



KENT COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

**OPEN TO
THRIVE**



SENIORS

OPEN TO THRIVE



Pupils make excellent progress from their starting points on entering the school

ISI INSPECTION

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL, WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE THRIVE IN AN OPEN-MINDED AND OPEN-HEARTED COMMUNITY

Welcome to the Senior School at Kent College. We understand that there will be new teachers, new friends and new procedures to learn. While there is a great deal of information to absorb, things will fall into place as the school community is very warm and welcoming. We want you to be happy here, as your wellbeing is really important, so rest assured that there are plenty of helpful and friendly staff who will be on hand to guide you through your first few days at the School.

Since its foundation in 1885, the School has always excelled in the academic, musical and sporting spheres. However, Kent College is probably best known for its exceptionally caring atmosphere where students from all faiths, countries and backgrounds thrive in a safe, friendly and caring environment. The positive spirit that this creates is infectious and I am sure that you will enjoy your time here at Kent College and wish you every success so you are able to flourish in everything that you do.

Mr Mark Turnbull

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THE KC VISION FOR EDUCATION

Education that is focused upon the needs of **each individual**, developing **enquiring** 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



610 students



410 day pupils



200 boarding students



42 different nationalities



Small class sizes



80 acre campus



School Farm and horse riding



26 acres of playing fields



floodlit astroturf sports hall and gym
tennis courts
netball courts
cricket pitches



600 seat theatre



80 co-curricular activities and clubs



Young Farmers club



7 musical ensembles
5 choirs



Duke of Edinburgh gold, silver and bronze programmes



7 drama productions a year



93 highly qualified specialist teachers



IB, 23 A Levels, 3 Camb Tech and 24 GCSEs



Local community whole School Outreach Programme



Wellbeing Team supporting a balanced healthy lifestyle



£20k raised for charity annually



Less than 1 hour from London by train



70 minutes to Gatwick Airport and 90 minutes to Heathrow Airport



5 boarding houses



International Study Centre



25 boarders' weekend trips annually



KENT COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

Senior School
founded in 1885

AT A GLANCE



SCHOOL YEAR AND EVENTS

Autumn Term 2025	
Saturday 30 September	New boarders arrive
Monday 1 September	Induction day for new students (day and boarding)
Tuesday 2 September	Term begins with registration for all students at 8:35
Friday 17 October	Half Term commences at 16:25
Sunday 2 November	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 3 November	Registrations for all students at 08:35
Tuesday 2 December	Cathedral Carol Service
Friday 12 December	Term ends at 16:25
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 January	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Tuesday 6 January	Start of Spring Term
Friday 13 February	Half-term commences at 16:25
Sunday 22 February	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 23 February	Registration for all students at 08:35
	Term ends at 16:25
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 20 April	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Tuesday 21 April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 22 May	Half term commences at 16:25
Sunday 31 May	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 1 June	Registration for all students at 08:35
Saturday 27 June	Speech Day
Thursday 2 July	Term ends at 16:25

Key events

There are some key events throughout the school year to which parents/ guardians are invited. They include:

Autumn term: Family BBQ; School Musical production; The Kent College Lecture; Fun and Fireworks; Carols on the Farm; 'Joy to the World' Concert; Carol Service in Canterbury Cathedral.

Spring term: Frank Mason Hockey Tournament; Arts Week (including Variety Show, House Drama, House Music and Public Speaking); Drama Production; International Week and Wellbeing Week.

Summer term: Spring Concert; Farm Open Morning; Sports Day; Service Week; Summer Opera; Speech Day.

Dates are published in the school calendar, and information about these events is sent out in the weekly school newsletter.

DAILY ROUTINE FOR ALL PUPILS

Registration, Chapel or Tutorial	08:35-09:00
Period 1	09:00-09:35
Period 2	09:35-10:10
Break	10:10-10:35
Period 3	10:35-11:10
Period 4	11:10-11:45 5 minute break
Period 5	11:50-12:25
Period 6	12:25-13:00
Lunch	13:00-14:00
Period 7	14:00-14:35
Period 8	14:35-15:10 5 minute break
Period 9	15:15-15:50
Period 10	15:50-16:25
Activities/ Study Hall	16:30-17:30
Buses depart	17:30

School hours are Monday to Friday 08:35 to 16:25. All pupils should arrive in school in good time to register at 08:35. Day pupils may go home at 16:25. All pupils may attend Study Hall, a school activity or practice until 17:30. Day pupils are required to leave the campus at 17:30 unless they are attending a school match or similar, or have the permission from their Head of Year.

BOARDERS' DAILY ROUTINE

Monday to Friday	
Breakfast	07:30-08:15
Activities or House time	16:30-18:00
Supper	18:00-18:45
Prep / Study time	18:45-20:00
Registration	21:00
Years 7 - 9 Activities/ Free time in house	20:00-21:00
Registration	21:00
Years 10 to 13 Activities	21:00-22:00
Bedtime starts at	21:30
Weekends	
<i>Saturday Routine</i>	
Breakfast for Yrs 7-10	09:00
Sports fixtures, school activities, clubs and clinics	11:30-12:00
Lunch (compulsory for all boarders)	12:00-13:00
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	13:00-17:00
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00-18:45
Study time	18:45-20:00
Recreation and/or Boarding activities	20:00
Bedtime starts at	21:30
<i>Sunday Routine</i>	
Breakfast (for those going on trips - see trip information)	08:00-09:00
Brunch/Lunch	10:30-12:30
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	12:00-17:00
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00-18:45
Boarders' Weekly Meeting	19:00
Bedtime starts at	21:30

RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS



We offer our students not only a wide range of subjects to study at Kent College but also a variety of different pathways.

- › We are a leading IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate. This highly prestigious and internationally recognised course is an exciting choice alongside our wide range of A Levels and Cambridge Technical subjects. A number of students in recent years have achieved the highly coveted score of 45 points, the maximum that can be achieved, putting them in the top 1% in the world.
- › All our Sixth Form programmes have excellent track records in terms of outcomes. In our recent ISI inspection, the results were described as “exceptional”. Our A Level results are equally impressive with the percentage of grades at A*- B consistently above local Grammar Schools. Cambridge Technical qualifications have also achieved exceptional success with students regularly achieving distinction.

