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Ambitious | Caring | Inclusive | Confident

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Welcome to

Kingshott

Set on the outskirts of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, in a beautiful 23 acre campus, Kingshott provides an outstanding co-educational learning experience for 400 children from age three to thirteen.

We are an **ambitious** school, we want every child to experience a wealth of opportunities, to acquire knowledge and aspire to excellence. We are a **caring** community that emphasises respect and tolerance, that advocates kindness and generosity and that encourages friendship and well-being. Our **inclusive** outlook creates a welcoming environment that celebrates equality and diversity. We encourage **confidence**, based on awareness, good manners, assurance and independence.

Overall, I want every child at Kingshott to be happy, proud of their progress each day and excited to come to school.

I hope the following pages give you an insight into the school but I would welcome the opportunity to meet you in person so that you can see all that we are proud of.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'D. Weston'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

DAVID WESTON, HEADMASTER



The perfect environment for your child to learn and develop

At Kingshott we believe our role is to open doors for children, to give them the confidence to step through and embrace the next challenge or experience. In this way an inquisitive mind, assurance and resilience develop together, so boys and girls are ready for the next stage of their educational journey. Whatever the world of work looks like when our children eventually move into it, we believe these qualities will equip them to manage it successfully.

Vibrant teaching areas, indoors and out, help to make learning fun and engaging. Small class sizes and continuing investment in premium facilities gives our children the best possible environment in which to learn and express themselves.



Ambitious

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Caring



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We aim to create the broadest range of opportunities for our pupils, in a modern, caring and supportive environment, where all children thrive

Inspirational teaching stimulates curiosity, creativity and independent thinking. It explores problem solving, whether in a lesson or elsewhere - at a drama rehearsal or on the games field.


Our caring and nurturing staff look to support and extend each child individually, enabling children to develop an understanding of themselves, their peers and the wider world around them. At Kingshott, teaching means igniting a passion for enquiry, rather than simply 'teaching to the test'.

All teachers and staff members are committed to providing the highest level of pastoral care to the children. Staff undertake wellbeing training and all children have use of The Hub, where they can take some time out or chat through any worries they may have.

Inclusive

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Kingshott is an inclusive community where every child's confidence grows

Without diminishing academic priorities, we set great store on areas that lie beyond the confines of an exam syllabus - activities that allow children to express themselves, stimulate an interest or promote investigation, forming a fully rounded education.

Sports, music and the arts flourish, allowing children to develop their strengths and to perform in all the events which fill the school calendar each week.

Children are encouraged to explore their enthusiasms with their friends at clubs and hobby groups and have the chance to extend their learning and gain new experiences on residential trips as they progress through the school. Horizons are also broadened by visiting speakers and charity events which help to develop responsible citizenship.



We are here to guide and support families through their child's educational journey

We work closely with parents to help choose the right senior school for their son or daughter. Our well established links mean we're able to guide parents through the decision making process to find exactly the right fit.

New families are warmly welcomed to the school, quickly being involved in informal social events organised by the parents who form the Kingshott Association. Our Breakfast Club, After School Care and school holiday provision provide wraparound care for busy parents whilst giving children further opportunities to enjoy relaxed, sociable, supervised activities.



A photograph of two children, a girl and a boy, in an orchard. They are both wearing dark blue raincoats and boots. The girl is holding several apples, and the boy is reaching towards them. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a fence in the background. The word "Confident" is overlaid in the center, and "Kingshott" is written in a cursive font in the bottom right corner.

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Early Years



Our Nursery

Kingshott's Nursery, is part of our Pre-Prep Department. Children can join our Nursery from the September following their third birthday.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum promoting teaching and learning to ensure our children are 'school ready.' Our children experience a wide range of activities and learn skills that provide the foundation for future development as they progress through school and life.

The Nursery is a bright, colourful environment with its own secure outdoor play area which enables children to continue their learning through active investigation and exploration.

