



THE
KING'S SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

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Why Choose The King's School?

Founded in 597 AD, The King's School Canterbury is the oldest school in Europe.

With over 1,400 years of experience in education, we are known for our academic ambition, outstanding pastoral care, and rich co-curricular offerings. Our summer programmes are designed to ignite passions, nurture interests, and empower students with the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed in an ever-changing world.

EXCITING AND VARIED CURRICULUM

Our summer programmes provide a diverse and stimulating schedule that encourages students to explore new interests and develop existing skills, both inside and outside the classroom.

MULTICULTURAL SUMMER SCHOOL

With a mixture of students studying English language, students who are already native speakers, and British students attending our programmes, we offer a truly multicultural and international student experience.

CHOICE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR NATIVE SPEAKER LESSONS

Choose between an English language programme that supports students with different language abilities to improve their communication skills, or a native speaker option for students who already have a high level of English language proficiency. Both options support students to gain confidence in real-world situations through immersive, engaging lessons.

ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION

Students stay in King's School boarding houses, offering a comfortable and welcoming "home away from home," and all have reached the high standards required by UK school inspectors. Our boarding houses provide cosy common rooms where students can relax and build friendships after a busy day of learning and activities.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING

Our experienced King's School teachers have created our curriculum, and expertly deliver it alongside external specialists, ensuring all students receive top-tier tuition across all subjects.

SPECIALISED ACADEMIES

Students choose an academy to add subject-specific content to their learning. These include 8 exciting options, so there really is something for everyone.

FIVE EXCURSIONS OVER TWO WEEKS

Combining education, cultural exchange and fun, our excursions are always a highlight for our students.

A TRUE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

With fixed course dates, all students start together, and grow in confidence together, fostering a sense of belonging and making it easier to form friendships and feel part of a community.

STUDENTS SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES

We prioritise the safety and welfare of our students, ensuring they are supported and supervised at all times, whether in lessons, activities, excursions, or during boarding at night.

HISTORIC CAMPUS AND MODERN FACILITIES

Set in the historic grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, our beautiful school enjoys state-of-the-art buildings and facilities, offering a truly inspiring environment for students to learn, grow, and create lasting memories.



The King's School Values

At The King's School, we embrace diversity in every sense, welcoming students from across the globe to experience our broad, innovative, and challenging summer programmes.

The original and oldest school, defined by its iconic location and foundation with Canterbury Cathedral, King's has a unique history and heritage.

We offer students the opportunity to immerse themselves in this exclusive environment, that blends tradition with modern ambition whilst fostering creativity, curiosity, and personal growth.

We are dedicated to nurturing every student's potential. Our pastoral care ensures each individual feels supported and empowered to achieve their version of success and fulfilment.





Our Aims:

Belong, Engage, Connect and Thrive

- Our pastoral provision supports each student to feel that they truly **belong**.
- Our inspiring curriculum challenges them to **engage**: with ideas, with activities and with opportunities.
- Our students are offered opportunities to **connect** with the world beyond King’s.
- Our education provides every student with all they will need to **thrive**, both at King’s and throughout their life.

BELONG:

We will nurture our diverse and inclusive community and support and champion every individual within it. We will help each student to develop their self-knowledge, self-confidence and resilience in a school culture which is characterised by care, encouragement and optimism.

ENGAGE:

We will expand the horizons and deepen the ambition of our students, offering an education which is intellectually exhilarating, exciting and fun.

We will inspire our students to cultivate genuine interests within and beyond the classroom, challenging every individual to be the best they can be and to achieve their own version of excellence, success and fulfilment.

CONNECT:

Enriched through partnerships and connected to the medieval city of Canterbury and the world beyond, our students develop a strong sense of social responsibility and global awareness, broadening their horizons and empowering them to understand the positive difference they can make.

THRIVE:

A King’s education is a foundation for a life well lived. Students emerge as articulate and confident communicators, with the self-awareness and skills needed to forge their own futures as leaders and changemakers.



Living at The King's School

Our residential campus is designed to make students feel at home while promoting a sense of community, safety, and comfort.

