

King Edward's Witley

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Because we are different

King Edward's Witley is an independent boarding and day school for girls and boys aged 11–18 with a difference. We offer pupils the opportunity to excel in their academic studies but also provide a highly motivating and inspiring environment for children to equally thrive in other sporting and creative activities. King Edward's Witley prides itself on its ability to provide a school community that reflects the real world, by admitting pupils from a broad range of academic, social, economic and cultural backgrounds. Boarders and day pupils attending the School are nurtured to encourage independent thinking and a spirit of respect and understanding for others, resulting in a mature and well-rounded outlook on life and a commitment to upholding the strongest moral values.

Because we offer academic excellence coupled with choice

In the Lower School (age 11–13) a wide range of academic and practical subjects is taught with an emphasis on key skills. In years 10 and 11, pupils are prepared for a combination of GCSE and IGCSE exams with a good choice of optional subjects, and since 2008 the School has run a highly successful one-year Pre Sixth Form course, which provides a programme of GCSE and non-examined subjects to 15- to 16-year-olds in preparation for the Sixth Form.

King Edward's Witley was an early adopter of the prestigious IB regarded as the world's global gold standard in education, and in 2014/15 celebrated ten years of the IB, ranking in the Top 10 of all-IB (Sixth Form) schools in the country. In 2015, for the second year running, an impressive 75% of subjects taken in the IB exam were graded at the equivalent to A-level A*–B grades.

For 2015, the School acknowledges the need for alternative routes to university and with the revised A-level signifying a welcome return to 'rigour' and 'depth' of study, King Edward's Witley is also offering the new A-level courses with a choice of subjects, including Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics. For 2016 an expanded A-level offering will include Drama, Geography, Music, Religious Studies and PE.

Pupils who decide to follow the new A-level course will still benefit from some of the valuable components of the IB programme such as the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge.



Because we sometimes challenge the norm

Take the School's decision to champion girls' football, the fastest-growing team sport worldwide. The sport was first embraced for girl pupils in 2006 and since then King Edward's Witley has gone on to achieve considerable success culminating in winning the first-ever ISFA Under 18 South Eastern League in 2014 (the King Edward's boys team also excels in football, reaching the final of the ISFA Under 16 Shield in 2014).

All pupils are expected to follow a balanced programme of activities based on the CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) element of the International Baccalaureate and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, undertaken by all Third Form pupils. So while academic studies remain a priority, technical centres, playing fields, studios and classrooms buzz with activities from cookery to printing, life saving to learning a language, rock climbing to canoeing. The School has an enviable reputation for the delivery of outstanding drama and musical productions and offers a range of creative pursuits including art and sculpture, fashion, crafts and technology.

Because we enable siblings to support each other

King Edward's Witley believes in helping children achieve their best and recognises that not all children are accomplished in the same areas. So siblings with differing academic/creative/sporting talents can all enjoy considerable success – and ultimately happiness – studying side by side at the School.

Because we care

The School has a renowned reputation for the provision of high-quality pastoral care and a welcoming community that provides unrivalled support to pupils. All pupils, day and boarding, are attached to houses under the care of a trained housemaster or housemistress and at least three resident staff, including a matron. Additionally, every pupil is assigned a tutor who stays with them through their time at King Edward's Witley and looks after

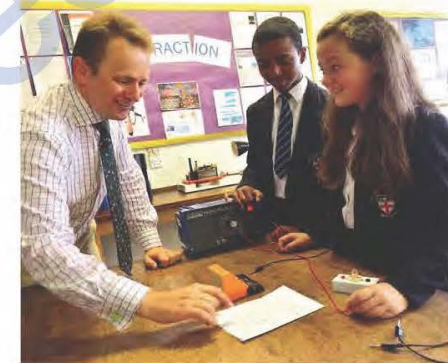
their academic welfare and co-curricular programme and deals quickly with any concerns. The standard of cuisine is excellent and all food is freshly prepared on-site. There is also a well-equipped Medical Centre, which is staffed 24 hours a day as a key part of our pastoral provision.

Because we focus on our pupils' futures

Careers guidance is integral to helping pupils shape their future and at King Edward's Witley, informed careers counsel forms an important aspect of the curriculum. External speakers providing insight into a broad choice of careers, careers workshops, psychometric profiling, practical guidance on CV development/presentation skills etc all feature regularly in school life, naturally increasing as pupils reach their individual key decision-making milestones.

Because we offer a superb school environment

King Edward's Witley is self-contained within a secure and attractive 100-acre wooded campus in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Facilities at the School are second to none and include a new state-of-the-art Business and Finance Centre, excellent sports grounds, indoor swimming pool, all-weather hockey and tennis playing fields and a new fitness suite and weights room. There are many historic buildings and the grounds feature a collection of modern and classical sculptures. The School has been co-educational for over 60 years and has pioneered paired



boarding houses with communal areas, where everyone can come together in their spare time to enjoy games, TV, music and conversation in the common rooms, kitchen, music and television rooms. For the Sixth Form, a lively common room and new study area and careers library provide an environment for independent learning and recreation. King Edward's Witley is a fully digital campus, with campus-wide filtered wireless internet access.

In 2015 the School embarked on a £1m investment programme with the refurbishment of its historic Queen Mary House to create an outstanding co-educational boarding and day house for its Lower School pupils, which saw its grand opening in September 2015.

Because we are conveniently located

The School is approximately ten miles south of Guildford, with Heathrow and Gatwick Airports both within 40 minutes' drive via the M25 motorway. Witley station, built originally for the School, is a three-minute walk away and is on the main London Waterloo to Portsmouth line.

Because we offer value for money

Fees at King Edward's Witley are competitively priced and all 'extras' are included such as school uniform, books and equipment.

Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding and day

Age range 11–18

Number of pupils 400

Number of boarders 270

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8

Religious tradition Church of England

Fees per term Boarding: Lower School £8,210,

Forms 3–5 £9,355, Pre Sixth Form/Sixth Form £9,715;

Day: Lower School £4,995, Forms 3–5 £6,245,

Pre Sixth Form/Sixth Form £6,650

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