



**KENT COLLEGE**  
CANTERBURY

**OPEN TO  
THRIVE**



**SENIORS**

**OPEN TO  
THRIVE**



**WELCOME TO OUR  
VIBRANT COMMUNITY  
WHERE YOUNG  
PEOPLE THRIVE IN  
OUR OPEN-MINDED  
AND OPEN-HEARTED  
CULTURE**

Welcome to the Senior School at Kent College. We understand that there will be new teachers, new friends and new procedures to learn. Whilst there is a great deal of information to absorb, things will fall into place as the School Community is very warm and welcoming. We want you to be happy here, as your well-being is really important, so rest assured that there are plenty of helpful and friendly staff who will be on hand to guide you through your first few days at the School.

Since its foundation in 1885, the School has always excelled in the academic, musical and sporting spheres. However, Kent College is probably best known for its exceptionally caring atmosphere where students from all faiths, countries and backgrounds thrive in a safe, friendly and caring environment. The positive spirit that this creates is infectious and I am sure that you will enjoy your time here at Kent College and wish you every success so you are able to flourish in everything that you do.

**Mr Mark Turnbull**  
Head of Kent College, Canterbury  
[hm@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:hm@kentcollege.co.uk)

# THE KC VISION FOR EDUCATION

Education that is focused upon the needs of each individual, developing inquiring and knowledgeable people who understand how to lead happy and fulfilling lives, with the skills to play active roles in an inclusive and sustainable future.



## AT KC WE PRACTISE

### RESPECT

value oneself, others,  
and the world around us

### ACTING JUSTLY

work for good through  
service to others

### AMBITION

engage positively with  
all learning opportunities

### HUMILITY

walk humbly

### OPENNESS

embrace equality, diversity  
and inclusion

### KINDNESS

be considerate and  
compassionate towards others

### RESILIENCE

build the courage to take risks  
and to forgive others

### CURIOSITY

inquiring actively



610 students



80 acre campus



Young Farmers club



83 highly qualified specialist teachers



25 boarders' trips annually



KENT COLLEGE  
CANTERBURY

Senior School  
founded in 1885



410 day pupils



26 acres of playing fields



7 musical ensembles  
5 choirs



Duke of Edinburgh  
gold, silver and  
bronze programmes



70 minutes to  
Gatwick Airport



200 boarding  
students



1 floodlit astro turf  
1 sports hall  
3 tennis courts  
2 netball courts  
2 cricket pitches



10 drama  
productions a year



£20,000 raised for  
charity annually



Less than 1 hour  
from London  
by train



5 boarding houses



60+ co-curricular  
activities and clubs



42 different  
nationalities



600 seat theatre



Small class sizes



Riding lessons  
and riding arena

# AT A GLANCE



# RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS



We offer our students not only a wide range of subjects to study at Kent College but also a variety of different pathways. We are a leading IB World School offering the International Baccalaureate. This highly prestigious and internationally recognised course is an exciting choice alongside our wide range of A Levels and Cambridge Technical subjects. All our Sixth Form programmes have excellent track records in terms of outcomes. In our recent ISI inspection, the results were described as "exceptional". Our A Level results are equally impressive with the percentage of grades at A\*-B consistently above local Grammar Schools. The subjects offered as Cambridge Technical qualifications have also enjoyed exceptional levels of success.

Last year we celebrated another excellent array of results. Two students achieved the highly coveted score of 45 for the IB, the maximum that can be achieved, putting them in the top 1% in the world.

This year's cohort will be going on to read subjects as diverse as Law, Nuclear Engineering, Zoology, International Social policy, Bio Medicine and Economics at top British universities from Cambridge, to a variety of Russell Group universities including Edinburgh, Newcastle and Exeter.

The average points score at the school, when translated into UCAS (university entrance) points, is similar to the number of points awarded for straight As, and 45 points is equivalent to 5 A\*s at A Level. Such results match the best at Kent College, which is regularly noted in the top 10 small cohort IB schools in the UK.

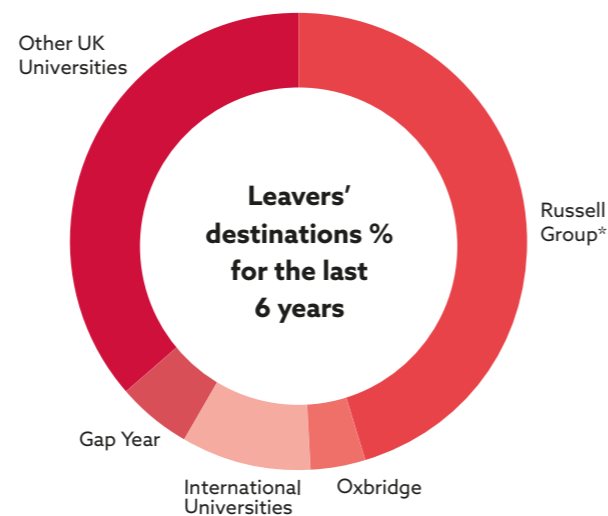
**IB**  
REGULARLY IN THE  
**TOP 10 UK IB SCHOOLS**

**37**  
**AVERAGE IB SCORE FOR**  
THE LAST 6 YEARS  
(global average score 30)

**75%**  
**ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE OF**  
**A\*-B AT A LEVEL FOR THE**  
LAST 6 YEARS

**40%**  
**ACHIEVED AN AVERAGE OF**  
**A\*-A AT GCSE FOR THE LAST**  
5 YEARS

**150**  
**AVERAGE STUDENT UCAS**  
**POINTS. EQUIVALENT TO**  
A\*-A AT A LEVEL



The Russell Group represents 24 of the UK top universities and promotes excellent teaching and research

# SCHOOL YEAR AND EVENTS

## Autumn Term 2023

Saturday 02 September	Arrival day for new boarders
Sunday 03 September	All boarders return by 18:00
Monday 04 September	Induction morning for all new pupils
Tuesday 05 September	Term begins for all pupils with registration at 08:35
Friday 20 October	Half term begins at end of afternoon school
Sunday 05 November	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 06 November	Term begins for all pupils with registration at 08:35
Friday 15 December	Term ends at end of afternoon school

## Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 03 January	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Thursday 04 January	Term begins for all pupils with registration at 08:35
Friday 9 February	Half term begins at end of afternoon school
Sunday 18 February	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 19 February	Term begins for all pupils with registration at 08:35
Friday 22 March	Term ends at the end of afternoon school

## Summer Term 2024

Sunday 14 April	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 15 April	Term begins for all pupils with registration at 08:35
Friday 24 May	Half term begins at end of afternoon school
Sunday 02 June	Boarders return between 14:00 and 21:00
Monday 03 June	Registration for all pupils
Friday 05 July	Term ends at the end of afternoon school

## Key events

There are some key events throughout the school year to which parents/ guardians are invited. They include:

**Autumn term:** Family BBQ; School Musical production; The Kent College Lecture; Fun & Fireworks; Carols on the Farm; 'Joy to the World'; Carol Service in Canterbury Cathedral.

