



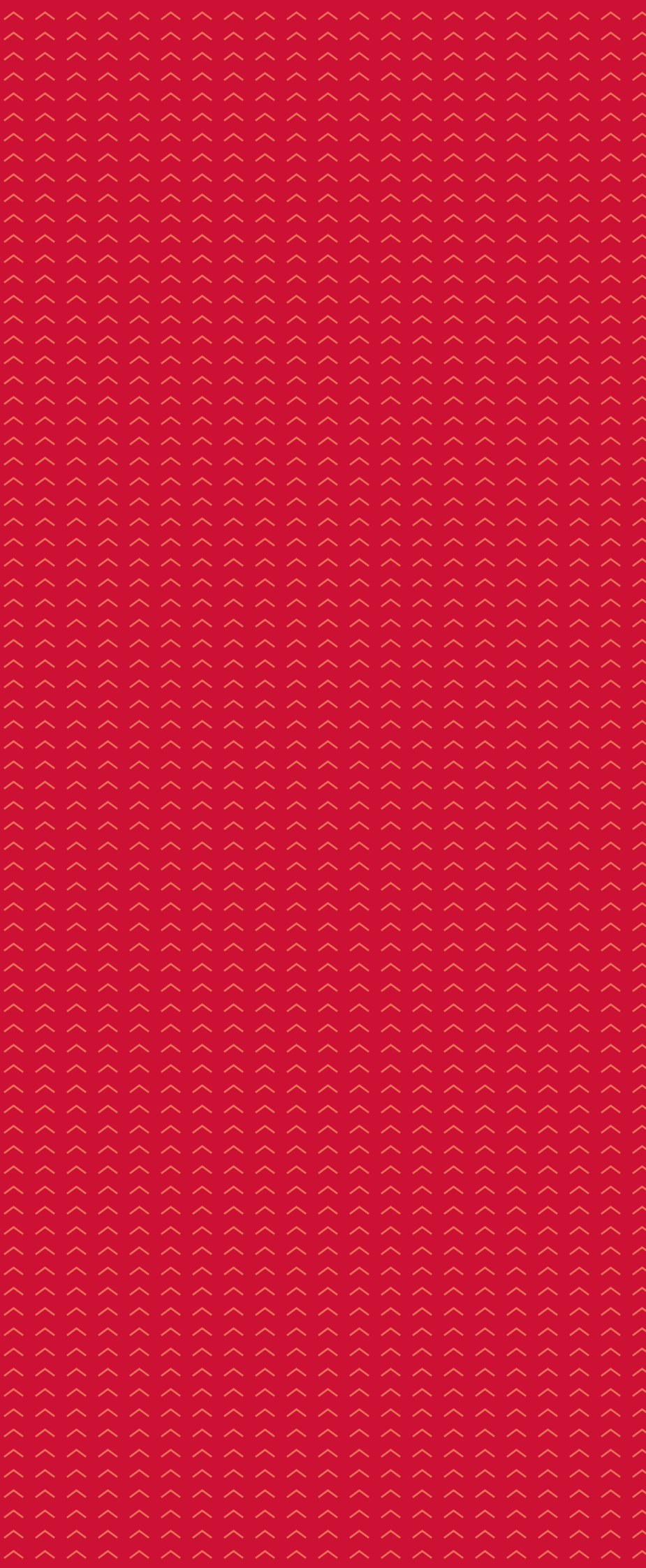
KENT COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

**OPEN TO
THRIVE**



SIXTH FORM

OPEN TO THRIVE





“In the International Baccalaureate (IB), the school has consistently performed significantly above the worldwide average. Pupil attainment at A Level is strong, with almost three-quarters of students results achieving grade B or above. ”

ISI INSPECTION 2022

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to the Sixth Form which represents the pinnacle of the Kent College experience. Here you will have the chance to explore your favourite subjects in greater depth and develop your intellectual curiosity.

