

# KENT COLLEGE PEMBURY



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## THE SIXTH FORM

Preparing you for a successful and happy future



## Welcome to Kent College Sixth Form



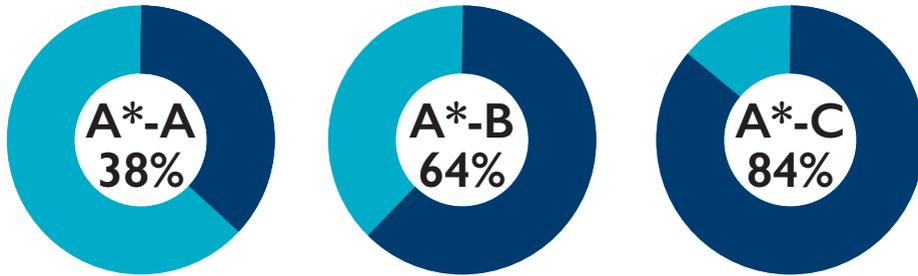
Kent College Sixth Form is a unique educational experience, in terms of breadth of choice, high academic standards and pastoral support. We aim to equip our girls with the experiences, skills, confidence and drive to succeed in whatever their ambitions might be.

At a time when it is ever harder for schools to provide a genuinely broad curriculum, Kent College continues to offer an incredible diversity of academic subjects and extra-curricular options, without restrictions of choice. A quick tour of the school highlights this variety. You will find Sixth Formers overcoming the complexities of Maths or Psychology, analysing an opera in Music, dressed in lab coats and goggles in Chemistry, preparing restaurant quality food as part of Leiths Basic Certificate in Food and Wine, or intensely focused in their own private work space in the Textiles Studio. We believe that a good education is impossible without having access to a variety of experiences. Universities certainly agree; it is the candidates who are interesting and have a point of difference that are most likely to be offered places.

We realise that if a girl is inspired by her subjects, she will excel. She will become the independent learner that she needs to be at university and beyond. To this end, our staff work tirelessly to fully develop our girls' individual interests. Very small class sizes play a vital part in ensuring our girls get individual attention and support, and the outcomes are impressive. Our excellent A-level results and destinations list show the difference that Kent College can make.

Integral to the mix is our excellent pastoral care. As a girls' school we provide an environment that is calm and focused, while encouraging self-expression and self-esteem. Sixth Form is a time of increasing independence, but this does not mean that support is removed, it just evolves. The modern world is increasingly complex and at times stressful, but the young women who leave our Sixth Form are well equipped to meet these challenges – whether that be university, apprenticeship or work – with enthusiasm, resilience and a love for learning.

## A Level results 2018



Kent College girls leave us as confident, independent learners, fully prepared for university.

**85%** of our girls offered places at their first choice universities.

### University destinations in 2018 include:

<b>Bath</b> Biochemistry	<b>Exeter</b> French
<b>Bath</b> Biology	<b>Exeter</b> Geography
<b>Bath</b> International Management	<b>Exeter</b> Law
<b>Bristol</b> History of Art	<b>Kingston</b> Art
<b>Coventry</b> Occupational Therapy	<b>Leeds</b> Economics
<b>De Montfort</b> Criminology with Psychology	<b>Leeds</b> Geography
<b>Durham</b> Modern Languages and Cultures	<b>Leeds</b> Psychology
<b>Durham</b> Music	<b>Lincoln</b> Business and Finance
<b>Durham</b> Philosophy	<b>London South Bank</b> Photography
<b>Edinburgh</b> English Literature and History	<b>Newcastle</b> Chemical Engineering
<b>Edinburgh</b> Geography	<b>Nottingham</b> Modern Language Studies
<b>Edinburgh</b> Sport and Recreation Management	<b>Nottingham</b> Modern Languages with Business

<b>Oxford Brookes University</b> Biomedical Sciences
<b>Queen Mary</b> Computer Science with Industrial Experience
<b>Royal Academy of Dramatic Art</b> Acting Foundation
<b>Reading</b> Politics and International Relations
<b>Southampton</b> Politics and International Relations
<b>St George's</b> Medicine
<b>UAL</b> Fashion, Public Relations and Communication
<b>Warwick</b> Computer Science

## Our A-Level programme

Kent College's dedicated teachers and highly tailored approach enables our girls to achieve excellent results every year, which surpass external predictions and put us ahead of many leading grammars and other independent schools.

You only need to look at our diverse range of university destinations and courses to see how successful Kent College is both academically and creatively.

The curriculum at Kent College is extensive with 29 A-Level subjects on offer. We provide a bespoke curriculum, meaning that girls are free to choose whichever subjects they would like to study and are not restricted by 'option blocks'.

The curriculum is designed to provide maximum flexibility, with most students at least trialling for 3 A-Levels. The expectation is that most girls will ultimately choose three subjects to take through to A-Level, as this is all that universities (including Oxford and Cambridge) will expect.

### Subjects on offer

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| ○ Ancient Greek          | ○ French              | ○ Music              |
| ○ Art                    | ○ Film Studies        | ○ Photography        |
| ○ Biology                | ○ Further Mathematics | ○ Physical Education |
| ○ Business               | ○ Geography           | ○ Physics            |
| ○ Chemistry              | ○ German              | ○ Psychology         |
| ○ Classical Civilisation | ○ Politics            | ○ Religious Studies  |
| ○ Dance                  | ○ History             | ○ Sociology          |
| ○ Drama and Theatre      | ○ History of Art      | ○ Spanish            |
| ○ Economics              | ○ Latin               | ○ Textile Design     |
| ○ English Literature     | ○ Mathematics         |                      |

## Beyond the classroom

### Curriculum Enrichment Programme

Whilst Kent College's A-Level grades are consistently high, girls also benefit from a wealth of opportunities to extend, enhance and enrich their experiences beyond the curriculum. These include Leiths Basic Certificate in Food and Wine, the Extended Project Qualification, Community Service, Model United Nations, Sports Leadership, School Magazine and Young Enterprise.

