

PROSPECTUS



KING CHARLES I SIXTH FORM

PART OF FOUR STONES GATEWAY



Four Stones Gateway Trust

WELCOME TO KING CHARLES I SIXTH FORM

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

As a Sixth Form, we want every student 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. Our staff give 100% and in return, we ask our students to also give 100%. This means being ambitious in their thinking, hardworking and resilient. We expect students to have the highest expectations of themselves. 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.

We are proud to be part of Four Stones Gateway Trust and as such have high expectations of both our students and staff and respect the traditional values of hard work, good manners, and self-discipline. 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.

Our Sixth Form is 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.

Students in the Sixth Form at King Charles I School will meet other like-minded, talented and ambitious young people with a drive for excellence. We strive to ensure all our students achieve the top results through the provision of subject specialists, a focused and productive environment and high quality pastoral care. Our students aspire to be the best and secure places at the very best universities and apprenticeships.

We are confident that all of our students will achieve everything that they set their minds to. Therefore, if you are looking for an environment that promotes hard work, success and personal development, King Charles I School Sixth Form is the place for you.



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, Four Stones Gateway Trust 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.

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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus and considering King Charles I school as a place to study. We have a strong track record of providing opportunities for students to achieve both outstanding academic and personal success.

I am very proud of our students' accomplishments, and I am thrilled about our ongoing excellent A Level results. These results demonstrate the students' hard work and commitment as well as the quality of the experience studying at King Charles I School offers. We are determined to continually improve and give our students a school and an education which they deserve and can be proud of.

We feel that students should follow a curriculum which suits their preferred way of working, interests, ability and future aspirations. The courses offered at all levels enhance students' learning, attainment and achievement and help them develop the skills required to compete in this changing world and to have the confidence and resilience to succeed at the highest level. Our curriculum encourages all students to develop talents, acquire a plethora of skills and take intellectual risks; as an established Level provider we are able to offer a wide, diverse and exciting range of subjects. With our links to Haybridge High School, we can offer students the best of both worlds. We offer of all the benefits of attending a small setting where you are well known as well as being able to access all the best parts of a larger setting.

Our Sixth Form students are supported by a team of staff skilled and experienced in areas such as university applications, apprenticeship, employment and training opportunities. As a school Sixth Form, we offer smaller classes enabling our teachers to develop strong relationships with students resulting in lessons being tailored to our students' needs and increased 1:1 support. Academic progress is carefully monitored by our Sixth Form team and curriculum leaders with students supported and encouraged to use their time in school profitably and wisely and we have workspaces and ICT facilities to assist with this.

As the courses progress, students assume more responsibility for their own learning. Equally, we encourage students to get involved and there are numerous opportunities for students to take part in enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

We are proud to be part of Four Stones Gateway Trust and believe that when schools work together it greatly benefits all the students and staff. I do hope that you will be able to visit us and spend time talking to the students and staff and I look forward to meeting you when you do.

Ruth Allen

Headteacher

"Our students are taught by well qualified and professional staff who put their students first and inspire them with a love of learning."

"A positive learning environment allows students to thrive."



Why choose the King Charles I Sixth Form

WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD STUDENTS

We would like to begin by offering you a warm welcome to our Sixth Form, whether you are already a student at the school or are considering joining our community. If you are feeling anything like we did then we are sure you might be experiencing some nerves, but don't worry! Everyone is here to help you settle in and embrace Sixth Form life.

Sixth Form is a brilliant social hub, but we are all here for a primary reason: to achieve as well as we possibly can in our chosen subjects.

Every member of the Sixth Form, both staff and students, are willing to accompany and assist you as you embark on your journey here at King Charles I School; a journey that matures you as a person and prepares you for the world of work.

Here at King Charles I Sixth Form there are many exclusive enrichment activities only offered to the Sixth Form whether it be EPQ, a British Sign Language qualification, a First Aid qualification, sports leadership, clubs, the orchid project or peer mentoring to name a few. There is something for everyone.

The Sixth Form team takes huge pride in offering help and support to students when needed, and student expectations are met; regardless of the issue. They always go above and beyond to ensure we all feel supported and happy in the Sixth Form and in ensuring we all reach our full potential.

The facilities available to the Sixth Form are of a high quality. We have a building to ourselves which houses facilities such as a common room consisting of sitting areas, workspaces, kitchen equipment and an extensive computer suite allowing us to excel in our subjects. We also have exclusive access to a fitness suite and a 5G football pitch.

Our Sixth Form strives to create as many opportunities as possible for students to succeed. We urge you to enjoy your new freedom but embrace your new responsibilities. You definitely 'get out what you put in' at King Charles, and your Sixth Form experience will be exactly what you make it. We are extremely excited and pleased that you are considering King Charles as your Sixth Form, and we look forward to seeing you in September

Sixth Form Student Officer Team



MEET OUR STUDENTS

Year 12 – Michael

What subjects are you studying?

I am studying Maths, Computer Science and Economics.

