



King's College
Saint Michael's





It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to King's College Saint Michaels.

Our school is a small international boarding school, located in the beautiful countryside of central England.

Students come from all over the world to study at Saint Michaels, most with the intention of continuing their education at university in the UK. At the school you will find small classes (the average class size is 10 – 12 students), lots of English language support, lovely accommodation and dedicated, hardworking teachers.

The school takes great pride in helping students do well in their studies and we insist that students work hard at all times. Academic results are good and many of our students are now studying at some of the top universities in England.

We also want to ensure that students have an enjoyable experience with us and make friends from all over the world. Everyone is therefore encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities – sports such as football and basketball and to join the school excursions to many of the most famous and picturesque cities in the UK (for example, Oxford, Bath and London).

We offer students a very good education at our boarding school and very much hope that you will choose to take advantage of this and join us.

Mrs Nicola Walker, Headteacher

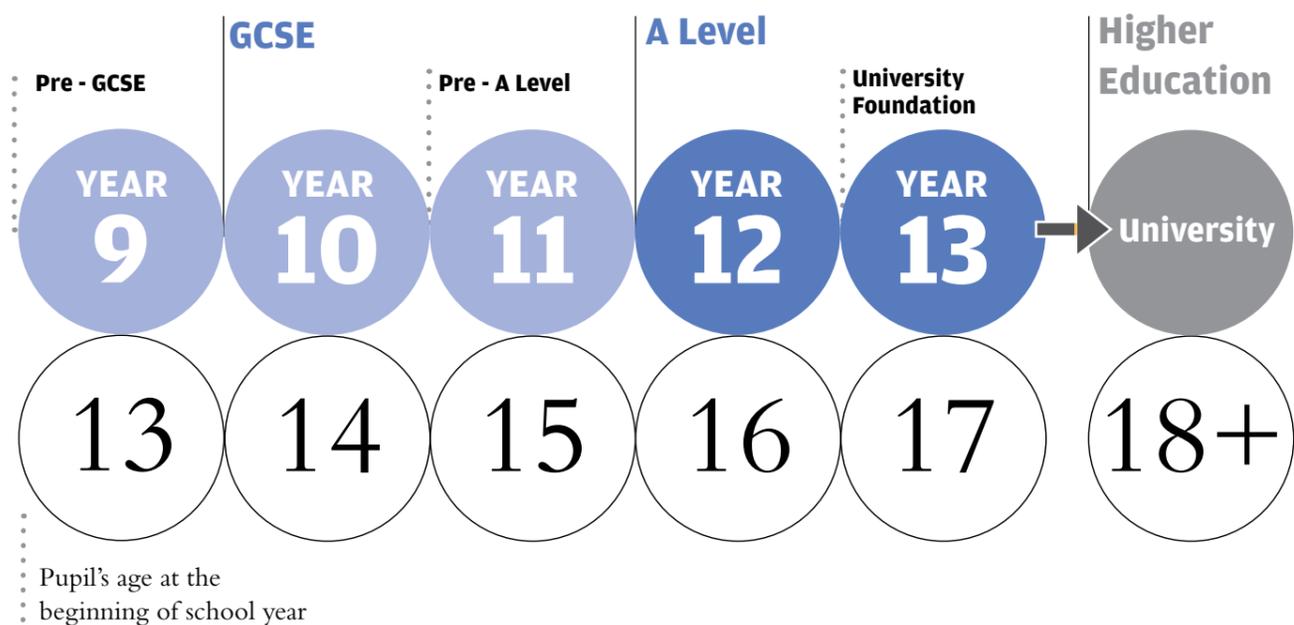


A very British education King's College Saint Michaels is a Secondary-age Boarding school located in the heart of the English countryside. Our school provides pupils with a modern, rigorous and broad British education, helping prepare students for their GCSEs and A Levels. The school also offers a University Foundation Programme.

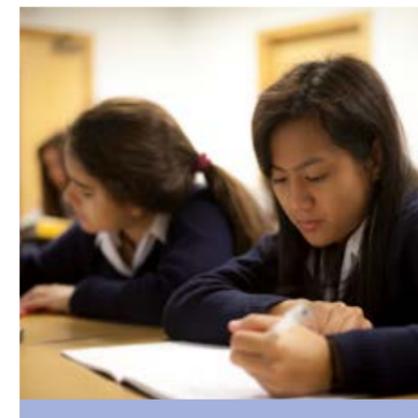
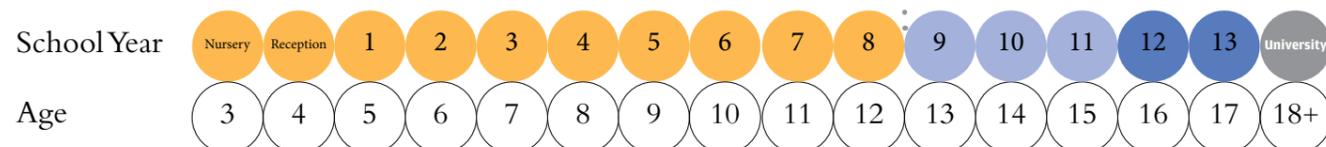
The building itself is steeped in history, set in 10 hectares of grounds, it was originally built in 1856 by an Oxford University Professor. The neighbouring towns of Tenbury Wells and Ludlow offer a picturesque and tranquil setting to allow our pupils to concentrate on their studies. While at the same time, the school is within a short distance of other local cities, such as Birmingham, providing an ideal location for both study and social activities.