**Spring term:** Frank Mason Hockey Tournament; Arts' Week (various activities); Drama Production; Spring Concert.

**Summer term:** Farm Open Morning; Sports' Day; Activities Week; Summer Opera; Speech Day.

Dates are published in the school calendar, and information about these events is sent out in the weekly school newsletter.

# HISTORIC CANTERBURY

We are very fortunate to be located in Canterbury in the South-East of England. This beautiful, ancient city is one of the jewels in the county of Kent's crown. At the heart of the walled city is Canterbury Cathedral begun in 597AD by St Augustine and is still welcoming pilgrims today. Fascinating medieval streets such as the King's Mile and Cathedral Quarter provide many small independent shops and there are numerous bustling cafes and restaurants. With 3 universities and numerous Arts festivals and theatres, Canterbury has a vibrant and creative atmosphere and yet manages to remain a small, friendly and safe community which still welcomes pilgrims today.

## Visiting the area

Information about visiting Canterbury and the surrounding area can be found at [www.canterbury.co.uk](http://www.canterbury.co.uk). Information about accommodation can be found at: [www.canterbury.co.uk/homepage/50/beta\\_places\\_to\\_stay](http://www.canterbury.co.uk/homepage/50/beta_places_to_stay)

# KENT: THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

Henry VIII is said to have given Kent the accolade of "The Garden of England" owing to its abundant agriculture, hops and fruit farms. Our corner of England has spectacular coastline views, rolling green hills, stunning castles, elegant stately homes and gardens, as well as beautiful beaches and exhilarating foot and cycle trails.

Within 10 minutes of Canterbury is the seaside town of Whitstable, famous for its oysters, picturesque lanes and seafood restaurants.



# ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Pupils entering the school at Year 7 follow the Key Stage 3 curriculum for three years. During Year 9, pupils make subject choices for the two-year GCSE courses, which start in Year 10. Pupils take the GCSE public exams at the end of Year 11.

International students who come for the Pre-IB/A Level year start in Year 11 and take a reduced 1-year GCSE course during that year.

Years 12 and 13 are also known as the Sixth Form. Students at Kent College have a choice of two-year courses: A Levels, Cambridge Technicals or International Baccalaureate. Students take their public exams at the end of Year 13.

Age	School year	Curriculum
11-12	Year 7	Key Stage 3
12-13	Year 8	Key Stage 3
13-14	Year 9	Key Stage 3
14-15	Year 10	GCSE
15-16	Year 11 Public exam year	GCSE Pre-IB/A Level year
16-17	Year 12 (Sixth Form)	A Level
		International Baccalaureate Cambridge Technicals
17-18	Year 13 (Sixth Form)	Public exam year A Level
		International Baccalaureate Cambridge Technicals



**A most welcoming school. The children are encouraged to pursue their passions with vigour. The teaching staff are down to earth and extremely approachable. Simply, a lovely community to be part of.**

PARENT

## DAILY ROUTINE FOR ALL PUPILS

Registration, Chapel or Tutorial	08:35–09:00
Period 1	09:00–09:35
Period 2	09:35–10:10
Break	10:10–10:35
Period 3	10:35–11:10
Period 4	11:10–11:45 5 minute break
Period 5	11:50–12:25
Period 6	12:25–13:00
Lunch	13:00–14:00
Period 7	14:00–14:35
Period 8	14:35–15:10 5 minute break
Period 9	15:15–15:50
Period 10	15:50–16:25
Activities/Study Hall	16:30–17:30
Buses depart	17:30

School hours are Monday-Friday 08:35 to 16:25. All pupils should arrive in school in good time to register at 08:35. Day pupils may go home at 16:25. All pupils may attend Study Hall, a school activity or practice until 17:30. Day pupils are required to leave the campus at 17:30 unless they are attending a school match or similar, or have the permission from their Head of House.

## BOARDERS' DAILY ROUTINE

Activities or House time	Monday–Friday 16:30–18:00
Supper	19:00–19:30
Study time	19:30–20:15
Registration	21:00
Activities/ Free time in house	21:05
Bedtime as per the rota	21:30 onwards
<i>Saturday Routine</i>	
Breakfast for Yrs 7–10	09:00
School Activities, clinics or Saturday detention (in school uniform)	10:30
Lunch (compulsory for all boarders)	12:00–13:00
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	13:00
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00
Recreation and/or Boarding Activities	19:00–Bedtime
<i>Sunday Routine</i>	
Breakfast (for those going on trips – see trip information)	08:00–09:00
Brunch/Lunch	10:30–12:30
Boarders may sign out to go to town with the permission of their House Parents	13:00 onwards
Supper (compulsory for all boarders)	18:00
Recreation and Houses Activities	19:00–Bedtime

# HOMWORK AND ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT



Homework is set regularly and pupils are encouraged to establish good homework habits from the beginning of their time at Kent College. The amount of homework gradually increases as pupils pass through the school. The amount of time spent on homework will also vary considerably between individual pupils. As a guide:

- › Years 7 and 8 should expect homework in two or three subjects each evening, each taking approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete.
- › Year 9 should expect homework in three or four subjects each evening, each taking approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- › Students studying for GCSE in Year 10 and 11 should expect to be doing the equivalent of at least two hours homework per evening. Much of the homework at this level is likely to be in the form of extended pieces of work which may cover several weeks, and pupils are expected to take an increasing level of responsibility for planning the completion of such work.
- › In the Sixth Form, pupils may be expected to spend about an hour per subject per day on out-of-class preparation.