Whilst a strong academic programme is at the heart of Sixth Form there is also a great deal that you can gain to help develop the skills you will need in later life by engaging in our co-curricular programme. We also want you to be happy here, and your wellbeing is really important, so striking a balance across all your commitments is essential.

As Sixth Formers you are also role models for the younger students and we ask you to help us to continue to build the exceptionally caring atmosphere at Kent College. The Sixth Form presents numerous opportunities to take on leadership roles and develop essential skills that you will use in the future.

We really want you to flourish in Sixth Form so that you can step confidently into the world beyond school, be that at university, other higher education institutions or in the realms of work.

Mr Mark Turnbull

Head

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THE KC VISION FOR EDUCATION

EDUCATION THAT IS FOCUSED UPON THE NEEDS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, DEVELOPING INQUIRING AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND HOW TO LEAD HAPPY AND FULFILLING LIVES, AS COMPASSIONATE MEMBERS OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY, WITH THE SKILLS TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLES IN AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.



AT KC WE PRACTISE

RESPECT

value oneself, others,
and the world around us

ACTING JUSTLY

work for good through
service to others

AMBITION

engage positively with
all learning opportunities

HUMILITY

walk humbly

OPENNESS

embrace equality, diversity
and inclusion

KINDNESS

be considerate and
compassionate towards others

RESILIENCE

build the courage to take risks
and to forgive others

CURIOSITY

inquiring actively



200
Sixth Form students



40
different nationalities



SMALL SIZE
teaching groups



BESPOKE
timetables



NEW SIXTH FORM
CENTRE



Over 100 co-curricular
clubs and activities



HEALTH
and wellbeing support



LIFE SKILLS,
coaching and visiting
speakers

UCAS

Personal university
application preparation



CAREERS AND FUTURE
PROGRAMME

SIXTH FORM AT A GLANCE

IB

regularly in the top
10 IB schools in the
UK for 12 years

70%

of A Level students
achieved A*-B for the
last 8 years

23

A LEVEL
courses

3

CAMBRIDGE
TECHNICAL courses

37

average IB points for 8
years



KENT COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

founded in 1885



NEXT STEPS

2%

