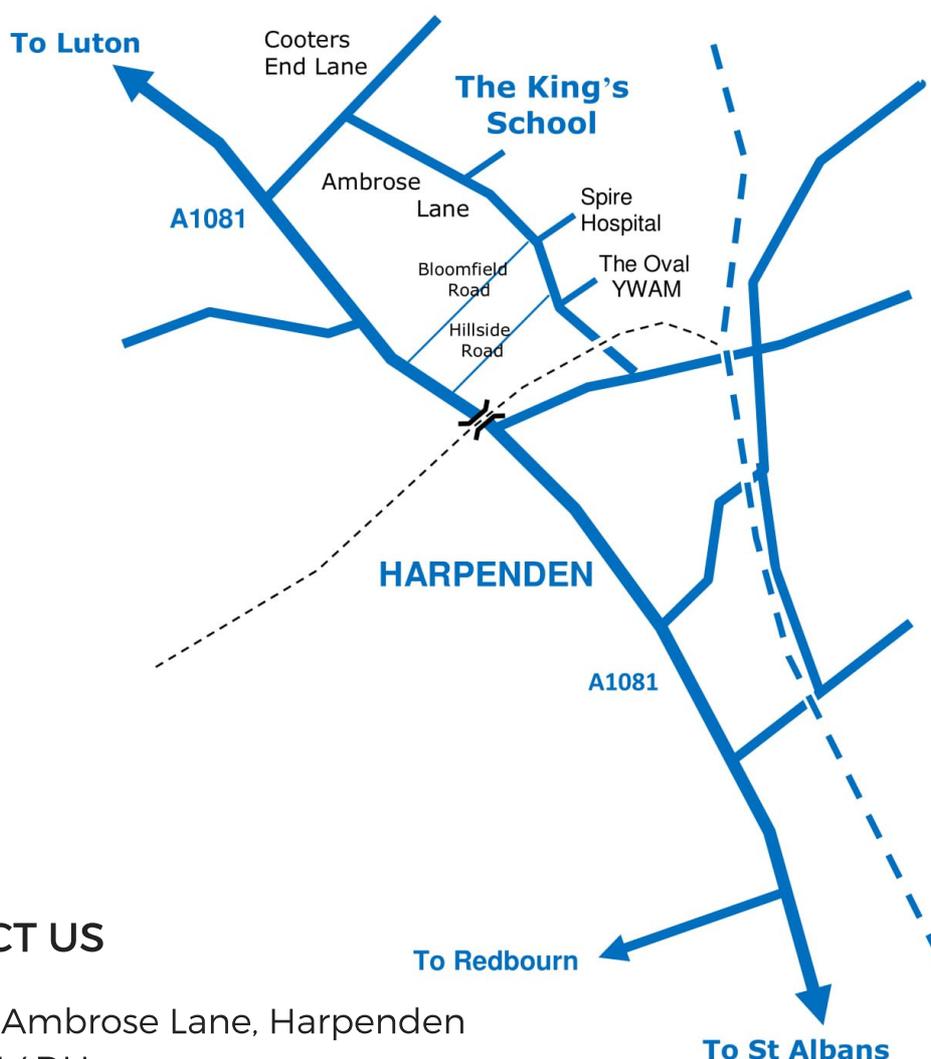


FIND US

LOCATION

The King's School is situated in Ambrose Lane next to the Spire Hospital on the outskirts of Harpenden. From St Albans, pass through the centre of Harpenden and, after you pass under the disused railway bridge, turn right into Hillside Road. At the top of the hill turn left onto Ambrose Lane.

Approaching on the A1081 from Luton, as you near the 30mph sign turn left into Cooters End Lane, and take the first on the right onto Ambrose Lane



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