King's Leadership Academy

The Best Education for a Successful Life
Welcome to King’s Leadership Academy and thank you for considering us as a school of choice for your child. It is our intent to rapidly become a high achieving, aspirational and innovative school which provides an excellent education for your children in a supportive and friendly environment.

We firmly believe that the most important thing we can do for your child is to provide him or her with an excellent set of G.C.S.E. results which will become the cornerstone for their success at A Level and beyond. In today’s competitive economic environment, examination results are the key to the future. That is why we only employ the most effective teachers with proven track records of examination success; it is why we keep class sizes small and why we are introducing a pioneering curriculum leading to nine G.C.S.Es and two high quality government approved vocational qualifications.

King’s Leadership Academy will be unique. As a free independent school in Liverpool, we are able to personalise our resources to provide an education tailored to the aspirations of your child. We will have the highest academic aspirations for all of our students. Our goal is simple in that we will prepare each of them for entry into our sixth form, setting them on course for University and a successful career. Every aspect of life at the academy will reflect our determination to secure the best outcome for your child.

Please take time to read and see for yourself how King’s Leadership Academy will help your child achieve more than you ever thought possible.

At King’s Leadership Academy we will place great emphasis on building strong character traits in all of our students. We believe that strength of character is the cornerstone of academic success. We use the word ‘ASPIRE’ as an acronym to encapsulate our values.

Each letter stands for one or more of the character qualities that we wish to see our students develop while at King’s:

- **A** - Aspiration
- **S** - Developing a full understanding of one’s self
- **P** - Professionalism
- **I** - Having the highest of aspirations and ambitions to achieve and be successful
- **R** - Respect
- **E** - Being honest and truthful at all times
- **Y** - For one’s self as an ambitious learner, one’s peers and one’s environment
- **E** - Endeavour
- **P** - Endegom

Aristotle once told his students that the pursuit of excellence had to become their way of life if they were to succeed. Occasionally achieving excellence was, for him, not enough. He wanted his students to strive for excellence each and every day of their lives.
We focus on academic success. We keep class sizes small so that all students can reach their full potential and we set classes according to ability in all year groups for every subject. We will keep you regularly informed about your child’s progress with five reports each year.

King’s Leadership Academy has more freedom than most schools to develop a curriculum personalised to the needs and aspirations of your child. As part of our pioneering approach, we will be introducing two high value nationally accredited vocational qualifications to be completed in Year 9 and 10 alongside our G.C.S.E. programme, so that all of our students can focus on G.C.S.E. success in year eleven. This proven approach works well for students who wish to follow an academic route and those aiming towards a vocational career.

We have developed a specific Foundations Programme for Year 7 and Year 8 students to provide your child with the necessary skills to flourish and succeed, whilst ensuring that the move from primary school to King’s Leadership Academy goes smoothly and untroubled.

Throughout the two years in Foundations, staff will work closely with each child – developing their strengths, raising their aspirations and identifying any areas where they may need additional support or further challenge.

We are keen to ensure that all of our students leave King’s with a strong sense of purpose as to what they want to achieve in life.

ASPIRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENT

All of our students can achieve excellence if they work hard and have tailored support and challenge!

From their first day at King’s Leadership Academy, your child will be encouraged to have big ambitions and we will do all in our power to make sure they fulfil them. We will be organising a programme of speakers from a range of professions, including business, higher education, sport, media and culture to come in to the academy to inspire and motivate our students. To further develop their aspirations, we will be taking all students to visit two Universities each year. These visits will include Russell Group Universities as well as Oxford and Cambridge.

In order to prepare our students as thoroughly as possible for their G.C.S.E. examinations, our teachers will be providing study and revision sessions after school, during holidays and at weekends. One-to-one tutoring will be available in all subjects where students need additional support, or further challenge. We assign each of our students a personal academic mentor.

Staff will put a great deal of emphasis on students continuing their studies after G.C.S.E. It is our intent that the vast majority of our students will move from senior school in to our newly opened sixth form.