Homework is set on Google Classroom and can also be seen on the School Portal.

## Reports and Parents' Meetings

Each pupil receives regular reports during the school year, with comments by the teachers of the academic subjects, and, where appropriate, by teachers of PSHE, musical instrument lessons and other activities. These reports contain additional sections written by the Tutor, Boarding House Parent and, where appropriate, either the Lower School Head of House, Head of House or the Senior School Head.

If a parent/guardian has concerns about their child's progress at any point in the year, they should make contact with the Tutor, or their Head of House. Parents/guardians are also welcome to make appointments to see individual teachers, and contact should be made with the relevant Head of House who will arrange this.

Once a year, parents/guardians have an opportunity to talk with all of the pupil's teachers at a Parents' Meeting for the relevant year group. Pupils are expected to accompany parents/guardians to these meetings.

Academic Surgery Evenings are held twice a year, in the Autumn and Summer terms. Parents/guardians are invited to make appointments to see staff by the Friday of the previous week. A maximum of three appointments is allowed and these should last approximately 10 minutes.

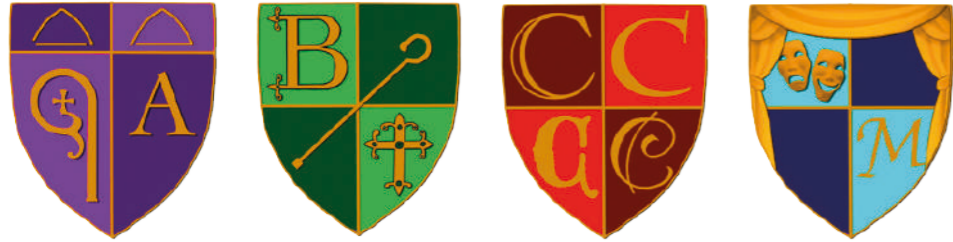
**Pupils benefit from an excellent and inventive curriculum. Bespoke timetabling enables the college to meet pupils' subject choices and for instance additional practice time for advanced athletes or musicians.**

ISI INSPECTION





# LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD



## The School House system

The School has four Academic Houses: Augustine, Becket, Chaucer and Marlowe.

The House system promotes the spirit of community and competition amongst our students. Inter-house events are held throughout the year in Sport, Music, Art, Drama and Public Speaking. Pupils are also awarded House points on a regular basis for their school work and contribution to the school community. A trophy is awarded at the end of the School year to the House that has earned the most points.

Every pupil coming to Kent College is allocated to one of these Houses – usually before they start school in September. Students wear their own House tie (boys) or badge (girls) at school, and a House polo shirt for House events.



**The pupils' behaviour towards one another is excellent, reflecting the school's primary aim to be a caring community.**

ISI INSPECTION

# PASTORAL CARE AND PUPIL WELLBEING

Kent College has a reputation for being a friendly and caring school, and our pastoral structure is designed to give all pupils the support they need from the start of their school career to the day they leave. Our mission is to always be pupil-centred and to focus on enabling every child to become the best he/she can be.

We operate a vertical tutor system where all students in Years 7-9 (Lower School), 10-11 (Upper School), and 12-13 (Sixth Form) meet in House tutor groups every morning for 20 minutes. These are comprised of a mixture of students from each of the relevant year groups. Each tutor group, with an experienced teacher acting as tutor, will belong to one of our four Houses with each one led by a Head of House. As the tutor groups will stay together for up to three years, it allows for a greater continuity of care for students, and provides the opportunity to further develop positive relationships with families over more than a year. Through vertical tutoring, students will get to know people of different ages in a safe classroom environment and older students will be encouraged to look after and support younger students.

## Tutor

If a parent/guardian has any concerns about their son or daughter, then the Tutor is the first person they should contact, usually by email.

The Tutor:

- › sees their Tutor Group every morning for registration
- › is always available for support and advice, and to discuss any problems
- › is responsible for welfare and academic progress
- › keeps an eye on attendance and punctuality
- › monitors behaviour and involvement in activities

## Heads of House

The Heads of House lead their teams of Tutors and have overall responsibility for the academic and pastoral wellbeing of the pupils in their age groups and House. All of the Heads of House work in close co-operation with Tutors, House Parents, Senior Teachers and the Head to ensure the well-being of all pupils at Kent College.

## HEADS OF HOUSE YEARS 10-13

### Head of Augustine House

Mrs Kate Jain  
headofaugustine@kentcollege.co.uk

### Head of Becket House

Mr Jeremy Smith  
headofbecket@kentcollege.co.uk

### Head of Chaucer House

Mr Dan Knapp  
headofchaucer@kentcollege.co.uk

### Head of Marlowe House

Mrs Tracy Watton  
headofmarlowe@kentcollege.co.uk

## LOWER SCHOOL HEADS OF HOUSE YEARS 7-9

### Lower School Head of Augustine House

Mr Tim Phillips  
lowerschoolheadofaugustine@kentcollege.co.uk

### Lower School Head of Becket House

Mrs Belinda Ingham  
lowerschoolheadofbecket@kentcollege.co.uk

### Lower School Head of Chaucer House

Miss Lara Wilkinson  
lowerschoolheadofchaucer@kentcollege.co.uk

### Lower School Head of Marlowe House

Ms Marie Christian  
lowerschoolheadofmarlowe@kentcollege.co.uk

# THE PASTORAL NETWORK



## The pastoral network

The Tutors and Heads of House are part of a much wider network of pastoral support. Pupils may also seek help or advice from:

- › Prefects or other trustworthy senior pupils
- › Year 9 and Year 12 Mentors
- › House Parents and House Tutors
- › The Chaplain
- › The Medical Centre Staff and the School Doctor
- › The Head and Senior Teachers
- › School Counsellors and our Independent Listener

## Medical Centre

Our Medical Centre is in the centre of school, and has its own private entrance. Inside there is a modern, well-equipped surgery and several comfortable bedrooms. An experienced, qualified nurse is always available and pupils may access help with any health issues at any time. These do not have to be medical conditions or physical problems, we also offer support with emotional needs and lifestyle choices.

