



King's College
TAUNTON

House Information

Bishop Fox



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Welcome

Bishop Fox is an incredibly friendly and welcoming environment. Boys are encouraged to continue to explore and expand their interests and involvement in all aspects of school life.

We are a proud and successful House with a strong tradition of being well represented in all areas of the school. We have a fantastic mixture of sportsmen, actors, musicians, and academic scholars, and some boys that do everything!

All of the boys in the House are important and they are all encouraged to respect each other and their achievements whatever they may be.

MR TOM CANDLER
Houseparent

“ Fox boys are kind and compassionate, but can also be competitive. Therefore, Fox boys are not one thing and Fox is not a ‘type’ of house, however they are fiercely proud of being a member of Fox. ”



Then and Now

Bishop Fox House was one of the school's original four houses and initially occupied one of the large dormitories on the first floor of the main building. It is named after Bishop Richard Fox (one of Tudor King Henry VII's closest advisors) who was a great benefactor of education in Taunton. Indeed, the school's pelican crest was Bishop Fox's emblem.

In 1946 the school purchased Fullands (on the way to Taunton racecourse) as larger premises for 'The Fox'. Fullands was a former school which counted General Gordon of Khartoum amongst its alumni. The Fox became the largest house, known for its close-knit atmosphere with a strong sporting reputation, possibly because the boys had to cycle up and down South Road on a regular basis.

The move to the current purpose-built accommodation attached to two characterful 19th century properties took place in 1986.

Bishop Fox is one of the biggest houses, catering for between 70 and 80 boys ranging from Third Form to Upper Sixth. The accommodation and rooms are a mixture of spacious and quirky areas, with some of the older boys living in the oldest Georgian part of the building. With the luxury of space, we have plenty of social areas, as well as designated study areas for younger boys, and enough beds to accommodate the whole House if they ever do all board at the same time. This also offers great flexibility for day pupils when they do stay for the night.

At the centre of the House is the courtyard area. This is a fantastic space for the boys to enjoy, particularly when the sun comes out, with a constant and varying plethora of games being played. The courtyard also plays host to our annual House concert 'Fox Rocks', as well as a number of other gatherings throughout the year.



House Staff



Mr Tom Candler
Houseparent

Mr Candler lives with his wife Amy who is also a teacher, and their lively and lovely son Freddie.

Bishop Fox is a delightful and supportive community. It is Mr Candler's hope that everyone leaves with happy memories and lasting friendships. He believes that effort brings reward and therefore will encourage everyone to throw themselves wholeheartedly into all the wonderful opportunities they have at the school. Bishop Fox is a happy house with brilliant staff and a really approachable and experienced group of Sixth Form prefects. The house leadership team would never claim to have all the answers but are firm believers that talking is the route to all solutions. The aim is to support all pupils to be the best version of themselves.

Alongside his responsibilities in Bishop Fox, you will find Mr Candler teaching economics and business, coaching rugby and cricket, or lost in his extensive collection of bicycles.



Mr Rhys Llewellyn-Easton
Deputy Houseparent

Mr Llewellyn-Easton is the Deputy in Bishop Fox and he lives in a flat under the Fifth Form dormitories.

He is a key figure around the House and someone else you can always turn to if you have any questions or need help with anything.

Within the school, he heads-up the Strength and Conditioning department.

As well as this, you may well find him out on the athletics track, hockey pitch, rugby pitch, or anything that might involve getting a run around.



Mrs Perry
House Matron

Mrs Perry is the single most important person in the House. She keeps the House shipshape and makes sure you keep your room tidy and that you have clean clothes and all the important things in life.

She also runs the tuck shop and she has a team of dedicated cleaning staff who work in Fox looking after you. So, it goes without saying you must be very nice to her and her staff at all times!

House Assistants and Tutors



Dr Rebecca Stone
Head of Science



Mr Tim Jordan
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If Mr Candler is not around, you can also talk to the Deputy Houseparent Mr Llewellyn-Eaton. His apartment is on the ground floor. In addition, there are the Bishop Fox House Assistants who are on evening duty from 7pm to 10.30pm. You can always ask them for help and advice when they are on duty or at any other convenient time.