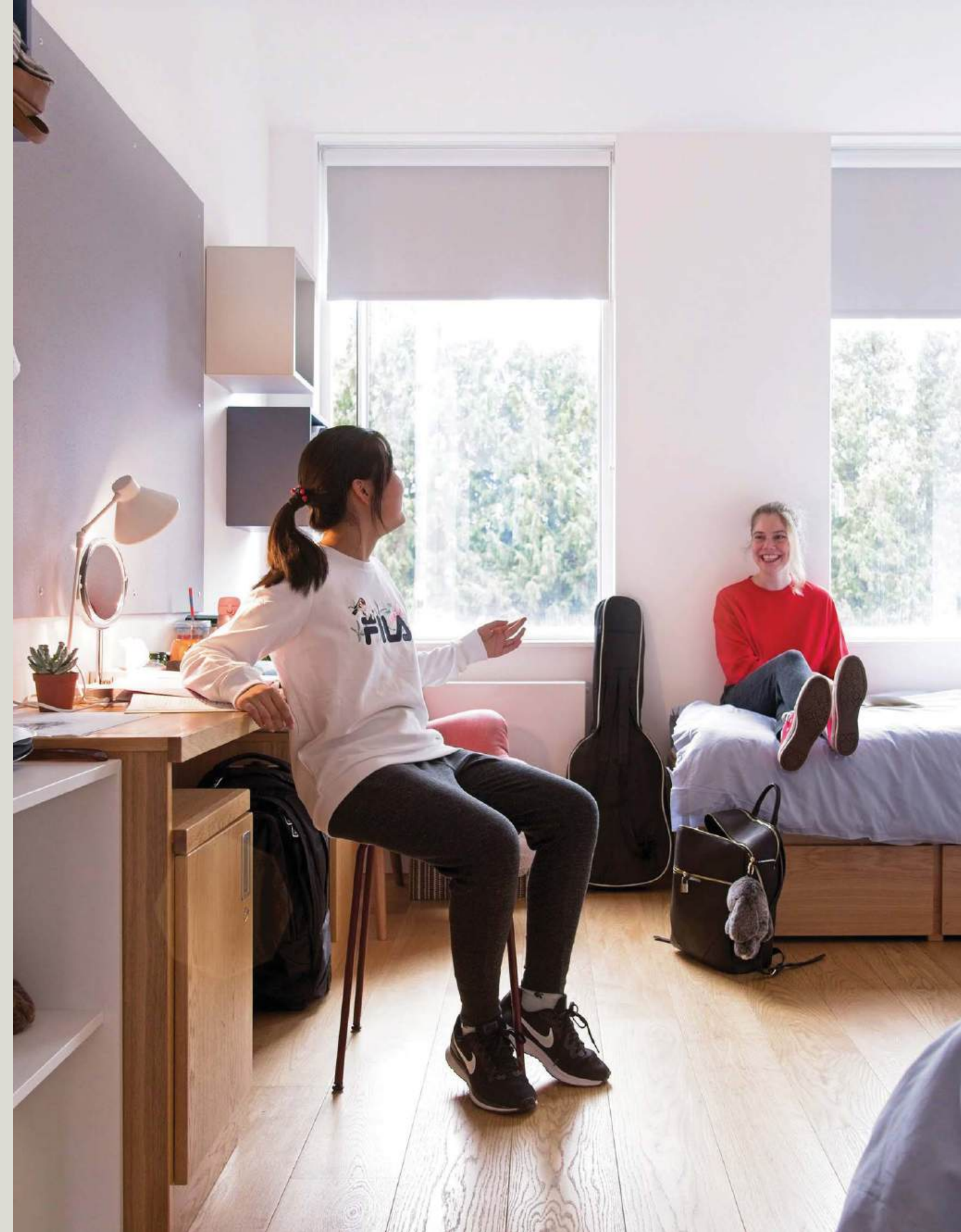
ACCOMMODATION

Students live in our fully residential campus, in well-supervised boarding houses. Accommodation includes twin rooms and small dormitories with up to six students. Girls and boys are housed separately, and students of similar ages are grouped together on the same corridors.

Each boarding house has secure access and is equipped with modern amenities, including common rooms with TVs and games, outdoor gardens, regular laundry services, and full Wi-Fi coverage.

