



**KING EDWARD VI  
CAMP HILL  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

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# **INFORMATION BOOKLET 2018 - 2019**

## **SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT**

*King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls aims to provide a full range of quality experiences, within a forward thinking and supportive environment. We strive to develop independent, mature students who achieve their best and make positive contributions to school and the wider community.*

## ADMISSIONS

### Admissions aged 11

The school takes five forms of entry (150 pupils) into Year 7. Admission at 11 is by an entrance examination which takes place in September. Arrangements for the entrance examination are made by the Foundation Office (Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UD). It is essential that parents who wish to apply for a place for their daughters at any of the King Edward Grammar Schools, complete the home Local Authority (LA) form, as well as the King Edward's form. In order to be eligible for admission to the school, candidates must achieve a minimum standardised score in the selection test ("the qualifying score"). Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available at the school, places are offered to children as follows:

1. Looked After Children / Previously Looked After Children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score;
2. Children attracting the Pupil Premium who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score but limited to no more than 30 in this category;
3. Other children who achieve the qualifying score by rank order of standardised score

Where children are equal on standardised score, places will be offered to those who live nearest to the school (according to the straight-line distance between home and school). Further information is available on the Schools of King Edward VI website - [www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk](http://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk).

### Receiving an Offer

Places are offered once the 11+ test papers have been marked. The LA will consider your application to each of the schools you have named on the LA preference form. You can name up to six schools. Information on how places are allocated is given in your LA booklet. Birmingham and most LA's have an equal preference system so, if your child meets the criteria for two or more schools, the LA will offer you a place at the school you have ranked highest on the LA form. Therefore, if you put a grammar school first on your LA form, but your child is not successful in the entrance test, you will not put at risk your chance of being offered a place at any other school you have listed. Your child's application for other schools will be treated in the same way as every other application. For example, it will depend on the distance between your home and the school for most comprehensive schools. Remember, if a grammar school is your first choice, you need to list that school first on the Local Authority preference form.

### Entry in Later Years

Parents of students who wish to transfer at a later stage, either because they have moved into the area or because they feel their daughter is able to benefit from a grammar school education, should write to the Headteacher, giving the girl's full name, date of birth and the name of the school currently attended. A copy of a recent report is useful. The girl's name may be added to the waiting list. A local authority form will also need to be completed.

### Admission to the Sixth Form

The school positively welcomes applications from pupils with very good GCSE results to join the Sixth Form. A copy of the most recent Sixth Form prospectus is available on the school's website.

### Arrangements for Pupils with Disabilities

Pupils are admitted on the basis of their performance in tests. Children with disabilities requiring special resources to sit the tests should contact the Foundation Office.

## OPEN DAYS, TERM DATES AND SCHOOL POLICIES

### Open Days in 2018 - 2019

Our two major Open Evenings for Main School entry in the coming year are:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (5.30pm – 8.30pm) and
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (4.00pm – 6.45pm)

There are additional Open Mornings when parents can see the school in session. **These are by appointment only:**

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (10.45am–11.30am)

For prospective Sixth Form students, there will be a separate Open Evening on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018** from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

### Term Dates 2018 - 2019

#### Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Training Day

School starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### Half-term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

#### Christmas Holidays

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### Spring Term 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Half-term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

#### Easter Holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Summer Term 2019

Monday 29<sup>h</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### Half-term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### Training Days:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### **Timing of the School Day**

The school day begins at 8.50 am and ends at 3.35 pm with a mid-morning break of 20 minutes. The lunch hour is from 12.35 pm – 1.35 pm.

### **Policies**

Educational regulations require us to make copies of key policies accessible. These are available on the School Website.

### **Uniform**

Students in Years 7 to 11 wear uniform of navy blue and light blue. Parents will find full details in the School Handbook which they receive when their daughter is offered a place at the school. For families where there is a need, a grant towards school uniform is available. These details are likewise available in the School Handbook. There is a dress code in the Sixth Form.

### **Complaints Procedure**

Parents are encouraged to refer any concern they may have on curricular or other issues to the Headteacher. The School follows the guidelines established by the Department for Education. There is a formal procedure if a resolution is not possible.

### **Examinations**

Year 11 students take up to a maximum of eleven GCSE subjects.

A Level students take four subjects from the start of Year 12.

Some students also undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as an enrichment qualification in Year 13.

## TEACHING ORGANISATION

### Teaching

There are five teaching periods in the day and we operate a two-week timetable.

### Key Stage 3: Years 7, 8 and 9

The subjects taught in Key Stage 3 are: Art, Design Technology, Drama, English, French, German, Spanish, Latin, Geography, History, Computing, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and STEM.

*Note: Pupils study either French, German or Spanish in Year 7 and choose a second language in Year 8 which is studied until the end of Year 9. Latin courses for all Year 7 are compulsory, and in addition to French, German or Spanish.*

Educational day visits are a feature throughout the school as are residential visits, either to locations in this country or abroad.

### Key Stage 4: Years 10 and 11 (GCSE)

Students take the following core subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Modern Language 1 (French, German, Latin, Spanish)
- Religious Education.

Students then choose three further subjects from a list of optional subjects below:

- Art and Design
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Modern Language 2 (French, German, Spanish)
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Physical Education
- AS Level - Computing (offered as an option in Years 10 and 11)
- A Tutorial programme and Physical Education for fitness and health also form part of the compulsory curriculum.