The academic journey King's College Saint Michaels offers pupils aged 13-18 study preparation specifically for GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education) and A Levels. Our objective is not simply to ensure that pupils are successful in their academic studies, but to allow them to benefit from all that a British education has to offer and to create truly open-minded, creative and dynamic individuals.

King's College Saint Michaels



British School System



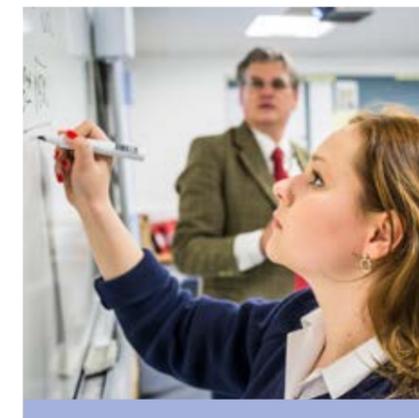
Pre-GCSE

Age 13 - 14 | School Year 9
The curriculum for this year group follows those subjects offered through the GCSE programme, with a strong focus on supporting students in developing a foundation of academic study skills and knowledge required for further study at Year 10, including English language development both for academic purposes and as an additional language.



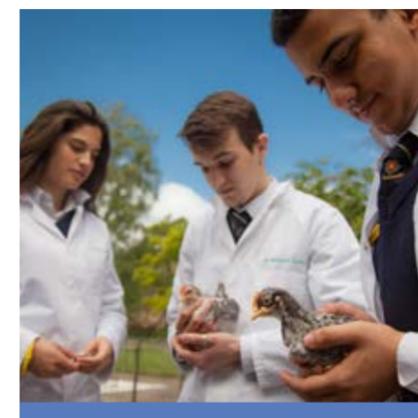
GCSE

Ages 14 - 16 | School Years 10 - 11
Students study a total of seven subjects at GCSE Level spread over a two year period. English and Maths are compulsory and five further subjects are chosen to complement these. All subjects are studied for four periods per week, with the exception of English which is ten periods per week. Some subjects include coursework throughout the school year while others are assessed by formal examinations.



Pre A Level

Age 15+ | School Year 11+
This is an intensive one year programme for students who are over 15 years old, and looking for direct entry into Year 11 of the UK education system. The course will include five GCSE subjects which are taught in greater depth than the two year programme. Subjects include English, Maths, Geography, Business Studies, Economics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. This course is also designed to be a good foundation for our A Level programme.



A Level

Ages 16 - 18 | School Years 12 - 13
A Levels form the basis of assessment for university entrance. Students normally study three or four subjects at A Level, and these subjects are chosen by the pupil. In addition, students also study up to ten periods of English per week. A Level studies focus on depth of knowledge rather than breadth.



University Foundation

Age 17+
A one-year academic programme aimed at students who either:
a) have already completed secondary education in their own country, but require an extra year study in order to reach the appropriate level for undergraduate study in the UK. Or,
b) those who have the necessary academic qualifications but need to further develop their English language skills in preparation for university.



Summer School

Ages 10 - 17
For children aged 10 - 17 who wish to experience Britain in summer, we offer Summer Courses during the months of July and August. The courses combine intensive English language tuition (19 x 50 minute classes per week) with an extensive sports and social programme (including 2 full day excursions and 1 half day per week). Please see separate booklet for more information.

From every corner of the globe At King's College Saint Michaels, our pupils come from a wide range of international backgrounds, with approximately 30 different nationalities in total. This allows for integration with an array of different cultures which enhances the learning experience. Throughout students' studies, our primary goal is to help them gain the knowledge and experience required to enter some of the best universities in the UK and beyond. All of our pupils finish their studies with us having gained a sense of confidence in themselves and a clear idea of how they can contribute to society.



Abdel joined King's College Saint Michaels in 2014 and began studying for his A Levels. In the two years he studied at the school he was made Deputy Head Boy and received an 8.5 in his IELTS. He became a role model for the younger students and through his hard work and determination he received 5 A*s at A Level and a full scholarship to the world famous Harvard University.

Although I was anxious before I arrived, Saint Michaels turned into a home that I love as much as my real home back in Egypt. I have achieved many things that I couldn't have achieved had I not studied here.



Constance came to King's College Saint Michaels from the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe. Although her native language is French, she understands the importance of English, especially for her future career options. Constance has fully immersed herself in life in England, taking every opportunity to sample the many activities on offer at the school.