Students go on to read subjects as diverse as Law, Nuclear Engineering, Zoology, International Social policy, Bio Medicine and Economics at top British universities from Oxford, to a variety of Russell Group universities including Durham, Exeter and UCL

IB
REGULARLY IN THE
TOP 10 UK IB SCHOOLS

37
AVERAGE IB SCORE FOR
THE LAST 8 YEARS
(global average score 30)

70%
ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE OF
A*- B AT A LEVEL FOR THE
LAST 8 YEARS

38%
ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE OF
A*- A AT GCSE FOR THE LAST
7 YEARS

155
AVERAGE STUDENT UCAS
POINTS. EQUIVALENT TO
A*- AA AT A LEVEL



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

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Pupils entering the school in Year 7 to 9 follow the Key Stage 3 curriculum for three years. It is designed to provide an exciting journey through a whole range of different subjects for the pupils. By the end of Year 9 the level of challenge in those subjects is aligned to the starting point of the GCSE courses that follow in Years 10 and 11. Important skills are developed throughout Key Stage 3, these are set out in the KC Learner Profile. The nature of the work in all subjects is designed to be academically challenging and create a sense of excitement and enjoyment in learning.

Classes are organised in each year to provide the appropriate level of challenge and support for the pupils. This will be different depending on the type of subject and allows for pupils to be in one level of class for English based subjects and possibly a different level of class for Science and Maths based subjects. Pupils study two modern language throughout Key Stage 3. Interdisciplinary projects are also undertaken in Years 7 and 8 to create enquiry-based skills across different subjects; for example, the Black Death is considered as a project together in Biology, Chemistry and History.

International students who come for the Pre-IB/A Level year start in Year 11 and take a reduced 1-year GCSE course during that year.

Years 12 and 13 are also known as the Sixth Form. Students at Kent College have a choice of two-year courses: A Levels, Cambridge Technicals or International Baccalaureate. In the A Level programme there is the opportunity to undertake an EPQ, Extended Project Qualification. Students take their public exams at the end of Year 13.

Age	School year	Curriculum
11-12	Year 7	Key Stage 3
12-13	Year 8	Key Stage 3
13-14	Year 9	Key Stage 3
14-15	Year 10	GCSE
15-16	Year 11 Public exam year	GCSE Pre-IB/A Level year
16-17	Year 12 (Sixth Form)	A Level International Baccalaureate Cambridge Technicals
17-18	Year 13 (Sixth Form)	Public exam year A Level International Baccalaureate Cambridge Technicals

In the IB, the school has consistently performed significantly above the worldwide average

ISI INSPECTION



PREP AND ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT



Prep (homework) is set regularly and pupils are encouraged to establish good Prep habits from the beginning of their time at Kent College. The amount of Prep gradually increases as pupils pass through the school. The amount of time spent on Prep will also vary considerably between individual pupils. As a guide:

- › Years 7 and 8 should expect Prep in two or three subjects each evening, each taking approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete
- › Year 9 should expect Prep in three or four subjects each evening, each taking approximately 30 minutes to complete
- › Students studying for GCSE in Year 10 and 11 should expect to be doing the equivalent of at least two hours Prep per evening. Much of the Prep at this level is likely to be in the form of extended pieces of work which may cover several weeks, and pupils are expected to take an increasing level of responsibility for planning the completion of such work
- › In the Sixth Form, pupils may be expected to spend about an hour per subject per day on out-of-class preparation

Prep is set on Google Classroom and can also be seen on the School Portal.

Reports and Parents' Evenings

All pupils receive two written reports a year as well as half term grades, with comments by the teachers of the academic subjects and, where appropriate, by teachers of PSHE, musical instrument lessons and other activities. These reports contain additional sections written by the Tutor, Boarding House Parent and, where appropriate, either the Head of Year or the Head.

If a parent/guardian has concerns about their child's progress at any point in the year, they should make contact with the Tutor, or their Head of Year. Parents/guardians are also welcome to make appointments to see individual teachers, and contact should be made with the relevant Head of Year who will arrange this.

Once a year, parents/guardians have an opportunity to talk with all of the pupil's teachers at a Parents' Meeting for the relevant year group. Pupils are expected to accompany parents/guardians to these meetings.

Parents and students also have the opportunity to attend an academic surgery evening during the year. Additionally individual academic monitoring and feedback meetings can be arranged via the tutor at any point during the year.

The school stimulates excitement in learning, maintains high educational standards and develops the full potential of each individual

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PASTORAL CARE AND PUPIL WELLBEING

Kent College has a reputation for being a friendly and caring school, and our pastoral structure is designed to give all pupils the support they need from the start of their school career to the day they leave. Our vision is always focused upon the needs of each individual, supporting them to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

All students in Years 7-9 (Lower School), 10-11 (Upper School), and 12-13 (Sixth Form) meet in tutor groups every morning for 20 minutes. These are comprised of a mixture of students from their year group.

From year 8 the tutor groups will stay together for two years, allowing for a greater continuity of care for students, and providing the opportunity to further develop positive relationships with families over more than a year.

Tutor

If a parent/guardian has any concerns about their son or daughter, then the Tutor is the first person they should contact, usually by email.

The Tutor:

- › are the first port of call when contacting the school
- › sees their Tutor Group every morning for registration
- › is always available for support and advice, and to discuss any problems
- › is responsible for welfare and academic progress
- › keeps an eye on attendance and punctuality
- › monitors behaviour and involvement in activities

Heads of Year

The Heads of Year lead their teams of Tutors and have overall responsibility for the academic and pastoral wellbeing of the pupils in their year. All of the Heads of Year work in close co-operation with Tutors, House Parents, Senior Teachers and the Head to ensure the well-being of all pupils at Kent College.

THE PASTORAL NETWORK



The pastoral network

Our pastoral structure is led by our Deputy Head, Wellbeing and Pastoral, Mr Dan Bennett

The Tutors and Heads of House are part of a much wider network of pastoral support. Pupils may also seek help or advice from:

- › The Head of Year and Tutors
- › House Parents and House Tutors
- › The Chaplain
- › The Medical Centre Staff and the School Doctor
- › The Head and Senior Teachers
- › School Counsellors and our Independent Listener
- › Prefects or other trustworthy senior pupils
- › Student Voice
- › Head of Wellbeing
- › Visiting Speakers

We also have a wellbeing room which is staffed by trained teachers and prefects.

A most welcoming school. The children are encouraged to pursue their passions with vigour. The teaching staff are down to earth and extremely approachable. Simply, a lovely community to be part of

PARENT

THE HOUSE SYSTEM



HEAD OF HOUSE
Augustine - Emily White



HEAD OF HOUSE
Becket - Emily Cornwell



HEAD OF HOUSE
Chaucer - Georgia Bailey



HEAD OF HOUSE
Marlowe - Andrew Clark

The School has four Academic Houses: Augustine, Becket, Chaucer and Marlowe.

