



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA – 2009 ENTRY

Year 7

The Governors will seek to preserve the existing character of the school by admitting 120 pupils on the following basis and in the following proportions.

The Governors will give priority to children with a Statement of Special Education Needs, where the parents have named the School on the Statement, if the child's needs can be met. *Parents are strongly encouraged to discuss the situation with the School before naming King's on the Statement so that they are confident that the School can meet their child's needs. Visits for the family to visit the School will be arranged.*

Group A A maximum 105 places will be allocated in the following order of priority:-

1. Looked after children whose parents/carers are worshipping members of the Church of England or Methodist Church.
2. Other looked after children.
3. Children of worshipping members of the Church of England or Methodist Church (maximum of 58 places).
4. Cathedral choristers up to eight places.
5. Brothers and sisters of children attending the school at the time of entry.
6. Children of worshipping members of other Christian denominations or of other faiths, all categories will be considered equally with no priority order.
7. Children of any other applicants to the limit of places available, *places being awarded to the child/children living closest to the School as measured by a straight line from the main school entrance to the child's home as measured using appropriate software.*

Group B Pupils selected by ability as measured by the school's assessment procedures in merit order for a maximum of 15 places

1. 12 of these places will be selected on overall academic ability.
2. 3 of these places will be selected on musical ability.

If there are unallocated places in B1 due to lack of suitable candidates these places will be allocated in B2 and vice versa. If there are insufficient successful applicants for B1 and B2 additional places will be allocated in Group A.

Notes

1. **'Looked After Children'** - A child or young person is looked after by the local authority when they are accommodated or in care. If they are accommodated this means that their parent/s retain parental responsibility and can ask for them to be returned home at any time. If they are subject to a Care Order then the local authority shares parental responsibility with the parent/s and decides where the child should live. Looked after children are cared for in a number of different settings including foster homes, children's homes and residential schools .
2. In relation to **Categories A1 and A3** the application will need to be signed by a Church of England priest or a Church Warden if a Priest is unavailable during an interregnum ***or by a Methodist Minister or Church Leader in an interregnum.***
3. In relation to **Categories A1, A3 and A6**, evidence of worship from the priest, minister or leader of the religious community concerned, must be submitted in support of an application. This evidence must provide information about the parent(s) involvement in the life of their religious community for at least the last five years and also refer to all points stated in the Chair of Governors letter to parents.
4. **In Category A4**, places will be open to boy and girl choristers. Children of parents applying under this category must have already had a successful voice trial with the Peterborough Cathedral Director of Music and will be Cathedral Choristers on the day of entry into The King's School.
5. **Category A5 – Children are siblings if:**
 - they are half or full brother or sister, living together in the same household;
 - they are adoptive brother or sister, living together in the same household;
 - their parents are married and parents and children live together in the same household.
6. **Category A7** - Proximity to the school will be the shortest distance between the child's home and the Headteacher's study as measured by a straight line ***between the main school entrance and the child's home using appropriate software.*** The place will be allocated to the child living closer(est) to the School.
7. Pupils admitted to Category B1 will be required to take the Governors Entrance Examination and will be ranked in order of merit. The examination will consist of tests in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. A minimum total score of 100 out of 145 will be required to gain admission, places being offered strictly in descending order of each applicant's total score. Examples of the English and Mathematics test are in The King's School Year 7 admissions handbook.
8. Pupils will be selected for category B2 by audition, carried out by the Curriculum Area Manager for Music of The King's School. At the audition the candidate will be expected to:
9. i) Perform a piece of his/her choice on the main instrument or voice. Candidates who play another instrument may, if they wish, perform a second piece.
 - ii) Respond to various aural tests which might include:
 1. Repetition of a melody
 2. Clapping a rhythm
 3. Identification of time signatures/beats in bars
 - iii) Provide any Associated Board and other certificates or commendations awarded.

The following scoring system will be used to determine the successful music applicants.

1. Performance of chosen piece

This will be judged and scored by considering both difficulty of the music performed and the quality of the performance.