regularly join Oxford or Cambridge

OVER 90%

of students regularly go to their first choice university

155

155 Average student UCAS points.
Equivalent to A* AA at A Level

50%+

Average number of students who go to Russell Group Universities

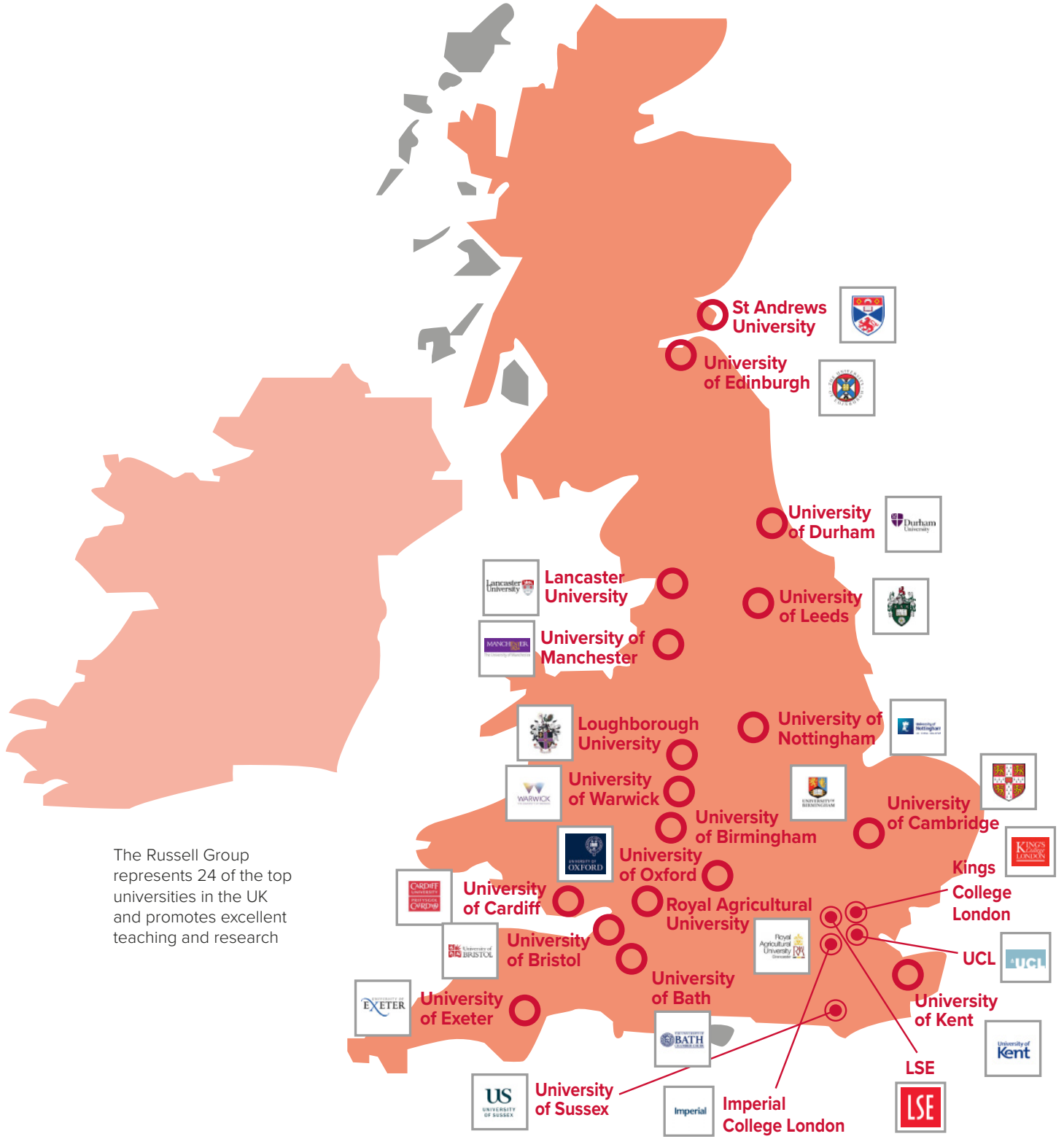


International university destinations include Bocconi in Milan, Esade in Barcelona and the University of Boston



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

ANNUAL UK UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS



The Russell Group represents 24 of the top universities in the UK and promotes excellent teaching and research

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



"It is so easy to fit in with the boarding community, I had never boarded before. I picked Kent College because this was the school where I felt most comfortable and welcomed."

Jessica (Nigeria) IB student



"Chemistry lessons filled with practical experiments, after school opportunities such as Electronics Club and the open atmosphere and ability to freely ask questions, have made my learning experience at Kent College a very valuable one."

**Richard (South Korea)
A Level student**



"The opportunity to pursue my interests outside academic lessons, particularly in Music and Drama, is supported by the huge range of activities available as part of the co-curricular programme. I have been fortunate to perform in some of the most impressive buildings in Europe. Choir tours to Krakow, Budapest, Lyon and Venice have been incredible and memorable experiences."

Dulcie (UK) A Level student



"The learning environment has been extremely stimulating, enabling me to achieve the highest standards and providing me the opportunity to discover and explore new educational and career pathways for the future."

Pietro (Italy) IB student



"Enrichment activities such as sport, music, Duke of Edinburgh and the farm have allowed me to develop valuable skills outside the classroom, such as leadership, but also hugely contribute to my physical and mental wellbeing."

Ailsa (UK) A Level student



"Kent College Sixth Form allowed me to choose a range of subjects, such as Business, that have a high percentage of coursework, rather than all end of year exams. The pace of the course allows me to consolidate information and really suits my way of learning. The exams are well spaced through the year allowing me to thoroughly prepare. There is also the opportunity to retake exams if I want to improve my grade."