Duty Nights	House Staff Member
Monday	Mr Pearson
Tuesday	Mr Lewsey
Wednesday	Mr Wrobel
Thursday	Mr Jordan
Friday	Mr Llewellyn-Eaton
Saturday	Mr Candler
Sunday	Mr Candler

Settling In

There are likely to be staggered arrival times for pupils arriving on Sunday 4 September, in order that they can be safely admitted to accommodation etc. Arrangements for specific timings of drop-offs will be co-ordinated by the Admissions team.

The term gets underway on Monday 5 September and full details of all arrangements will be coming to you soon.

All new pupils and their families are invited to a BBQ hosted by our Parents' Association. New pupil inductions to the House and year group meetings would also take place on this day.

The House Captain and Deputy House Captains play an important role in the House. They help new pupils settle in and model behaviours. Please feel free to ask them questions when you see them.

Alex Kern *House Captain*

Alex Kern studies business and BTEC Sport, and enjoys playing rugby, football for the schools' 1st teams alongside 3rd team cricket.

He is a full boarder who has been in Bishop Fox since the Third Form and knows what it is like to live away from home for extended periods of time.

Alex is definitely someone to chat to about the challenges of boarding for the first time as he remembers what it was like and knows it isn't always easy. He wants you to know you can approach him about anything.

Alex is a committed member of the House and has really enjoyed Bishop Fox over the years. His favourite bits are the big common room with table tennis, air hockey and a pool table, but perhaps the legendary courtyard takes the top spot.

Alex wants you to know that in Bishop Fox you are always surrounded by your friends, he hopes that he can help each of you settle in and enjoy your time at King's College as much as he has.



Adam Craig *Deputy House Captain*

Adam Craig is one of Bishop Fox's Deputy House Captains. He is a proud member of Bishop Fox who has boarded since the Third Form.

Alex is from Portsmouth and he take A levels in biology, geography and business. His favourite pastimes are football and cricket, both of which he play for the school (1st team football and 3rd XI cricket). He also volunteers in the marine section of the CCF, which he has done since the Fourth Form.

To Alex, Bishop Fox is a collection of pupils who are talented in a range of diverse ways. These have been cultivated from the house ethos of inclusiveness, integrity and recognition of achievements from members of the house and staff. Adam knows King's College well and wants you to know that he is always available to answer any questions you may have. He hopes you have great time in Bishop Fox.



Josh Schreiber *Deputy House Captain*

Josh is a cheerful member of Bishop Fox who has been involved in boarding throughout his school life and joined King's College in the Third Form.

Josh lives near Yeovil in Somerset and loves playing golf; if you ever want any support or guidance, Josh is your man!

He studies A level maths, psychology and biology, and throws himself into all that is on offer in Bishop Fox and the King's community.

Josh is an incredibly engaging and respectful young man who is passionate about ensuring that the senior members of the house help the newer, more junior members of Bishop Fox have the best possible experience. He wants you to know he is always available for a chat, to pass on advice or support you in any way he can.



Communication

Mobile Phones

Although not a compulsory item, it is fair to say that is quite commonplace for every boy to have a mobile phone at school. Although phones are permitted at school, pupils are still reminded that they should not be on them around the main school site during the working day.

All Third and Fourth Form pupils can bring phones to school but they must leave them in the House during the day and should not take them to lessons. All pupils have access to a personal lockable space (they will need a padlock).

For Third and Fourth Form boarders, phones are handed in during prep in the evenings, but they do then have access to them again in their social time before bedtime. This is often a popular time for conversations and messages with family just prior to bedtime.

Electronic Devices and Wi-Fi

Third and Fourth Form hand in all their devices at bedtime each night (apart from Saturday when this is relaxed).

Devices are stored in Mr Candler's study overnight. We strongly encourage boys to bring an alarm clock as they will not have their devices to use as alarms.

We have Wi-Fi throughout the House. You will be given a login when you arrive.

The School Calendar

The daily timetable, events, activities and sports fixtures that will take place throughout that term can be accessed on the school portal.

