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Sixth Form at King Edward's School



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Your next chapter
starts here

Welcome to King Edward's School



A warm welcome to our Sixth Form – a lively, ambitious community where everyone is encouraged and supported to be the best that you can be.

Whether you are already part of our school or considering joining us from elsewhere, you will find a school which values intellectual curiosity, independence, and personal growth.

A school where there is an abundance of opportunity outside the classroom which will help you develop your leadership and communication skills, and in which you will make lasting friendships. A school with a distinguished tradition, but with a modern, open outlook.

Our broad curriculum, expert teaching and unrivalled co-curricular opportunities will prepare you for the challenges of higher education and beyond, as well as being personally fulfilling and fun.

We take pride in our inclusive ethos, our tradition of excellence, and the strong sense of community that defines our Sixth Form. We invite you to discover all that we offer and to consider how you might contribute to, and benefit from, the unique opportunities available at KES.

Mrs Kirsty von Malaisé
*Chief Master & Principal,
KES & KEHS*



I chose to stay at KES for Sixth Form because I wanted an environment where high academic expectations go hand in hand with genuine support.

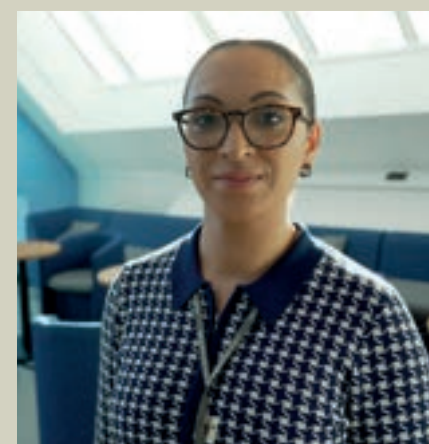
Having experienced both the dedication of the staff and the sense of community at the school, staying felt like the natural choice.

What I enjoy most is the greater independence. You are given more freedom to direct your own study and make your own choices, while being pushed further academically. It allows you to take ownership of your time and shape your own experience. What truly makes KES Sixth

Form stand out is the wealth of opportunities outside of the classroom. Whether through sport, Friday afternoon activities, senior production or symphony orchestra, there are countless ways to get involved and develop as a rounded person.

My advice to any prospective student would be to get involved from your first day and be willing to push outside your comfort zone. Take advantage of every opportunity available. The time passes incredibly quickly, so make the most of it.

Will Smallwood
School Captain



A warm welcome to the Sixth Form at KES!

Developing a student in Sixth Form is not only academics and pastoral care but also empowering them to go beyond with co-curricular activities and interests.

At KES we not only develop well-rounded and successful individuals at all stages of life, but also nurture the ability to persevere, and become independent young adults able to tackle the world beyond Sixth Form.

Sixth Form at KES is a time to perfect talents and skills, through lessons, clubs, societies and more. By encouraging students to think by means of discussion, music, drama, sport, and leadership opportunities, there is something in which every student at KES can excel beyond the classroom. These are the spaces which develop a student's integrity, engagement, and responsibility. It also gives students inclusive spaces to be the best person they can be and develop into the successful individual they aspire to be.

With a passion for the development of a student's identity through their academic studies, wellbeing, and personal growth in co-curricular activities, at KES, we have a Sixth Form community we are proud of.

Throughout your time and beyond, the sense of belonging will be encompassed through all you do – take the opportunities, say yes to the club and become the best version of you!

I can't wait for you to join us on this journey in the KES Sixth Form, and upon leaving, as a proud Old Edwardian.

Olivia Bréchon-Smith
Director of Sixth Form

Academic life

Curriculum

At KES Sixth Form, academic life is vibrant, challenging and full of possibilities. With a wide choice of A Level subjects and combinations, you can truly tailor your academic studies – opening doors to top universities and exciting careers. You will be guided by inspiring teachers who are experts in their fields and dedicated to helping you excel.

Choosing from the 25 subjects we offer, you will begin your journey with four A Levels, with the opportunity to refine your programme to three subjects from the end of the Autumn Term of Year 12. Our subject-specific GCSE entry requirements ensure you embark upon courses in which you will succeed.

Academic life at KES is enriched by our sister school, King Edward VI High School for Girls (KEHS). A small number of A Level subjects are taught jointly across KES and KEHS, creating a dynamic, co-educational environment. This collaboration extends beyond the classroom, with co-curricular music and drama activities also run jointly with KEHS.

Academic life here is about more than just lessons – it is about discovering your potential, building lasting friendships and preparing for an exciting future.