Edward (UK) Cambridge Technicals

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU



Kent College is a leading provider of the IB Diploma Programme, consistently placed in the top ten IB schools in the UK. We also offer A Level and Cambridge Technical Diploma courses. With this broad range of courses on offer we are able to ensure students follow the most appropriate combination of subjects given their interests and abilities. We are passionate that every student receives the education that is right for them, and our dedicated team of teachers ensures our students not only achieve excellent results but that while doing so, they foster a lifelong love of learning.

At Kent College, we know that every student learns in a different way, and we believe that offering these multiple pathways allows each student the opportunity to challenge their individual strengths and abilities in the way that suits them best.

How to choose?

All the pathways offer challenging, highly-regarded qualifications which are accepted as university entrance qualifications worldwide. The IB and A Level programmes of study are two-year courses, with external exams at the end of the two years. The Cambridge Technical Diplomas are a combination of portfolios of work with less emphasis on final examinations.

The choice of which programme to study will rely largely on a student's academic interests, personal learning style, and plans for university and beyond. Bespoke, individual timetables accommodate the subjects or combinations of subjects students wish to study, ensuring each student is able to pursue their interests.

CONGRATULATIONS for successfully negotiating your GCSEs. The next two years should be some of the most exciting and challenging of your life. We believe that we give all students the opportunity to thrive and flourish in a learning environment specifically designed to meet their learning needs, with a range of academic choices including the IB Diploma, A Levels and Cambridge Technicals. The Sixth Form enables students to experience smaller tutorial style lessons and make use of timetabled independent study lessons, developing core skills to prepare them for their onward journey either into Higher Education or the workplace. Our diverse and international community is unique, allowing students of all backgrounds and faiths to be nurtured whilst being intellectually challenged in the classroom. We have a supportive family atmosphere at KC where teachers will always go the extra mile to help you with future decision making and supporting your progress.

Mrs Ellie Budd, Head of Sixth Form

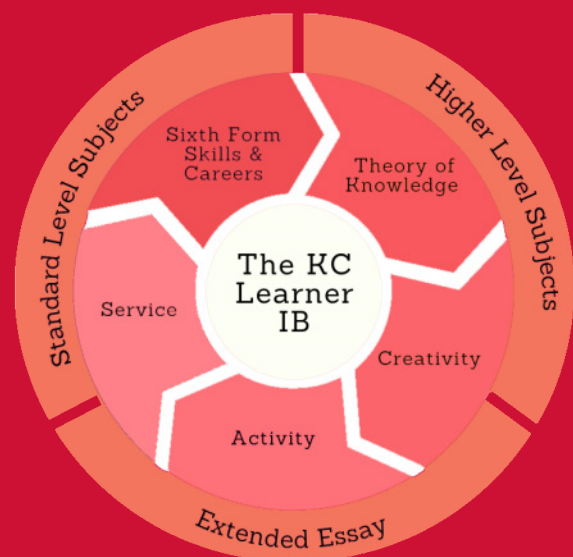
A LEVELS AND CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

- › Students specialise in their chosen area of study, avoiding subjects they may have less interest in
- › Most students study four subjects in year 12, reducing to three by Year 13
- › Students have the opportunity to explore subjects of their interest through the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) programme
- › All students are expected to take part in the co-curricular programme
- › A Levels are marked from A*-U; and Cambridge Technicals are marked from Distinction*-Pass
- › All students are expected to provide service to the community during their time in the Sixth Form



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA

- › Students gain a breadth of knowledge across literature, languages, social sciences, sciences, maths and arts
- › All students study six subjects over two years, three at higher level and three at standard level
- › Students complete an Extended Essay, a Theory of Knowledge course (TOK) and the Creativity, Action, and Service programme (CAS)
- › Through the CAS programme, students focus on personal development beyond the classroom during acts of creativity, service and physical activity
- › The IB Diploma is awarded out of a maximum of 45 points, with 7-1 points per subject, and TOK and EE count for 3 points



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STUDYING THE IB

The IB Diploma is an exciting programme that focuses not only on the academic enrichment of the student, but their personal development as a well-rounded individual. It is highly-respected internationally and recognised by all UK universities. The Diploma offers a breadth of knowledge and range of skills that are sought-after by employers and higher education alike.