To ensure the wellbeing of every student, each boarding house has dedicated House Parents living alongside them. They are responsible for the health and happiness of the students, working closely with a Pastoral Care Supervisor who oversees their care.

Our staff are available to discuss the day's activities, address any concerns, and provide guidance, ensuring each student feels supported.





CATERING

At The King's School, we believe in the importance of healthy eating, and our dedicated, on-site catering team work hard to provide delicious and nutritious meals for all students.

Meals are served in our dining halls, with breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks provided daily. If students are off-site for excursions, they will receive a packed lunch or eat at an organised venue.

We take great care to accommodate any dietary requirements or allergies, which must be shared with us during the registration process. Our goal is to provide an enjoyable and balanced dining experience that supports both the physical and mental wellbeing of our students.

Support and Wellbeing

The health and welfare of our students and staff will always be our number one priority.

Whilst joining an international summer school is exciting, it can also be nerve-racking for students traveling far from home. Our team is dedicated to ensuring that each student feels fully supported, allowing them to make the most of their time at King's.

At King's, we take pride in our long-standing tradition of exceptional pastoral care, which dates back to the introduction of 'personal tutors' in 1886.

Our summer programmes continue this ethos, providing every student with personal guidance from academic tutors, industry professionals and house parents. This support helps students grow in self-confidence, resilience, and open-mindedness, preparing them for future challenges and successes.

OUR STAFF

We conduct thorough background checks, including safeguarding and Child Protection training for all staff members. Every member of the team is trained and dedicated to ensuring a safe and caring environment for our students.

CAMPUS SECURITY

All students and staff wear ID lanyards, and all buildings have secure entry systems. The campus is monitored by 24/7 CCTV in public areas, with a dedicated security team on-site at all times.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Complimentary travel insurance is included in the programme fees for all students.





Our Programmes

We offer a range of immersive programmes that provide students with an authentic King’s Canterbury experience.

Our programmes attract students from around the globe, fostering a vibrant, diverse environment that encourages open-mindedness and global awareness. Each programme is designed to create a balanced, engaging experience where students can grow academically, socially, and personally.

Students are encouraged to engage with a variety of perspectives, helping them understand their potential to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Our student body is diverse in language skills, cultural backgrounds, and personal interests. To accommodate this, we’ve developed an academic curriculum that can be tailored to each student’s specific needs and passions. Whether a student wants to improve their language skills, pursue academic interests, or explore new fields, our programmes offer the flexibility to help them achieve their goals.

WE OFFER THREE DISTINCT SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES:

English Language Skills – a programme where English language teaching is integrated into all sessions. This programme is for students who wish to improve their English language ability.

Global Studies – a programme for students that are native English speakers or already have a high level of English language ability with particular focus on a global perspective but without the English language lesson content.

Global Youth Orchestra – this full symphony orchestra programme is designed for international students aged 12 and above who have achieved Grade 8 or higher on their instrument. This programme does not include Academies, instead focussing on daily rehearsals and sectional coaching with professional musicians.

All other summer school content is shared, with all students living, eating, and mixing together for all Academy content and leisure programme content, as well as off-site excursions.

More up-to-date information about our programme options can be seen on our website at www.thekingssummerschool.co.uk

A typical week at The King’s Summer School looks like this:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
English Language Skills or Global Studies	English Language Skills or Global Studies	Off-Site Excursion	English Language Skills or Global Studies	English Language Skills or Global Studies	Off-Site Excursion	Leisure Programme
Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		Lunch
Academies	Academies		Academies	Academies		Off-Site Excursion
Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme		Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme		
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme	Leisure Programme

A two-week programme will usually include 24.5 hours of English Language Skills or Global Studies tuition, 14 hours of Academies tuition, as well as 5 off-site excursions in addition to the sports and social programme.

English Language Skills

Our English language programme is designed for students eager to enhance their English language skills whilst gaining valuable knowledge and real-world experience. We integrate English teaching into subject-specific learning, with a focus on three core themes:

KNOWLEDGE-BASED LEARNING

Students improve their language skills whilst exploring topics including history, sustainability, and politics. The emphasis is on integrating linguistic development with the study of these subjects, allowing students to expand both their knowledge and language proficiency simultaneously.

