



# King's Norton Boys' School

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## A message FROM THE HEAD

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Great traditions, bright futures.

At King's Norton Boys' we are proud to be a traditional school with a modern, aspirational approach to education. We provide our boys with a diverse range of opportunities, both academic and extra-curricular, to ensure that they are able to gain the highest academic results possible whilst at the same time developing all important life skills.

With over 100 years of history our school has many great traditions that live on in our ethos today. Our motto: *Humani Semper Contendimus*, 'we humans are always striving', drives us in providing the highest quality education for the boys we serve, as does our understanding that 'we are all learners'.

Our 'Strive' values of Self-discipline, Teamwork, Resilience, Initiative, Vision, Endeavour underpin the work of staff and students, as does our commitment to the fundamental human values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance and kindness.

To get a real sense of our school, I would really encourage you to come and visit us at one of our open events. I look forward to meeting you.

**Paul Woodhouse**  
Headteacher



# Our PURPOSE

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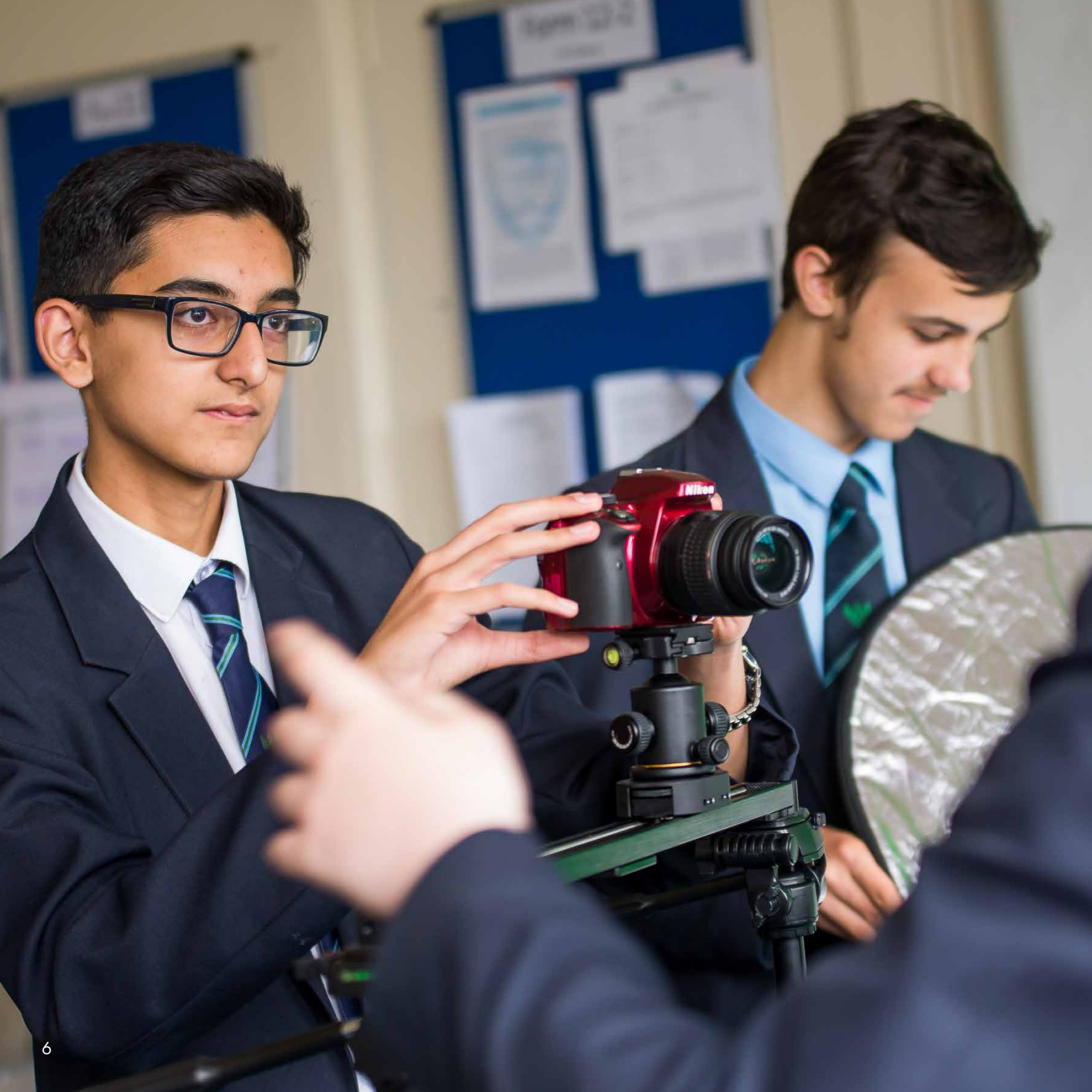
To provide the highest quality education which allows all of our students to thrive academically and personally.