The IB Diploma allows students to follow six subjects from different areas of study. Students also research and write an Extended Essay in an area of interest to them; this is highly regarded by universities. They complement their academic study with a course on the Theory of Knowledge, as well as gaining credit for their co-curricular activities in Creativity, Action and Service.

The Diploma is a challenging course that will suit students who are hard working, well organised and have a genuine curiosity for the subjects of their study.

Since 2017, our students have consistently achieved an average of 37 points placing Kent College in the top 10 UK schools offering the IB.

"The diploma was the perfect course for me. I love the breadth it allowed me to maintain while still being able to delve deep into my particular fields of interest."

- KC Student

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SUBJECT CHOICES

(all subjects are offered at Higher and Standard Level unless stated otherwise)

Block	Subjects
Literature	English, Italian, German
Language Acquisition (1)	English (1), Spanish (1), French (1), German (1)
Humanities	History, Geography, Business Management, Economics
Sciences	Physics, Biology, Chemistry
Maths	Analysis and Approaches (AA) Applications and Interpretations (AI) <i>The vectors course is included within the Maths courses</i>
Arts	Art, Music

(1) language may be studied at three levels: Ab initio, where students learn a language from scratch, Standard Level and Higher Level.

THE COMPULSORY CORE ELEMENTS OF THE IB DIPLOMA

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)

Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) focuses on personal development outside the classroom. The student engages in Creativity, through the arts and creative thinking; Action, through physical activity, contributing to a healthy lifestyle; and Service, volunteering to benefit others. A personal journey of self-discovery, CAS is a challenging endeavour in personal growth.

Extended Essay

The Extended Essay is an in-depth study on a topic of the student's choosing. It is the perfect opportunity to show knowledge, understanding, and enthusiasm for the student's academic interests through high-level research and intellectual discovery.

Theory of Knowledge

The Theory of Knowledge focuses on critical thinking, challenging the notion of learning as the mere acquisition of facts. The complexities associated with knowledge are closely considered; we look at what we believe to be true, the reasons we have for holding these beliefs and whether or not our reasons for holding them are 'good'. The aim is not only to introduce students to a range of ideas and debates, but to encourage them to view their own ideas, beliefs and opinions in light of those of others.



A LEVELS AND CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS EXPLAINED



Kent College offers a wide-variety of A Level and equivalent qualifications, allowing students to specialise in the subjects they are passionate about. We are certified as a top 50 UK Independent school for the percentage of pupils achieving A*- B grades at A Level.

We pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching. Students are engaged in their learning, and our small class sizes allow for increased individual attention, helping students to achieve their best. Teachers' expectations of pupils are high, but all are aware of the need to support those who may find A Level work more challenging. Students are encouraged to work independently as much as possible, but staff are always happy to offer one-to-one support in order to help students succeed.

We offer a wide range of academic A Levels and a variety of Cambridge Technical Diploma courses, the latter provides a valuable alternative to students whose learning style may be more suited to coursework projects rather than formal written examinations.

A Level students will normally study four subjects in Year 12 and continue with three of these to A Level in Year 13, though timetables can be tailored to individual student's requirements.

The Cambridge Technical Diploma courses in Business Studies, Sports and Physical Activity and Media are widely accepted by universities and colleges as well as providing entry to other professional qualifications or employment. The grading system is equivalent to A Level grade and the UCAS points system.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an A Level standard standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the A Level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It can be taken as an extension of other Level 3 qualifications or vocational qualifications and it is worth half an A Level or 28 UCAS points. It is fully recognised by universities and employers.

The EPQ allows students to lead their own projects. Students are able to plan and carry out research on a topic that they have chosen and isn't covered by their other qualifications. They can take inspiration from something touched on in

class or something personal and unrelated to their studies. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production.