I first visited Saint Michaels with my parents. I did visit other schools, but was so impressed with the truly eclectic mix of nationalities that I just knew this was the school for me. Not only have my studies blossomed since being here, but I have also made lifelong friends, making the whole experience truly memorable.





Inside the classroom

Children learn best when they are active participants in what they are studying. At King's College Saint Michaels we harness our pupils' natural curiosity and engage them in varied and challenging lessons.

A wealth of learning options At King's College Saint Michaels, not only do we have a diverse mix of pupils but we complement this with our varied mix of study subjects on offer. We prepare students for adult life and for university in particular. Exploring new ways of seeing the world and ways of understanding the people that inhabit it.

At GCSE and A Level, pupils can choose subjects which engage them, channelling their learning in the direction they wish to pursue into Higher Education. The basis for A Level learning is depth of knowledge, ensuring that pupils fully explore and understand the topic at hand.

From linguistic learning with subjects such as Spanish, through to enhancing students' inner-creativity with subjects such as Art and Media Studies, the school provides a multitude of educational subject matter.

Our aim is to provide an engaging variety, in order to appeal to all pupils' interests and academic strengths, while maintaining small class sizes, with an average of just 10-12 pupils, ensuring students receive dedicated attention.

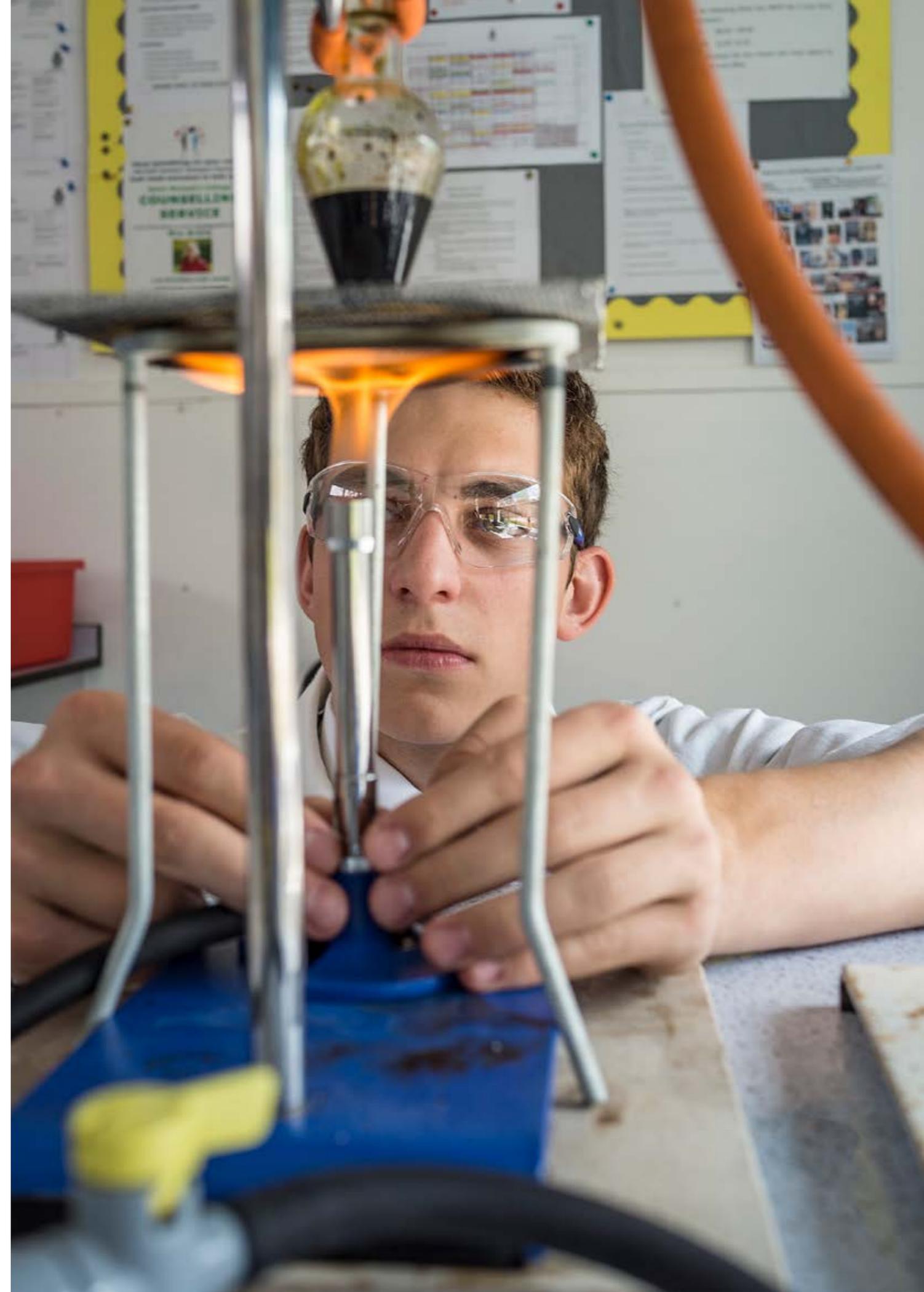
Having worked as teachers for the past 25 years, we understand that a school can achieve what Saint Michaels has, only through a clear vision, an excellent curriculum, a great environment and an outstanding faculty. To us, it is no surprise that our children have grown both personally and academically into highly accomplished global citizens.

