



KNIGHTSBRIDGE
SCHOOL



Discover a
vibrant community
and **bold** education
for pupils aged **3-16**



welcome

to Knightsbridge School!

Choosing a school is not an easy task. We understand.

That's why we have distilled our school spirit into these pages. So that you can see clearly who we are and what we do. You'll discover a school bursting with character, a bold vision for education, and active engagement in the community. Where success outside the classroom is celebrated as much as success inside it. And where children at every age, whether 3 or 16, are encouraged and supported to be the best they can be.

Dive in and discover what it is that makes KS quite so special...



magic

It could be the palpable energy, the enthusiastic chatter or the infectious smiles, but everyone agrees that when they enter the building, there's something magic in the air.



Never one to rest on our laurels, KS has a schedule jam-packed with exciting events for pupils to get their teeth stuck into. Whether it's house competitions, careers week or guest workshops, not to mention clubs, trips and enrichment, there's truly something for everyone.

At our bi-annual Entrepreneur event, creative genius kicks in, inventing, making and selling products to proud friends and family. And when it's not Entrepreneur, it's KS Got Talent, an evening showcasing the multitudinous talents of our pupils at every age, from sibling violinists to Hamilton hip-hop, our pupils jump feet-first into every opportunity presented.

And that's the secret; a 'have a go' atmosphere that encourages pupils to explore their interests, build their self-belief and take on new ventures with confidence. Because great school experiences are shaped not just by what happens inside the classroom, but outside it too.

Check out our amazing clubs!



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character

We offer the gold standard in pastoral care, so that all children feel safe, happy and that they belong.



At the core of our pastoral care stands the KS Code. A set of 12 values that serve as a reliable compass to navigate tricky times and build character. The Code creates a shared set of rules that everyone plays by.

The cornerstones of our pastoral system are our class teachers and tutors. Whether cheering on pupils from the side or lending a sympathetic ear, these teachers become champions for the children in their care. They are the first point of contact and the bridge to home.

Looking after the whole child has always been a priority at Knightsbridge. We were the first independent school to offer Place2Be counselling services on site. Staff are trained in mental health first aid. And we have an innovative wellbeing programme for emotional intelligence, breathwork and yoga.

Providing a net to catch and wisdom to guide, Knightsbridge supports our pupils every step of the way.



community

Schools are the beating heart of every community.

At Knightsbridge, families from all over the world join a supportive network that actively seeks to give back.



Charity fundraising, volunteering and giving back to our community are central to our school ethos. Parents organise donations for local food banks and gather supplies for refugees. Pupils arrange sponsored runs and book sales. And, not to be outdone, teachers run marathons and have even shaved off their beards, all in the spirit of charity.

Environmental supporters, we strive to be sustainable in all areas of school life. This means we scoot to school, march for Earth Day and remember our reusable coffee cups. Our pupil-led eco-committee makes sure we are upholding high standards, weighing food waste at lunch and delivering scrap paper to classrooms. Our commitment to being green is reflected in our excellent school meals, which are organic, sustainable and a big hit with pupils and staff! As school councillors and senior prefects, pupils suggest how to improve their school community, and in doing so, learn the important lessons that everyone can make a difference.

Hear from the Head of our KSPA



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community in action



42
oak trees planted
in our KS Forest
in Scotland



3500
books donated
to local primary
schools

25
fully funded
bursaries from
Year 7 - 11



£000's
raised by the
KS Parent's
Association in
2022 for charities

17th
year of KS Choirs
performing at St
Paul's Church for
Foundation and
Chelsea Pensioners



70
clubs for
KS and local
primary schools

60 +
charities
supported
over 16 years



**The Independent
Schools of The Year -**
The Development Award
for Outstanding Fundraising
Achievement category.



curriculum

From first steps to last leaps, Knightsbridge provides a bold curriculum to launch pupils' learning.

At every stage, from 3-16, our broad curriculum allows pupils to explore new ideas and discover hidden talents. From Science to Sport, Music to Maths, learning at Knightsbridge knows no limits.



Our inspiring teachers encourage pupils to become curious, independent and vocal. We want all voices to be heard and ideas to be shared. As a collaborative community, we learn better together. Academically non-selective, we support everyone on their different journeys, so that all ambitions are realised.

With positions as school captains, prefects and councillors, pupils learn to become leaders. And with seventy extra-curricular clubs, and counting, there's every opportunity for pupils to expand their talents and interests. Residential and trips form an important part of our extra-curricular provision, with previous excursions to Iceland, Rome and Barcelona bringing learning to life!

Where knowledge knows no bounds, learning is limitless.

See photos from our recent residential



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academically non-selective

When you join the KS family we will support you wherever your path leads.

Juniors
(age 5 - 11)

Early years
(age 3 - 5)

Seniors
(age 11 - 16)



early years

Guaranteeing a strong start through flexible play.