As part of the assessment, students will need to show their research throughout the project, write a final report and present it to staff. They will be allocated a member of staff as their supervisor to help guide them through the process, yet the emphasis remains on it being an independent research project. It is the expectation that the majority of A Level students will complete an EPQ within their time at Kent College Sixth Form.

A WIDE SELECTION OF COURSES

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Economics
- Electronics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Business (Cambridge Technical)
- Media (Cambridge Technical)
- Sport and Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical)

LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

We encourage and support students to develop themselves, through a culture of independence, ambition and personal development, ready to achieve their goals in the wider world post-school.

Wellbeing & Sport

- › Sports for everyone - from beginner to elite!
- › Duke of Edinburgh
- › Wellbeing focused groups
- › Dedicated pastoral support team

Culture, Language, Arts & Music

- › Music & Drama qualifications
- › A wide range of trips and activities, Model UN, public speaking, debating
- › Young Enterprise
- › Celebration of different cultures

Careers & Fixtures

- › Pathways to Futures
- › Insights Programme
- › Sixth Form Skills sessions
- › Futures Week
- › Transferable Skills Development

Global Citizenship

- › Global Citizens project in Sixth Form Skills
- › Volunteering project in Peru
- › Trips abroad: Geography to Iceland, ski trip to Austria, DofE in Slovenia and Art, History & Business to New York

Service & Community

- › Duties & responsibilities
- › Leadership within the school as house captains or prefects
- › Volunteering opportunities such as working in local primary schools, conservation in Blean woods or working as student mentors



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Sixth Form students have more than 100 weekly activities and societies to choose from, and they are encouraged to participate in at least two per week. Whether musical, sporty, political or technologically inclined, there truly is something for everyone! From business club to rock band, and archery to electronics, our students take full advantage of the opportunity to pursue their interests and develop new skills.

Kent College has a reputation for sporting excellence, and we aim to provide something for every pupil in the school - from recreational sport and promoting fitness, to top-level coaching for our elite players. Facilities include a sports hall, gym, Astro-turf for hockey, tennis and netball courts and extensive pitches for football, rugby and cricket. The school also has facilities for trampolining, badminton, volleyball and basketball, as well as a Riding Centre, offering horse riding lessons and the opportunity to take part in competitions.

Many of our students show great enthusiasm for nature and the environment, and they engage with the outdoors in a variety of ways. Students ready for adventure take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and are able to undertake all levels of the award. Recent DofE trips for our Year 12s have included treks in the Dolomites in Italy or

across Iceland. Others choose to get involved with our very own working farm; spanning 50 acres, students can join the school Farm Club and get involved looking after lambs, pigs, hens and cattle. There's plenty to do, whether collecting eggs, giving the rabbits a cuddle, or showing our prize-winning calves at the Kent County Show. Students dig in with Gardening Club, tend Blean Woods in Conservation Club, and protect the environment in our Eco-Warriors society.



LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

Students have the opportunity to travel to destinations far and wide; recent expeditions have taken students to CERN in Switzerland, Iceland, Slovenia, as well as various sports tours and ski trips.

Sixth Form students play a vital role in the fabric of the school and have many opportunities to serve as ambassadors and leaders. Sixth Formers may be nominated to be our Heads of School, House Captains and Prefects, providing leadership and community support to their fellow students. They also have the opportunity to serve as role models to younger students in their Boarding Houses, as well as take on leadership roles in activities and societies.



OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY

Our students understand their responsibility to give back to the community and are eager to begin making their impact on the world. Our incredibly active Charity Committee arranges events such as themed non-uniform days, charity walks, cake sales, and pancake day events to raise money for multiple charities throughout the year; recent charities selected include CALM and Ambitious about Autism.

Alongside fundraising, students find an array of ways to get involved. Conservation Club members volunteer their time maintaining

and caring for the local Blean woods, protecting the environment and beautifying a community space, others volunteer in local primary schools to help with reading. Kent College has also developed a Global Schools partnership with schools and communities in Southern Tanzania, and students and staff have travelled in recent years to help develop and equip partner schools and, most recently, to help create a well to provide much-needed fresh water to a rural village.