The House system promotes the spirit of community and competition amongst our students. Inter-house events are held throughout the year in Sport, Music, Art, Drama and Public Speaking. Pupils are also awarded House points on a regular basis for their school work and contribution to the school community. A trophy is awarded at the end of the School year to the House that has earned the most points.

Every pupil coming to Kent College is allocated to one of these Houses – usually before they start school in September. Students wear a House badge on their uniform and have a House polo shirt for House events.



EAT WELL AT KC

The school provides a wide variety of food options at all meals to ensure every taste and diet is catered for. Our Head Chef meets regularly with the pupils to ensure they are getting the food that they want to eat in a balanced diet. We cater for special diets such as gluten-free, or lactose-intolerant and the chef works closely with the staff in the school's Medical Centre to ensure that pupils with specific needs are well looked after. The kitchens also provide a wide range of snacks enjoyed by the pupils at break time, either in the main dining hall or in the school's cafe, 1885.

1885 Cafe opening times and payment system

Weekdays
07:00 - 08:30
10:10 - 10:30
12:50 - 13:55
16:20 - 16:40

Students should pay for purchases with their bank card.



MEDICAL CENTRE

Our Medical Centre is in the centre of school, and supports students 24 hours a day, offering a range of health services including immunisations. Inside, there is a modern, well-equipped surgery and several comfortable bedrooms. An experienced, qualified nurse is always available, and pupils may access help with any health issues at any time. These do not have to be medical conditions or physical problems; we also offer support with emotional needs and lifestyle choices.

Dr Julian Thompson runs a surgery in the school Medical Centre twice a week. He is part of Canterbury Medical Practice, where we can also access appointments if required at other times, and with a female GP.

Please ensure you have completed the online Health Questionnaire before you arrive at school, so that a nurse can be in touch before your child's arrival to develop a bespoke care plan of needs if required.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT YOUR AMBITIONS, DEVELOP YOUR CURIOSITY, BUILD YOUR SKILLS

PERFORMING ARTS

CHOIR - LOWER SCHOOL
 CHOIR - SENIOR SCHOOL
 CHORISTERS
 CONCERT BAND
 DANCE
 DRAMA - LOWER SCHOOL
 DRAMA - UPPER SCHOOL
 FLUTE GROUP
 FOLK GROUP
 GUITAR ENSEMBLE
 MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB
 MUSIC THEORY
 ORCHESTRA
 ROCK BAND
 SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION
 STRING QUARTET
 SUMMER OPERA PRODUCTION
 THEATRE DESIGN CLUB
 WIND GROUP

ENRICHMENT/HOBBIES

ART
 BOARD GAMES
 BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE
 CHESS
 CODING
 COOKING SKILLS
 CRAFT AND JEWELLERY MAKING
 DEBATING SOCIETY AND MODEL UNITED NATIONS
 DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING
 LATIN MUSIC DANCE
 PHOTOGRAPHY
 PRINT AND PATTERN
 PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY
 STRATEGY CAMPAIGN GAME
 SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE CLUB

TEXTILES

TOUCH TYPING
 YOUNG ENGINEERS
 LEGO-LEAGUE
 YOUNG ENTERPRISE
 YOUNG SILVERSMITHS

COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
 CHARITIES COMMITTEE
 COMMUNITY SERVICE
 DUKE OF EDINBURGH - BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD
 ECO-WARRIORS
 EDUKID
 FARM CLUB
 MEDITATION
 STRESSBUSTER CLUB
 WELLBEING
 YOGA
 YOUNG FARMERS

ACADEMIC

ASTRONOMY CLUB
 BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS IN THE NEWS
 CODE-BREAKING
 CREATIVE WRITING
 DISSECTION
 EAL SPEAKING CLUB
 ELECTRONICS
 EXTENDED RESEARCH PROJECT
 FRENCH FILM CLUB
 ISC UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SKILLS
 GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY
 ITALIAN SPEAKING AND COOKING
 LIBRARY
 MATHS AND SCIENCE

PROJECT - NANOTECHNOLOGY

PATHWAY TO ENGINEERING
 PATHWAY TO MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND VETERINARY
 PATHWAY TO OXBRIDGE
 READING CLUB
 PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY
 SCIENCE CLUB
 BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD CREST AWARDS

SPORT/FITNESS

ARCHERY
 ATHLETICS
 BADMINTON
 BASKETBALL
 CRICKET
 CRICKET FAST BOWLING
 CROSS COUNTRY
 DANCE
 FENCING
 FOOTBALL
 GOLF
 GYM
 HOCKEY
 HORSE RIDING
 NETBALL
 NETBALL SHOOTING CLINIC
 ROWING
 RUGBY
 SQUASH
 STABLE MANAGEMENT
 STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING
 TOUCH RUGBY
 VOLLEYBALL
 WEIGHTLIFTING



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

At Kent College we offer a wide range of activities that take place outside the classroom. These co-curricular activities are an important part of an all-round education that extends well beyond the curriculum, and allows pupils to explore their own particular talents and interests.

Pupils from year 7 to 9 are encouraged to attend at least two activities a week, while older students are encouraged to participate or assist in at least one. Activities take place at lunch times, after school and at the weekends. They change termly, depending on demand, but our aim is to provide something for everyone to enjoy and to develop through their school career.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DofE)

Kent College runs DofE for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards - Bronze is usually taken in Year 9, Silver in Year 10, and Gold in Year 12. Expeditions for the Bronze award are undertaken locally, while Silver expeditions are further afield in the UK (Snowdonia and the Lake District) and Gold final expeditions are run abroad for example, Iceland or the Dolomites in Italy.

The DofE programme helps young people to develop into well-rounded individuals with a broad range of skills. Students will undertake physical and mental challenges that will lead them to become more confident and self-sufficient. Volunteering is an important part of all DofE awards, and pupils have the opportunity to work in many different settings in the local community. They develop a great spirit of adventure and teamwork while sharing many happy memories and experiences.

PERFORMING ARTS

Music

Music is at the heart of Kent College and our splendid music department offers a broad range of opportunity to pupils of all ages and abilities. Working within a positive and vibrant environment, our aim is for music to be both fun and productive, ensuring that pupils perform and progress to the best of their ability. Members of teaching staff, as well as a dedicated team of visiting music teachers, are fully committed to both the enjoyment of music and promoting the highest standards. Many pupils learn a musical instrument, and numerous musical events take place throughout the school year.