## PUPIL PREMIUM : Uniform, Travel, Visits & Music Tuition Grants

We know that parents worry about the cost of sending their child to school, and our aim is to make Camp Hill Girls as open as possible to all.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is currently eligible for a free meal, the School will provide one daily.

In addition, any child who is eligible for pupil premium (i.e. who has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years) will have access to the following grants:

### **Bus Travel Grant**

You are able to claim the cost of your daughter's travel to school by public transport. For the year 2018-9, we are able to cover the full cost of a Green Bus pass.

### **Uniform Grant**

Up to £100 per year may be claimed in respect of uniform purchase, and £50 for sports kit and essential equipment. In Year 7, this amount is increased to £300 to reflect the cost of buying a whole new uniform and equipment.

### **Instrument Tuition Grant**

This grant covers the parental contribution to instrument tuition provided by the school. This grant will be automatically applied by the school, and an instrument will be loaned where possible.

### **School Visits**

There will be no charge for essential school visits that are directly connected to the curriculum. Usually this will be applied directly, and you will not be asked for payment. This includes the residential trip which takes place in Year 7.

We aim to give assistance automatically with the minimum of fuss. Information about financial arrangements is treated confidentially, and you may talk privately about financial concerns to staff at the School.

## COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIP LINKS

### Personal and Social Education

Use of outside agencies regularly for PSE:

- Police; Fire Service
- Health Education Unit (School Nurse)
- Other health visits
- Educational Psychologist
- Open Door Counsellor

### Careers, Business & Industry

- Year 11 1-to-1 Career Interviews
- Engineering in Education Scheme
- Year 12 Post 18 Conference
- Sixth-formers attend residential courses
- Subject/business links
- University Open Day Visits
- Forensic Science Day
- Business sponsored Competitions

### Assemblies and Charities

- Visits by local ministers, religious Representatives and youth workers
- Charity fund-raising speakers

### Bringing in Parents and other Adults

- AFS
- Subject specialist parent support for Year 13 university mock interviews programme
- Visiting speakers invited
- Master classes conducted by local musicians, writers and dancers

### Languages, International Links

- International Schools Accreditation
- Community languages valued
- Exchange visits with French and German partner schools
- MFL Sixth Form Conference
- Russian studies within Enrichment package for Year 12

### Extra-Curricular Activities

- Chemistry Quiz –Birmingham University
- Sport fixtures including County and National teams
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Birmingham Schools' Ensembles.
- Enrichment theatre visits
- Writing: pupils' work published
- Songs From the Shows
- Evening of Dance
- Drama Productions
- House Fair
- Charity & Fundraising events
- Project work: successful Competition entries
- Music and sport links with Local junior schools
- Sports Leader Award
- UKMT Maths Challenges
- Spelling Bee

### School facilities

- Community swimming clubs.
- Community ICT classes

### School Trips & Visits

- Enrichment Week : Suspended school timetable
- CBSO at Symphony Hall (Music)
- Field study visits within the curriculum to a wide range of places
- French & German exchanges
- Spanish residential trip
- Geography trip to Iceland
- History trip to USA
- Music tour to Europe
- Poetry Live
- Visits to Parliament
- Year 7 residential trip to Anglesey

### Community Service

- Birmingham Civic Society Awards
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Sixth-form volunteers, including Senior Prefect responsibilities
- Senior Citizens' Party organised by Year 10
- Contributions to the work of charities, local, (both national and international)
- Cecily's fund – link with schools in Zambia
- Student Partnership with Dame Ellen Pinsent Special School
- Year 13 Enrichment programme
- Widening Accessibility initiative, With local Primary Schools

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO CAMP HILL

### Travel WM Buses

#### **11A Outer Circle**

Serves Harborne, Selly Oak, Bournville, Cotteridge

#### **11C Outer Circle**

Serves Yardley, Acocks Green, Hall Green, Selly Oak, Harborne

#### **18 Yardley Wood – Bartley Green**

Comes within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of the School.  
Serves Yardley Wood, Kings Norton, Cotteridge, Northfield, Bangham Pit

#### **27 Parsons Hill – Kings Heath**

Serves Bournville, Northfield, West Heath

#### **35 City Centre – Pool Farm**

Serves Balsall Heath, Moseley, Kings Heath, Kings Norton

#### **50 City Centre – Druids Heath**

Serves Balsall Heath, Moseley, Maypole, Druids Heath

#### **76 Selly Oak, Kings Heath, Hall Green, Shirley, Solihull**

### Diamond Buses

#### **69 Weoley Castle – Kings Heath – Yardley Wood**

Serves Kings Heath, Maypole, Shirley, Solihull, Yardley Wood

### School Bus

#### **The Green Bus 871 – Solihull – KE Camp Hill**

Damsonwood, Solihull, Olton, Sharmans Cross, Hall Green, Yardley Wood

#### **The Green Bus 872 – Dorridge – KE Camp Hill**

Dorridge, Knowle, Widney Manor, Monkspath, Cheswick Green, Shirley, Hollywood

#### **The Green Bus 873 – Walsall - KE Camp Hill**

Walsall, Great Barr, Handsworth Wood, City Road/Rotton Park Road, Quinton, Harborne, Edgbaston

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