Our Nursery offers great flexibility in days and sessions available. Many children stay for lunch in the main school Dining Room and can then stay for afternoon sessions with extended wrap around care available as needed.

For parents who require wraparound care, Nursery children can attend Breakfast Club before school from 7.30am, or After School Care which is available until 6.00pm with other children from the Pre-Prep.

Pre-Prep

Our Pre-Prep children are based in the award-winning Rowan building with three classes for each Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The Pre-Prep delivers an enhanced curriculum that allows your child to become an active learner, thinking for themselves both creatively and critically. Small class sizes ensure that every child is treated as an individual, enabling all teaching staff to pinpoint the next steps in each child's learning journey.

Language development and numeracy feature prominently in a broad academic curriculum. Music, French, PE and Drama are taught by specialist teachers. Children are also able to enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities that include Recorder, Ballet, Tap, Gym, Football, Swimming and a Theatre School.



Year 3 and 4

The Year 3 and 4 children are taught in the purpose-built Ashbrook Building. It provides a bright, safe and secure learning and teaching space for all its pupils and, whilst having its own identity, it is a fully integrated part of the whole school.

Our objective in Year 3 and 4 is to provide a caring, happy and stimulating environment for the children as they make the transition from the Pre-Prep to the upper part of the school.

For most of the academic curriculum, children in Years 3 and 4 are taught by their class teacher. Art, Drama, Design Technology and Music are taught by specialist teachers, as are French, PE and Games.

Underpinning our academic focus is a commitment to ensure equal status be given to the wider curriculum. The high academic standards are obtained through delivering key learning skills throughout the broad curriculum.

Years 5 and 6

Building on the solid foundation of earlier years, in Years 5 and 6 we seek to further develop the children's thirst for learning and encourage a spirit of independence.

From Year 5 onwards all children are based in the Robinson Building. Opened in 2015, the Robinson Building comprises of nine, bright and airy classrooms, a specialist art studio, music suite, food technology room and science laboratory.

Form classes each have a dedicated form tutor who is responsible for registration and is the first point of call for pastoral care. The form tutor also monitors the academic progress of each child and communicates regularly and effectively with parents.

All subjects are taught by specialist subject teachers who oversee the child's development. Smaller teaching classes enable staff to concentrate fully on the individual child, nurturing confidence, developing self-esteem and providing the highest level of attention. This level of support is fundamental to making the children feel confident to succeed in all areas of school life, and strengthens significantly the important link between home and school.

Prep School



Years 7 and 8

In Years 6 to 8, children enter the final phase of their educational journey at Kingshott.

Setting in core subjects allows for concentrated differentiation enabling individuals to work to fulfil their potential. Our pupils have an outstanding record of successes in Senior School examinations with many achieving scholarships.

As seniors in the School there are also raised levels of expectation, with opportunities to hold positions of responsibility in areas of sport, pastoral care and leadership. These positions play a vital role in building future leaders while serving the School community.

We are very proud of the number of comments made by Senior Schools as to the excellent work ethic, confidence and academic standards demonstrated by our leavers.

Incrementum

At Kingshott the children pursue a certificate of individual achievement known as the Incrementum. Academic success is recorded alongside the wider characteristics and personalities of our students.

Commitment to individual learning, support for charities and dedication to positions of responsibility within the school are all recorded through a personal learning journal that can be taken with them as they move to their senior schools.





Visiting Kingshott

We encourage all prospective parents to tour the School on a normal working day. In this way, we can give visitors the time required to meet with our Headmaster and see our pupils engaged in a wide variety of activities.

Our Admissions Department will be happy to arrange an individual visit to the school, or to answer any questions you have, please email: admissions@kingshottschool.com or telephone us on 01462 432009.

Prospective parents and pupils may also visit on one of our Open Mornings - these are an ideal opportunity to explore our amazing facilities and meet the people that make Kingshott so special - our pupils and staff.

