



King's Hall School

TAUNTON

Co-educational boarding and day school for 2 – 13 year olds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2020/2021

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King's Hall is an independent co-educational boarding and day school offering places to boys and girls from the ages of two to thirteen.

The school is built around Pyrland Hall, an impressive Georgian country house on the edge of the Quantock Hills. The 50-acre estate (including 15 acres of playing fields) is entirely surrounded by National Trust farmland but is also within a mile of Taunton, the county town of Somerset. Bristol and Exeter are within easy reach while London is less than a two-hour train journey.

We provide an environment which encourages all children to thrive on the basis of mutual trust which produces a happy and stimulating atmosphere.

We aim to give a first-class service to parents by ensuring that pastoral care, teaching, games and leisure facilities are maintained at a very high standard, within a clear but friendly disciplinary framework.

The Pre Prep's Early Years Foundation Stage consists of a Nursery, which takes children after they have reached their second birthday, and two Reception classes. There are then normally two classes in each of Years 1 and 2.

The Prep department, Years 3-8, has two or three classes in each year group. There is continuity of educational provision between Years 1 and 8.

There is an excellent record of academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements throughout the school. There is a programme of continual development: in the last twelve years this has included a new full size all weather pitch, sports hall, outdoor swimming pool, performing arts centre used for concerts and drama productions, new changing areas, a computer centre for the Pre Prep and an extensive ICT centre for the Prep. The Pre-Prep has also recently undergone an extensive refurbishment.

King's Hall and King's College belong to the Woodard Corporation, a group of nearly forty schools educating boys and girls in most parts of England in the Christian tradition.

ADMISSIONS & REGISTRATION

All enquiries regarding admission to King's Hall should be made to the Admission Department, who may be contacted by telephone (01823 285928), by email (Admissions@kingshalltaunton.co.uk) or by letter to the Director of Admissions, King's Hall School, Kingston Road, Taunton, Somerset TA2 8AA.

To arrange a visit to King's Hall School please telephone the Admissions Department. Parents will be shown around the school and are welcome to bring their child along with them to this appointment. A visit to our senior school, King's College, can also be arranged for those parents who would like their son/daughter to transfer there at the end of Year 8.

Boys and girls may be registered for entry to King's Hall at any age. The registration form should be completed and returned, together with a non-refundable registration fee of £100. On receipt of the registration form and registration fee parents are sent a letter offering a place, together with an acceptance form. The acceptance deposit is required at this stage.

Before entry, pupils joining in Years 5 – 8 are assessed in English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning: these assessments are based on national curriculum work and as they are standardised tests they do not require any special preparation. Parents are also asked to share any Educational Psychologist reports etc.

The term before entry all pupils joining in Years 1 – 8 are invited to spend a 'welcome day' at King's Hall. Pupils joining in Years 1 – 4 will be informally assessed during their 'welcome day'. Pupils joining in Nursery and Reception are invited to come along to induction sessions with their parents.

Before entry parents will be sent a parents' handbook and a welcome letter from the Headmaster detailing their child's class and form tutor.



FEES

Registration Fee (<i>non-refundable</i>)	£100
Acceptance Deposit (<i>set against final term's invoice</i>)	£500

STANDARD TERMLY FEES

	Day	Full Boarding
Year 7 and Year 8	£5,670	£8,240
Year 5 and Year 6	£4,280	£6,750
Year 3 and Year 4	£3,320	£6,340
Year 1 and Year 2	£2,755	-
Reception	£2,655	-

NURSERY OPTIONS

	All day session	Morning session
2 – 4 year olds	£54.00* (8.00 am–6.00 pm**)	£32.00* (8.00 am–1.00 pm)

* Includes lunch.

** Children may be collected from 3.30 pm.

Three and four year olds are entitled to receive the Early Years Entitlement the term after their third birthday (the maximum that can be claimed is 15 hours per week).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE TERMLY FEES AND ARE INVOICED SEPARATELY AT THE END OF EACH TERM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

WEEKLY BOARDING (*invoiced in advance*) £680 per term

Maximum 5 nights per week from 5.30 pm Sunday – 9.00 am Saturday.

Nights to be specified before the start of each term.

Includes laundry, breakfast and supper but not lunch (see 'Meals' charges) or activities.