Parents of a former King's College Saint Michaels' Pupil



A sample of subjects available:

- Art
- Physics
- Business Studies
- Development Studies
- Computer Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Environmental
- Management Studies
- Spanish
- Biology



English and Language learning We live in a world that depends on communication and collaboration. A British education, based on a culture that values learning, creativity and hard work, offers much more than fluency in the international language of science, culture and friendship.

The vast majority of our pupils come from international backgrounds where English is their second language, yet despite this, nearly all of them go on to win places at some of the top university destinations in the United Kingdom and other English speaking countries.

At King’s College Saint Michaels, English as an Additional Language (EAL) plays an important role in all aspects of school life. The English department focuses on developing students to enable them to communicate confidently in English, whether in subject lessons, with friends of different nationalities or during the many enrichment activities that the school offers.

All our pupils study up to ten periods of English a week with a maximum class size of 15 pupils. Classes are taught by specialist

teachers who have taught previously abroad in countries such as Oman, China, Japan and Spain. Such a wealth of experience ensures that pupils make rapid progress and the English department carefully monitor students’ attainment to make certain that no pupils are left behind.

The English Department also runs English Language Support for specific subjects such as GCSE Biology or A Level Economics. These sessions allow pupils to focus on the language and vocabulary they are going to need in addition to giving pupils the opportunity and support to discuss the concepts and ideas they encounter in their subject lessons.

Pupils take their IELTS and/or GCSE exam “English as a Second Language” at age 16, and depending on how advanced their language skills are, we also offer the opportunity for tuition in other languages. Experience tells us that children who can use two or more languages show improved cognitive abilities that help them make progress in all the subjects that they study.

Languages we offer pupils include:

- _____
- English
- _____
- Spanish
- _____



Mathematics We believe that anyone can get excited about Mathematical learning when the classes are given in an engaging and interesting way. We know that parents want their children to be numerate and we take our role in this very seriously, giving children the tools to approach Maths in ways that inspire and encourage them.

At King’s College Saint Michaels, pupils study Mathematics as part of the standard curriculum, preparing to take at least one GCSE in Maths at age 16. Universities require Maths at this level as a basic entry requirement.

Understanding the complexities of mathematical equations is a skill that will serve all pupils into adulthood.

Pupils who want to further their education in the following areas usually study A Level Maths:

- Engineering
- Architecture
- Accountancy & Finance
- Business & Economics
- Scientific Research
- Programming & Modelling



Maths is a core skill required to enter the post-education world. We use it in everything we do; from calculating our grocery shopping to budgeting for a holiday. The fact that the subject has an essence in every element of everyday life, I personally find extraordinary. Therefore, being able to teach the subject to pupils at every academic level and help them grasp the theory gives me a great sense of satisfaction.

Mr Davies
Mathematics Teacher

Sciences Experimentation and observation are at the heart of learning Science at King's College Saint Michaels. Whether in Biology, Chemistry or Physics, learning through experimentation is fundamental. Our purpose-built laboratories offer everything students need to learn by doing, from investigating atomic structures and the periodic table in Chemistry to designing an experiment to compare the viscosities of two liquids in Physics.

Studying the Sciences enables us to understand the world around us. We also offer our students the opportunity to develop this passion for invention and understanding by offering GCSEs and A Levels in Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

We know that studying Science requires discipline – but the rewards are not only fun, they can be life-changing and set future agendas. The best discoveries come from people who are inspired by great teachers to become passionate about science, innovation and discovery.

By nurturing curiosity, we encourage a love of Science that often results in our pupils wanting to further their knowledge and thus undertake a degree in the Sciences or Engineering at university.



It is core to Science at King's College Saint Michaels to use experimental and practical work to present scientific knowledge in a visual and memorable way. To keep Biology, Chemistry and Physics both engaging and relevant, we also have a range of Science based extra-curricular activities, including discussion groups, trips and competitions.

Mr Alexander
Head of Science

Business Studies and Economics Many of our pupils are ambitious to become successful and dynamic individuals working in international business. Our objective is to give pupils the right tools and practical skills which can be applied to their working lives. Pupils complete their studies equipped with the expertise and knowledge to one day enter the world of global business.

At King's College Saint Michaels, pupils can choose to study Business Studies at GCSE, covering a vast array of modules within the syllabus. This actively engages the pupils to develop and apply their knowledge and understanding of business issues, both in the local, national and global context.

For those pupils who wish to go on to study Business at university, we also offer the opportunity to study the subject at A Level, preparing our pupils for entrance into today's modern and fast-evolving world.

