



more Senior School

Pastoral care

The school provides “exemplary pastoral care.”

“A caring, supportive ethos, based on Christian values, permeates school life, fostering a culture in which pupils rapidly gain in self-esteem and self-awareness.”

“The integration of girls into the school community has been seamless.”

“The quality of tutorial support is rightly acknowledged by pupils and parents as outstanding.”

“This tutor system is regarded, rightly, as the bedrock upon which the school’s outstanding pastoral care is built. Tutors get to know their tutees extremely well and the close relationship engendered fosters high standards of appropriate personalised care. They are extremely well supported by heads of house.”

“The parent-tutor relationship underpins the school’s pastoral care and ensures that a child’s education and welfare is a mutually supportive enterprise.”

“The generosity of the staff is a hallmark of the school, leading to an ethos of care, support and stimulus, in which pupils develop strong levels of self-awareness and self-esteem.”

“Relationships are excellent.”

Teaching

“Teaching is outstanding in fostering interest and independence. The pupils’ needs are fully understood, and teaching regularly uses a range of strategies to engage and sustain the pupils’ concentrated and often active involvement in lessons”.

“The school’s teaching ethos is scholarly and gentle.”

Links with parents

“An exceptionally high level of satisfaction with the education and support that their children receive.”

“Most concerns are resolved quickly in what parents describe as a caring and effective manner.”

“Teachers convey scholarly commitment to and enthusiasm for their subjects. High expectations and a strong sense of scholarship prevail, minds are changed, ideas cultivated, opinions shared and knowledge forms deep roots.”

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Highlights from the ISI Inspection Reports for King’s College School and King’s College Junior School, 2012



KING’S COLLEGE SCHOOL
WIMBLEDON



King’s College School is celebrating a remarkable “double” this week. Both its senior and junior schools have just received their Independent Schools’ inspection report and have been judged “excellent”, the top grade available, in all 16 possible categories.

100% EXCELLENT

Inspectors’ verdict on a “scholarly and gentle” school, outstanding in every category.

Senior School

Junior School

Excellent	Pupils’ learning, attitudes and skills	Excellent
Excellent	Curricular and extra-curricular provision	Excellent
Excellent	Teaching	Excellent
Excellent	Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social	Excellent
Excellent	Pastoral care	Excellent
Excellent	Leadership and Management	Excellent
Excellent	Governance	Excellent
Excellent	Links with parents	Excellent

Please visit www.kcs.org.uk for the full report



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Junior School

Pupils' learning, attitudes and skills

"Pupils display very high levels of knowledge, understanding and skill."

"Their independent minds enable them to question the truth of information or to propose hypotheses or alternative solutions of their own."

"The high standard of their creativity is readily apparent in their artistic, technological, musical and dramatic endeavours."

Curricular and extra-curricular provision

"The range and standard of extra-curricular activities is excellent, and demonstrably fulfils the aim to create passions, whether they be for sporting, artistic, musical or intellectual pursuits or simply for fun."

Spiritual, moral, cultural and social

"They behave around the school with respect and thoughtfulness, which is reflected in their kindness and good manners to others."

"Their social awareness of others is heightened by the school's partnership with local primary schools and its close relationship with Obera Junior School, in Kenya. Pupils' cultural development is of an exceptionally high standard."

"Parents consider behaviour to be excellent and that the school promotes worthwhile attitudes and values. Inspectors agree with these views."

Leadership, management and governance

"The leadership and management of the school are excellent and highly effective in furthering the aims of the school."

"The leadership team's presence is highly visible throughout the school, and this is warmly appreciated by pupils, staff and parents."

Pastoral care

"The quality of pastoral care is excellent and health and safety procedures are highly effective. The success of the pastoral care system is founded on the individual care given by form teachers, who know their pupils very well."

"Relationships between the staff and pupils and amongst pupils themselves are warm and purposeful."

Teaching

"The teachers' knowledge of both their pupils and their subject combine to create a palpable fizz."

"Pupils of all ages benefit from well-resourced classrooms and extensive facilities."

"The library is not only a friendly oasis of calm but also a much used resource for both research and the support of reading."

Links with parents

"The quality of links with parents, carers and guardians is excellent. Responses to the pre-inspection questionnaire reflect the parents' overwhelming support for the school and a very high level of satisfaction with the education and care which their children receive."

Senior School

Pupils' learning, attitudes and skills

"Pupils have an infectious, unselfconscious intellectual curiosity."

Pupils are "highly articulate" with "an outstanding ability to address important issues in an informed and vigorous fashion."

They show a "high level of creativity" and demonstrate "physical prowess over a wide range of sports."

"Attainment in public examinations is excellent and high in relation to the pupils' abilities. Pupils' performance in the IB was well above both the worldwide and UK averages, with their exceptional average of 39.2 points [over the last 3 years] placing the school amongst the highest achieving UK schools. Of the total number of UK pupils gaining maximum points [in the IB], over a quarter came from the school."

Curricular and extra-curricular provision

An "outstanding extra-curricular programme."

"A commitment to excellence, inclusivity and variety leads to high participation rates for pupils of all abilities."

"Exemplary links with the local community underpin an exceptional outreach programme of community service."

"Standards of drama and music are excellent."

"The dialogue between teachers and pupils is central to the school's ethos, inspiring a genuine love of learning, independent thinking and rational debate."

Spiritual, moral, cultural and social

"The pupils' outstanding spiritual awareness derives from a safe, secure and supportive learning environment, which allows them to develop a strong sense of self-worth."

"The pupils are guided by an outstanding moral compass and are reflective about individual choices and the consequences of their actions."

"Pupils show concern for each other's welfare and their strong moral, social and cultural awareness is highlighted in their commitment to and involvement in the service of others, both locally and worldwide."

Leadership, management and governance

"The school's aims are being fully realised, a strong testimony to exceptional leadership, as well as to excellent governance."

"Strategic vision, clear direction, strong resolve, an eye for detail and a basic care and compassion from the headmaster and from his senior colleagues are producing outstanding leadership which is maintaining and improving the school's realisation of its academic and pastoral aims."

"Full use is made of excellent resources, efficiently maintained."

"Pupils value their teachers' passion – and wit. Pupils observed that teachers treat them as adults."