OCCASIONAL BOARDING £41 per night

Maximum 3 nights per week and includes supper, bed and breakfast.

ACADEMIC TUITION £290 per term

Additional English/Maths (one individual 30 minute lesson per week)

A discount of 10% will be available to a bill payer who is paying for 3 or more lessons per week

(i.e. one child having 3 lessons or two children where one has 1 lesson and the other one has 2 lessons etc)

OTHER TUITION

	Individual lesson (30 minutes)	(30 minutes)	Shared Lesson – 2 pupils (30 minutes)
Music	£26 per lesson (Prep)	£24 per lesson (Pre-Prep)	£20.00 per lesson
Speech and Drama	Individual lesson (30 minutes) £28.50 per lesson	Group lesson £51.00 per term	

MEALS *(invoiced in advance)*

Lunch	Reception – Year 4	£195.00 per term
	Year 5 – Year 8	£230.00 per term
Day pupils' attending boarders' Breakfast/Supper		£5 per meal per day

TRANSPORT

King's College/King's Hall school bus route	£0.40 (Return £0.80) per day
All other journeys	£3.80 (Return £7.60) per day
Airport Taxi	Total cost divided by those travelling

TRUNK STORAGE FOR BOARDERS

Including laundry and repairs £62.00 per term *(maximum charge of £125 per family per term)*

TT CLUB Pre-Prep After School Supervision (4.30 – 6.00 pm) £10.00 per part or whole session
(maximum charge of £150 per child or £225 per family per term)

INSURANCES *The insurances (apart from the Fees Refund Scheme) are invoiced in arrears and the Fees Refund Scheme is applied to the invoice on an opt-out basis. Personal accident cover now included in the fees.*

<i>Axa Medical</i>	<i>Personal Effects</i>	<i>Fees Refund Scheme</i>	<i>Personal Accident</i>
£112.00 per term	£8.12 per term	1.05% of net fees (boarders) 1.37% net fees (day pupils)	included within the standard termly fees

The majority of hobbies / activities are included in the termly fees (except where there is specialist coaching or materials); School trips and Boarders' Sunday outings will be charged at cost.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

We accept Nursery and Childcare Vouchers from a number of providers.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

For two or more children (where none are in receipt of the Early Years Entitlement) attending King's Schools simultaneously (King's Hall School and King's College):

First sibling	5%
Second sibling	10%
Third sibling	15%

PAYMENT OF FEES

Fees are payable in advance; if they are not paid on or before the first day of each term they will be liable to a surcharge of 15% and further similar charges at the end of each month that the account remains unpaid. For further details please refer to the School's Terms & Conditions.

A monthly payment scheme is available through the School Fees Plan. Please see the Fees section of our website for more details: www.kingshalltaunton.co.uk/fees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of awards are made to candidates who are about to enter King's Hall in Year 7 (11+). All scholarships are awarded on the basis of open competition. Once awarded, all scholarships are subject to annual review. Scholarship holders are expected to continue to contribute as appropriate to the life of the school. The value of the awards is retained on entry into King's College, subject to the normal annual review process, although award holders are expected to enter for the relevant scholarship tests at 13+. Success here may result in an increase in the value of the award. If holders of 11+ scholarships do not proceed to King's College, the value of the award must be repaid to the College.

Academic

The testing for an academic award consists of written/computerised testing papers in English, Maths and verbal reasoning. There will also be an interview. Candidates will be asked to provide reports from their present schools.

Sports

Testing for sports awards consists of a practical aptitude test in several sports and an interview. Candidates' present schools will be asked to provide a letter of recommendation giving details of past sporting achievements and involvement.

Music

Candidates will be asked to show achievement (Grade 3 – 4 is a good guideline) and potential in one instrument. Competence on a second instrument is welcomed. Candidates are encouraged to offer singing. Auditions will consist of two contrasting prepared pieces on voice or first instrument, another prepared piece on the second instrument if offered, an aural test and a study piece given to the candidate half an hour before performance. There will also be an interview.

Performing Arts

Candidates for this scholarship will take part in a group workshop where their creative directorial ideas and ability to communicate well with other pupils in small independent groups will be assessed. This is where we will be focusing on movement, dance and singing. They should also prepare and perform a short section of a published script (lasting no longer than two minutes).

