

Kingswood School

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Kingswood has always been a very special place; a historically significant school, founded in 1748 by John Wesley, it continues to provide a happy, caring and disciplined environment based on strong Christian principles. Kingswood is a school which transforms lives, and the commitment to make a real difference to every boy and girl who passes through sits at the very heart of the School's ethos. Striving purposefully for all-round excellence remains the central aim and in doing this the Headmaster and Governors place great emphasis on the quality of relationships; individuality and innovation are valued and a sense of service is encouraged. An atmosphere of tolerance, understanding and inclusion permeates the teaching and learning to enable every child to flourish.

There are excellent facilities for both boarders and day pupils within one of the most beautiful school sites in the South West of England, having the luxury of 218 acres of parkland, yet only ten minutes' walk from the World Heritage City of Bath. It is also within easy reach of major road, rail and air links, and is only 90 minutes by train from London.

A recipe for success

The Senior School provides day and boarding places for girls and boys from 11 to 18 in a campus setting that has seen a number of major developments over recent years, to provide the very best possible facilities for academic study. The latest ISI Inspection judged both the teaching and learning as areas of excellence. In addition to the specialist centres for faculty-based study, including a new Humanities building opened in September 2013, there is a multimedia library set in the heart of its



School which further enhances the approach to independent learning that is very much encouraged and supported at Kingswood.

A caring community

Pastoral care at Kingswood is recognised by ISI as 'exceptional', the core of this ethos emanating from the house structure. Seven houses are run by resident house staff, with the support of matrons; this structure is central to the strong pastoral system at all age levels. The houses are all very distinctive and six are set within their own grounds; a brand-new senior boys' house opened in October 2014. Both boarding and day pupils are 'attached' to these houses, and share common room and recreational facilities. Pupils participate fully in all house activities, with a healthy attitude to inter-house competitions, enhancing a true community feel, with engagement for all throughout the School.

Each Senior School pupil has a personal tutor who mentors them in both academic work and personal development, whilst keeping in close contact with parents or guardians. They are also responsible for assisting each tutee with their own independent learning plan, so that, through discussion, personal targets can be set regularly and support provided to achieve pupils' aims.

A dynamic curriculum

We want all our pupils to develop lively, inquiring and well-informed minds. Our aim is to instil a lifelong love of learning and, by providing a broad and balanced curriculum, to foster every individual's educational development – spiritual, moral, social, academic, cultural and physical. This results in high academic standards and excellent performances in public examinations. Outside the classroom, we offer our pupils over 100 recreational activities, clubs and societies which enrich their education. Opportunities for this kind of learning abound, bringing both fun and fulfilment. In addition, all pupils from Year 10 have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and some join the local Combined Cadet Force.

Creative skills and individual talents

Purpose-built centres provide an opportunity for everyone to exercise their creative skills. Kingswood has long had a reputation for the quality of its

art, drama and music. In recent years, a Year 7 drama scholar had a leading role in a top London West End show, and our students regularly win places at the country's top drama academies. A Year 12 pupil was recently shortlisted for the prestigious students' Saatchi Gallery Art Prize, and our musical success has included recording at Abbey Road for a BBC Children in Need top 40 album, a top three place for one sixth-former in the UK's Young Songwriters Competition, and representation in various national youth orchestras and choirs. Sport is also taken very seriously with a 'sport for all' philosophy whilst ensuring that individuals reach their full potential. Kingswood runs B, C and sometimes D teams in many of its major sports and has also produced England Internationals at rugby and international hockey players this year. Every sport produces a number of county performers each year and several ex-pupils are currently professionals in a variety of sports.

The Sixth Form – the perfect preparation for higher education

The Sixth Form years at Kingswood offer a rich and distinctive educational experience. Opportunities abound to develop academic strengths, to broaden personal interests and to prepare for the challenges and excitement of life beyond Kingswood. With an impressively diverse intake of new students joining those already at Kingswood, the Sixth Form has a very special atmosphere and, in its positive ethos and encouragement to be involved, very much sets the tone for the whole school.

The Dixon Sixth Form Centre, where each sixth-former has a dedicated study area, provides a central focus for Sixth Form life. Small group teaching, personalised university entrance and careers advice, and



numerous opportunities to take on significant leadership roles are all strong features of sixth-form life at Kingswood. Students enjoy particularly friendly and supportive relationships with each other and with staff; indeed, the ease of relationships is often quoted as one of the Sixth Form's most significant strengths.

For all the breadth of opportunity the Sixth Form provides, the outstanding academic results and the superb record of entrance to top universities, it is the quality of the sixth-formers themselves that makes Kingswood so distinctive. Sixth-formers at Kingswood may have a natural confidence and ambition, but they also have a sense of direction and belonging, an understanding of their responsibilities and an interest beyond themselves.

Scholarships

Academic and special talent scholarships (music, drama, design technology, art and sport) are available for entry to Year 7, Year 9 (boarding pupils only) and the Sixth Form. Bursaries are also available, as well as discounts for HM Armed Forces families and families of Methodist ministers.

Preparatory School

For information about our Preparatory School for children aged 3–11, please see the profile for Kingswood Preparatory School.

A historically significant school with an immensely exciting future!



Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding and day
 Age range 11–18
 Number of pupils 716
 Number of boarders 180
 Teacher/pupil ratio 1:9
 Religious tradition Methodist
 Fees per term Full boarding £8,778–£10,081;
 Weekly boarding £7,352–£9,108; Day £4,677
 ISC association HMC
 Affiliations AEGIS, BSA, ECIS, MIST



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