Dr Julian Thompson runs a surgery in the school Medical Centre twice a week. He is part of a practice at Cossington House GP surgery in the centre of Canterbury, where we can also access appointments if required at other times, and with a female GP.

If a pupil would like to speak to someone who is not involved in the running of the school he or she may ask for an appointment with our School Counsellors or Independent Listener. Pupils can make an appointment through the Sister on duty in the Medical Centre or the Head of House. Alternatively they may contact the School Counsellor by leaving a note in her postbox in the Medical Centre, by leaving a written request in the Medical Centre or with the Chaplain, or by emailing her. In addition, there is a 'drop-in' service for which no appointment is required on Mondays 13:30-14:00.

Please ensure you have completed the online Health Questionnaire before you arrive at school.

# EAT WELL AT KC



## 1885 Cafe opening times and payment system

### Weekdays

10:10-10:30

12:50-13:55

16:25-16:40

Students can purchase hot and cold drinks and snacks from our cafe, 1885.

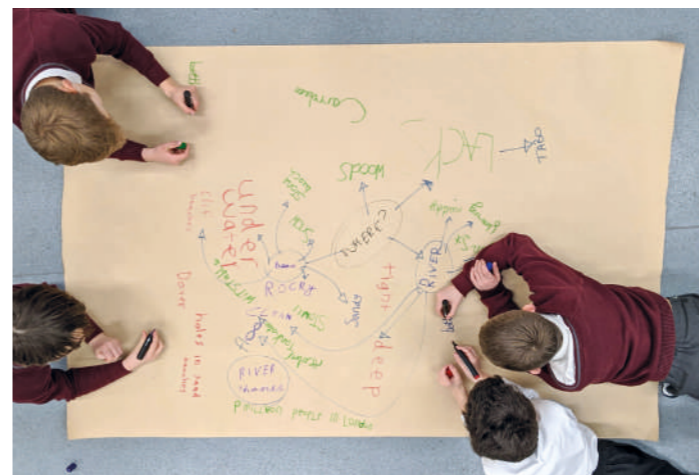
1885 operates on a biometric cashless system. Parents/guardians create a sQuid account and make payments using a web portal or app. Pupils can then make purchases from 1885 using their sQuid account. Parents/guardians can check balances, view transactions and top up the account as required.

The Head Chef and catering team are responsible for all the food consumed at Kent College. The food is cooked on the premises, and we use local and trusted suppliers for our meat, fish, fruit and vegetables. In addition, our Chef is also able to source pork, lamb and mutton from the school's own Farm. We cater for special diets such as gluten-free, or lactose-intolerant and the chef works closely with the staff in the school's Medical Centre to ensure that pupils with specific needs are well looked after. The kitchens also provide a wide range of snacks enjoyed by the pupils at break time, either in the main dining hall or in the school's cafe, 1885.

We love cake at KC so there is always a treat available for hungry students. Take a look at our video "Cake College" on our website to find out more.

ARCHERY  
 ART CLUB  
 ASTRONOMY CLUB  
 BADMINTON  
 BASKETBALL  
 BOARD GAMES  
 BOOK CLUB  
 BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE  
 CANTABILE CHOIR  
 CHESS  
 CODING CLUB  
 CREATIVE WRITING  
 DANCE CLUB  
 DEBATING SOCIETY  
 DRAMA  
 (SCHOOL PLAYS AND MUSICALS)  
 DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
 (GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS)  
 EAL SPEAKING  
 ELECTRONICS CLUB  
 ENAMELLING/JEWELLERY  
 FARMING CLUB  
 FOOTBALL  
 FLUTE GROUPS  
 GARDENING  
 INDOOR HOCKEY  
 JAZZ BAND  
 LEGO LEAGUE  
 MUSIC THEORY  
 PHOTOGRAPHY  
 RIDING/ HORSE CARE  
 ROCK BANDS  
 SAXOPHONE GROUP  
 SENIOR CHOIR  
 STRATEGY CAMPAIGN GAME  
 STRING QUARTETS  
 YOUNG ENTERPRISE  
 ZUMBA

## A SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES



# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

At Kent College we offer a wide range of activities that take place outside the classroom. These co-curricular activities are an important part of an all-round education that extends well beyond the curriculum, and allows pupils to explore their own particular talents and interests.

From Year 7 all pupils are required to attend at least two activities, while older students are encouraged to participate or assist in at least one. Activities take place at lunch times, after school and at the weekends. They change termly, depending on demand, but our aim is to provide something for everyone to enjoy and to develop through their school career.

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DofE)

Kent College runs DofE for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards – Bronze is usually taken in Year 9, Silver in Year 10, and Gold in Year 12. Expeditions for the Bronze award are undertaken locally, while Silver expeditions are further afield in the UK (Snowdonia and the Lake District) and Gold final expeditions are run abroad for example, Iceland or the Dolomites in Italy. Volunteering is an important part of all DofE awards, and pupils have the opportunity to work in many different settings in the local community.

The DofE programme helps young people to develop into well-rounded individuals with a broad range of skills. Students will undertake physical and mental challenges that will lead them to become more confident and self-sufficient; engaging with their local community to develop their communication skills and become more socially minded and tolerant of others. They develop a great spirit of adventure and teamwork while sharing many happy memories and experiences

# MUSIC AND DRAMA

## Music

Music is at the heart of Kent College and our splendid music department offers a broad range of opportunity to pupils of all ages and abilities. Working within a positive and vibrant environment, our aim is for music to be both fun and productive, ensuring that pupils perform and progress to the best of their abilities. Members of teaching staff, as well as a dedicated team of visiting music teachers, are fully committed to both the enjoyment of music and promoting the highest standards. Many pupils learn a musical instrument, and numerous musical events take place throughout the school year.