Having a dedicated study and social space for the sixth form is really appreciated.
Yilin - Year 13



KES enrichment experience

Our wider curriculum is designed to equip you with the essential skills you will need for life – broadening your perspective and building your cultural, digital and financial literacy, as well as healthy living and effective learning habits.

You will benefit from dedicated study spaces created exclusively for Sixth Formers, giving you the freedom and independence to manage your own learning. Our enrichment curriculum offers modules in PSHE, Cultural Capital and Theory of Knowledge, encouraging you to explore different perspectives, develop substantiated judgements and express yourself creatively.

Every week, you will take part in PE and Games, supporting your physical and mental wellbeing.

For those who want to go further, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a fantastic opportunity to dive deeply into a topic you are passionate about. The EPQ is highly regarded by universities, many of which see it as excellent preparation for undergraduate study because it develops independent research, extended writing and critical thinking skills. Some universities make reduced offers based on your EPQ outcome. The EPQ is available to all our Sixth Formers, and everyone benefits from study and research skills sessions even if they decide not to continue to the full qualification.

And when it comes to your future, you will receive personalised guidance every step of the way. From expert support with Oxbridge, medicine and related courses, including plentiful super-curricular opportunities, to applications to study abroad and tailored advice for every university pathway, we are here to help you achieve your ambitions.

I chose KES Sixth Form to continue being surrounded by ambitious and dedicated peers.
Zakariya – Year 12



The high standards set by the students here help to both keep me focused on my academic studies and engaged with the co-curricular life of the school. Whatever your interests or hobbies, there is something here for you.

Raafey - Year 13



Co-curricular life

Life in the Sixth Form at King Edward's School is busy, exciting, and full of opportunities to get involved. On Friday afternoons, the school transforms – you will step into leadership roles, run sports sessions, take part in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) or choose from a variety of activities that help you develop your wider skills.

You could be chosen to take on key leadership roles within the school such as School Captain, Senior Prefects and Wellbeing Prefects – acting as role models, supporting younger pupils, and representing the school at events such as open evenings and parents' evenings.

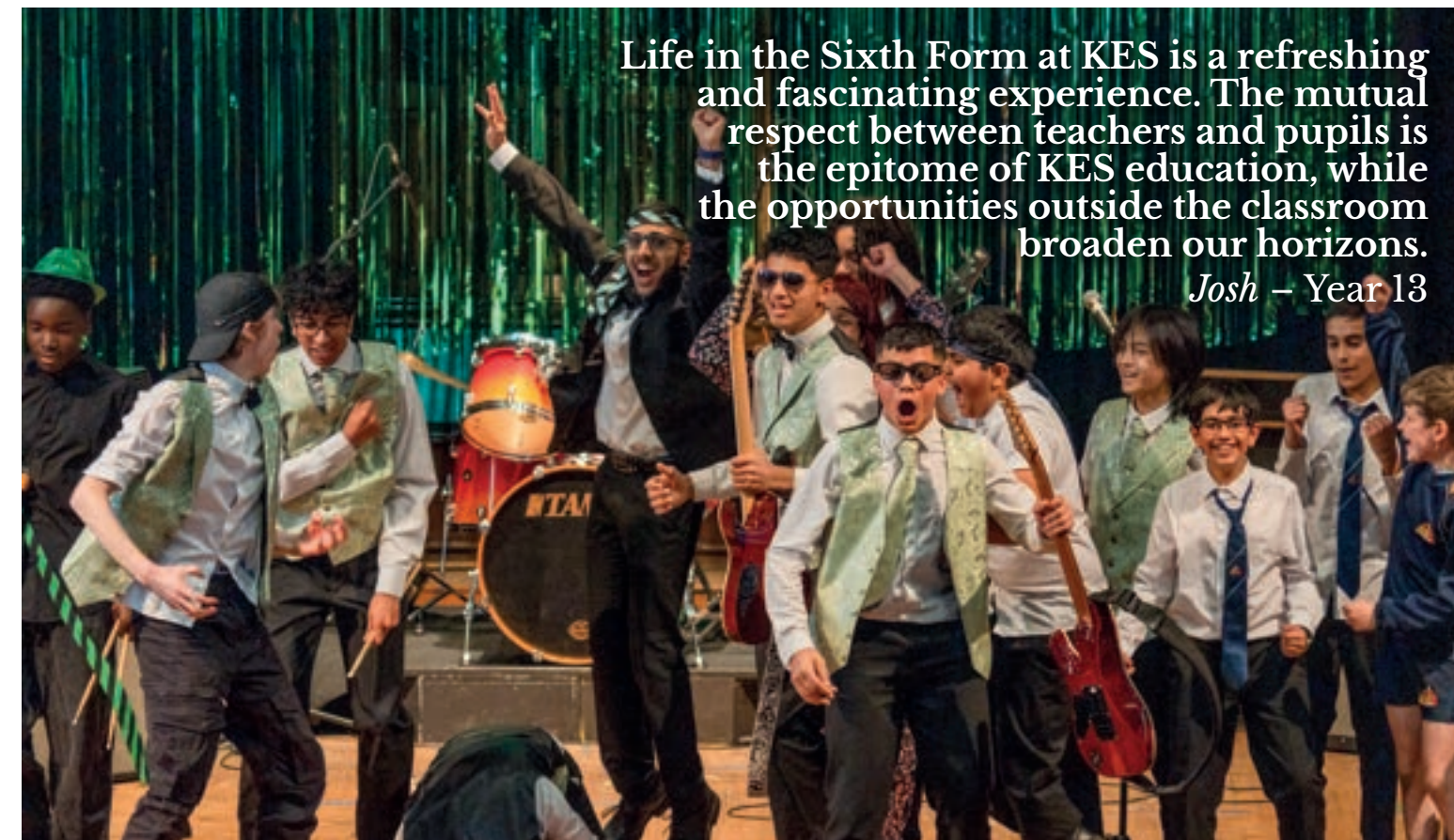
You will also have the chance to travel – locally, nationally and internationally – on trips that bring your learning to life and help you explore the world beyond the classroom.

