



King Arthur's
School

Our
Prospectus
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Welcome

Thank you for considering King Arthur's school for your child's next stage of education.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Headteacher of King Arthur's School. It is a great privilege and honour to lead this school and ensure all students are provided with the best opportunities. One of the school's visions is that students are 'Ready, Respectful, Responsive – Thrive for life' it is my intention to use this as a focus of our ambition. We will work collectively to turn this vision into a reality for the students at King Arthur's School. I ask that all students, parents and supporters share the belief that we will be a school which enriches our students academically, socially, and emotionally. I will ensure everyone involved in the school believes and delivers this vision.

I joined the school in September 2024, having previously been the Principal of a London Academy and prior to that a headteacher of an 11-16 comprehensive school in Southampton. In the summer term I spent some time in King Arthur's and I have been impressed with the whole team at our school, they are committed and are here to provide excellence in all that happens in school every day. I am relishing the opportunity to now lead the school in the next stage of development and improvement. The summer 2024 exam results demonstrated improvement on the previous year and gives a secure base for further improvement.

As Headteacher, I will ensure our teachers deliver lessons which give students the knowledge and skills that they need to be successful, but also create experiences that build character, positivity, and happiness. I expect students to develop skills to prepare them for the next stage of education, leaving school to go into employment, apprenticeship or college and university.



I hope this gives you a flavour of what King Arthur's is all about. You can find out much more from our website and Open Evening, but, above all, I welcome you to come and see us in action. Please do contact us at office@kingarthurs.org.uk or call us on 01963 32368 to arrange a visit.

Warmest regards,

Jonty Archibald - Headteacher

About us

King Arthur's School is an 11-16 school in the historic Somerset town of Wincanton. We sit at the heart of the local community, serving both the town and our surrounding villages in Dorset and Somerset. On the 1st April 2019 King Arthur's School became an academy and joined the Sherborne Area Schools' Trust (SAST). The Trust works with schools across Dorset and Somerset, working to ensure high quality education for all. King Arthur's has close links with the other secondary schools in SAST, and collaboration supports our excellent provision.

We are a rapidly growing, yet small secondary school. This helps us to develop a special family atmosphere within our school community, where every student feels cared for and valued. Every child really does matter and all children are known by all staff. Students thrive and succeed in our positive, caring and respectful environment. Numbers have increased rapidly and we are now at nearly 500 students. At King Arthur's we cater for all young people, to help them develop the skills and qualities to thrive for life.

Our special culture and ethos focuses on high achievement both personally and academically. We want all students to be the best that they can be in respect of their academic achievement and personal growth. We also want them to develop a strong sense of belonging; this comes through their significant contribution to our school community.

Our goal is to see every student within our school community succeed and achieve their individual best. We aim to support and nurture students to develop confidence and resilience through a wide range of learning and Aspire opportunities. We constantly emphasise high expectations and remind students that if they have the right mindset, there are no limits to what they can achieve.

We believe firmly in opportunity and achievement for all and we are proud to provide an education that aims to equip all students with the self-belief, knowledge, skills and understanding to fit easily and actively into a rapidly changing society.



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King Arthur's is a very good school and I will definitely be sending my next child there too!

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Our mission

We support and encourage every student to strive for the highest possible levels of academic achievement, alongside developing the personal attributes and qualities to thrive and make a positive contribution throughout life.

Our aims are to:

- Create a challenging, inclusive, collaborative, creative and happy learning community;
- Ensure high quality teaching and learning, honesty and respect for others, with a collective will to bring out the best in every student in our care;
- Instil in students a belief that they can and will achieve beyond expectations in order to meet their dreams and lead their lives;
- Enable students to take their place in the world as happy, healthy, kind, confident, ambitious, independent and tolerant individuals, with enquiring minds who are ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.

What we value – The KA Way

- Enjoyment, with hard work, and going the extra mile
- Friendliness and a strong sense of community
- Support and care for everyone and each other
- Politeness, respect and tolerance
- Inquisitiveness through a breadth of opportunities and experiences
- An engaging, calm, purposeful learning environment
- Leadership, aspiration and ambition
- Pride, quality, excellence – for us, the details matter

Studying

At King Arthur's, we bring learning to life. Our curriculum has a clear focus on the core subjects and pupils will gain experience across English, Maths, Science, Humanities and the Arts. We have programmes in place to support the most able students and a team of staff who work alongside teachers to ensure that those with additional needs or those who are recipients of additional funding also make good progress.

We are proud of our broad curriculum, which offers a wide variety of option subject choices at GCSE, alongside the choice to study Triple Science. At Key Stage 3, we ensure students experience a diverse range of subjects all of which enable them to identify where their further studies should take them at Key Stage 4 and beyond. By exposing our young people to a wealth of academic disciplines, we ignite the spark of learning, generating awe and wonder.