Registration and Roll Calls

It is very important that you register at between 8.15am and 8.30am (Monday to Saturday) in the House common room. Day pupils who arrive late must register at reception in the main school building. There is also a registration in the afternoon at 1.30pm in the Bishop Fox common room, and at 6.50pm on a Saturday night.

Monday to Friday there is a roll call in House for boarders and day pupils staying for prep at 6.50pm, but it is expected that you are in your study areas starting prep by this time.

There is a formal roll call at 10.30am and 2pm in the House Common Room.

Signing In and Out

Everybody in the House must sign out in the evening or if you leave the school on a trip or in town time. This is so that we know whether you are in the building or not, obviously this has implications for fire emergencies. Please remember to sign in on your return as well.

Reports

Each term pupils receive numerous reports. Every three to four weeks you will get an effort report simply stating a numerical value associated with the level of effort exerted in each subject area.

At the end of half terms and full terms more detailed written reports will be completed to show achievement grades, effort grades and in examination years, target grades. These will be complemented by teacher, tutor and Houseparent comments.

The School Week

A Typical Day

Breakfast is between 7.30am and 8am. There is a registration in House between 8.15am and 8.30am every morning and day boys should arrive for this time. Between 8.30am and 8.50am there will be a House meeting (Monday), an assembly (Tuesday), a tutor period (Thursday) or a short Chapel Service (Friday). On Wednesday there is a longer Eucharist Service.

There are three or four lessons in the morning followed by lessons and games in the afternoon.

Supper is at 6pm and prep starts at 7pm. Day boys can go home after their last school commitment or can choose to stay in the House for prep. There is free time after prep when you can watch TV or visit other houses. Bed times and lights out vary per year group and are later for older boys. Third Form boys should be in the dormitory at 9.40pm with lights out at 9.50pm.

Weekend Arrangements

The school remains open on weekends, but boarders are welcome to take weekends away from school provided they have fulfilled their school commitments, such as sports fixture, if they have permission from the Houseparent.

Mr Candler will send out an electronic form each week for parents to complete if you want to take a weekend away.

If you want to stay at another pupil's house, there must be permission from both sets of parents.

Prep Time

Prep time happens every night Monday to Friday. Third and Fourth Form have prep from 7pm to 8.30pm. All other boys have prep from 7pm to 9pm. Third and Fourth Form work in study areas during prep time. Phones are handed in and can be collected at the end of prep. Throughout the House we aim to encourage a quiet and focussed atmosphere where everyone is able to work effectively.

House Activities

There will be a variety of House trips throughout the year which may vary from going to watch a sports fixture to going to the theatre, paintballing or cinema trips. Going out to dinner together is an important activity and we try to take out each year group regularly.

In the summer there are frequent barbecues and the school runs regular trips, as well as a programme especially for the Third Form which may include rock climbing or a trip to Thorpe Park. After Prep on Thursdays, the House plays football in the Sports Hall.



HOUSE TRADITIONS

Prefects - Upper Sixth pupils have the opportunity to be a House Prefect. This enables them to develop their leadership skills and give back to the House by helping and supporting others. For example they may help with prep, help duty staff get younger years to bed, lead on inter-House competitions and generally be good role models.

House Colours - House Colours are awarded to boys who go above and beyond for the House. This might mean contributing to a single House event or competition, or consistently putting themselves forwards for the House. They can also be awarded for positive contributions to the House community and Colours are awarded at Junior (Third to Fifth Form) and Senior (Sixth Form) level.

Inter-House Competitions - Whatever the event, Bishop Fox has a proud tradition of boys volunteering to represent the House. Sometimes this means playing to our strengths, but is often about boys showing a willingness to help where needed, even if it is something they wouldn't normally do such as a sport, or cooking or debating. Recently the House has enjoyed success in the highly coveted house singing competition, steeplechase and debating. We have also been runner-up in swimming and the general knowledge competition.

Domestic Arrangements

DAY BOYS

Welcome

Day boys are encouraged to play as full a part in the House as possible. You are welcome to stay for supper, prep time and to socialise with your friends afterwards, as long as your parents are able to collect you at a reasonable time and before boarders have to be in for the night.