- › The Department is housed in its own purpose-built Music school and has outstanding facilities, including teaching and practice rooms, two large rehearsal rooms, and an impressive recording studio. There is a comprehensive stock of instruments available to pupils including two grand pianos, drum kits and orchestral percussion, a pedal harp and a 3 manual Makin organ.
- › The Great Hall, 600 seat auditorium provides splendid surroundings for our annual concert and other musical performances throughout the year and also hosts many local Arts events including the Canterbury Festival.
- › The quality and breadth of music-making at Kent College is evident in both public and school performances, from a recent appearance as finalists in the Barnardo's National Choir Competition at the Royal Festival Hall, to productions of musicals, to individual performances by talented soloists at the annual Spring Concert. Many musicians from Kent College go on to further studies in music at one of the specialist colleges or at university, including the Royal College of Music, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Royal Northern College of Music.

Drama

Drama education thoroughly embraces our whole school philosophy where we aim to develop the full potential of each individual. Drama education ensures that students are provided with a safe environment to develop creative, expressive and evaluative skills essential for effective communication within the classroom and beyond.

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What else will I be able to do?

- › Upper School (Years 10-13) musical production takes place in October each year and rehearsals take place after school on a Thursday, and on Sunday afternoons. (Additional after-school rehearsals take place closer to the production.)
- › Junior Drama runs every Tuesday after school for those in the Lower School (Years 7-9). As part of this club, students will get the opportunity to perform in a play, the Great Drama Challenge and a Summer showcase.
- › Members of the Lower School are also invited to take part in the Annual House Drama Festival which takes place in February as part of Arts Week.
- › Senior Drama runs on a Monday after school and this acts as an opportunity to create work for a showcase performance.
- › With the development of our wonderful new theatre, a theatre production club will also be running to encourage those interested in the designing elements of theatre.

SPORT

Kent College is a school steeped in sporting history. We have a reputation for delivering an extensive sporting talent development programme as part of our diverse and varied school curriculum. The school sees sport as an integral part of a student's life and understands the important role it plays at both the scholarship and participation ends of the performance pyramid.

Our Vision for Sport is to provide an environment of excellence, for all students to be encouraged and supported to fulfil their potential. **91% of all the students in years 7-9 played competitive sport this year.**



TOP CLASS COACHING

We boast a number of highly experienced coaches on our staff who have played at county, national or international level in their chosen sport. Each student at KC receives top-class coaching in their chosen sport(s) and, in addition, we provide support in all areas of athletic development e.g. nutrition, conditioning, injury prevention.



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SCHOOL FARM

PUPILS AT KENT COLLEGE ARE INCREDIBLY LUCKY TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL'S WORKING FARM, SET IN 50 ACRES OF LAND. MOAT FARM IS A SHORT WALK FROM THE MAIN SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS AND IS OPEN TO ALL PUPILS. IT IS EQUALLY POPULAR WITH STUDENTS WHO WANT TO BE YOUNG FARMERS WHO ARE AIMING TO PURSUE A CAREER SUCH AS VETERINARY SCIENCE, OR WITH THOSE WHO SIMPLY LOVE THE EXPERIENCE OF SPENDING TIME WITH THE WIDE ARRAY OF FARM ANIMALS.

Going to the farm has made me more confident and determined, and given me valuable team working skills that I'll need in the future.

KC PUPIL



HORSE RIDING AT KC

Our Pony Club Centre approved riding stables are situated at the School Farm and are home to our eight horses and ponies. Our British Horse Society qualified riding instructors offer term-time riding lessons in our arena to students of all abilities on Saturdays and at selective times during the week. Stable management classes are also available alongside own a pony days and pony camps in the holidays. Students who ride with us can also join the Pony Club and work to achieve different badges, certificates and tests incorporating horse care and riding.

Kent College has a horse-riding team that competes at National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) events including showjumping, event challenge and arena eventing. The team regularly qualifies and competes at the NSEA regional and national events and has won a variety of awards.



- › The Young Farmers Club has been in action for more than 60 years, and it allows pupils to work with all the animals on the farm: cattle, pigs, a small flock of sheep, as well as hens, ducks, goats, rabbits and guinea pigs!
- › Students in year 7 to 9 are able to experience the Farm as part of their carousel of exploration lessons which includes Green Studies.

- › One of the highlights of the school year is the Kent County Show, where students camp out for 3 nights as part of the Young Farmers community and prepare and show the animals they have been working with during the year, often winning rosettes.
- › Another popular event is Carols on the Farm, an annual Christmas event held in the suitably decorated barn, with singing and music. Every year the school also holds a Farm Open Day, where children can come and experience being Young Farmers for a day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As an integral part of our school ethos and values, we hold a strong commitment to actively support the local community in and around Canterbury. This dedication to community service is ingrained in our co-curricular and outreach programme at KC and we expect all our students to participate throughout the year.

During our designated Service Week, students in Year 7 to 9 engage in various community initiatives. These activities range from hosting events for local primary schools to participating in beach clean-ups and conservation efforts. Throughout the academic year, we also foster partnerships with several charitable organisations and societies, extending our support and volunteering to KRAN, Canterbury Society and NHS charities, amongst others. Our mission is to instil in our students a sense of social responsibility and a genuine desire to make a positive impact on the world around them.