Care and support

King Arthur's School prides itself on the quality of its pastoral care, which helps all students to remain engaged and motivated to learn. At King Arthur's we believe that every child matters and should feel valued as part of our community. Young people need to feel safe and secure in order to thrive academically and socially. Our pastoral team works tirelessly to ensure that this is possible and to help students and their carers deal with problems, if and when they arise.

Students receive comprehensive support under the leadership of our dedicated pastoral team. Because we place huge importance on the care and support of our young people we have a fixed head of year 7 to support seamless transition from primary school. We also have two further heads of Key Stage 3 and 4 ably assisted by two Pastoral Support Managers. These non-teaching members of staff support young people throughout the day. Our Associate Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Attitudes supports the work of the pastoral team and teaching staff to ensure all students can succeed.

The team's focus is on progress, learning and removing the barriers that could hinder students in their learning journey. They will also oversee attendance, behaviour, and welfare issues. They are supported by a team of tutors who have regular daily contact with pupils during registration and afternoon tutor time. Along with specialist staff, they deliver personal, social, health, relationship, and sex education (PSHSE), in which careers education also sits. The tutor is the first point of contact for parents/carers who have a concern about their child.

Each parent is issued with a handbook with key information to support their child.

We also welcome a wider range of support through our Careers Advisor, our Pupil Premium Champion, the School's Chaplain, and alternative provision leads. This comprehensive team ensures we can enable your child to be their very best and achieve without distraction.

Our community

Our community, whilst deemed rural, is diverse. Locally, we have large manufacturers, small local businesses and a range of everything in between. We have two wonderful primary schools in Wincanton, who we work closely with, along with all our feeder schools. Students tell us they feel confident coming to King Arthur's due to the frequent primary school outreach events we run. This ensures a smooth transition to King Arthur's and enables us to best prepare for each child.

We are extremely lucky to be well supported by our local community and always seek out the chance to work collaboratively with them to enhance our school provision and widen opportunities on offer to our young people.

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Our Facilities

King Arthur's School is set in a spacious green campus with far reaching views across the town of Wincanton and the Blackmore Vale. We have specialist science laboratories and newly upgraded IT suites, dedicated food technology rooms, a range of outdoor hard courts and grass pitches.

Our library provides a bright and welcoming environment for research and study, with students having access to a wide variety of resources in both print and digital formats.

Aspens (our catering team) offers students a selection of nutritious, hot and cold food prepared daily by our dedicated catering team. Our healthy and nutritious menu is popular with students, and we cater for many with dietary requirements.

Students also benefit from access to an on-site sports centre with a fully equipped gym, a sports hall and a 25m swimming pool.

A number of community groups meet regularly at the school, including Rainbows and Brownies, Army Cadets and Sports clubs. This offers students enrichment opportunities in addition to the many extra-curricular activities available during the school day.

Aspire opportunities

At King Arthur's School we recognise how important extra-curricular activities are in developing the skills and talents of our students. We host our ASPIRE programme of enrichment across the week. This includes lunchtime and after school clubs with sports like tennis, rugby, football, and rounders, alongside activities such as drama and a range of peripatetic music lessons.

Duke of Edinburgh is extremely popular at King Arthur's. This opportunity supports our young people to gain so much more than the extra qualification available through this scheme. They will challenge themselves, learn to give service to others, build resilience, find out how to be a high functioning team member and make incredible, life-long memories.



Need to know

Admissions: We welcome applications from Wincanton and surrounding areas. Unless you are applying for entrance to Year 7 as part of the normal transition from primary school, now that we are an academy, all admissions are handled directly by us. For full information on the application process and to apply, please visit www.kingarthurs.co.uk, or call 01963 32368.

Transport: Somerset Council provide home-to-school transport from the agreed drop off and pick up points at the start and end of the school day, for eligible students. You will need to apply for a place on school transport, more details can be found on our website. We also encourage local students to walk or cycle to school more. We have bike racks available for students to use and keep their bicycle safe during the day.

Uniform: A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students and we firmly believe that students should take a pride in their school uniform. School uniform can be obtained from RAM Sports in Wincanton, or KITZ UK located in Sherborne. Further details, including a full uniform list, are available on our website.

WisePay: WisePay is the school's secure online payment system, an easy way to pay for trips, transport, tickets or add credits to a child's dinner money account. For more information please contact the Bursary on finance@kingarthurs.org.uk

Visits and Open Days If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office to arrange a tour.

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All staff at King Arthur's have been kind and caring to my children.

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My children feel safe when they go to school and know there is always someone around to talk to.

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