While studying on our A Level course we strive to give our students the ability to analyse the characteristics and activities of businesses both at a local level and globally

and how they respond to the changing demands of their environments. We want students to develop an understanding of how effective managers and leaders build up successful organisations in terms of customer focus and the products/services that they sell.

Students are given opportunity to reflect on how successful businesses maximise value for their stakeholders, development of an awareness that relates to strategic planning and decision-making to ensure business survival, managing change and becoming successful. Our A Level course offers students a strong foundation to allow them to go onto study different areas of this subject at university.



Business Studies at King's College Saint Michaels encouraged me to continue my studies of the subject at degree level. The well-qualified teachers built my core knowledge of different market structures and marketing opportunities, which will prove crucial to my university studies.

Egle Dauksyte
Student from Lithuania

Preparation for university As our students become young adults, the British system requires that study becomes more focused on particular subjects. At the end of Year 11, pupils usually choose at least three or four subjects for the next phase of their studies: A Levels, which begin in Year 12. This choice of subjects will influence which degree course they take at university and we take great pride in supporting all our pupils through the exciting decisions that lie ahead of them.

Our reputation is built upon the success of our pupils. We are educational experts; we know how to get the very best from our pupils. The years when students are becoming young adults, at the same time as working hard in their studies, are hugely important. We challenge and support pupils, so that they are able to achieve their very best academically and personally.

We have the expertise to get them through the exams and the experience to guide them towards their chosen university.

Top universities increasingly look at the whole person, not just exam results. We know how to inspire and develop the passions and interests of our young learners outside of the curriculum. We keep up to date with the different requirements of universities in the UK and around the world so that our pupils are well-informed and can make the right decisions for their future.

King's College Saint Michaels annual University Open Day provides a wonderful opportunity for all our students to meet face-to-face with university representatives to gain even more knowledge about UK universities.

The support I received from the school during the university application process was a great help and has assisted me to prepare for the next level of my academic studies.

Will Pyne
Student from the UK





Student Life

More than a place of learning, the College nurtures pupils, supports personal growth and reinforces the importance of a balance between work and play.

Accommodation The school grounds and facilities allow our pupils to truly integrate into British culture and way of life, while promoting responsibility and independence. King's College Saint Michaels provides a friendly and warm environment with family values at its heart. Our boarding community, comprising many different nationalities, is an enormous strength of the College, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie.

Living in the international atmosphere of the school residence gives pupils the opportunity to become fully immersed in school life, as well as being an ideal way to make friends and experience other cultures.

Our modern accommodation provides a high-quality, comfortable and safe environment for our pupils, with onsite residential staff to tend to the students' needs 24 hours a day. There is a close liaison between the boarding and teaching staff to ensure continuity of information and care at all times. Our Boarding Committee made up of students from each boarding house, holds regular meetings which provide the students with a discussion forum in which they can bring up any topics or concerns in a mature and organised way.

There are a variety of rooms to suit each pupil including, single and twin, both with en-suite option. Each room is equipped with desk and Wi-Fi internet connection for ease of study.

Our student common room and TV lounge offers a comfortable and safe environment for the students to enjoy Satellite Television. A range of indoor and outdoor sports activities allows them to enjoy some fresh air during the warmer months, and physical exercise even in winter.





Catering A healthy balanced diet is one of the key factors for learning and acquiring information. At King's College Saint Michaels we understand the importance that food plays in our pupils' daily lives, not just for nutritional reasons, but also to ensure that we offer a little taste of home during their stay with us.

Each residence has its own kitchen area which comes well equipped with all the necessities for day to day life, including kettles, rice cookers, microwaves and ovens. This allows our students the flexibility to embrace their culinary skills and prepare their own food or snacks if they so wish.

Apart from the on-site facilities for self-catering, the College provides daily hot meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, for all students, ensuring that they benefit from nutritious and healthy meals every day, including weekends. They also have the option of 'supper' each evening before returning to the residences.

Our dining room is the social hub of the school and we make it our duty to ensure a variety of foods are served. Each week we also offer an international dish from one of the home countries of our pupils. This allows students a taste of home and truly enhances our multicultural experience.

We also have a communal kitchen which is available for all students to use in the evenings and at weekends. This enables our students to extend their cookery skills with an array of culinary equipment. The catering team also organise cookery classes as a recreational activity and to prepare students for independent life at university.

The pastoral staff understand exactly how to put the "wow factor" into boarding at Saint Michaels. We are always prepared to go that extra mile for the students in our care. This can-do attitude permeates into the whole boarding community.

Jenny Robinson
Head of Boarding





Caring for our pupils We expect all our students to contribute to a positive, friendly and supportive atmosphere at school and require them to demonstrate respect for adults and other pupils. In turn, we will show them respect as young learners and help them with any difficulties that they may encounter. It is of utmost importance that every student entrusted in our care feels safe and welcome.

From Home to a House

From the day a child starts at King’s College Saint Michaels, they are assigned to one of the Houses that play an integral part of school life, where the older House members support the younger or new pupils. Events and projects that involve friendly competition between the Houses build bonds across the school years.