Candidates will be interviewed by the Head of Drama and Performing Arts to discuss their interest and experience in drama, dance and singing. They should be prepared to talk about their recent performances and productions they have seen. They are welcome to bring a portfolio, a CV and/or relevant programmes with them. Candidates will also be interviewed by the Headmaster.

All scholarship holders may, in addition, apply for means-tested bursarial assistance.

BURSARIES

The School Council views bursary awards as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees can access the education offered by the King's Hall School and King's College. All who meet our general entry requirements are eligible for bursary awards which are made solely on the basis of parental means or to relieve hardship where a pupil's education and future prospects would otherwise be at risk for example in the case of redundancy.

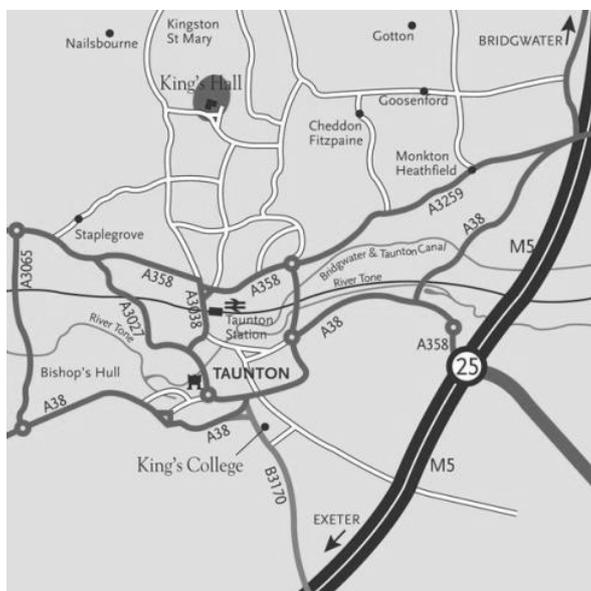
In assessing means we use the methodology promulgated by the Independent Schools' Bursars Association, which takes a number of factors into consideration including family income, investments and savings and family circumstances for example dependant relatives and the number of siblings. The school does not have an endowment and the funds available for hardship bursaries are limited. When considering our awards we have to be mindful that we must ensure a balance between those parents paying full fees, many of whom make considerable personal sacrifices to fund their child's education, and those benefiting from the awards.

For further details and an application form please contact the Director of Finance on 01823 328100 or email scworthy@kings-taunton.co.uk



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VISITING US



BY ROAD FROM M5:

Junction 25. Follow signs "A358 Minehead"; straight on at first roundabout; straight on at traffic lights; right at next roundabout; over viaduct; left at next roundabout; straight on at next set of traffic lights (excluding pedestrian crossing) keeping in right hand lane; leave A358 at this point and take right hand fork signposted "Kingston". King's Hall is one mile on the right.

BY ROAD FROM A303:

At junction of A303 with A358 in Ilminster take A358 to Taunton; pass under M5; then as above.

BY ROAD FROM A38 NORTH (BRIDGWATER):

At "Creech Castle" traffic lights turn right to join the A358; right at next roundabout, over viaduct; then as above.

BY ROAD FROM A358 (WILLITON):

On outskirts of Taunton turn left at "Cross Keys" roundabout; straight on at next roundabout; left at traffic lights by "Staplegrave Post Office" into Manor Lane which becomes Corkscrew Lane; left at the staggered crossroads into Kingston Road. King's Hall is approximately 400 metres on the right.

BY ROAD FROM A38 SOUTH (WELLINGTON):

Left at "Wellington Road" roundabout (just south of Taunton) signposted "A3065 Minehead"; over the railway bridge; right at the next roundabout; left at the traffic lights by "Staplegrave Post Office"; then as above.

BY TRAIN:

King's Hall is only one mile from Taunton Station.

London Paddington: under 2 hours

Bristol: approximately 40 minutes

BY AIR:

London Heathrow: 2 hours via M5/M4

London Gatwick: 2½ hours via M5/M4/M25

Bristol International: 40 minutes via M5 (north)

Exeter: 35 minutes via M5 (south)

VISITOR CAR PARKING:

Parking is signposted.

ON ARRIVAL:

Please proceed to reception in the main building.