Morning Routine

On arrival in the morning you must attend our formal registration in the main common room between 8.10am and 8.20am, which is followed by House notices.

If you are ill or unable to attend school for any reason, please ask your parents to contact the school secretary on 01823 328200 on the day or Mr Candler if you know in advance.

End of the Day

When leaving school at the end of the day, you must sign out. It is assumed that you are going straight home so it is not appropriate to return to school once you have signed out for the day.

Occasional Boarding

If you want to, you can board one night a week free of charge. Mr Candler will send out an electronic form each week for your parents to complete.

Boarding may also be free if you are expected to stay late because of a school commitment such as rehearsal or a school trip – but this excludes social events.

Bed sheets are provided, but boys will need to bring their own sleeping bag or duvet. If your parents would like you to board at their convenience, a charge will be incurred.

BOARDERS

Studies and Bedrooms

Third and Fourth Form stay in rooms of 2, 3 or 4. They have separate study spaces downstairs. Fifth Form stay in rooms of 2 or 3. They have work spaces in their rooms. Sixth Form generally get their own room.

You are encouraged to decorate your rooms but please make sure they are within the bounds of reasonable taste.

Bedding

The school provides bed sheets and a pillow. Boys will need to bring a duvet and two sets of duvet covers. They can also bring extra pillows and pillow cases if they want to.

Laundry

All clothing, etc. should be clearly marked with your name and House. The school has a central laundry and boys can drop dirty clothes off in the House throughout the day. This is then collected and washed in the main laundry. Boys then collect their clean items from the laundry. We do also have washing machines in the House and Matron is always happy to help the boys to learn how to use them.

Storage

All boys have a lockable space. They will need to bring a padlock. Bishop Fox is generally a very safe and trusting environment, but boys are still encouraged to keep all valuables stored safely. Mr Candler will collect in all passports and store them in his safe.

The Yard, Common Rooms and Kitchens

The Yard and Common Room are the heartbeat of the House. You will doubtless spend many hours in the yard playing various ridiculous games. In the evenings the boys will often relax in front of our giant screen watching a movie or a game. There are four kitchens in the House.

Tuck Shop

This is situated in the common room. Tuck shop will be open at break time, and after prep.

House Bank

We would encourage pupils to have their own bank account at this stage, but you can also deposit money with Mr Candler to be stored in his safe. You can then get money from him as needed. As a guide £5 to £10 per week is adequate.

TOWN TIME AND WEEKENDS

Town time is Wednesday between the hours of 4pm - 5.50pm, Saturday afternoon until 6pm and Sunday until 5pm for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Form.

You do not need to ask for permission to go to town in these specified times, but you must ask a member of Bishop Fox staff if you need to go at other times.

You should always sign out. The Sixth Form have the same rules at the weekend but during the week can go out after 2pm and return by 6.30pm. You must honour all school commitments before going into town.



Start and End of Term

Boarders are expected to return to school between 5pm and 7pm at the start of every term and half term. Boarding Houses close at 5pm at the end of every term and half term. The only anomalies to these timings are for the very first Sunday of the academic year, where we welcome pupils throughout the day, and the final day of the year where we finish at lunchtime with Houses closing at 2pm.

The school cannot accommodate boarders before the published start of term. Parents are asked to inform the Houseparents of any late arrival or early leaving that may be different from the published dates.



The official school ending times are available on the school website and are also published in the school diary. The Houses need to be vacated promptly at the end of terms and beginning of half terms. The boarding Houses are not staffed after this time so it is not possible for any pupils to be accommodated after this time and date. Nor is it possible for any pupils to access the boarding Houses during the school holidays. It is important therefore that flights are arranged to correspond with term dates. If it is not possible to secure a flight on this day then pupils will need to stay with their guardians until the day of their flights.

The only exception to this is when a school trip has been organised. On such occasions the member of staff organising the trip will put in place suitable accommodation arrangements.

Due to the requirements of the UK Home Office, all boarders with a tier 4 visa are required to provide precise details of movements during holidays, including flight details and the addresses at which they will be staying.