If you love music, you will have the opportunity to be a part of something extraordinary. With professional-standard facilities in the Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, you can perform in orchestras, choirs and ensembles, with regular concerts at the Ruddock Hall, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the University of Birmingham. Soloists can also shine in our Instrumental Evenings, Performers' Platforms and Lunchtime Recitals.

Drama is another strength. The Senior Production brings together up to 100 pupils from KES and KEHS for a fully staged show – from the enchanting classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with a modern twist to cult musical *Little Shop of Horrors* and vampire thriller *Let the Right One In*.

If sport is your passion, you are in the right place. Recognised as one of the top 40 sporting schools in England (School Sport Magazine, 2025) and consistently named one of the UK's top 100 senior schools for cricket by *The Cricketer*, KES offers a huge range of sports. Whether you are competing at a high level or just playing for fun, you will be coached by professionals, including Olympic and international athletes.

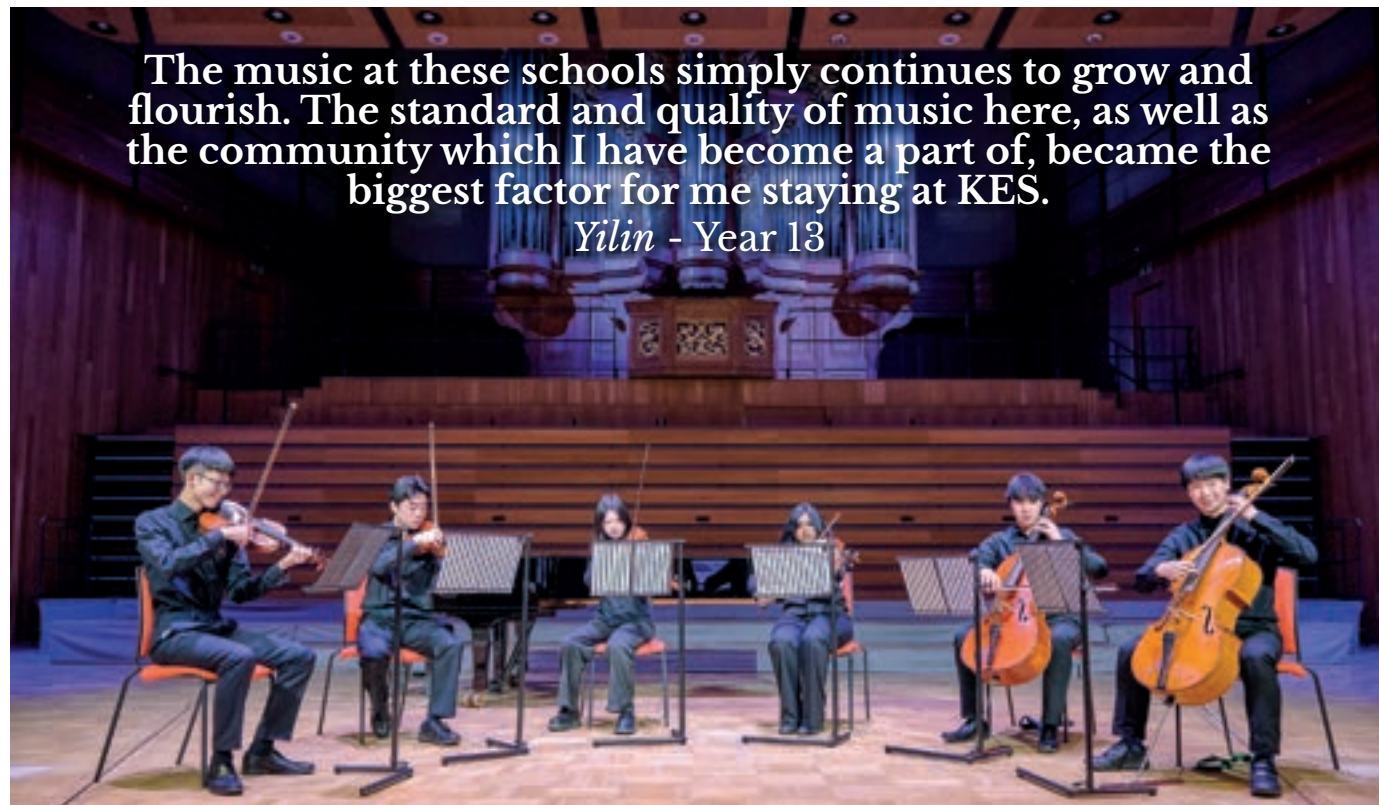
There is something here for everyone. Whether you are drawn to leadership and service, creativity and performance, or sport, our signature co-curricular programme is designed to inspire you to discover and grow your passions.