SKILLS-BASED LEARNING

Using task-based learning methods, students enhance their English whilst developing practical skills, such as running a business, structuring essays, or conducting research. This approach fosters language growth through active, hands-on tasks that reflect real-world challenges and solutions.

VALUES-BASED LEARNING

We encourage students to reflect on their perspectives and how they engage with the world. Language development is facilitated through interactive activities such as debates, discussions, and presentations, helping students build confidence in their spoken English.



Global Studies

This programme is designed for students that are native English speakers or who already have a high level of English language ability.

Each lesson will be divided into three distinct areas of focus, knowledge-based, skills-based, and values-based, where you will be studying global affairs content, not language, with a focus on subject areas such as globalisation, the environment, international finance, politics, and justice.

We aim to support you in developing your critical thinking skills, your analysis abilities, as well as your debating and research expertise. All while encouraging you to push yourself, to learn from teachers and your peers, whilst developing your ability to express your opinions.



Academies

In addition to language development, each student selects an academy to complement their learning during the two-week programme. Early registration is encouraged as academy places are limited.

ART & DESIGN

Crafted for young creatives eager to experiment with different mediums including painting, drawing, and sculpture. Hands-on studio sessions with various materials will allow you to learn new techniques and express your ideas whilst refining your skills.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Designed for students with a B2 level (upper intermediate) or higher in English, this academy explores subjects like globalisation, sustainability, international finance, and politics. Lectured by researchers and industry professionals, students engage in debates on pressing global issues like environmental protection, leadership, and justice.

BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We invite curious and creative minds to explore the exciting world of business, innovation and sustainability. Through fun, interactive workshops, real-world case studies, and excursions, students will design and launch their own social enterprise, taking on roles such as creative director, brand designer, marketing manager and company spokesperson. This academy choice requires students to have a B2 level (upper intermediate) or higher in English.

IELTS PREPARATION AND EXAM

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is an examination aimed at students who wish to apply for a school or university in an English-speaking country. This academy offers a two-week preparation course and entry into an examination at an assessment centre in London. Students choosing this option will pay an extra £350 GBP.





SPORTS

Students can participate in various sports, with dedicated professional coaches covering sports such as swimming, fencing, tennis, football, and basketball. These sessions offer a chance to try new activities and enhance technical skills, tactical understanding, and teamwork. Students will also compete in friendly matches, developing camaraderie and a sense of fair play.

MUSIC

This academy is for students who already play an instrument or sing (minimum grade 4 or equivalent), focusing on solo and group work, culminating in a class performance. This programme helps students refine their technique, develop performance confidence, and collaborate with peers.



PRE-UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

Aimed at older students (typically 15-17), this academy provides insights into university life, helping students explore educational options and prepare for the application process. Students will attend workshops with university lecturers, participate in campus tours, and experience university-style learning.

FOUNDATION IN STEM

Offering insights into groundbreaking fields like engineering, physics, chemistry, and biology, this interactive programme will focus on practical learning and a 'learn by doing' approach to delve into the latest technology and research. From building robotic systems to dissection and chemical experiments, this is a great opportunity to explore the world of science and technology.

Global Youth Orchestra

The Global Youth Orchestra invites talented young musicians from around the world to join a two-week immersive orchestral experience in the historic heart of Canterbury.

This full symphony orchestra programme is designed for international students aged 12 and above who have achieved Grade 8 or higher on their instrument. Set within the inspiring surroundings of The King's School Canterbury, participants will explore a rich and challenging repertoire of orchestral masterpieces, culminating in a public concert in the beautiful and historic Shirley Hall, broadcast live on YouTube to a global audience.

Throughout the course, students will benefit from daily rehearsals, sectional coaching with professional musicians, and the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded peers in a vibrant musical community.

This is a unique opportunity to develop advanced ensemble skills, experience British musical tradition, and perform at a world-renowned institution with a centuries-old legacy of artistic excellence.

The audition process includes an initial video submission, followed by a second round featuring a prescribed orchestral excerpt and a quick study.



Life Outside the Classroom

The twin pursuits of excellence outside the classroom alongside academic achievement has long been a central pillar of The King's School.