At King's Norton Boys' we:

- Provide a safe and secure environment where all individuals are valued.
- Deliver a broad and rich curriculum with stimulating learning experiences, which develops independent and aspirational learners.
- Equip our students with life-long and transferable skills to prepare them for the responsibilities and challenges of adult life.
- Develop kind and respectful citizens who have a strong sense of self-worth and emotional resilience.
- Cultivate in our students a strong sense of pride and belonging in our school and enable them to make a positive contribution to their community.
- Challenge and support all of our students so that they achieve success; ensuring that none are limited by their background or circumstances.







## High academic STANDARDS

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Our exam results make us one of the highest achieving boys' schools in Birmingham.

High expectations and aspirations are at the heart of our work at King's Norton Boys'. We place a strong emphasis on the need to challenge and support all of our students so that each individual can reach their potential. We encourage our boys to take ownership of their learning and to utilise the expertise of their teachers. We carry out frequent assessment of students and provide regular progress updates to parents. As a consequence of the strong partnership between students, parents and the school we have a proven track record of excellent examination results.





# A positive and safe ENVIRONMENT

Our boys are able to flourish in a secure and happy school.

For all parents their child's safety and welfare are key factors in choosing a secondary school. Our insistence on good standards of behaviour and conduct sets the tone for learning in an atmosphere free of disruption. Visitors frequently comment on how calm our school environment is – you are welcome to visit us at any time and see for yourself. We have a range of strategies to prevent bullying, including having a trained team of student anti-bullying ambassadors.

Our students become members of one of four houses when they join us. There are a variety of house based activities which help encourage healthy competition and a sense of belonging. Our rewards system acts as a real motivator for our students with points resulting in individual prizes and contributing towards house team totals.







## A stimulating CURRICULUM

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The school offers a wide range of subjects to bring out the best in each boy and to prepare him for a successful future.

Our curriculum aims to give individual students the opportunity to develop their full potential across all national curriculum subject areas. Able students are provided with extra challenge by their teachers to stretch them. We have a committed learning support team who provide targeted support to students with special educational needs, giving particular emphasis to English and Maths.

### Years 7 - 9

Students study the full range of national curriculum subjects, with a focus on English, Maths and Science. All students study a Modern Foreign Language. Within Design and Technology boys have the opportunity to develop their skills in a range of disciplines, including Food Technology.

### Years 10 - 11

Students continue to study the core curriculum subjects, but also follow a number of option subjects. Support is provided to students and their parents during the options process in Year 9 to ensure students make the best subject choices

for them as individuals. Many of our students study subjects, such as Geography and History which contribute to the English Baccalaureate. Talented scientists are able to study single sciences at GCSE.

### PSHE

Our Personal, Social and Health Education programme includes careers education and a variety of important issues relevant to students at different stages of their development. The promotion of human values such as democracy, rule of law and mutual respect, is at the core of our PSHE and Assembly programmes.



# Outstanding extra-curricular OPPORTUNITIES

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Participation and all round development are key features of school life.

Outdoor Education has a long history at King's Norton Boys' and is something that we are very proud of. Students have the opportunity to get involved in a diverse range of activities under the supervision of a full time, dedicated Outdoor Pursuits Instructor. Students can take part in a variety of trips both in the UK and overseas, which in recent years has included sailing around Greek islands, white-water rafting in Italy and mountain walking in the Lake District.

Our boys enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities, giving numerous opportunities for leadership, teamwork and competition. We have a number of highly successful teams across a range of sports, a strong tradition of music performance and a range of clubs to suit all interests. Our staff give freely of their time and are excellent role models.







## A strong sense of COMMUNITY

Our role in the community is very important to us.

We encourage all our students to get involved in voluntary or charity work, whether it be during our regular fund-raising events in school or as part of our outreach work with local schools and care homes.

The Old Nortonians' Association allows former students to continue to be involved with the school. Former and current students have the opportunity to work together at our Remembrance Day service, ONA annual dinner and various open days and prize-giving events.

The school's PTA organise various fundraising events throughout the school year. Funds raised have helped us purchase specialist equipment for outdoor pursuits activities.







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