The Department is housed in its own purpose-built Music school and has outstanding facilities, including teaching and practice rooms, two large rehearsal rooms, and an impressive recording studio. There is a comprehensive stock of instruments available to pupils including two grand pianos, drum kits and orchestral percussion, a pedal harp and a 3 manual Makin organ in the state-of-the-art 600 seat auditorium, the Great Hall, which provides splendid surroundings for our annual concert and other musical performances throughout the year and also hosts many local Arts events including the Canterbury Festival. The quality and breadth of

music-making at Kent College is evident in both public and school performances, from a recent appearance as finalists in the Barnardo's National Choir Competition at the Royal Festival Hall, to productions of Musicals, to individual performances by talented soloists at the annual Spring Concert. Many musicians from Kent College go on to further studies in music at one of the specialist colleges or at university, including the Royal College of Music, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Royal Northern College of Music.

## Drama

Drama education thoroughly embraces our whole school philosophy where we aim to develop the full potential of each individual. Drama education ensures that students are provided with a safe environment to develop creative, expressive and evaluative skills essential for effective communication within the classroom and beyond.

The Drama Department's aim at Kent College is to instil in all students an enjoyment of the subject and an understanding of its relevance to the world around them. We want our students to develop confidence in their ability to be creative performers, public speakers, directors and team players.

## What skills will I learn?

Students can gain a variety of transferable skills such as:

- › Decision-making
- › Team building
- › Innovative thinking which enhances their confidence and creativity
- › Communication
- › Co-operation
- › Control
- › Concentration
- › Problem solving
- › Commitment
- › Motivation
- › Acceptance of rules
- › Adaptability
- › Independence
- › Time management
- › Self discipline and respect

## What else will I get to do?

- › Upper School (Years 10-13) musical production takes place in October each year and rehearsals take place after school on a Thursday, and on Sunday afternoons. (Additional after-school rehearsals take place closer to the production)
- › Junior Drama runs every Tuesday after school for those in the Lower School (Years 7-9). As part of this club, students will get the opportunity to perform in a play, the Great Drama Challenge and a Summer showcase.
- › Members of the Lower School are also invited to take part in the Annual House Drama Festival which takes place in February as part of Arts Week.
- › Senior Drama runs on a Monday after school and this acts as an opportunity to create work for showcase performance.
- › With the development of our wonderful new theatre, a theatre production club will also be running to encourage those interested in the designing elements of theatre.



# SCHOOL FARM

**Going to the farm has made me more confident and determined, and given me valuable team working skills that I'll need in the future.**

KC PUPIL

Pupils at Kent College are incredibly lucky to have access to the school's full working farm, set in 50 acres of land. Moat Farm is a short walk from the main Senior School campus and is open to all pupils. It is equally popular with students who want to be Young Farmers who are aiming to pursue a career such as veterinary science, or with those who simply love the experience of spending time with the wide array of farm animals. The school's Farmers' Club has been in action for more than 60 years, and it allows pupils to work with all the animals on the farm: a breeding herd of Sussex cattle, pigs, a small flock of sheep, as well as the farm's hens, ducks, rabbits and guinea pigs! The farm is a source of top-quality pork, lamb and mutton that is used in the Kent College kitchens.

One of the highlights of the school year is a visit every July to the Kent County Show, where animals are carefully groomed and shown by students, often winning prizes. Another popular event is Carols on the Farm, an annual Christmas event held in the suitably decorated barn, with singing and music. Every year the school also holds a Farm Open Day, where children can come and experience being Young Farmers for a day.



# HORSE RIDING AT KC

KC Horse Riding is open to all pupils – pupils do not need to have their own pony, so it is a great opportunity for girls and boys who are interested in learning how to ride and look after horses. KC Horse Riding is an approved Pony Club centre, and pupils who ride with us may, if they wish, join the Pony Club and work to achieve lots of different badges (such as mucking out, grooming, horse behaviour, colours and markings), certificates and tests, incorporating horse care and riding.

Kent College has a horse riding team that competes at National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) events including show-jumping, event challenge and arena eventing. The team regularly qualifies and competes at the NSEA regional and national events and has won a variety of awards.

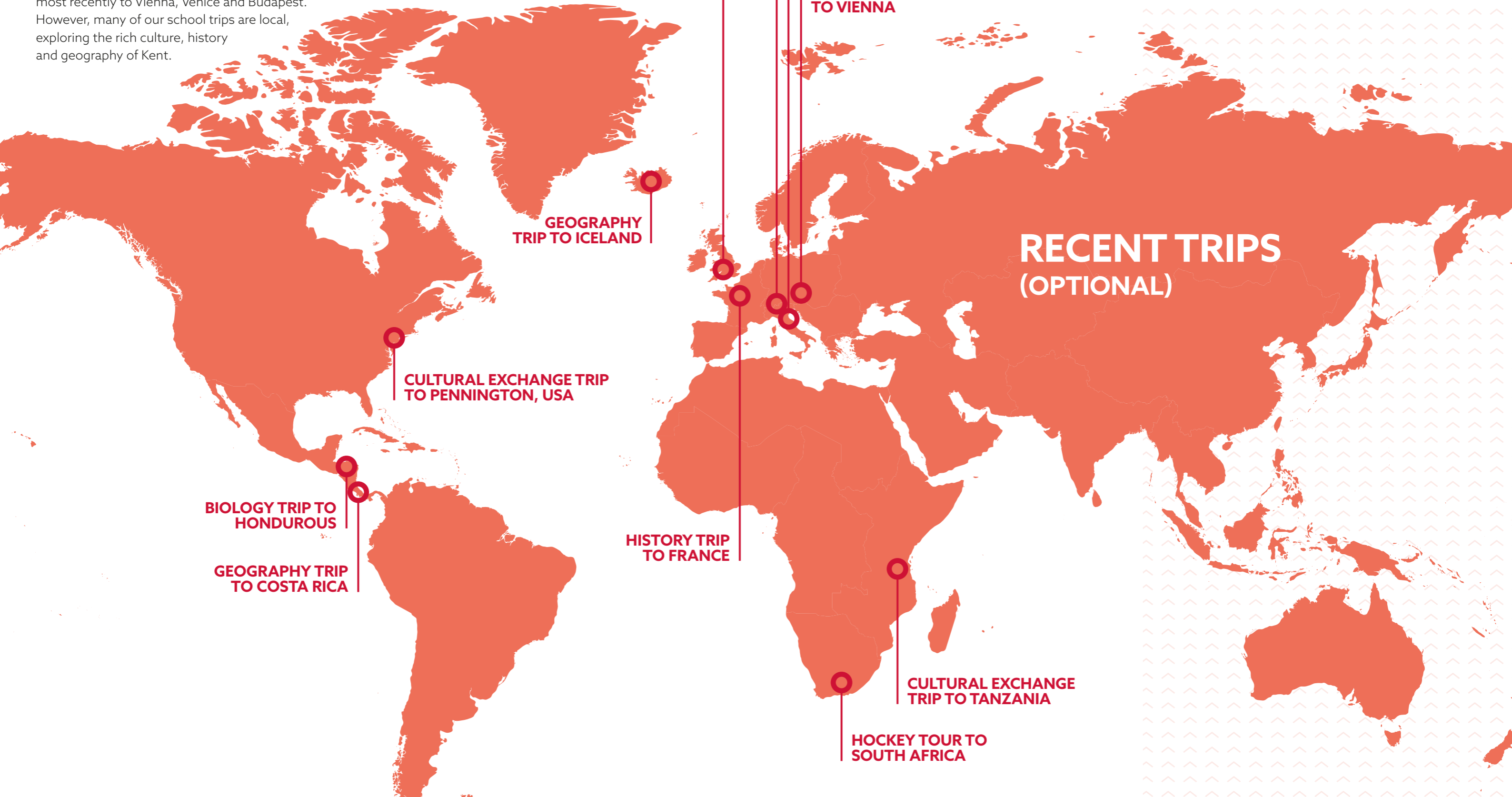
We offer term-time riding lessons on Saturdays and Sundays and also run holiday Pony days, as well as specific days for Pony Club members. All lessons are taught by a BHS Qualified Horse Riding Instructor.



