



King's College
TAUNTON



PRE-A-LEVEL PROGRAMME

ONE-YEAR GCSES

Our Pre-A Level programme is specially designed for international students who are eager to study in the UK and gain GCSE qualifications within just one year. The course provides a strong academic foundation while immersing pupils fully in the life of a vibrant British boarding school.

Applying for the Pre-A level Programme

Pupils joining our Fifth Form (Year 11) follow a carefully structured curriculum, combining academic rigour with tailored support:

- Mathematics (iGCSE)
- English Language (GCSE) or English as a Second Language, and/or an IELTS qualification
- Two sciences (students select from biology, chemistry, or physics)
- Humanities (history or geography)
- A modern language (where previously studied)
- Optional subjects such as Latin, art, Design Technology, or photography (not always examined)

Pupils are fully integrated into Year 11 classes and receive additional lessons to ensure that key Year 10 content is also covered. This approach enables them to progress quickly and confidently.

Exam Results

Since the introduction of the one-year Pre-A Level programme, pupils have achieved outstanding examination outcomes:

- **40% of all grades** awarded at grade 9 or 8 (equivalent to A*)
- **62% of all grades** at grades 9–7 (A*–A)
- **100% pass rate** across all subjects
- An impressive **average grade of 7.07** for all pupils

"I joined King's in 2021 and completed the one-year GCSE course before progressing to A Level studies in chemistry, biology, economics, and maths. Alongside my studies, I was a member of the debating club and the founder of the King's Model UN Society.

Boarding life here offers so many opportunities for international pupils to thrive — both academically and personally. I hope you enjoy this experience as much as I did!"

Former Upper Sixth Pupil

These results demonstrate not only the high academic standards of the programme but also the dedication of pupils and the strong support they receive throughout the year.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Life at King's extends far beyond the classroom. Pupils are encouraged to discover new passions, develop talents, and contribute to our thriving school community. Opportunities include:

- **Sport:** A rich programme of sporting activities, including hockey, football, rugby, cricket, netball, tennis, athletics, squash, and equestrian.
- **Music:** Pupils can take individual instrumental lessons and enjoy performing as part of the school choir or ensembles.
- **Outdoor pursuits:** Pupils have the chance to take on exciting challenges such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award or the Ten Tors expedition.
- **Cadet Force or community service:** Pupils may join one of our service activities, gaining valuable experiences while working alongside others beyond the school.



Admissions

Applications are made through the Admissions Office at King's College. Applicants are asked to provide a current school report and complete entry tests in mathematics, English, and verbal reasoning. Tests can be arranged at accredited centres in the applicant's home country.

Once an application has been approved, an offer of a place will be made. A deposit of one term's fees secures the place. As numbers are limited, early application is strongly encouraged.

Fees

The fee for international students is £17,595 per term (subject to annual review).

This comprehensive fee includes:

- Full board and lodging, with all meals, linen, duvets, laundry, and medical care.
- Tuition across all subjects.
- Transport to and from airports.
- Occasional excursions to help pupils settle into life in the UK.

Pathway to A Levels

Pupils who complete the Pre-A Level year and achieve strong grades are warmly invited to progress into our outstanding Sixth Form, where they can study a wide range of A Levels in preparation for university.

The programme is deliberately small, with only two international pupils joining each of our seven boarding houses. This ensures that every student is welcomed into the heart of our community and benefits from the close friendships, support, and opportunities of a traditional British boarding education.

Each pupil is also guided by a dedicated tutor, with supervised study periods built into the timetable to encourage excellent progress.

What We Offer

- Academic excellence with personalised support.
- A vibrant co-curricular programme.
- Opportunities for enrichment and discovery.
- Lifelong friendships in a welcoming community.
- Dedicated guidance and pastoral care.
- A full weekend programme of trips and activities.



We encourage.
We are courageous.
We are King's.



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