Who to contact

All pupils are assigned a personal tutor who is responsible for the academic and social welfare of a particular class. When students have to make academic choices at GCSE, A Level and for university entrance, they each get individual support and advice directly from our Headteacher and our dedicated university entrance team. The teachers and staff at the school are always on hand to discuss and advise pupils on any problems or questions that they may have.

Making a mentor

Prefects are A Level students elected by the staff and students to represent the student body. One of the prefects’ main roles is to help younger or newer students to settle in to school life and help with any day to day problems or questions.

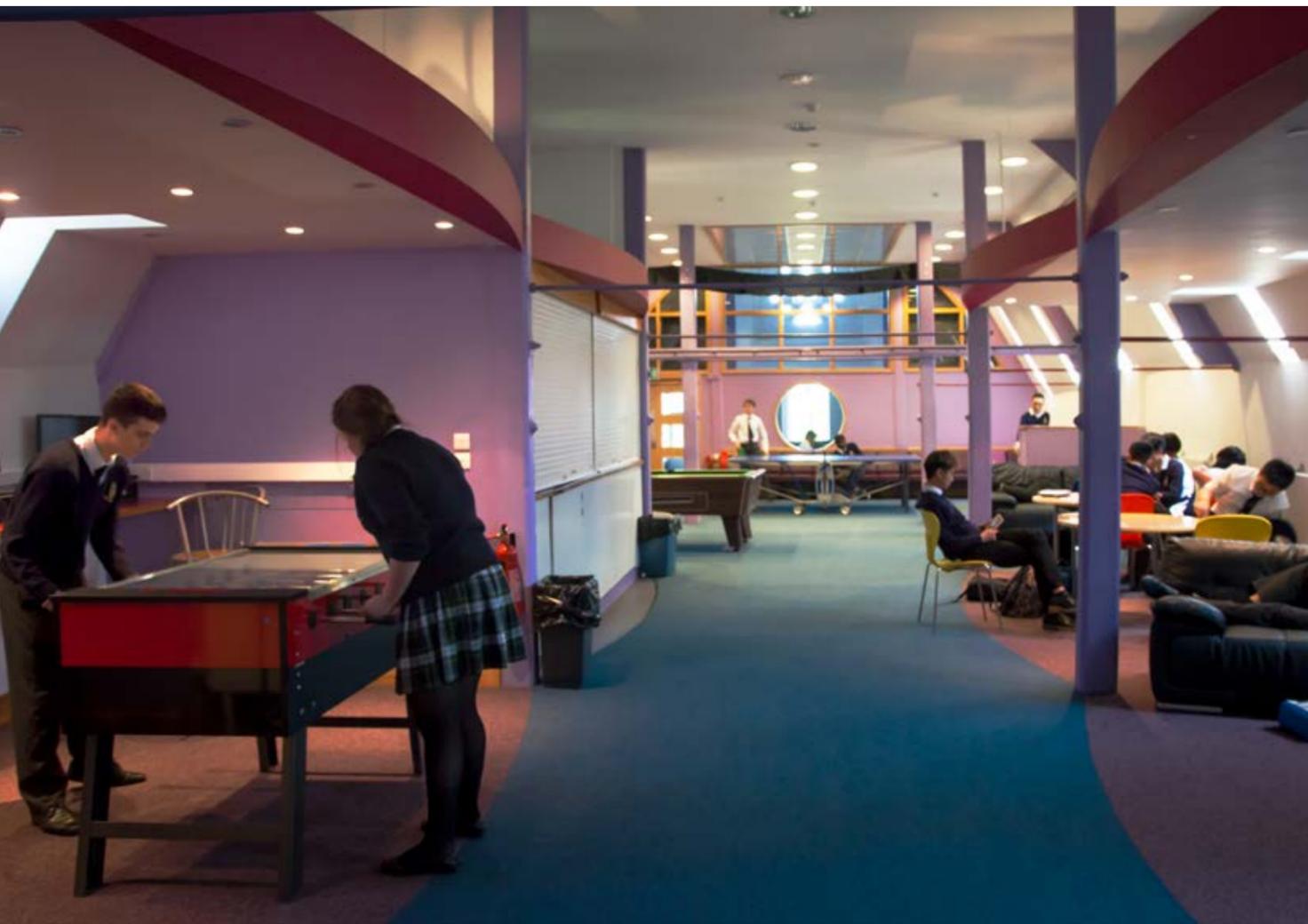
Student welfare

The school matrons hold a medical clinic each week-day morning. In the event of students needing to make an appointment to see a doctor, counsellor, dentist or orthodontist the matrons will make the necessary arrangements after a consultation with them.

This role is ideal for those students who want to take on extra responsibility, extend their leadership skills and provide themselves with opportunities which will support their university applications. Head Boy and Head Girl positions are also elected in this way.