Details of our next Open Morning can be found on www.kingshottschool.com

Applying to Kingshott

Kingshott School is a co-educational Prep School, open to pupils between the ages of 3 and 13 irrespective of gender, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation or disability.

We admit children with a broad range of academic ability. Consideration is given as to whether or not a child would genuinely cope with the curriculum and the School environment.

Places are offered, subject to our assessment criteria, when we are confident that we can meet the needs of each individual applicant whilst maintaining the balance of needs within each year group.

We are increasingly oversubscribed and early submission of your completed Registration Form is always advised, especially for our Nursery and Reception class intake.

Admission Procedure

Common entry points into Kingshott:

- Nursery - the September term after your son or daughter turns three (3+)
- Reception - in the September after your child's fourth birthday (4+)
- At the start of Year 3 (7+) a few places are available for entry into our Prep, although priority is given to our Pre-Prep pupils
- At the start of our Year 7 (11+).

Most children join us at the start of a new academic year, but admissions are possible throughout the year, subject to assessment and availability of a place. Priority is given to those with siblings currently attending the School. For details of our full Admissions Policy please visit www.kingshottschool.com.

Parents/guardians who wish to apply for a place, should submit a Registration Form and Registration Fee. A Registration Form is included in our prospectus pack. The form can also be downloaded from our website www.kingshottschool.com.

The completed Registration Form should be returned to our Admissions Department, along with a non-refundable fee of £50.00 and a recent passport-style photo of the child. Applications for Year 1 and above must also be accompanied by a copy of the child's most recent school report.

We will then invite your child to attend a Taster/Assessment Day here, this is an ideal opportunity to get used to our facilities and for David Weston, our Headmaster, to meet the children.

If we have space available and all criteria have been met, we will write to you to offer your child a place. This must be formally accepted within two weeks.

Entry to Nursery

Registrations for our Nursery are recorded and offered, subject to sibling link priority, in date order received.

Nursery places are formally offered in the Autumn term preceding entry in the following year (e.g. places are offered in Autumn 2021 for entry in September 2022).

Kingshott's Governors

The Board of Governors has ultimate responsibility for the School and determines the general policy for it. The details of our current Board of Governors can be found on our website.

Learning Support

If a child has had difficulties with some aspect of his or her learning and may need additional support or has a specific learning disability, it is important to make these known at an early stage in the admission process. Copies of recent specialist reports, such as those by an educational psychologist, should be provided to help the School make a preliminary assessment as to whether it may in principle, be able to meet the needs of the child. The School may ask for further evidence in the application process to be able to assess the child's needs.

Places will be offered, subject to our assessment criteria, when we are confident that we can meet the needs of each individual applicant, thereby ensuring they thrive whilst allowing the School to maintain the balance of needs within each year group.

Bursaries

The School offers access awards to children who wish to enter Kingshott in Year 7, when parents or guardians are unable to fund the fees. Awards are means tested and conditional on the recipient meeting the school's entry standards. Further details are available from either our Admissions Department or Bursar admissions@kingshottschool.com or bursar@kingshottschool.com

Childcare Vouchers

Childcare vouchers can be used against school fees up to and including the term in which a child turns 5. Vouchers can also be used for payment of Breakfast Club or After School Care until the child leaves Kingshott.

Wraparound Care

We know that working parents often find it difficult to juggle work and the school day. In an attempt to help, Kingshott provides wraparound care, before school from 7.30am and after school until 6.00pm.

Breakfast Club is an opportunity for the children to enjoy a relaxed, sociable and healthy start to the day, overseen by members of staff.

After School Care is provided for the Nursery and Pre-Prep children and runs until 6.00pm. Qualified staff oversee this time where children enjoy the outdoors, engage in constructive games or simply enjoy watching a DVD. A light tea is provided. There are also a number of Pre-Prep hobbies and activities available for children to enjoy.

Children from Year 3 to 8 may choose from a wide range of after school activities or hobbies or they may go to a supervised homework session. At 4.15pm all children staying are given afternoon tea.