KES offers Sixth Form Music and Sport Scholarships

The music at these schools simply continues to grow and flourish. The standard and quality of music here, as well as the community which I have become a part of, became the biggest factor for me staying at KES.

Yilin - Year 13



KES offers exceptional education, facilities and support for pupils trying to become the best version of themselves. The rugby is at a high level, which I was looking for, and the school heavily supports pupils in their sports training outside of school.

Jeremi - Year 12



University destinations



At KES, your hard work will open doors to the world's top universities and most exciting courses. Our pupils consistently achieve outstanding results and go on to study everything from Medicine and Engineering to the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Recent leavers have taken up places at leading UK universities – including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, LSE and Durham – as well as prestigious institutions overseas such as Princeton, Harvard and the University of Chicago.

Our Sixth Formers pursue their passions and shape their own futures.

Where will your KES journey take you?

Our campus

Facilities designed for you

As a KES Sixth Former, you will have access to our world-class 50-acre campus and everything it has to offer. From specialist classrooms and the extensive school library to social spaces designed just for Sixth Formers – including your own café – you will find everything you need to thrive.

Here are just some of the highlights awaiting you:

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ATHLETICS TRACK



RUDDOCK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Professional standard facilities for music, drama and dance



NEW LEARNING AND ENTERPRISE BUILDING

A new shared home for Mathematics, Economics and Business, with inspiring teaching spaces and a dedicated hub for enterprise, careers and collaboration. Due for completion in 2028/29



UNIVERSITY TRAIN
STATION
10-MINUTE WALK

LIBRARY

A quiet, well-resourced space for focused study



25-METRE INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

SIXTH FORM STUDY CENTRE

Quiet, supervised areas for focused work



UPPER SCHOOL COMMON ROOM (USCR)

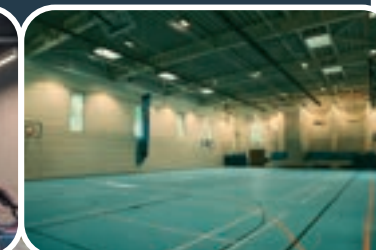
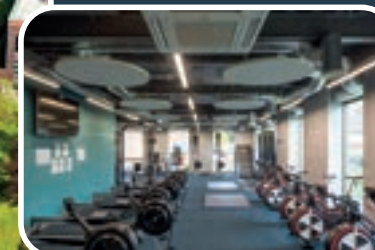
Your own dedicated space for study and socialising, complete with a café