# TRIPS

Trips out of school are an important way of allowing pupils to continue their learning and broaden their experience outside the classroom in a variety of locations, from local to international. Trips are also a good opportunity for students of all ages to develop skills in areas such as teamwork and leadership.

Our school trips cover a wide range of interests from sport and outdoor adventure activities to visits to the theatre and cultural exchanges. Some trips, such as the Physics visit to CERN in Geneva, or the History and Economics trip to Rome, are annual events. Our Choirs also regularly go on tour, most recently to Vienna, Venice and Budapest. However, many of our school trips are local, exploring the rich culture, history and geography of Kent.



**BIG BANG STEM  
TRIP TO DISCOVERY  
PARK, SANDWICH  
GEOGRAPHY TRIP  
TO DEVON**

**PHYSICS TRIP TO  
CERN, GENEVA  
SKI TRIP TO ITALY**

**HISTORY AND ECONOMICS  
TRIP TO ROME  
CHOIR TOUR TO VENICE**

**CHOIR TOUR  
TO VIENNA**

**GEOGRAPHY  
TRIP TO ICELAND**

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE TRIP  
TO PENNINGTON, USA**

**BIOLOGY TRIP TO  
HONDURAS**

**GEOGRAPHY TRIP  
TO COSTA RICA**

**HISTORY TRIP  
TO FRANCE**

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE  
TRIP TO TANZANIA**

**HOCKEY TOUR TO  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**RECENT TRIPS  
(OPTIONAL)**

# YOUR HOME FROM HOME

Kent College has a long history of welcoming boarding pupils from abroad, as well as from British families resident in the UK or working overseas. Around a third of pupils at Kent College are boarders, and there are over 40 countries represented in our boarding community. Our boarding students bring great richness and diversity to life at Kent College, as well as helping all of our pupils to understand and respect different cultural traditions.

We ensure that boarders are fully integrated into all aspects of school life – academic, social, musical, sporting and across the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer. Our friendly and comfortable boarding houses truly become a 'home away from home', and many lifelong friendships are formed in our boarding community.

## Our boarding houses

There are five boarding houses at Kent College Senior School, three boys' houses and two girls' houses. All of the boarding houses have House Parents who live in, and who are responsible for the welfare of the pupils in their house. The House Parents are assisted by Assistant House parents, House Managers and Resident Tutors, and between them they ensure the care of our boarders 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Younger pupils may be accommodated in rooms of up to four, while students in Years 12 and 13 are allocated a study bedroom of their own wherever possible. In each boarding house there are common room facilities for all pupils which include Sky TV, WiFi, kitchen and dining areas and games areas. Each house has its own character and style but all have similar rules and values.



## Boarding options

### Full boarding:

most of our boarding pupils are full boarders – they stay at school throughout the term and are able to take full advantage of the wide range of sport, trips and activities on offer at the weekends.

### Weekly boarding:

this option allows students to enjoy the stimulus and structure of boarding life during the week while being at home with family at weekends – although there is so much going on at school during the weekends, including the boarding activities programme, that many weekly boarders often choose to stay for weekends too.

### Occasional boarding

(subject to availability): this option is useful if parents need to be away for short periods. Please contact [enquiries@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kentcollege.co.uk) for more information about occasional boarding.



**I really like boarding because it's like having a new family and new amazing friends who are always supportive and motivating.**

KC PUPIL

**Boarding has allowed me to expand my qualities as a person; I am now more independent, I have more friendships and I have been given a confidence boost.**

KC PUPIL

## Boarders' activities and trips

Throughout the week and at weekends there is a wide range of activities and trips available to all boarders. These include school sports training and fixtures, music and drama rehearsals and performances, opportunities for volunteering, trips to the theatre or sporting events, and shopping expeditions. Canterbury has many attractions and boarders are allowed to visit the city centre at the weekend at the discretion of their House Parents, although junior boarders are always supervised.