My four years at King’s College Saint Michaels was like being at home. Now that I’m at university, I recognise and appreciate the intimacy that the school offered me. Teachers took the time to identify individual needs and help pupils to better their learning. Plus we had the opportunity to make lasting friendships from countries I had never even thought possible.

Mojirayo Ogunkanmi
Student from Nigeria



Sports and Clubs At British schools, sport and team games play an important role in physical and mental development. Working hard towards a shared goal gives a sense of achievement. Being part of a team teaches children to understand tactics, cooperation and fair-play. We hope that children at King’s College Saint Michaels learn to be chivalrous winners and gracious losers.

Involvement in competitive sport is fun, but the real value is in developing team work and working hard physically towards a goal. The health of your child is as important as their intellectual growth and we provide physical education in the curriculum as well as opportunities to play competitive sport after school.

At King’s College Saint Michaels, this type of social interaction reaches far beyond the football pitch. We extend the social philosophy across a wide ranging number and variety of events. A large number of sports programmes and clubs are available so that all pupils can find something to suit their particular tastes.

Whether joining in the fun during the summer in the swimming pool, or spending their evenings at our on-site gymnasium, the pupils benefit from fresh air and physical fitness. There are many school clubs outside the curriculum that challenge children mentally – such as our Debating Club – as well as physically, such as our yoga classes and a football team.

We invest in a variety of sporting facilities, because through the sweat and tears comes a sense of accomplishment and community.

Sport activities include:

- Football
- Fitness club
- Yoga
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Trampolineing
- Swimming
- Aerobics
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Dance
- Spinning
- Bowling
- Golf
- Horse riding
- Archery
- Fencing

Other clubs include:

- Craft
- Science
- Debating
- Japanese
- Chinese
- Piano
- Choir
- Baking

Our facilities include:

- Indoor sports hall
- Grass playing fields
- Badminton courts
- Football pitch
- Mini Football pitch
- Volleyball court
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Gymnasium
- Floodlit multi purpose outdoor court





Social programmes We recognise that building a sense of community and family within the school is important to our pupils, especially as our environment acts as their home away from home. We encourage pupils to mix, develop their social etiquette and also build their self-awareness.

Excursions and events

At King's College Saint Michaels, we believe that school events and trips are vitally important in the all-round education of our pupils. We regularly take advantage of the stunning backdrop that our local environment offers us with trips to local cities and towns, both as part of the curriculum and for recreation.

Charity begins at home

We are proud of the effort that the whole school puts into raising money for charity. Every year we raise thousands of Pounds for various good causes. We are even more proud of the contribution that our pupils make once they have grown up. Whether through fundraising, voluntary work or individual projects, Saint Michaels alumni continue to think of others and the wider world throughout their lives.



A taster of events and excursions:

- Old Trafford football tour
- Designer outlet shopping trip
- City visits (Inc. London, Birmingham, Oxford, Manchester)
- International away-weekends (Inc. Paris, Edinburgh, Barcelona, Iceland)
- Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford upon Avon
- Warwick Castle
- Premiership football games
- Air Hop (trampolining centres)
- Beach trips
- Local towns & Cities (Hereford, Ludlow, Worcester, Hay on Wye)



Joining Our Community

From academic excellence through to pastoral care, our team offer pupils a fulfilling and rewarding learning experience. We look forward to welcoming you to become a part of it.

Admissions King's College Saint Michaels is more than just a British school. Your child's future success depends on building a strong partnership with shared values between both home and school. If you want your child to benefit from a quality British education, then the next step is to contact us, take a look at what we are doing and ask us lots of questions.

Why choose King's College Saint Michaels?

- The school is part of King's Group, with outstanding schools in the UK, Spain, Panama and Latvia.
- UKVI Tier 4 Sponsor licence for enrolment of international students under Tier 4 of the Points Based System (Child and General visas).
- The school offers competitive fees including tuition, full board accommodation, weekend excursions, school uniform, winter jacket, sports kit, laundry, airport transfers etc.
- King's College Saint Michaels has no mid-term breaks or forces exeat weekends so there are no extra guardianship fees.
- Modern, comfortable residential accommodation with the choice of single or twin rooms with en-suite options.