As we know from home, play is learning and learning is play. So our expert teachers facilitate pupils' first steps in learning through self-selected activities. This means every child experiences a unique learning journey, suited to them.

In Nursery and Reception, the building blocks of Literacy and Numeracy make for strong foundations in English and Maths. Then there are languages, French or Spanish, opening doors to different cultures. While Art, Dance, Music and Drama support self-expression; something 4-year-olds know all about!

A natural and essential part of school is developing good social skills. Making friends, meeting new teachers and reading with our senior pupils all support this. And when not being social butterflies, pupils are adventuring outside, playing tennis, climbing at the park or investigating nature at Forest School. Our dedicated outdoor learning space brings the classroom outside - hands up if you enjoy messy play!

At the end of the day, it makes for happy children, skipping home, ready to play, and learn, some more!

“
I like school because it's fun! I love my teacher. I get supers and the best is the gold nose! - Ava, age 3
 ”

Learn more about life in the foundation stage from our Head of EYFS



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juniors

The next steps to life-long learning.

With the majority of pupils in Junior School moving up from the Early Years, we are in the perfect position to build the knowledge and skills needed to excel through key stages one and two.

Nurturing a love of learning at this age paves the path to success later in the school. Our teachers are experts at lighting up imaginations, sparking curiosity and posing puzzling questions that get pupils' brains whirring.

Alongside the expected curriculum, Junior School pupils pick up new subjects, such as Computing and Perspectives. The former equips pupils with essential digital skills. The latter is a course in philosophy, developing pupils' critical thinking and communication skills. Not to mention Classical Civilisation lessons, which allow pupils to explore the fascinating culture, thoughts and events of the ancient world and its lasting influence today.

Reading widely and often is strongly encouraged in Juniors, understanding that it supports learning in all parts of the curriculum.

Junior School will also be the first experience for many sleeping away from home on residential trips, having in previous years included, camping in the countryside, geographical explorations in Devon and speaking French in Normandy.

“
KS has given me the encouragement and support to go the extra mile, and nurtured us all to confidently go forward and be the best version of ourselves that we can possibly be - Eddie, age 11
 ”



Want to know more? Watch this video from our Head of Junior School

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seniors

Striding to the summit.

Stepping up into the Senior School makes for a distinctly special experience. There's a new uniform, new subjects and new freedoms. As well as new responsibilities, choices and challenges. Knightsbridge pupils always rise to the occasion demonstrating independence of thought and action as they strive to reach their goals.

With GCSEs on the horizon, pupils can choose from a wide variety of subjects, selecting a path that matches their future aspirations. From Business, French and Spanish for international entrepreneurs, to Art, Music and Computing for digital creatives. Along the way, our inspiring expert teachers help pupils to become skilled thinkers.

As well as depth of knowledge, Knightsbridge encourages breadth of experience. Pupils have the freedom to take lunch outside and enjoy an exclusive common room.

Budding leaders have the opportunity to hone their skills as Prefects and School Captains. While a weekly enrichment hour gives pupils the chance to try their hand at woodwork, film and, the ever popular, food technology. In the journey ahead, our seniors are well prepared to set out and stride to success.

“
Personally, the most important achievement during my captaincy was volunteering my time, participating in charity activities and donating books to other primary schools. It made me feel amazing as I was able to contribute my part to my community - Raika, age 15
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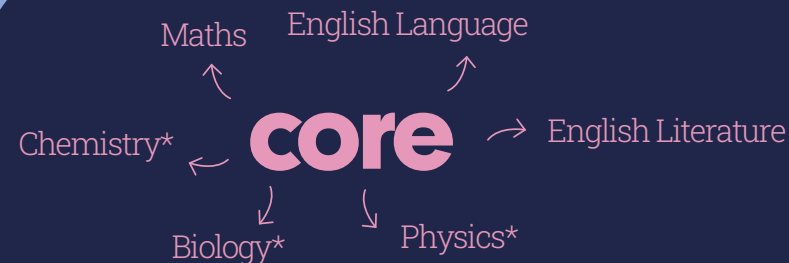
Hear more from our
 Head of Seniors



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GCSEs

We have a broad range of GCSEs for pupils to choose from, ensuring that each can chart their desired path for the future.



non-examined



*please note that Science (Biology, Physics and Chemistry) can be taught as single awards (3 GCSEs) or 'combined' (2 GCSEs)



arts

An expansive Arts curriculum that nurtures talent and instils confidence.

Walk around the school and you will see pupils' artwork adorning every inch of our walls. You will be amazed by the scope of talent on display.



In Art, pupils paint, print, sculpt, sew, spray and shoot, with photography being especially popular in seniors. Building foundational observation and drawing skills in juniors supports more advanced techniques in the journey to GCSE. The joy of being on the doorstep of the V&A, Saatchi gallery and countless other museums means regular trips and limitless opportunities to feel inspired.