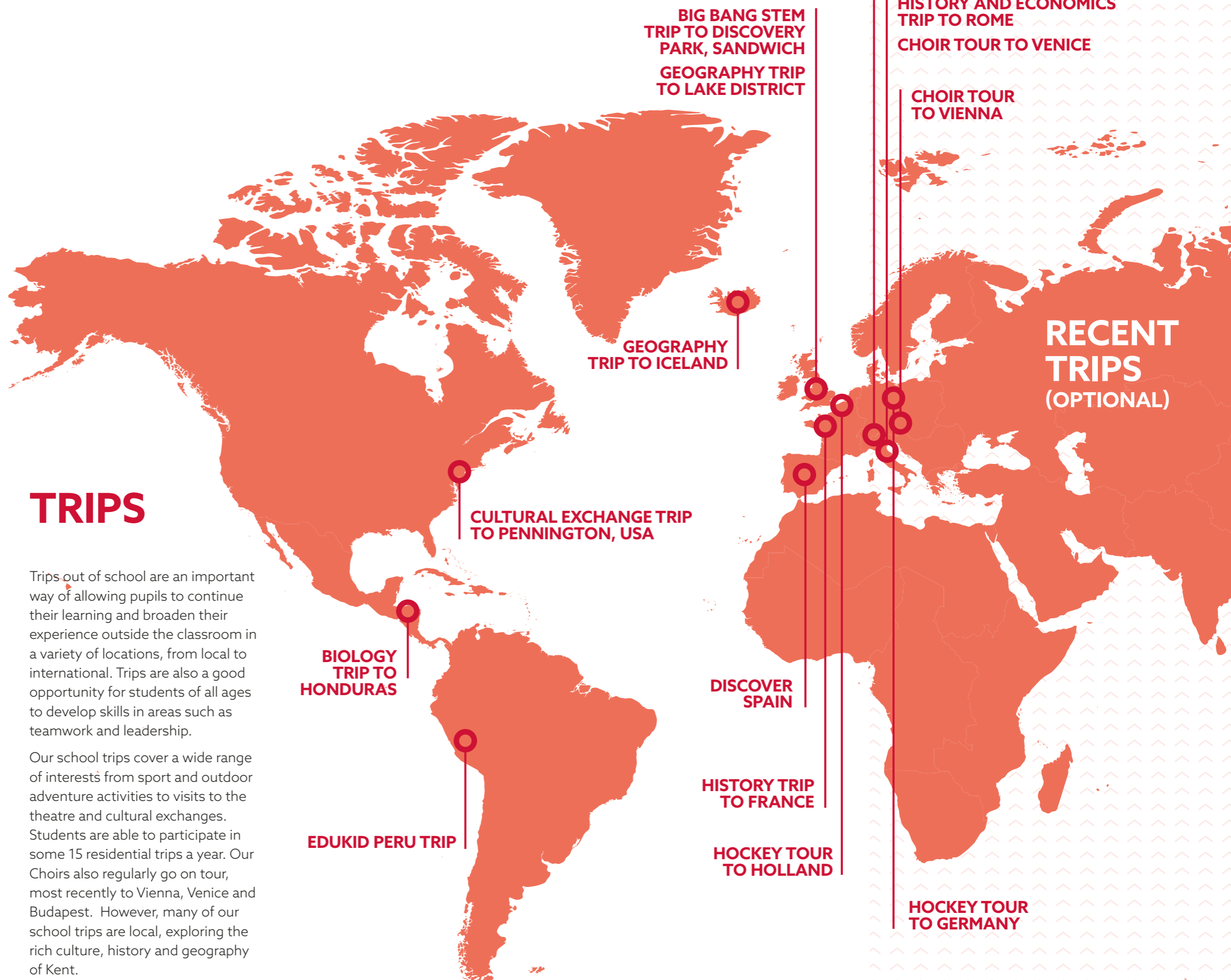
A small cohort of older students raise funds for Edukid and travel to Peru to help provide education for children who live in poverty.



TRIPS

Trips out of school are an important way of allowing pupils to continue their learning and broaden their experience outside the classroom in a variety of locations, from local to international. Trips are also a good opportunity for students of all ages to develop skills in areas such as teamwork and leadership.

Our school trips cover a wide range of interests from sport and outdoor adventure activities to visits to the theatre and cultural exchanges. Students are able to participate in some 15 residential trips a year. Our Choirs also regularly go on tour, most recently to Vienna, Venice and Budapest. However, many of our school trips are local, exploring the rich culture, history and geography of Kent.



YOUR HOME FROM HOME

Kent College has a long history of welcoming boarding pupils from abroad, as well as from British families resident in the UK or working overseas. Around a third of pupils at Kent College are boarders, and there are over 40 countries represented in our boarding community. Our boarding students bring great richness and diversity to life at Kent College, as well as helping all of our pupils to understand and respect different cultural traditions.

We ensure that boarders are fully integrated into all aspects of school life – academic, social, musical, sporting and across the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer. Our friendly and comfortable boarding houses truly become a 'home away from home', and many lifelong friendships are formed in our boarding community.

Our boarding houses

There are five boarding houses at Kent College Senior School, three boys' houses and two girls' houses. All of the boarding houses have House Parents who live in, and who are responsible for the welfare of the pupils in their house. The House Parents are assisted by Assistant House parents, House Managers and Resident Tutors, and between them they ensure the care of our boarders 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Younger pupils may be accommodated in rooms of up to four, while students in Years 12 and 13 are allocated a study bedroom of their own wherever possible. In each boarding house there are common room facilities for all pupils which include Sky TV, WiFi, kitchen and dining areas and games areas. Each house has its own character and style but all have similar rules and values.



Boarding options

Full boarding:

most of our boarding pupils are full boarders – they stay at school throughout the term and are able to take full advantage of the wide range of sport, trips and activities on offer at the weekends.

Weekly boarding:

this option allows students to enjoy the stimulus and structure of boarding life during the week while being at home with family at weekends – although there is so much going on at school during the weekends, including the boarding activities programme, that many weekly boarders often choose to stay for weekends too.

Occasional boarding

(subject to availability): this option is useful if parents need to be away for short periods. Please contact enquiries@kentcollege.co.uk for more information about occasional boarding.



I really like boarding because it's like having a new family and new amazing friends who are always supportive and motivating.

KC PUPIL

Boarding has allowed me to expand my qualities as a person; I am now more independent, I have more friendships and I have been given a confidence boost.

KC PUPIL

Boarders' activities and trips

Throughout the week and at weekends there is a wide range of activities and trips available to all boarders. These include school sports training and fixtures, music and drama rehearsals and performances, opportunities for volunteering, trips to the theatre or sporting events, and shopping expeditions. Canterbury has many attractions and boarders are allowed to visit the city centre at the weekend at the discretion of their House Parents, although junior boarders are always supervised.

EXAMPLE EVENING ACTIVITIES

Cultural Cooking
Movie Night
Board Games
Quiz Night
Music
ESports
Arts and Crafts
Basketball and Football

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Football
Basketball
Running
Tennis
Farm Club
Dog Walking
Archery
Visit Canterbury

EXAMPLE WEEKEND TRIPS

Dreamland, Margate
Paintballing
Ninja Warrior
Harry Potter Studio Tour
New Scientist Live
Thorpe Park
V&A Museum
Royal Albert Hall Classical Concert
Ice Skating & Tower of London
Science Live: Victoria Theatre, London
Westfield Shopping Centre
Football: Charlton Athletic
Chinese New Year Meal: Café De China
Windsor Castle & Park
Go-Karting
West End Show
Escape Room
Greenwich Shopping
Howletts Wildlife Park
Trampoline & Ice Skating
Cinema
Surfing Lessons

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

The pleasant redbrick buildings of Kent College are situated in a semi-rural position overlooking the beautiful cathedral city of Canterbury. The school sits in 80 acres (32 hectares) of land with extensive sports fields, a farm (Moat Farm) and a Riding Arena.