### Higher Education Programme

The structured Higher Education Programme (HEP) covers applying to UK universities through UCAS, applying to overseas universities, interview technique, gap year planning, graduate employment and student finance. Academically able candidates are prepared for admission to Oxford and Cambridge in our specialised workshops, as well as for Russell Group universities and highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Fashion, Architecture and Law. Candidates for US, European and other international universities, are also guided throughout their application processes.

### Study support

Extra study support for Sixth Form subjects is offered in lunchtimes and after school.

### Sport and Wellbeing afternoons

Pupils in Sixth Form receive two timetabled afternoons per week for Sport and Wellbeing. Girls are allowed to wear their own suitable active wear and choose from over 35 activities. The activities offered are those that students have requested, including sessions on our outdoor adventure course, basketball, Gritfit camps, table tennis, trampolining, boxercise, running, street dance, lifesaving, climbing, bowling, yoga and mindfulness, as well as team sports.



### Expert help and advice

Almost all Kent College leavers choose to go to university, in the UK or overseas, or apply for competitive apprenticeships. Our staff are on hand to provide expert guidance to help you through this complicated process.



## Extra-curricular Opportunities

Girls excel in many different areas at Kent College. There are a number of opportunities for Sixth Formers to get involved in extra-curricular activities. These include:

### *Trips and excursions:*

Kent College provides exciting overseas trips to support the curriculum. Trips have included visits to: art exhibitions in Rome, Venice or Amsterdam; theatre productions and plays; language home-stays in Spain, Germany and France; Geography trips to Naples and Iceland, and Sports Tours to South Africa and Barbados.

### *Creative Interests*

Girls with creative interests can apply for the Young Fashion Designer national competition or the John Downton Award for Fine Art.

Kent College has a strong reputation for Performing Arts and there is a programme of theatre productions, and musical and dance events that girls can be involved in as an extra activity.

### *Social Occasions*

In the Sixth Form girls will have the chance to arrange and attend various social events such as the annual balls, Boarders' BBQs and charity events. There are opportunities to meet pupils from other schools in the theatre productions, MUN, Young Enterprise, sports events and concerts at Tonbridge School.



## Leadership Opportunities

There are many leadership opportunities that will help to develop girls as individuals, as well as providing them with experience for life beyond Kent College.

### *School Officer roles*

Being a School Officer is a highly regarded leadership position within the school and there are approximately fourteen School Officer roles to apply for each year.

The focus of life in the Sixth Form is Tilley House, which provides Sixth Formers with their own base where they have fully equipped areas for quiet study, as well as the Common Room with kitchen and cafe for relaxation. Tilley is run by the Sixth Form, under the leadership of the Head of Tilley, a School Officer role.

### *Duke of Edinburgh Awards*

DoE is a great way to develop leadership skills. Girls can start or continue to work towards the nationally recognised Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. For the last three years, Sixth Form students have completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award amongst the breathtaking mountains of Nepal in addition to visiting our sponsored school, Shree Deurali Primary English School.



## Admissions and Scholarships

### Internal Candidates

An award will normally be held for the full duration of a girl's time at Kent College, provided that performance and conduct remain satisfactory in the view of the Headmistress. Therefore, if your daughter already has an award, then she should be expected to keep her current scholarship through to the Sixth Form.

Scholarships are available in the following categories: Academic and Practical (Art, Drama, Music, Sport).

The main opportunity for girls to be considered for Sixth Form Academic Scholarships is in December of Year 11, when academic performance throughout Year 10 and the first term of Year 11 is considered.

The school reserves the right to award Sixth Form Academic Scholarships at the end of Year 11, following exceptional performance at GCSE.

### External Candidates

For all external candidates, a reference will be required from the applicant's current school. Candidates in the UK will be required to attend examinations, auditions and interviews. Candidates may apply for up to two scholarships but please note that two scholarships are only awarded in exceptional circumstances. Full details of the application process can be found on the school website.



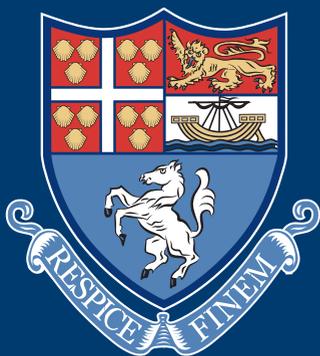
## Entry requirements

Students are required to achieve at least 6 GCSE passes at C grade or 4/5 and above.

It is expected that at least four of these will be a A/B grade or 6 and above and certainly for subjects taken at A-Level (if studied for GCSE). Certain subjects require an A grade or 7 and above. Ultimately a Kent College Sixth Former should be prepared to work hard and be involved in all areas of school life. Girls should be ready to embrace the many opportunities available.

Please note that if you do not intend to continue your education into Kent College Sixth Form, you will need to let the school know by the first day of Summer Term of Year 11.





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*'The level of attainment at A-Level indicates that pupils make progress in the sixth form that is excellent.'*

– ISI report

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