LEADERSHIP

As part of our vision and ethos, we are keen to ensure that children leave King’s with a strong sense of their own mission and calling. When they are ready for the outside world, we want our students to leave with a desire to serve and to become the next generation of leaders. Our leadership programme aims to develop the academic, professional and character skills needed to be successful in life, so that all students can make the most of their abilities and interests and fulfil their true potential. Throughout their seven years at King’s, all students will undertake a curriculum that is rich in the development of leadership, citizenship, character and enterprise.
Our foundations Programme is the key to guaranteeing success for your child. Foundations is a school within a school, with specially trained staff to ensure a smooth and effective transition from primary school to high school.

During their time in Foundations your child will take a full range of subjects, but they will complete the programme in two years rather than the conventional three. This means that they will start their G.C.S.E. programme in Year 9 giving them an extra year to get the best possible grades.

Breakfast is available from 8.00 am. The school day starts at 8.40 am with registration and there are three hour long lessons (with a break) before lunch at 12.15 pm. Lunchtime ends at 12.50 pm and there are two further hour long lessons until 2.50 pm. Between 3 pm and 4 pm there is an extended curriculum of enrichment activities for all students. A homework club runs every afternoon in the library, where students can access computers and get help from staff.

The curriculum at King’s Leadership Academy is designed to be broad and balanced, so all students are able to master academic, technical and creative subjects in order to make the next steps to our sixth form, University and a successful career.

Your child will study English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and a European language along with Computing, Design and Technology, Physical Education, Art, Drama and Music.

We also prepare students for their future lives through our Character Education (based on our ASPIRE values), Leadership Programmes and Personal, Social and Health Education.

“Our lessons are fun but they also make us think... our teachers are always there if we need help.”

We are determined that our students will leave us as rounded, confident and balanced young people.
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We pride ourselves on the wide range of enrichment activities that we offer at King’s Leadership Academy. We want to help our students develop a life-long love of learning. We will encourage your child to develop as a whole person and help them pursue interests and activities outside of the normal school curriculum.

We firmly believe that learning should not stop when the formal school day ends. For us, education is about developing your child as a whole person. To help enrich our academic curriculum we will encourage your child to pursue their interests and discover new ones. King’s Leadership Academy is committed to offering fun, mind-expanding and exciting after school activities.

From golf to gardening, Zumba to basketball, there will be a huge range of activities on offer. There will be choral groups, debating societies, drama groups and reading clubs, amongst these many exciting enrichment opportunities. We will also be providing business enterprise events, enrichment challenges and other departures from the usual timetable, to keep your child inspired and engaged.

EXPECTATIONS AND BEHAVIOUR

Our uniform is a symbol of who we are and what we stand for. We expect all of our students to come to school each day smartly dressed and in full uniform.

Please see our website www.kingsliverpool.com for detailed uniform requirements.

Excellent attendance and punctuality are the first steps to a successful school career. If your child loses five minutes of their education through lateness, it is equivalent to losing sixteen hours of school each year – that is more than three days of their education.

Our students will be expected to be respectful, polite and friendly. We will have the highest expectations with regards to behaviour in the classroom, the corridors and recreation areas.
SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Sport is an important part of life at King’s Leadership Academy. We will be offering a full range of team games such as football, rounders, basketball, netball, cricket, badminton and cross country, in addition to a wide range of individual sports within our fully resourced sports hall.

Within our leadership programme, all Foundations students will be offered a free residential experience, with the Brathay Educational Trust based at Ambleside in the Lake District. Older students will use the centre for activities that contribute towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

“Success comes to those who work hard, have self-belief and never give up.”

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PARENTS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY

King’s Leadership Academy is a community school and we take our responsibilities to our families and the local area very seriously. We will communicate with our parents on a regular basis. All students will have two parents’ evenings a year. We will keep you up to date with five reports on your child’s progress each year – that is four more than most high schools.

It is our intention to set up a ‘Friends of King’s’ association with the firm commitment that the group will strive to develop strong links between the school and the wider community. The group will be holding social events and cultural opportunities for students, families and local residents. We will be forging strong links with the local primary schools, religious organisations, Liverpool City Council, local charities and community workers.

HOW TO SECURE A PLACE

We will be holding regular open events. Please see our website to find out more details: www.kingsliverpool.com

We are also happy to show any prospective parents and students around the school at other times. To arrange a visit or to find out more about the admissions process please call 0151 727 1387 or email admin@kingsliverpool.com

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