## EXAMPLE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Badminton  
Basketball  
Conservation  
Cooking (Yr 12 & 13)  
Dance  
DoE Bronze, Silver, Gold  
Equine (horse care and riding)  
Five-a-side Football  
Gym (over 16 years)  
Martial Arts  
Pilates/Aerobics  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Volleyball  
Yoga  
Young Enterprise (Yr 12)  
Young Farmers' Club

## EXAMPLE WEEKEND TRIPS

Dreamland, Margate  
Paintballing  
New Scientist Live  
Thorpe Park  
Pink Floyd Exhibition: V&A Museum  
Royal Albert Hall Classical Concert  
Ice Skating & Tower of London  
Science Live: Victoria Theatre, London  
Westfield Shopping Centre  
Brooklands Motor Racing & Concorde  
Football: Charlton Athletic  
Chinese New Year Meal: Café De China  
Windsor Castle & Park  
Go-Karting  
Greenwich Shopping  
Howletts Wildlife Park  
Trampolining & Ice Skating

# TRANSPORT AND LOCATION

## Bus service

Kent College operates its own in-house, bespoke transport scheme with a fleet of school minibuses and dedicated drivers, all of whom are MIDAS accredited and have first aid training. This service offers parents peace of mind, particularly for younger passengers.

Routes currently run from Ashford, Dover, Hythe/Folkestone, Deal/Sandwich, Herne Bay/Whitstable and Sittingbourne, and we offer a shuttle service to and from both railway stations in Canterbury, as well as the bus station. We are always open to suggestions for new routes.

Various levels of service are available:

- > Full Pass – up to 10 single journeys per week
- > Half Pass – up to 5 single journeys per week
- > Railway/Bus Station pickups/drop offs

A full timetable, current price list and booking form is available on the school website:

[kentcollege.com/senior-transport.php](http://kentcollege.com/senior-transport.php)

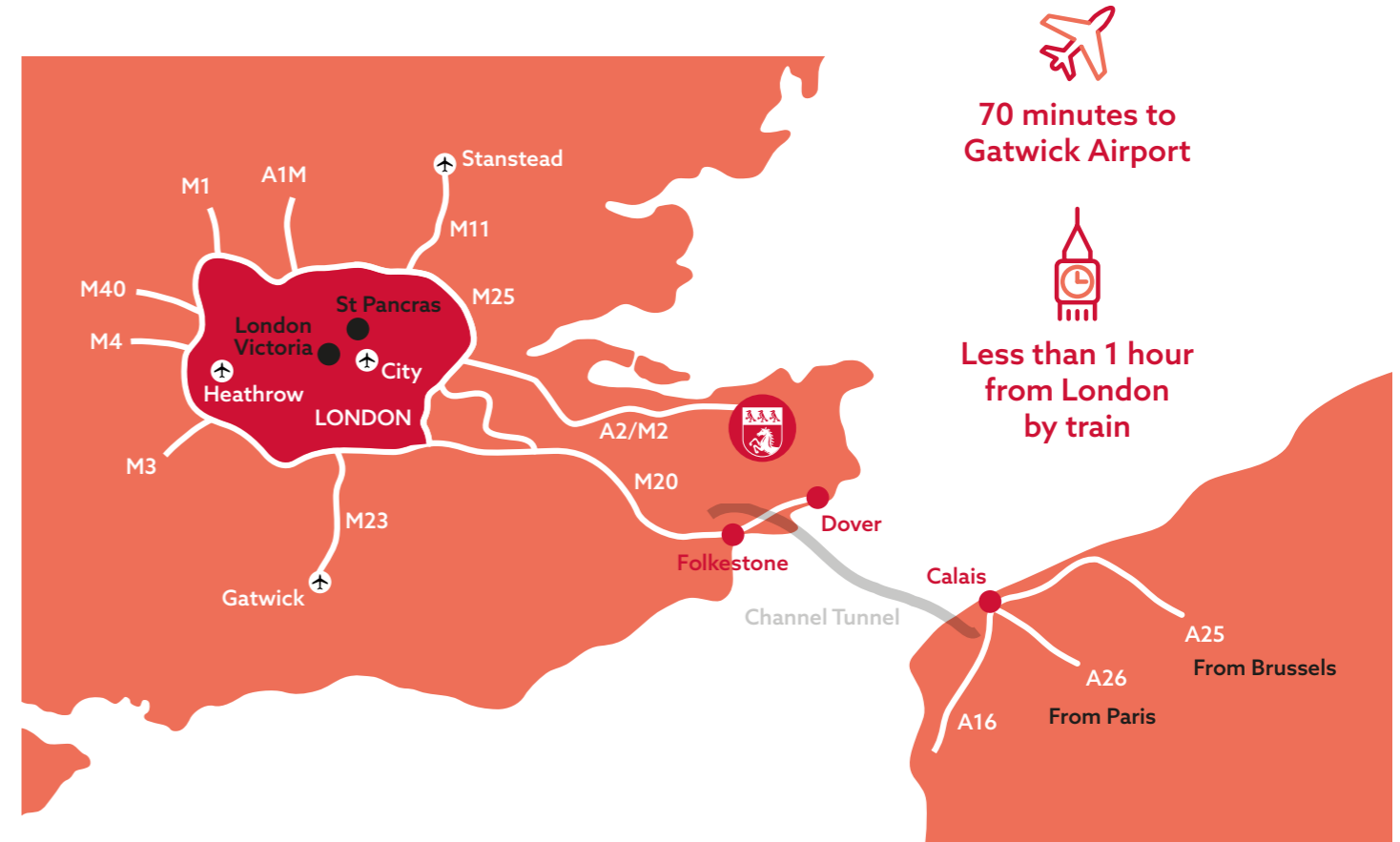
For any other enquiries about our transport service, please contact [transport@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:transport@kentcollege.co.uk)

There are limited spaces available on our services and places are issued on a first come, first served basis. Temporary or one-off journeys may be available in exceptional circumstances with the prior agreement of the school and if space allows. Charges are based weekly on return journeys Monday–Friday inclusive throughout the term, and are levied termly in arrears to the school bill.

Please note: in the afternoon buses normally depart at 17:30 after activities, however at the end of each half term departure is at 16:30 (13:30 at October half term).



# HOW TO FIND US



## Travel by train

London St Pancras is 57 minutes by direct fast train from Canterbury West station. London Victoria is around 80 minutes to Canterbury West/East. Both Canterbury stations are a short taxi ride (5-10 minutes) to school.