Kent College, Whitstable Road, Canterbury CT2 9DT



MOAT FARM AND SPORTS FIELDS

Moat Farm site, horse riding, sports fields and cross country track

Key:

1. Main Reception
2. Great Hall
3. Wesley House
4. Art Department
5. Music School
6. Austen House
7. Orchard House
8. Boundary House
9. Sports Hall
10. Norfolk Building
11. Guilford House
12. Medical Centre
13. Sixth Form Centre
14. Common Rooms Year 8-11
15. Sixth form Study Room
16. Prickett Building
17. Uniform Thrift Shop
18. Year 7 Common Room
19. 1885 Cafe
20. Gamon House
21. Elfick House
22. The Arch Drop-Off

Key:

1. School Farm
2. Staff Housing
3. Moat Cricket Field
4. Moat Cricket Field Pavillion
5. Riding Arena
6. Park Cottage
7. Conservation Project
8. School Garden

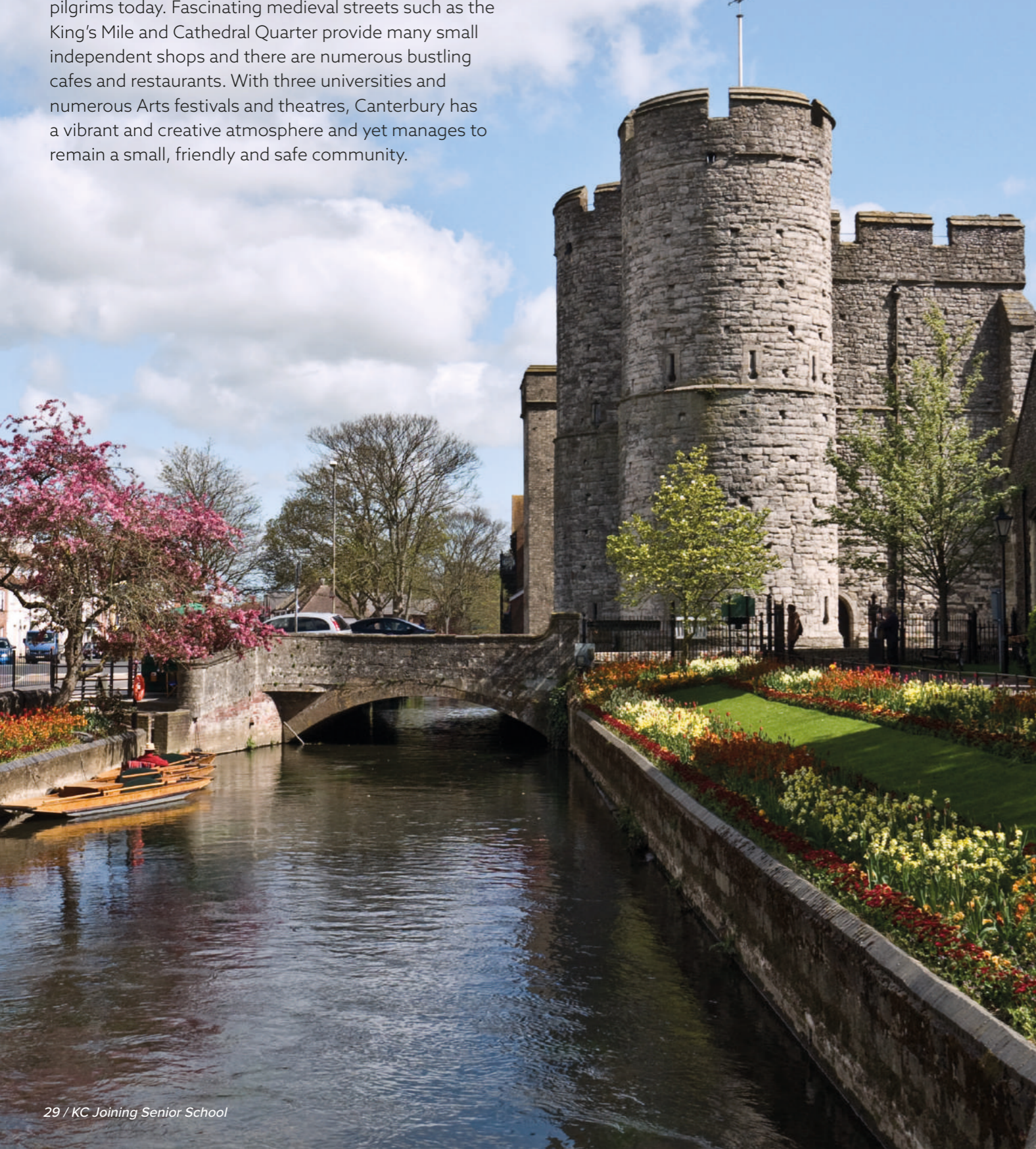


HISTORIC CANTERBURY

We are very fortunate to be located in Canterbury in the South-East of England. This beautiful, ancient city is one of the jewels in the county of Kent's crown. At the heart of the walled city is Canterbury Cathedral begun in 597AD by St Augustine and is still welcoming pilgrims today. Fascinating medieval streets such as the King's Mile and Cathedral Quarter provide many small independent shops and there are numerous bustling cafes and restaurants. With three universities and numerous Arts festivals and theatres, Canterbury has a vibrant and creative atmosphere and yet manages to remain a small, friendly and safe community.