OUTDOOR SPACES

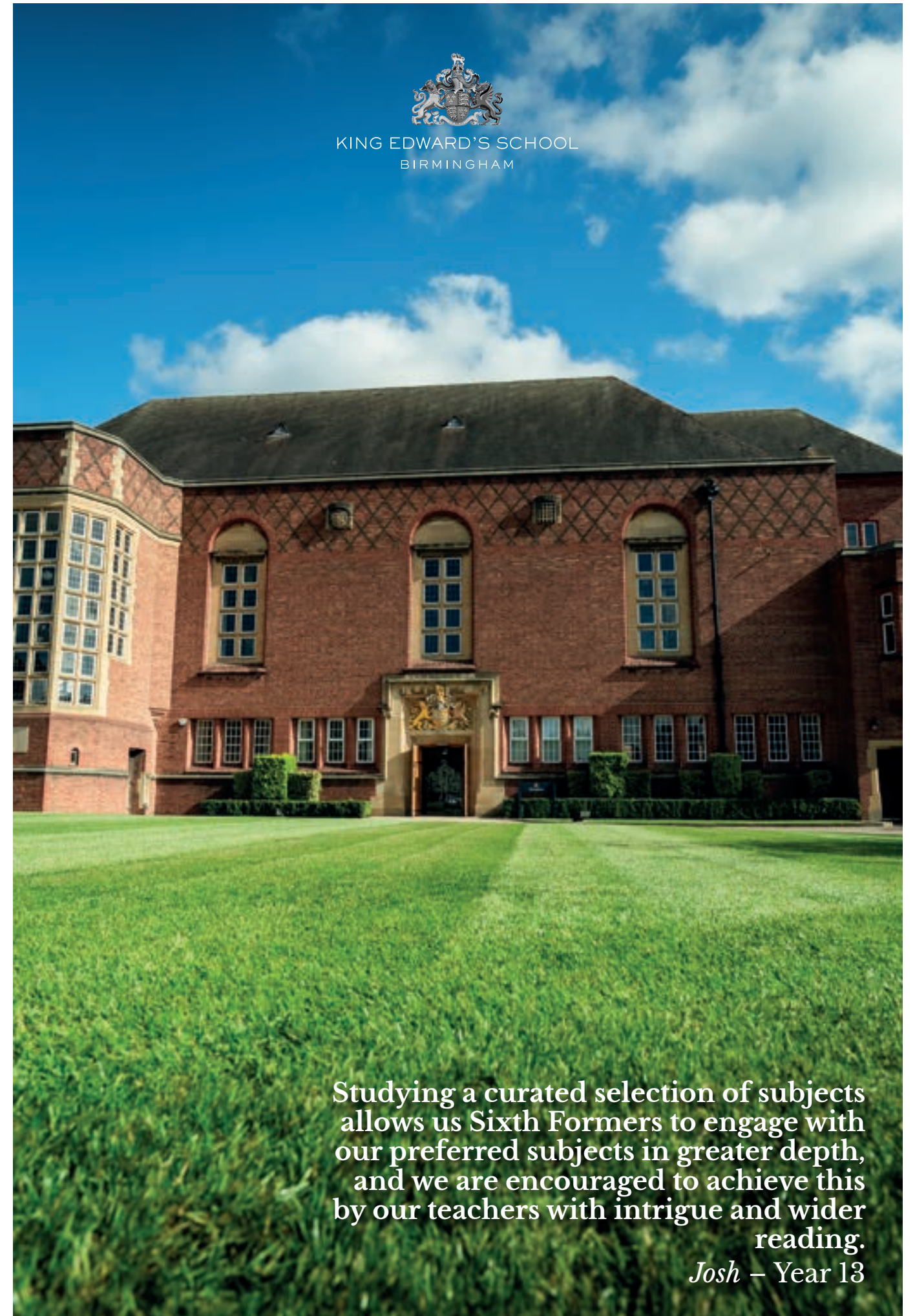
Beautiful grounds for sport including: 8 rugby pitches, 4 cricket pitches, 3 astro hockey pitches, 5 tennis courts, and 7 artificial cricket nets

ANDREW BRODE SPORTS CENTRE featuring a large sports hall, viewing gallery, cardiovascular fitness room, multipurpose space and classroom





One of the best things about Sixth Form life is the teaching format. The smaller group sizes and closer relationships with teachers allow for more in-depth and interesting discussions about the topics we explore on the course.
Benjamin – Year 13



Studying a curated selection of subjects allows us Sixth Formers to engage with our preferred subjects in greater depth, and we are encouraged to achieve this by our teachers with intrigue and wider reading.
Josh – Year 13



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