

King's College, Taunton



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King's College is a thriving boarding and day school situated in the heart of Somerset. Providing quality education for 13- to 18-year-olds, the school, along with its associated prep school, King's Hall, is part of the respected Woodard Corporation and is situated in Taunton.

What makes King's special?

Boarding is a strong feature, which contributes to the real family atmosphere. The school is small enough to be friendly and yet large enough to compete nationally. The outstanding modern facilities and stunning location ensure that children enjoy a challenging all-round education in a progressive, secure and stimulating environment. As with all Woodard schools, great emphasis is placed on developing the individual: kindness, consideration, courtesy and respect for one another are fundamental to the ethos of the school.

A good work ethic and small class sizes help sustain progress, and specialist teaching is the norm. We aim to identify the natural ability in every child, developing special, well-balanced, confident people through activities such as music, sport, Combined Cadet Force, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and performing arts.

Excellence in sport, music, drama and outward bound

King's is an England and Wales Cricket Board Centre of Excellence, with achievements including two pupils smashing the national 50-overs schoolboys' record and the prestigious accolade of Wisden School Cricket Team of the Year. The school boasts eight former pupils playing professional rugby and cricket, including England rugby international Tom Voyce, cricketers Jos Buttler (England and Lancashire), Craig Meschede (Glamorgan) and Alex Barrow (Somerset), as well as England women's hockey goalkeeper, Maddie Hinch. Girls' hockey teams have been both regional and national finalists. The girls' football team won the U18 national cup in 2014, and the U15 and U18 teams are the national seven-a-side champions. Furthermore, our teams will be taking part in the national ladies futsal league in September 2015.



The inspirational school choir won the Songs of Praise School Choir of the Year, while the orchestra regularly performs works in the standard professional repertoire. State-of-the-art theatre and drama studios have inspired a very high standard of performing arts. King's has an outstanding outdoor education department, offering a wide range of activities such as climbing, mountain biking, mountaineering and kayaking. It also takes part in the annual Ten Tors event. The strong Combined Cadet Force organisation offers at least three adventure training camps every year.

Why do parents recommend us?

In our parents' questionnaire, in answer to the question, 'What aspect of the school would you highlight in describing it to other parents?', the following comments were made:

'This is an excellent school, with happy normal kids and impressive staff. Superb.'

'Both children are thriving in their new environment and take pleasure from all aspects of their education.'

A school where the word 'community' still means something.

The Good Schools Guide



Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding and day

Age range 13-18

Number of pupils 460

Number of boarders 300

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:9

Religious tradition Anglican

Fees per term Boarding £9,800; Day £6,650

ISC association HMC

Affiliation Woodard



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