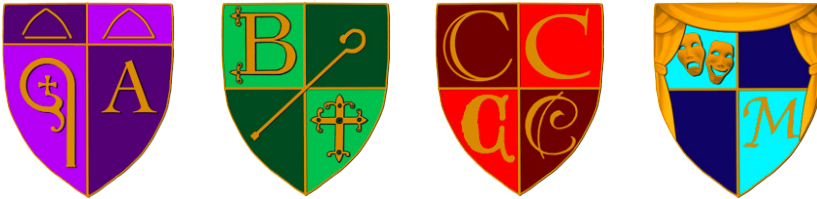
HEALTH & WELLBEING

Wellbeing is at the heart of what we do and is central to our ethos as a Methodist school. Kent College is well-known for our family atmosphere and supportive environment, and we know it is vital that our students strike a balance between study and free time, whether through sport, music or helping out on the Farm.

Guidance and support are available whenever a student may need them, and while all members of staff are more than happy to help with any concerns, every student is supported by their personal tutor who they meet with daily and their Head of House who ensures a smooth transition into Sixth Form and guides on university applications and future-planning, while also supporting them through their entire tenure at Kent College.

"The school houses help to build bonds between age groups and between boarders and day pupils. A sense of family pervades."

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE



The Pastoral house system at Kent College is designed to impart a real sense of belonging, instilling friendly competition and forming lifelong bonds. All pupils and staff of the Senior School belong to one of these Houses, which are called Augustine, Becket, Chaucer and Marlowe. House competitions range from drama and music, to chess, problem-solving, photography, sport, art and debating. Every student is given a chance to shine.

Three times a week, students meet for chapel, with one service being dedicated to upper school students, this is where achievements are celebrated and reflected upon, and our Chaplain is always available to be a listening ear.



CAREERS & FUTURES



THE FUTURES PROGRAMME SUPPORTS EACH INDIVIDUAL TO FIND THE RIGHT ROUTE FOR THEM

Insights Programme

Careers Insights - seminars from local professionals, friends of the school and alumni to hear from a range of different perspectives.

Study Insights - talks from academic institutions to allow students to hear from universities in the UK and internationally.

Dedicated Careers & Pastoral support

Dedicated careers support within school and one-to-one support with university applications, as well as careers tutorials and support from tutors throughout sixth form.

Transferable Skills Development

Students have the opportunity to develop their transferable skills for the future, including leadership, communication, teamwork and much more.

Sixth Form Skills

Classroom support sessions for students to cover an introduction to study skills, life skills development and careers & future planning.

Futures Week

During Activities week, students have the chance to visit universities, prepare their UCAS applications and develop their future plans.

Pathways

Dedicated careers support within school including one-to-one support for university applications as well as careers tutorials and support from tutors throughout sixth form.



INSIGHT PROGRAMME

Increasingly, young people will be cultivating multiple careers throughout their working life and they need to be prepared for a dynamic and exciting future.

KC Insights programme is designed to give students insights into different careers & futures options, to help them to find the right route for them

Careers Insights

Seminars from local professionals, friends of the school and alumni to hear from a range of different perspectives. These are informal seminars where speakers talk about their pathway into that field; their work experience and education background, as well as a day in the life and alternative modern routes into that area such as apprenticeships.

Study Insights

These involve experiences that allow students to experience what studying at university would be like and whether this is the right route for them. It involves talks from academic institutions both UK and abroad and visits to universities for open events and tours

Workplace Insights

The talks and seminars give students a flavour of life in the workplace but its also important that students get out into workplaces for experience. All students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to arrange work experience and courses as part of their careers development and are supported with their applications.

"Pupils are recognised as individuals and all staff take pride in encouraging and supporting each one to achieve his or her best. The pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent."

