

PROSPECTUS



KING CHARLES I SCHOOL

PART OF FOUR STONES GATEWAY



FOUR STONES GATEWAY TRUST

What makes an excellent school like King Charles I School? Being part of Four Stones Gateway Trust, where our culture that nurtures ambition, commitment, creativity and integrity is one that enables every student to reach their highest potential.

Four Stones Gateway approach is built upon solid cornerstones of high expectations, a rich and coherent curriculum, and simply delivering the best teaching we can.

Our culture means challenging and supporting students in a predictable, structured way. Like any good family or team, it is believing in them enough to never lower our expectations of them. We expect our students to be punctual, to wear their uniform with pride, to be polite, kind, and understanding, and to come to school every day ready to learn. It's about equipping them with the tools, habits, and integrity that will enable them to keep succeeding long after they have left school.

The curriculum across Four Stones Gateway Trust defines the scale of our ambition for our students. We work collaboratively with subject specialists from our schools and from the wider community to build academic courses that equip students with the knowledge they need for examinations and going forward.

We pride ourselves on fostering curious, inquisitive minds, and our extensive Character Academy programmes, from after school clubs to international trips, gives students the cultural literacy they need to fully participate in future life.

Our comprehensive approach to knowledge building is underpinned by the quality and commitment of our teachers. Four Stones Gateway staff are at the cutting edge of educational thinking and practice and work to a teaching framework that creates and supports the very best conditions for quality learning experiences.





OUR VALUES



AMBITION

We are unashamedly ambitious for ourselves and our students, always striving to provide access to opportunities within the classroom and beyond. By setting high expectations and standards, the Four Stones MAT strives to achieve excellence in everything we do.



COMMITMENT

We are committed to being the best we can be by cultivating our knowledge, skills, and attitudes to constantly improve. We are committed to delivering on expectations, going the extra mile, and giving 100% in all that we do.



CREATIVITY

Knowledge and literacy make creativity possible. Our schools cultivate creativity by providing the broad base of academic knowledge students need ask new questions, explore alternate explanations, and to change their perceptions, values, and understanding.



INTEGRITY

We nurture our students so that they become young adults of principle and character, and who support each other in their quest for excellence. That means treating others with respect and honesty, taking care of our environment, and utilising our knowledge and understanding wisely.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to King Charles I, School part of Four Stones Gateway Trust

As a parent of three boys, I am very aware of the hopes and aspirations that parents/carers and students place in education. We all want our children to be happy, confident, and secure so that they can enjoy their formative years. We want them to be supported and challenged in equal measure so that they can go on to realise their dreams.

Moving to secondary school is a huge next step and one that should never be underestimated. Having experienced this first hand as a parent, I am all too aware of the anxieties that this transition can bring for both students and families. As a split site school, we are fortunate to be able to offer an enhanced and slower transition into secondary education. Our Borrington Site provides a stepping stone into secondary education in a smaller setting that continues the family feel of primary whilst slowly preparing students for their next step of Year 9 and beyond on the Hillgrove Site.

Our students are smart, courteous and ambitious. They work with commitment in all aspects of school life. Our staff give 100% and in return, we ask our students to also give 100%. Learning is at the centre of everything we do. We recognise that learning can be challenging and so we focus on supporting students to become resilient and confident individuals who always try their best and understand that making mistakes is part of the learning process and ultimately helps us to improve. We believe that our support coupled with determination to succeed regardless of the barriers that life presents, means that every student will develop into a well-rounded young person and achieve the best results.

As a school, we are committed to providing the highest quality educational experience where powerful knowledge sparks curiosity and interest, resulting in academic success for our students and ensuring they go on to secure places at the very best universities and apprenticeships. Our educational offer is not confined to the classroom and as such we pride ourselves on giving every student the opportunity to be the best they can through a diverse range of opportunities, activities and experiences which equips and prepares them with the social and cultural capital needed to compete and be successful.

The achievement of our students is paramount, but we also know all our students as individuals. We are unapologetically ambitious for every student, no matter what their background, prior attainment or needs. We take great pride in developing relationships between students, staff and families, in order that we can ensure that success is desirable, demanded and achievable. Our core aim is to help students achieve their best and so access university or a high-quality alternative.

If you are looking for an environment that promotes hard work, success and personal development, King Charles I is the school for you.

Ruth Allen

Headteacher

"Relationships between staff, pupils and their parents and carers are strong." (OFSTED 2023)

"Pupils are attentive in lessons and work hard." (OFSTED 2023)



King Charles I School provides an outstanding standard of education. The ethos is a very successful mix of innovation and traditional values, personalisation and collaboration, open enjoyment and high achievement.

“Teachers are knowledgeable. Teachers plan lessons so that pupils add to their knowledge in manageable steps.” (OFSTED 2023)



"Our students are smart, purposeful, respectful and caring."



King Charles I School

OUR CHARACTER ACADEMY OFFER

There is so much on offer for students at King Charles I School; we actively encourage all students to get involved.

Beyond the curriculum we have an extensive enrichment programme, which includes:

- House events
- Lunchtime and afterschool clubs
- Trips and visits
- Inter school competitions
- Homework club
- Independent careers advice and guidance
- Guest speakers
- Scholars programme
- Sports leadership
- CCF

We give our students access to the cultural literacy to enable them to fully participate in adult educated life.

*"The enrichment activities are exceptional."
(Parent view 2023)*

"I'm very happy and proud to say that my children are getting their education from this school." (Parent view 2023)





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