Travel

Booking taxis and train tickets – The school will book taxis and train tickets for pupils, although we do ask that we are given suitable notice to provide this service.

Airport transfers – The school organises a chaperoned coach/mini bus service between King's and Exeter, Bristol and Heathrow airports. Details of this service can be found on the school website. www.kings-taunton.co.uk/international-airport-transfers

The Houseparents appreciate being informed by the parents/guardian of any arrangements that involve their son travelling to school by any means other than being driven by the parent/guardian.

Older boarders and cars – Due to the limited amount of parking space, boarders are not generally allowed to keep their cars at school. Exceptional requests can be made to the Deputy Head Pastoral. If permission is granted to keep a car at school, it may only be used for commuting between school and home. The Houseparent will keep the car keys at all other times. Only the designated driver may use the car and they may not give lifts to anyone else.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

King's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Welfare and Pupil Safety

Pastoral Care

We believe that all pupils, both boarding and day, are of equal worth, and that they are entitled to be treated with equal respect, courtesy and consideration at all times, regardless of their sex, race, religion, abilities or social background. King's College aims to provide education in a disciplined and caring environment.

Respect and consideration for others, independence of thought and self-motivation are of prime importance, and pupils are encouraged to participate fully in the activities of the school.

All members of the school have a duty to:

- Recognise, appreciate and acknowledge the contribution made by pupils of different genders and nationalities to the richness of the school's academic, social, cultural and sporting life.
- Treat each other fairly and with sensitivity, recognising that a person's gender, race, religion, abilities or social circumstances are not subjects for negative comment or behaviour of any kind.

All staff, pupils and parents are expected to support the ethos of the school and to promote a civilised, friendly, compassionate and secure environment. The school recognises the importance of the triangular relationship between pupils, parents and staff, and communication

is encouraged at all times. Houseparents and House staff are especially important in this respect.

Each pupil is under the care of a Houseparent. Tutors also provide valuable support. Parents and pupils are encouraged to refer problems or difficulties to the Houseparent at all times but all members of staff accept a pastoral role in order to promote the welfare of pupils.

The Chaplain, Deputy Heads, Health Centre staff and Headmaster are also always available; their telephone numbers are published in the diary. Senior pupils are also appointed Prefects, and their most important function is to look after the pupils in their care.

Conduct and Discipline

The school rules are published in the School Diary, but the essential principles are as follows:

- Pupils must at all times use their common sense. Any breach of common sense will be treated as a breach of the school rules.
- Pupils must obey the laws of the land. Every pupil must show respect for others at all times, and bullying should always be reported to an adult.

The school seeks to reward pupils and must also occasionally apply sanctions and reprimands. Such punishments will include verbal reprimands, temporary removal of privileges, detention, restrictions during leisure time and manual work in the school grounds.

If a pupil feels that a punishment is unreasonably severe or unjustified, then they may appeal to their Houseparent, any member of staff or the Headmaster, or contact their parents. For more serious offences, such as bullying or involvement in drugs or stealing, and for persistent breaches of any school rule, the school reserves the right to exclude pupils from school on a temporary or permanent basis. It also reserves the right to conduct drug tests where there is reasonable cause for concern.

Health Centre
All boarders are registered with Warwick House Medical Practice, a local practice in Taunton. The King's College Health Centre is well supported by the school doctors and there is a doctor's surgery every weekday, though pupils needing medical attention outside school surgery times will be taken to Warwick House Medical Practice, the Out of Hours Doctor or to Accident and Emergency, whichever is appropriate.

No pupil may have in their possession any medicines or drugs without authorisation from the Health Centre staff and the knowledge of the Houseparent concerned, though confidentiality is always maintained.

Physiotherapy is available within the Health Centre on Monday and Thursday afternoons. There is also a fully qualified Counsellor available for appointments on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Fire Regulations and Practice

Fire extinguishers and blankets are checked monthly and serviced once a year by Tone Fire. Fire safety checks are carried out periodically and fire drills are held at least once a term. All boarders are briefed on fire evacuation procedures during their first day at King's College, and then at regular intervals throughout the year.



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