ISI INSPECTION



LIFE AFTER KC

Deciding what to study and where to attend university may at first seem daunting, but our students need not feel alone! Support is provided along the journey. All Sixth Form students partake in our Key Skills programme, which is aimed at preparing them for the future. The Head of Sixth Form guides students through the university application process. They are encouraged to examine their strengths and interests and advised on possible career paths, choosing the right university course and writing their personal statement.

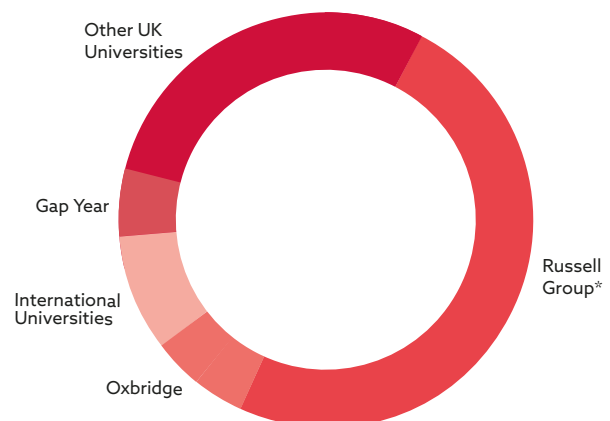
Students also have access to the online Unifrog platform, where they can explore UCAS, as well as universities in the USA, Europe, Asia and Australia, alongside the many apprenticeships on offer. Students can use Unifrog to research specific careers, from astronaut to zoologist, as well as those based on their general interests, like art or technology.

Further inspiration and information may be gained through a variety of other opportunities, including relevant summer schools and subject-specific days, as well as University, Career and Apprenticeship fairs. Kent College hosts visiting lecturers who discuss pursuing specific careers, such as medicine, law and veterinary science, alongside an array of relevant topics, including: gap year opportunities, USA scholarships, and a personal statement writing workshop. For students aiming for Oxford or Cambridge, we plan visits to the universities, meeting admissions teams, tutors and Kent College alumni, and individual support is provided during the application process. We know that the future is rapidly

changing, and the careers our students will have may not yet exist, this is why we are so passionate about delivering an individualised education to each of our students. With bespoke timetables, academic clinics with one-on-one support, a variety of leadership and outreach opportunities, and the plethora of co-curricular activities on offer, we want to ensure each student has developed their own unique set of skills and strengths to succeed in the future ahead as well-rounded, global citizens.

Destinations for our leavers include many top universities in the UK and further afield; over 50% of our students attend Russell Group universities, and international destinations have included Bocconi in Milan, Esade in Barcelona and the University of Boston. Our students are encouraged to consider the pathway that suits them best, whether that be direct entrance into university, a gap year spent working or exploring, or an apprenticeship in their desired field. Kent College aims to ensure that every student sets off on the path to the future that is right for them.

Average annual university destinations



SIXTH FORM BOARDING

The Boarding community operates as an extended family with House Parents in each Boarding House ensuring that each child is happy during their time at KC.

They are also supported by Assistant House Parents, Tutors and House Managers who provide 24-hour care for the students ensuring that they have assistance with homework, as well as any practical matters, and are always ready to listen to any concerns our boarders may have. As the school does not have exeat weekends and is comprised almost entirely of full-time boarders, the weekends are always very lively on campus with sports activities, visits to Canterbury in the afternoon and movie nights.

There are a wide variety of trips for boarders throughout the year from ice skating at the Natural History Museum to paintballing or theatre trips. There is also a very popular Brunch option available at weekends enabling students to have a relaxed social gathering over a meal in the morning. Sixth Form students take on additional responsibility in the Boarding Houses as Head of House and Assistant Head of House, welcoming new students and helping them to settle in. Year 12 and Year 13 students are encouraged to grow their independence during their last 2 years at school in preparation for university and can take cooking classes alongside learning how to manage day-to-day household requirements.



COME AND VISIT US

School office opening times

Term-time: Mondays to Fridays – 08:00 to 18:15

Saturdays – 09:00 to 12:00

Holidays: Mondays to Fridays – 08:00 to 14:00

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