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Destination schools

In recent years Kingshott pupils have moved on to the following senior schools:

- The Perse
- Stephen Perse
- The Leys
- King's School, Ely
- St Mary's, Cambridge
- Bishop's Stortford College
- Haileybury
- St Columba's
- St Edmund's Ware
- St Albans Boy
- St Albans Girls
- Eton
- Bedford Girls'
- Bedford School
- Bedford Modern
- Sherrardswood
- Rushmore
- St Christopher's Letchworth
- Repton
- Uppingham
- Rugby
- Oundle
- Royal Masonic Girls
- Millfield
- Culford
- Felsted
- Kimbolton
- Sherborne Girls'
- St Francis
- Princess Helena College
- Queenswood

Hobbies and Activities

Kingshott children have been offered the chance to enjoy the following hobbies and activities over the last year:

- Art
- Chess
- Fashion Design
- Lego Coding
- Football
- Magazine club
- Gymnastics
- Cross Country
- Spanish
- Film Review
- American Football
- Yoga
- Tennis
- Touch Typing
- MATLAB programming
- Table Tennis
- DT Stem
- Drums
- Craft Skills
- Juggling

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Fees and Charges for 2020/21

Fees from September 2020

Nursery	per term
5 Mornings:	£ 2,185.00
4 Mornings:	£ 1,895.00
3 Mornings:	£ 1,485.00
2 Mornings:	£ 1,025.00
1 Morning:	£ 515.00

Afternoon sessions	per term
1 afternoon per week:	£ 205.00
2 afternoons per week:	£ 390.00
3 afternoons per week:	£ 515.00
4 afternoons per week:	£ 635.00
5 afternoons per week:	£ 740.00
Ad hoc session:	£ 20.50

Nursery afternoon sessions run from 12.30 pm until 3.15 pm, daily.

Pre-Prep	per term
Reception to Year 2:	£ 3,855.00

Prep	per term
Year 3 to Year 8:	£ 4,705.00

Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts of 2.5% are given for each second and subsequent child. These remain as long as there are siblings in the school.

Wraparound Care

Fees per session

Breakfast Club	£ 4.00
Breakfast Club is from 7.30 am until 8.15am	

After School Care

Until 5.00pm:	£ 7.25
Until 5.30pm:	£ 10.50
Until 6.00pm:	£ 10.50

There is no charge for Sibling Supervision.

After School Care Late Collection

Fee during the first half hour	
Per 10 minutes	£ 5.00
Thereafter, per 10 minutes	£ 10.00

Other Charges

Ballet	
Per Term:	£ 77.00
After School Ballet, until 5.00 pm	

Group Recorder Lessons

Per Term:	£ 76.00
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Music Tuition

Per lesson	£ 20.50
All instruments, except Recorder.	

Fee for Confirmation of Entry

On receipt of an offer of a place from us, a £500 Acceptance Deposit is payable to confirm a place for your child. This amount is deducted from the final account when the child leaves school. In the event of cancellation, the money is non-refundable.

Payment of Fees

Fees are due on or before the first day of term. Our preferred payment method is direct debit into our bank account. Cheques can also be accepted and should be made payable to Kingshott School. Our Bursar will be happy to discuss any alternative arrangements if you wish.

A full term's notice is required in writing before the removal of a pupil from the school, or the next term's fees will be charged. Overdue accounts are subject to a surcharge of 2% per month. In the event of the school needing to pursue legal action against a parent to collect fee arrears, all fees associated with this collection will be charged to the parent.

The quoted term fee's do not include extra private music tuition, personal expenses, School Trips or School photographs.

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We warmly invite you to visit Kingshott and see for yourself what a special place it is.

Please contact the Admissions Office to arrange a personal tour, or come along to one of our regular Open Mornings to explore all we have to offer. You'll find details on our website and Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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Kingshott School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We recognise that adults have a full and active part to play in protecting our pupils from harm, and that the child or young person's welfare is our paramount concern.