What enrichment activities have you participated in?

For my enrichment activities, I attend maths revision on a Tuesday afternoon as well as helping with Year 11 maths revision after school to really test my knowledge and deepen my understanding. I am also a Peer Mentor and have completed a course in British Sign Language.

What do you intend to do after Sixth Form?

After sixth form, I plan on attending university to either study mathematics or computer science depending on which course and route interests me the most. I would like to be a teacher.

What advice would you give prospective Sixth Formers?

Ensure that you are prepared and organised from day one. If you attend revision sessions for subjects that you find harder, this is incredibly beneficial

Year 12 – Deryn

What subjects are you studying?

Maths, Biology and Chemistry.

What extracurricular activities do you take part in?Fencing, Lucy Cavendish Academic Attainment Programme, KCL Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series, Diploma in Sporting Excellence, Peer Mentoring.

What are your next steps after sixth form?

I plan to go to university to study Medicine.

What advice would you give future students?

Plan ahead to make your subjects easier to balance and still set aside time for other activities and rest.



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Gabriella

What subjects do you studying?

I currently study Psychology, Health and Social, and Sociology.

What extracurricular activities do you take part in?

I have taken the opportunity to complete the EPQ within school and I also help tutor outside of school.

What are your next steps after sixth form?

After sixth form, I will be looking to complete a career apprenticeship in sociology.

What advice would you give future students?

I think it is really important to keep organised and on top of your schedule and maintain the focus on yourself and what you want to achieve.

Toby

What subjects do you study?

My courses are History, Computer Science, and BTEC Business.

What extracurricular activities do you take part in?

I enjoy Core Maths as my additional subject. Outside of school, I take part in Muai Tai.

What are your next steps after sixth form?

I will be looking and researching a degree apprenticeship in finance or opportunities around tax within the finance sector.

What advice would you give future students?

I would advise new Year 12 students to focus on settling in, finding their way around the sixth form building as well as becoming comfortable with their new schedule and timetable.



WHY CHOOSE KING CHARLES I SIXTH FORM?

Our core values of Ambition, Commitment, Creativity, and Integrity bind us together as a Sixth Form. At King Charles, students follow a curriculum which suits their preferred way of working, their interests, their ability and their aspirations.

As well as A Levels, we also offer a selection of Applied and A-level equivalent subjects. These are highly regarded qualifications accepted by universities, employers and apprenticeship providers for higher level study. We offer a tailored system of support to ensure all students achieve their full potential.

Students benefit from having contemporary and attractive facilities including their own social space and kitchen area; two ICT suites for independent study; as well as the exclusive use of their own Sixth Form Woodward Building. In recognition of your seniority within the school, Sixth Form students do not need to wear a uniform, although we expect you to be presentable, and to follow our Sixth Form dress code.

A large part of support in our Sixth Form is the pastoral support and the Sixth Form team work together with the tutors to support our students in all aspects of Sixth Form life. Students are kept up to date with current affairs or worldly matters via reading and discussion. They also receive revision and study skills advice based on the latest educational research and have the PSHRE Key Stage 5 Curriculum delivered.

Careers opportunities are also explored via numerous avenues, and we offer individual mentoring sessions where students and a member of the Sixth Form team will review all aspects of a student's performance, including attendance, progress towards personal targets and wider involvement in Sixth Form life. We are exceptionally fortunate to also have a full-time attendance and pastoral member of staff in Sixth Form, who is mental health first aid trained. Students receive individualised career support; the university application process is fully guided from start to finish. We have many opportunities for students to explore their post-18 options including visits, a variety of speakers and workshops from apprenticeship, degree apprenticeships, employers, universities and current professionals in a range of fields of work.

Being a good role is an important part of being a Sixth Form student. Our students are given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and embody our school values. Our Sixth Form Team – including Head Students - are appointed annually in June and play an active part in school life.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form; students have achieved excellent results over the years which have led to some fantastic destinations including competitive degree apprenticeships with top employers and places at Russell Group universities including the University of Oxford, for which we have a high success rate. Moreover, students leave us ready for the world and flourishing as individuals. I look forward to you joining us.

Mrs K Allington

Head of Sixth Form

OUR OFFER

We are proud of our broad curriculum offer. Please find below a list of our current offer; however, these are subject to change depending on student numbers and staffing:

- A-Level:
Biology
Business (Haybridge)
Chemistry
Computing
Economics (Haybridge)
English language and literature
English literature (Haybridge)
Fine art
French
Further maths
German
Geography
Government and Politics
History
Law
Maths
Media studies (Haybridge)
Music (Haybridge)
Physical Education (Haybridge)
Physics
Product Design (Haybridge)
Psychology (Haybridge)
Religious Studies
Sociology (Haybridge)

- Vocational:
Business Btec
Criminology (Haybridge)
Early Childhood Studies Btec
Health and Social Care Btec
Medical Science Btec
Music Technology (Hagley RC)
Psychology Btec
Sports Studies Btec

These are subject to availability each academic year.





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