Our students benefit from a broad programme of sports, social activities, and fun experiences that complement their studies and provide opportunities for relaxation and personal growth.

Unlike our academic content, our sports and social programme is less structured, allowing students to come and go between different activities.

This offers a wonderful opportunity to explore our high-quality facilities, which include an on-site indoor swimming pool, sports halls, playing fields, dedicated music spaces, arts and dance studios, as well as multi-purpose indoor spaces for showcases and workshops.

In addition to our on-site options, we offer exciting off-site adventures, such as bowling, cinema trips, crazy golf, and laser combat, providing a perfect balance between fun and physical activity.

Canterbury Day

On the middle weekend, we showcase the stunning, historic City of Canterbury. Students will explore local landmarks, punt down the River Stour, and visit the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon and evening, students will have a chance to participate in popular events like music festivals, pool party, discos, and karaoke, making it a memorable and exciting day.





Excursions

Excursions are a vital and exciting part of The King's Summer School experience, offering students the chance to learn outside the classroom while engaging with their peers from different cultures.

These trips provide a mix of educational, cultural, and fun experiences that broaden students' perspectives and enhance their time at the school.

Students enjoy five off-site excursions during a two-week programme, carefully tailored to be age-appropriate and aligned with their interests. These trips include visits to iconic locations such as:

- The Tower of London
- Legoland
- London Zoo
- Cambridge punting and city tour
- The Science Museum, London
- Aqua Parks
- Warner Bros. Studio:
The Making of Harry Potter
- Thorpe Park Theme Park
- The Houses of Parliament

During weekday afternoons and evenings, students can participate in fun local outings, such as:

- Bowling
- Crazy golf
- Theatre & Cinema trips
- Laser tag

These excursions help students relax, have fun, and make lasting memories while exploring some of the UK's most famous attractions and cultural landmarks.

Travel

The King’s School is nestled in the picturesque City of Canterbury, a historic destination that blends centuries of heritage with a lively, modern atmosphere.

Upon arrival at the airport, students are either greeted by a member of our team and escorted to King’s, or private transportation is arranged by our dedicated transport department to ensure a smooth and comfortable journey.

Escorted transfers from London Gatwick and Heathrow airports between 09:00 and 18:00 on specified arrival / departure days are included in the price of our programmes.

Travelling from other destinations or outside of those specific dates or times will incur an additional cost. Please contact us direct for a quote.

Here is a list of our closest airports and international train terminals:



1 London Gatwick Airport

2 London Heathrow Airport

3 London City Airport

4 St Pancras International Train

5 London Stansted Airport

6 London Luton Airport

7 Channel Tunnel

1 hour 30 mins

2 hours

1 hour 30 mins

1 hour

2 hours 30 mins

3 hours

30 mins

How to apply

Our friendly admissions team is here to help you through the application process and can answer any questions you may have.

Further detailed information and an online registration form can be found on our website at www.thekingssummerschool.co.uk

Alternatively, please contact us direct and our team will be happy to help you. Once you have registered, our team will contact you to confirm availability and send you the full application pack to complete and return with your deposit.

SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE DATES AND FEES			
Duration	Arrival	Departure	Cost
2 weeks	05 July 2026	18 July 2026	£3,500 GBP
2 weeks	19 July 2026	01 August 2026	£3,500 GBP
2 weeks	02 August 2026	15 August 2026	£3,500 GBP

GLOBAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA COURSE DATES AND FEES			
Duration	Arrival	Departure	Cost
2 weeks	19 July 2026	01 August 2026	£4,220 GBP*

* Scholarships are available. To be eligible, applications must be received before 01 March 2026. Non-residential options also available upon request.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus aims to provide clear and accurate information to help you make the right choice about what to study and where. Although great care is taken when compiling this prospectus, it is intended as a guidance document only. The advanced nature of its production means that the exact content of our programmes is subject to change. All our programmes are subject to availability, minimum numbers and maximum numbers. You will be able to find more information, including a full list of terms and conditions and a payment schedule on our website.

If you want further details about the exact content on a programme, please email us at: summerschool@kings-school.co.uk or visit www.thekingssummerschool.co.uk