Music, Dance and Drama enable all pupils to find their feet, use their voice and confidently stride out on stage. As well as performances in assemblies, inter-house competitions and music recitals, there are scheduled events throughout the year when each group has their moment in the limelight. Those with ambitions in the Arts can join the drama company, dance clubs or take up music tutoring, with ABRSM and LAMDA certifications. With alumni starring in cinema and the West End, it's fair to say, our team is truly exceptional. Whether sculpture, singing or soliloquies, pupils' passions take centre stage in our celebration of the Arts.

Watch us raise the roof in our production of Annie!



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sport

Keep active. Be agile. Get fit. Heath is vital to our wellbeing, which is why Knightsbridge places a premium on Sport.

Being in the heart of the city is no obstacle to getting fit. We benefit from outstanding specialist sport facilities just a hop, skip and jump from school. Here pupils hone their skills as swimmers, gymnasts and rock-climbers. On the field and in the courts, pupils enjoy traditional team games, excelling in rugby, football, hockey, netball, tennis and cricket.

While true that it's the taking part that counts, we rather enjoy taking home the trophies too. As members of IAPS and ISA, pupils experience the thrill of national competitions, winning awards in netball, athletics and indoor skiing.

Clubs before and after school provide extra training or the chance to learn something new, such as yoga, fencing or karate. While the annual ski trip offers an unforgettable experience in the Alps.

Keeping pace is our ever active parent body, whether cheering from the sidelines at matches, racing on Sports Day or teacher-parent rounders after school, there's every chance to join in and keep sporty with Knightsbridge School!



transitions

Thoroughly preparing our pupils for the future.

As an all-through school, from 3-16, pupils exit after completing their GCSEs. Ready to experience the new world of sixth forms in the city.

We continue to support exits at 11+ and 13+ to day and boarding schools, with whom we have excellent relationships.

We are proud to have offered 25 bursaries worth 100% of school fees in the last 16 years through the generosity of parents and supporters in the Knightsbridge School Education Foundation (KSEF). We welcome applications for bursary places in the Autumn term via the Registrar.



Alumni

Our pupils have gone on to continue their studies at just some of the following schools, with many achieving scholarships.

Westminster

Harrow

Dulwich

St Edward's

Wellington

Uppingham

Kings College

Wimbledon

City of London Girls

Cheltenham Ladies College

Downe House

Francis Holland

Putney High

St Mary's Ascot

St Paul's Girls' School

Godolphin and Latymer

Charterhouse

Marlborough College

City of London Boys

Wetherby Senior School

King's School Canterbury

St Paul's Boys' School

admissions

Applying for a place at KS is smooth and simple.

1 Take a tour

See KS in action! Tours last an hour and give you an opportunity to see the school on a normal day, meet our Head and Principal and ask us your burning questions.

Tours are held regularly throughout the year and must be booked in advance - please visit our website to book a tour.

2 Hold a place

For your child's name to be placed on the applicants' list, you must complete a registration form and fee. Entry points are Reception (4+), Year 7 (11+) and Year 9 (13+), with occasional places in other year groups.

3 Get to know each other

We think it's important to get to know each other, so we arrange an online or in-person meeting with both parents and children. For Early Years children, this also includes a play session with a teacher. References and reports may also be requested as necessary.

4 Have a taster day

Your child will have a chance to join their future classmates, meet a 'buddy' for the day and experience life as a KS pupil.

5 Receive an offer

Should all other steps be successful, you will receive an offer letter and have three weeks to accept.

First day of school!

Shine those shoes and pack that bag, it's time for the first day of school!

For further information about overseas or bursary applications, please see our website



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meet the heads

Magoo Giles Founder & Principal

Educated at Eton College before being commissioned in the Coldstream Guards, Magoo has a distinguished military career. He has served in the UK, Belize, Spain, Cyprus and Germany and was latterly Adjutant of the battalion in Bosnia. Magoo is the founder of Knightsbridge School and created the KS Code. He was previously Head of Knightsbridge School from 2006-2015 and Head of Garden House Boys' School from 2000 - 2006.

Shona Colaço Head

Graduating from Oxford University, Shona has worked in education for over 25 years. Entering the profession as a teacher of Science at GCSE and A-Level, before becoming Head of Science, Director of Studies, Deputy Head and finally Head of KS, which is described by her as a: 'unique, warm and caring school where happy staff and happy children achieve amazing things'. She has an MA with distinction in Educational Leadership and is trained as an ISI School Inspector.

Hear from our Heads



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say hello!

Discover KS in action by booking a visit.

Scan the QR code to book a school tour



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We look forward to meeting you!

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your **all-through**
learning journey



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