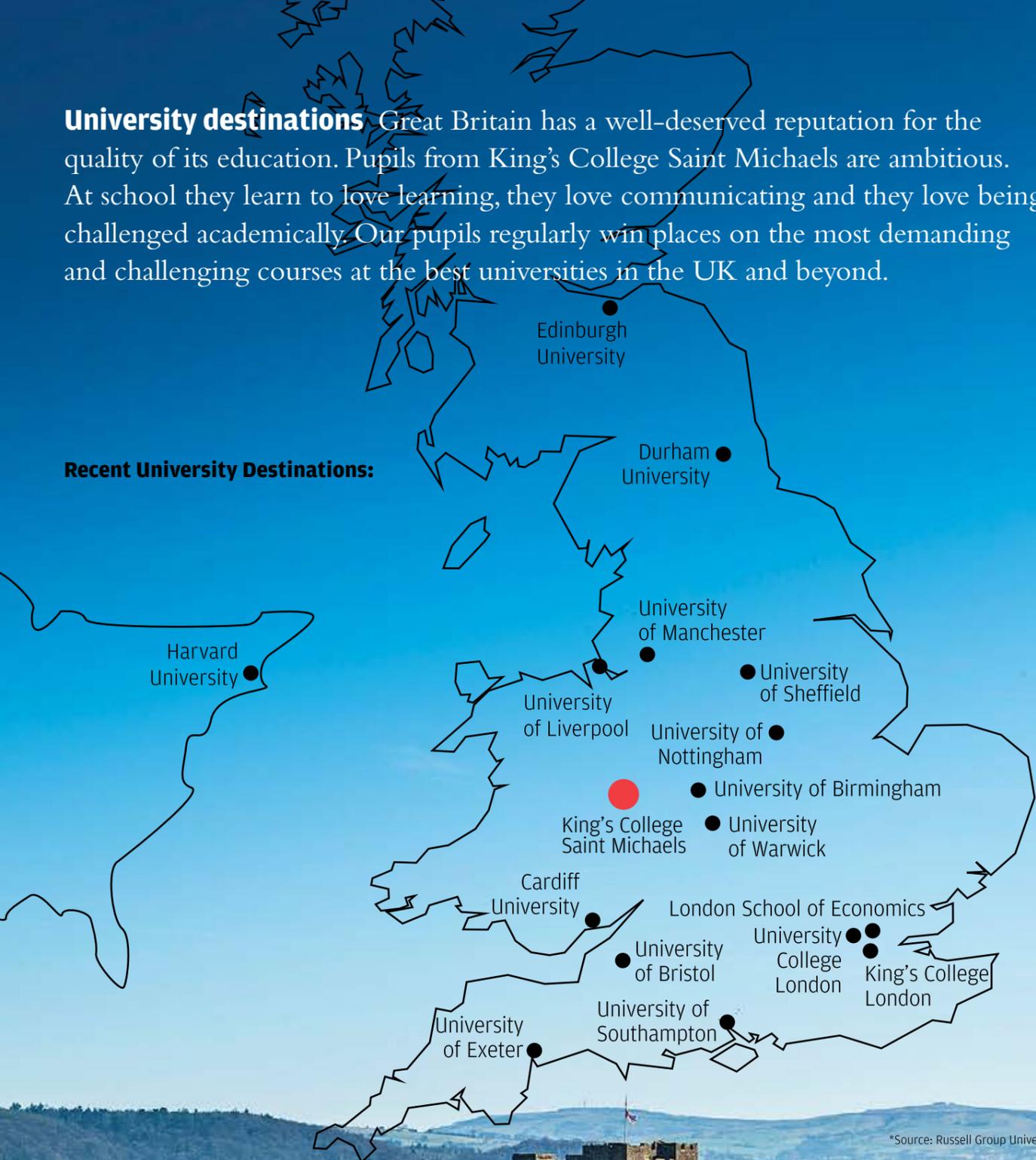
Students from all educational backgrounds are accepted at King's College Saint Michaels. The admissions process identifies appropriate learning pathways to meet and support individual requirements, helping all students achieve their potential.

Georgina Hanford
Head of Admissions



University destinations Great Britain has a well-deserved reputation for the quality of its education. Pupils from King’s College Saint Michaels are ambitious. At school they learn to love learning, they love communicating and they love being challenged academically. Our pupils regularly win places on the most demanding and challenging courses at the best universities in the UK and beyond.

Recent University Destinations:



What makes Saint Michaels different?

Academic

Dedicated teachers and staff take responsibility for preparing every student for university. English as a Foreign Language (EFL) support included for all courses. We accept students with a low level of English. All English language staff are TEFL qualified. King’s College Saint Michaels strives to support pupils secure their first-choice of university, despite being non-selective at entry level. Pupils learn to become independent thinkers.

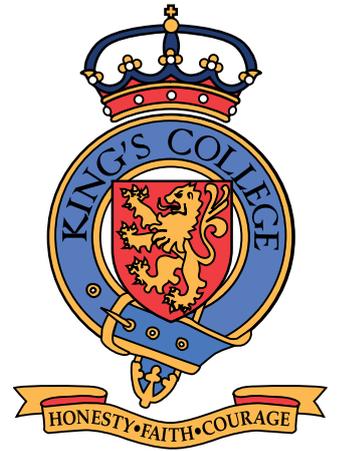
Location

Located on a dedicated campus in an area known for its natural beauty, permitting study focus as well as pupil safety. We have an ongoing commitment to invest in new student accommodation and facilities. Choice of residential accommodation or Homestay.

Social

Small, friendly and truly international school. Pupils from approximately 30 different countries. Many weekend excursions to major UK cities, to add a true British flavour to pupils’ experiences. The school teaches students to become self-sufficient and mature in order to reap the rewards and boarding benefits that the school offers.





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