Level of difficulty	Pass	Merit	Distinction
Grade 3	10	15	20
Grade 4	15	20	25
Grade 5	20	25	30
Grade 6	25	30	35
Grade 7	30	35	40

2. Response to tests:

Level	Points
Grade 4	5
Grade 5	10
Grade 6	15
Grade 7	20

Each applicant will be awarded a total mark for the audition and places will be awarded to the top three scoring pupils.

10. If at any stage, a tie-breaker is required to differentiate between applicants then the place will be offered to the pupil living nearest the school, as measured by a straight line on a map between the child's home and the Headteacher's study.

Parents who are considering applying for a place for a child born after 31st August 1998 must discuss the situation with the Headteacher of The King's School before submitting the application. A waiting list for places which may become available in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be kept.

Entry at Year 10

For a number of years it has been the policy of The Governing Body to offer a small number of additional places to pupils wishing to enter the School at the beginning of Year 10, Key Stage 4.

The criteria for admission to Year 10 will be applied to pupils on the waiting list, plus any others who apply for specific entry to Year 10. Parents wishing to apply for a Year 10 place should contact the School to obtain a Year 10 application form, which should be returned to the School by **MONDAY 8th December 2008**.

The Governors' admission number for entry into Year 10 in September 2009 will be a **maximum** of **EIGHT** places.

If these places are oversubscribed, the Governors will use the following criteria to select the successful applicants:

- 1) Brothers and sisters of children attending the School at the time of admission.
- 2) Children of worshipping members of the Church of England or Methodist Church.
- 3) Children of any other applicants to the limit of places available, according to proximity to

The School.

If at any stage a tie-breaker is required to differentiate between applicants then the place will be offered to the pupil living nearest the School, as measured by a straight line on a map and or appropriate electronic system between the child's home and the Headteacher's study.

In relation to Category 2, evidence of worship from a rector/priest must be submitted in support of an application. This evidence should provide information about the parent(s) involvement in the life of their religious community over the last five years.

Entry into the Sixth Form

YEAR 12

Pupils may be admitted to the Sixth Form if they have obtained the relevant academic entry requirements.

What qualifications are needed for an AS/A2 course?

To qualify for entry to The King's School Sixth Form, all students need to meet the following criteria:

1. To have passed at least five full subjects at grades A* - C in their GCSE examinations.
2. To be recommended, by the current school, as suitable for successful AS/A2 study in at least three subjects of their choice, from the range offered by the School.

Before starting AS/A2 studies in either Economics or Business Studies, students must have A* - C passes in Business Studies or both English Language and Mathematics. To study an individual Science subject, students must have a minimum CC in their Dual Award Science overall at GCSE. Where single Science subjects have been taken a C must have been gained in the individual subject.

We **strongly recommend** that students should have achieved at least a **grade B** at GCSE in subjects which they wish to pursue at AS/A2 level. We also feel that English Language (A* - C) is essential, if students are embarking on an AS/A2 which requires essay-writing and that Maths (A* - C) is of similar status, before they embark on scientific or technological studies.

Applicants from other schools should apply in writing, to Mr G Longman, Headteacher who is responsible for Sixth Form Admissions of students from other schools. Applications will be accepted from 1st October 2008. The closing date for applications will be ***Monday 8th December 2008***. A copy of our internal assessment criteria will be sent to the applicant's current Headteacher, so that Heads of Departments in their own School will have the opportunity to comment on the applicant's predicted GCSE performance and, AS/A2 potential in their subjects.

What happens if The King's School Sixth Form is oversubscribed?

The Governors will admit up to 340, less the number in Year 12 moving into Year 13, each September. In the first instance priority will be given to students currently attending Year 11 at The King's School. After that places will be offered to applicants from outside the School who satisfy the above criteria. The number of residual places for 2009 will be 50. In the event of oversubscription, offers will be made to external applicants on the basis of the availability of the group of subjects required by the applicant. In addition reference will be made to the applicant's actual and predicted GCSE grades. This information will be obtained from the applicant's current school. Offers will be made to candidates with the strongest package of grades. Thereafter, applicants' names will be added to the waiting list and places offered from this list if they become available.