



Appointment of Graduate Assistants  
Start date: September 2023



## THE SCHOOL

The King's School, Canterbury is a leading independent co-educational boarding school, situated in the heart of the historic cathedral city of Canterbury in Kent.

The Precincts of Canterbury Cathedral are part of a world heritage site, a centre of pilgrimage and study, and host to over 1 million visitors each year from many different cultures. This international dimension deeply influences the life of the city and the School.

The origins of King's date back to the arrival of St Augustine in 597 AD and the School's Christian tradition remains at its heart although pupils and staff subscribe to many different faiths and beliefs and none. Embracing this diversity, there is a desire to foster fairness, tolerance, courage, perseverance, mutual respect and understanding. The Benedictine tradition of developing mind, body and spirit within a community given to hospitality still influences the life of the Cathedral and the School lives out its life in that context. Thus, academic excellence and scholarship take their place alongside the School's commitment to physical and cultural endeavour. Sport is strong, with a number of boys' and girls' teams at national level. Music and drama are outstanding, both having the finest traditions and producing performances of the highest standards. King's Week, the school's own Festival of Creative and Performing Arts, attracts thousands of visitors each summer.

The curriculum at King's is based upon strong academic roots. It emphasises and relies upon what is best in traditional school education: scholarly excellence supported by a caring pastoral and tutorial system, and a wide-ranging co-curricular programme. The curriculum is continually adapting and reacting to the changing demands of modern education: new subjects are added, new teaching techniques adopted, and there is an increasing awareness of the need to provide programmes of study that match individual needs and skills. The School does not gauge its success by exam results alone but by broader measures of educational attainment and personal development, helping pupils to achieve their potential and equipping them to play an active and responsible role in society as young adults.

Our family of schools comprises The King's School, Canterbury, The Junior King's School (JKS) and the International College in Canterbury. At King's there are currently over 870 pupils, split 50-50 boys-girls, of whom about 80% are boarders. There are six boys' boarding houses, seven girls' boarding houses and three mixed day houses.

The King's School occupies various sites around the Cathedral and its precincts. Many teaching departments and the majority of houses are in the beautiful ancient buildings around Green Court on the north side of the Cathedral. To the east of the Cathedral the St Augustine's site is home to five boarding houses, a medieval refectory, and the magnificent neo-Gothic school library. There are two major sites for sport: Birley's, and the Recreation Centre, both within walking distance of the school, with rowing at Westbere Lakes in Sturry.

Junior King's occupies a fine rural site on the banks of the River Stour, in Sturry, two miles from Canterbury. There are over 380 pupils at Junior King's, of whom 20% are boarders. The International College opened in September 2018 as the third school in the King's family, situated on our Malthouse campus which also houses our school theatre and a second sports hall. A fourth school opened in Shenzhen, China, in 2019 and our school in Cambodia will open in September 2023.



## CANTERBURY

The School is at the heart of the city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with much of the School nestled around the Green Court, within the Precincts of Canterbury cathedral. This creates a beautiful and tranquil working environment, within a small but bustling city, which is also home to two universities. The River Stour runs through the heart of the city, with boat tours giving a chance to see some of the city's hidden gems. There is also a busy high street, plus gorgeous medieval lanes, and a good range of shops, plenty of places to eat, 2 cinemas and a city theatre that sees performances ranging from Shakespeare's *The King & I* and Matthew Bourne's *Sleeping Beauty* to stand up comedy and critically acclaimed musicals. If the history in the city is not enough, there are plenty of castles to visit nearby. There is beautiful countryside all around the city with plenty of pretty villages nearby, as well as Blean Woods where wild bison now roam. The coastline is an easy journey away by car or train, with a variety of sandy beaches, cliffs and long coastal walks. The M25 and M20 are easily accessible making Gatwick and Heathrow within reasonable driving distance, and there is the high-speed train link into London, getting you to St Pancras in just under an hour. For those wanting the continent, Dover and Folkstone are just a short car journey away.

There are a number of benefits to working at Kings including free individual gold membership of the School Recreation Centre, superb free lunches and other meals if at work. City centre accommodation is available for the first two years for those relocating if needed. Working at King's is certainly a privilege and a pleasure, with a very supportive community.



## THE ROLE

We are looking for a Graduate Assistant(s) for a one year contract. The role is designed to provide the opportunity to develop first hand practical experience of working in a school and for the graduate to determine whether teaching might be the right career for them. It is also designed to give King's the benefit of an enthusiastic and capable individual, who is keen to contribute as positively as possible to school life.

The role would interest those who possess a sound academic background, and who have a strong knowledge and interest in sport together with the ability to coach and motivate a team in each of the three terms of the school year.

You will be required to:

- Coach and umpire/referee each term in a combination of the school's main sports which are hockey, rugby, netball, football, lacrosse, cricket, girls' cricket, athletics, fencing, rowing or tennis. Ability in other sports will be welcome but only in addition to these.
- Undertake day and evening duties in a boarding house as part of a House tutor team under the supervision of a Housemaster or Housemistress, to include late night lock ups on 2 evenings a week.
- Have a willingness to help out with administrative tasks on occasion as required by the school.
- Appreciate the requirements of a busy boarding school, which will include a commitment to Saturday matches and other week-end activities, as well as some school supervision duties during the term, as carried out by other teaching staff.
- The willingness and ability to contribute to other aspects of co-curricular life (eg music, drama, debating, CCF, DofE) or help with school trips would be an advantage.

Shared accommodation will be provided, as well as other benefits such as on-going training and equipment as required. School meals are available during term time and Gold membership at the King's School Recreation Centre.





## Sport at King's

Our primary aim is for pupils to enjoy sport at whatever level they choose to play. Over twenty sports are on offer, and a majority of pupils will represent the school in inter-school fixtures.

Sports facilities are excellent, centred on The Recreation Centre at Blore's, the outdoor playing fields at Birley's, and Westbere Lake so the pupils have the opportunity to flourish in whatever sport they choose.

We strive to provide opportunities for pupils both elite and participatory levels. We offer an element of choice in the games programme that gets wider as pupils progress through the school. Many of our pupils have gone on to represent their country, their region and even their country. We currently have national representatives in Fencing, Hockey, Rugby, Shooting, Skiing and Table Tennis.

The sports programme promotes key educational values that include fitness and a healthy lifestyle. We also encourage pupils to adopt a balanced approach towards winning and losing, both as an individual and as part of a team.

A strong coaching structure exists across all sports, and the pupils are very fortunate to be coached by the likes of Mark Ealham former England international cricketer and Jon Williamson, England Rowing team manager at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.



## HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted online through the King's School website ([www.kings-school.co.uk – Staff Vacancies](http://www.kings-school.co.uk – Staff Vacancies)), and should include a CV and covering letter as soon as possible, and by 2359 on Friday 26 May 2023 at the latest. If you have any difficulties accessing the internet, please contact the school Office: [reception@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@kings-school.co.uk); 01227 595501.

Closing date is Friday 26th May 2023, applications will be reviewed on submission.

Those considering applying but requiring more information, are encouraged to contact the Director of Sport, Richard Singfield at [ral@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:ral@kings-school.co.uk).

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The King's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The School will also carry out an online search of shortlisted candidates to carry out its duty of safeguarding and safer recruitment. The search is not part of the shortlisting process itself.