## Travel by car

From London follow the M2/A2, or M25 to the M2 turn-off. From the Channel Tunnel follow signs to Canterbury on the A20/A260. From Dover (ferry) follow the A2. Satnav postcode: CT2 9DT

## Travel by air

Direct flights from all over the world arrive in London's major airports. Kent College is within 90 minutes of Gatwick, Heathrow and City of London airports, while London Stansted airport is around 100 minutes.

## Airport transfers

Airport transfers are arranged by parents or the pupil's guardian. We recommend Canterbury Airport Transfers tel: +44 (0)1227 455333 [taxicanterbury.co.uk](http://taxicanterbury.co.uk)



# SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

The pleasant red-brick buildings of Kent College are situated in a semi-rural position overlooking the beautiful cathedral city of Canterbury. The school sits in 80 acres (32 hectares) of land with extensive sports fields, a farm (Moat Farm) and a Riding Arena.

**Kent College, Whitstable Road, Canterbury CT2 9DT**

## Key:

1. Main Reception
2. Great Hall
3. Wesley House
4. Art Department
5. Music School
6. Austen House
7. Orchard House
8. Boundary House
9. Sports Hall
10. Norfolk Building
11. Guilford House
12. Medical Centre
13. Prickett Building
14. Sixth Form Centre
15. Elfick House
16. Gamon House
17. 1885 Cafe
18. The Arch Drop Off



# MOAT FARM AND SPORTS FIELDS

**Moat Farm site, horse riding, sports fields and cross country track**

## Key:

1. School Farm
2. Moat Cricket Field
3. Moat Cricket Field Pavillion
4. Riding Arena
5. Park Cottage
6. Conservation Project
7. School Garden



# FAQS

## How many pupils in a class?

Classes at Kent College have an average class size of 15 pupils with a maximum of 20.

## Does my child need to bring pens, books, notepads etc.?

Your child will need to provide his or her own pens, HB or H pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler (15cm or 30cm) and a Casio fx-83GTX calculator (this can be purchased at school and the cost added to the school bill), compasses, protractor.

## How does my child choose his/her subjects?

Information about options for Years 10 and 12 is sent out with your offer letter. Pupils entering Years 7 or 8 need to select which modern foreign language they wish to study.

## Can my child change subjects once they have started?

Usually yes, depending on his or her timetable.

## Will my child be issued with a laptop?

Kent College provides all pupils with a laptop computer and charger to be used for educational purposes throughout their time at the school. This provision is based on a lease arrangement, and is reviewed at the end of each 4-year period. The school ensures that the laptop is working and loaded with appropriate software when handed over, and offers technical support as is appropriate during term time. All pupils and parents/guardians are required to sign the school Laptop Agreement and Computer Acceptable Use Policy. Both documents can be found in the Parent portal or on the website.

## Is there school on Saturday?

There are no lessons on Saturday, but there are usually sports fixtures and team practices in the morning.

## Can my child put posters on their walls?

Yes this is permitted in the boarding houses.

## What are the laundry arrangements?

Laundry is done for the boarders. Pupils put their washing into the laundry bins on the allocated days. All pupils are responsible for their own ironing (all age groups).

## How many others will my child share a room with?

Most rooms in boarding are doubles while the younger years share rooms in groups of 2 to 5, depending on their year group and boarding house. There are a number of single rooms available for Sixth Form students.

## Can you cater for my child's dietary requirements?

Our Head Chef caters for special diets such as gluten-free or lactose-intolerant and works closely with the staff in the School's medical centre to ensure that pupils with specific needs are well looked after.

## Are pupils allowed out after school?

Boarding pupils are allowed into town at the discretion of their House Parents and after a suitable induction. There is generally leave to go to town on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

## Can my child bring his/her own musical instrument?

Yes, pupils are welcome to bring their instruments to school.

## Can my child practise music any time?

Yes, depending on the instrument and the availability of a practice room.

## Does my child need to have a mouthguard?

Yes, information about OPRO mouthguards can be found on the Uniform page on the school website ([kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php](http://kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php)).

## How often does my child take part in sport?

Sport is a compulsory part of the curriculum up to Year 11. Wednesday afternoon is set aside for Years 11 to 13 to participate in different sporting activities and clubs. If your child has any medical reason which prevents them from doing sport please contact [sport@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:sport@kentcollege.co.uk)

## How do I know which House my child been allocated to buy PE kit?

House allocation is done during the summer holidays and Admissions will inform you which House your child has been allocated to so that you can buy House polo shirts and House ties.

## Where do I find out about uniform?

Information about what pupils wear at Kent College, where to purchase uniform and sports kit, as well as dress codes, buying mouthguards and lost property can be found on the Uniform page of the school website ([kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php](http://kentcollege.com/senior-uniform.php)). You can also email [uniform@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:uniform@kentcollege.co.uk) for assistance.

## Can my child try on uniform before buying?

Yes, sizing samples are available to try on in the School's Thrift Shop, which is located on the Senior School campus, and is open during term time on Mondays and Fridays, 15:30 to 17:00.

# KEY CONTACTS

## School office opening times

Term-time: Mondays to Fridays – 08:00 to 18:15

Saturdays – 09:00 to 12:00

Holidays: Mondays to Fridays – 08:00 to 14:00

+44 (0)1227 763231 [enquiries@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kentcollege.co.uk)

## Head of Kent College, Canterbury:

Mr Mark Turnbull +44 (0)1227 813902

[hm@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:hm@kentcollege.co.uk)

## Deputy Head:

Mr Graham Letley +44 (0)1227 813930

[deputyhead@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:deputyhead@kentcollege.co.uk)

## Bursar

Mrs Clair Shaw +44 (0)1227 813948

[bursar@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:bursar@kentcollege.co.uk)

## Registrar

Mrs Karen Simpson +44 (0)1227 813906

[admissions@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@kentcollege.co.uk)

Admissions opening times:  
Mondays to Fridays – 08:30 to 17:00

**Further contact information can be found on the Staff page on the school website**



**KENT COLLEGE**  
CANTERBURY

Kent College  
Whitstable Road  
Canterbury  
CT2 9DT

[admissions@kentcollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@kentcollege.co.uk)  
01227 763231

[kentcollege.com](http://kentcollege.com)