Visiting the area

Information about visiting Canterbury and the surrounding area can be found at www.canterbury.co.uk
Information about accommodation can be found at: www.canterbury.co.uk/places-to-stay/



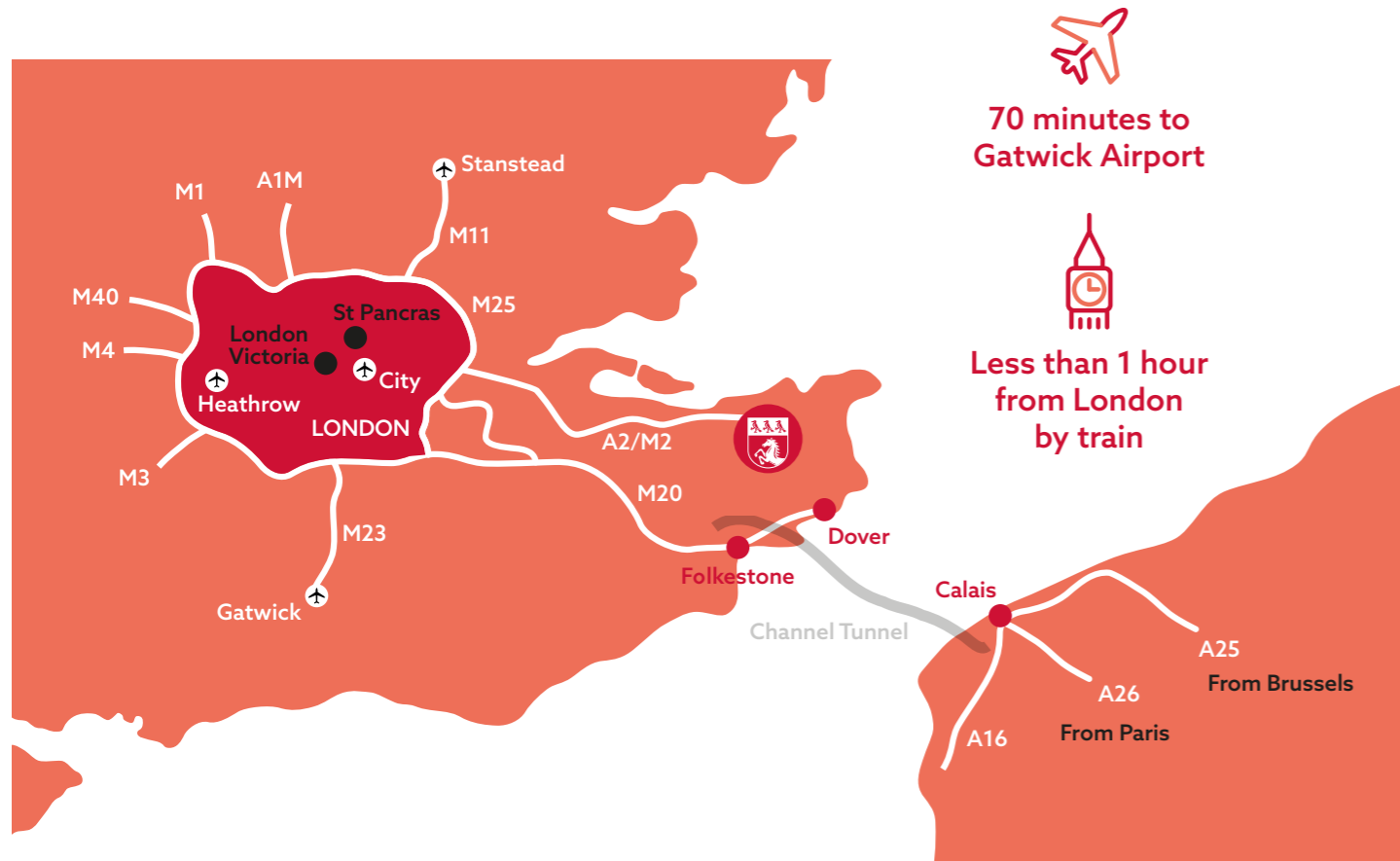
KENT: THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

Henry VIII is said to have given Kent the accolade of "The Garden of England" owing to its abundant agriculture, hops and fruit farms. Our corner of England has spectacular coastline views, rolling green hills, stunning castles, elegant stately homes and gardens, as well as beautiful beaches and exhilarating foot and cycle trails.

Within 10 minutes of Canterbury lies the seaside town of Whitstable, famous for its oysters, picturesque lanes and seafood restaurants.



HOW TO FIND US



Travel by car

From London follow the M2/A2, or M25 to the M2 turn-off. From the Channel Tunnel follow signs to Canterbury on the A20/A260. From Dover (ferry) follow the A2. Satnav postcode: CT2 9DT

Travel by train

London St Pancras is 57 minutes by High Speed train from Canterbury West station. London Victoria is around 80 minutes to Canterbury West/East. Both Canterbury stations are a short taxi ride (5-10 minutes) to school.

Travel by air

Direct flights from all over the world arrive in London's major airports. Kent College is within 90 minutes of Gatwick, Heathrow and City of London airports, while London Stansted airport is around 100 minutes.

Airport transfers for boarders

Airport transfers are arranged by parents or the pupil's guardian. We recommend Canterbury Airport Transfers tel: +44 (0)1227 455333

taxicanterbury.co.uk

The school runs a limited bus service to and from Heathrow airport on the last day of term and on the day boarders are due back to school at the start of term.

The cost is £75 per pupil per journey and a form is sent to parents to reserve a place in advance.



SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Bus service

Kent College operates its own in-house, bespoke transport scheme with a fleet of school minibuses and dedicated drivers, all of whom are MIDAS accredited and have first aid training. This service offers parents peace of mind, particularly for younger passengers.

Routes currently run from Ashford, Dover, Hythe/Folkestone, Deal/Sandwich, Herne Bay/Whitstable and Sittingbourne, and we offer a shuttle service to and from both railway stations in Canterbury, as well as the bus station. We are always open to suggestions for new routes.

Various levels of service are available:

- > Full Pass - up to 10 single journeys per week
- > Half Pass - up to 5 single journeys per week
- > Railway/Bus Station pickups/drop offs

A full timetable, current price list and booking form are available on the school website:

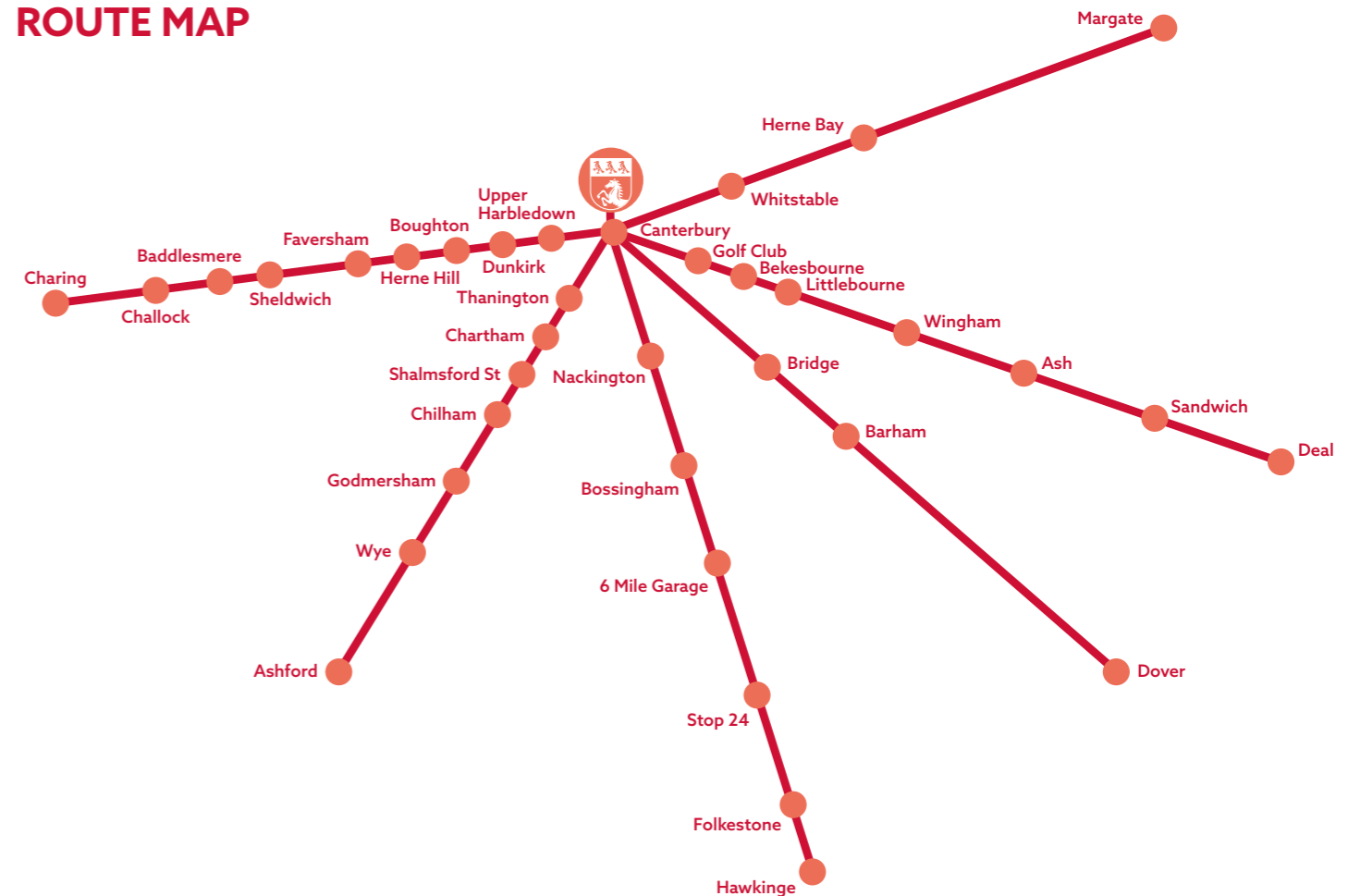
kentcollege.com/senior-transport.php

For any other enquiries about our transport service, please contact transport@kentcollege.co.uk

There are limited spaces available on our services and places are issued on a first come, first served basis. Temporary or one-off journeys may be available in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the school and if space allows. Charges are based weekly on return journeys Monday to Friday inclusive throughout the term, and are levied termly in arrears to the school bill.

Please note: in the afternoon buses normally depart at 17:30 after activities, however, at the end of each half-term departure is at 16:30 (13:30 at October half-term).

ROUTE MAP



FAQS

How many pupils in a class?

Classes at Kent College have an average class size of 16 pupils with a maximum of 20.

Does my child need to bring pens, books, notepads etc.?

Your child will need to provide his or her own pens, HB or H pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler (15cm or 30cm) and a Casio fx-83GTX CW calculator (this can be purchased at school and the cost added to the school bill), compasses, protractor.

How does my child choose his/her subjects?

Information about options for Years 10 and 12 is sent out with your offer letter. Pupils entering Years 7 or 8 need to select which modern foreign languages they wish to study.

Can my child change subjects once they have started?

Usually yes, depending on his or her timetable.

Can you cater for my child's dietary requirements?

Our Head Chef caters for special diets such as gluten-free or lactose-intolerant and works closely with the staff in the School's Medical Centre to ensure that pupils with specific needs are well looked after.

Can my child bring his/her own musical instrument?

Yes, pupils are welcome to bring their instruments to school.

Can my child practise music any time?

Yes, depending on the instrument and the availability of a practice room.

Does my child need to have a mouthguard?

Yes, information about OPRO mouthguards can be found on the Uniform page on the school website (kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php).

How often does my child take part in sport?

Sport is a compulsory part of the curriculum up to Year 11. Wednesday afternoon is set aside for Years 11 to 13 to participate in different sporting activities and clubs. If your child has any medical reason which prevents them from doing sport please contact sport@kentcollege.co.uk

How do I know which house my child has been allocated to so I can buy a House polo shirt?

House allocation is done during the summer term and Admissions will inform you of which House your child has been allocated to so that you can buy House polo shirts for sport.

Where do I find out about uniform?

Information about what pupils wear at Kent College, where to purchase uniform and sports kit, as well as dress codes, buying mouthguards and lost property can be found on the Uniform page of the school website (kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php). You can also email uniform@kentcollege.co.uk for assistance. You will need to log in on the School Colours website and create an account at schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk to place orders.

Can my child try on uniform before buying?

Yes, sizing samples are available to try on in the School's Thrift Shop, which is located on the Senior School campus, and is open during term time on Mondays and Fridays, 15:30 to 17:00.

Is there school on Saturday?

There are no lessons on Saturday, but there are usually sports fixtures and team practices in the morning and a variety of boarding activities.

Can my child bring their own laptop?

We operate within a modern learning environment at KC and pupils will need a laptop. These must be bought or rented through our easy4u scheme, ensuring that cybersecurity protection and the relevant controls are in place for the school environment. Personal laptops cannot be used to access the school network for security reasons.

How many others will my child share a room with?

Most rooms in boarding are doubles while the younger years share rooms in groups of 2 to 4, depending on their year group and boarding house. There are a number of single rooms available for Sixth Form students.

Are pupils allowed out after school?

Boarding pupils are allowed into town at the discretion of their House Parents and after a suitable induction. There is generally leave to go to town on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

KEY CONTACTS

School office opening times

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

Saturdays – 09:00 to 12:00

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