

# GCSE

## Who is this course for?

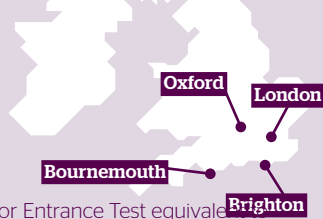
The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is the official examination which completes High School education in the UK. GCSEs are recognised worldwide and are the ideal gateway to further academic study in the UK. The programme at Kings can be studied as an accelerated 3-term option or as a standard 4 - 6 term programme (Bournemouth only).

## Key Facts

**Start dates:** Standard: 8 April, 9 September 2019; 6 January, 6 April 2020 (only in Bournemouth)

Accelerated: 9 September 2019 (all locations)

**Locations offered:**



**Level:** Junior Entrance Test equivalent minimum IELTS 5.0 (accelerated) or 4.0 (standard). Completed 8 years of schooling (9 for accelerated version).

**Length:** 3 terms for Accelerated; 4-6 terms for Standard GCSE

**Lessons:** 40 - 42 per week

**Minimum age:** 14 (standard version), 15 (accelerated version)

**Class size:** 4 - 10

**Learning outcomes:**

- Gain UK national qualification
- Raise English to level required for A-level or Foundation
- Develop study skills required at sixth form level

## Academic outcome and progression

On successful completion of GCSEs, students can start their A-levels at Kings.

## Course structure

At Kings we offer two study plans:

- an accelerated one-year course in Bournemouth, Brighton, London and Oxford
- a standard course of between 4 - 6 terms in Bournemouth

There is also the opportunity for students to participate in a range of extracurricular activities. See each school for more detailed information.

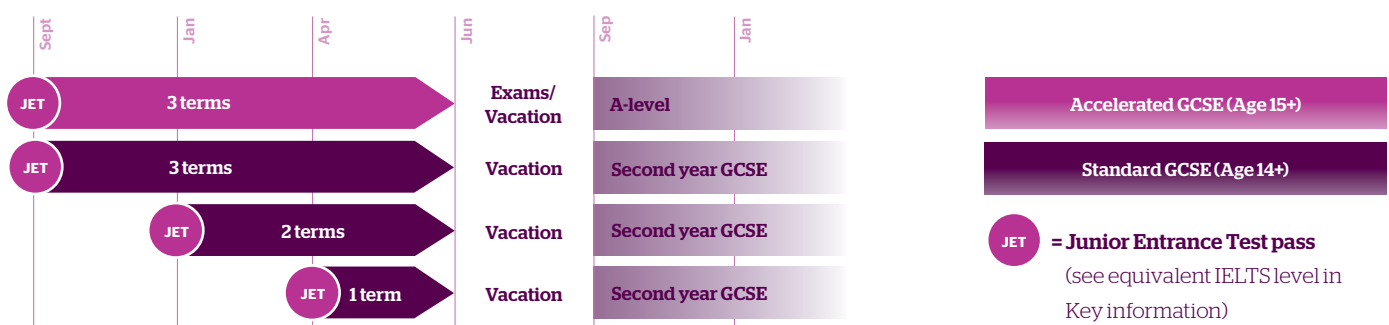
Students will follow a mixed curriculum including science, mathematics and humanities subjects. They can expect to prepare for GCSE exams in a range of subjects, depending on aptitude and language proficiency.

Students on the Accelerated and Standard study plans study the same subjects and attend the same number of total taught lessons per week but the distribution of the lessons changes. The table below shows a breakdown of the lessons per week by subject.

Subjects include: Arts, Business, English, Geography, History, Information Technology, Mathematics, PSHE, Science and Physical Education.

	Accelerated GCSE	Standard GCSE
<b>Main academic programmes</b>		
<b>Mathematics</b>	6 lessons	4+ lessons
<b>English</b>	6 - 8 lessons	14 - 20 lessons
<b>Study skills</b>	2 lessons	2 lessons
<b>Science</b>	8 - 9 lessons (depending whether Combined or Co-ordinated)	3 - 6+ lessons (depending whether Combined or Co-ordinated)
<b>Information Computer Technology</b>	4 - 6 lessons	2 - 4+ lessons
<b>Geography or Humanities</b>	6 lessons	2 - 4+ lessons
<b>Enrichment programme subjects</b>		
<b>PSHE and Citizenship</b>	2 lessons	2 lessons
<b>Physical Education</b>	2 lessons	2 lessons
<b>Creative Arts</b>	2 lessons	2 lessons
<b>Total</b>	40 - 42 lessons per week	40 - 42 lessons per week

## Sample Pathways



## Mentoring and support

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Talented students who are not yet 16 have the potential to thrive within the UK education system, but need the personalised support which is the hallmark of Kings.

### **The specialist support team at Kings**

Personal mentoring and support are important for all our students, but are particularly vital for younger students aged 14 or 15. We have a complete team of specialists in place who are here to ensure every student develops and grows - academically, personally and socially.

### **Guardianship services**

International students under the age of 16 must have a UK-based guardian when they come to study in the United Kingdom.

Kings uses the specialist services of Oxford Guardians.

Oxford Guardians offers a comprehensive and personal guardianship service for international students which includes:

- Pre-arrival pack and help with all pre-departure documentation

- Meeting on arrival in the UK and regular personal contact throughout the study period
- Support in practical, emotional and health matters
- 24-hour telephone contact service

### **Specialist homestay provision**

All students of 14+ are automatically allocated our Homestay Extra service for the highest levels of comfort and support.

Host specially selected to provide the highest levels of support for under 16s

- Regular contact with student's parents on request
- Guaranteed within walking distance of college
- Comfortable, welcoming accommodation
- Large, single, well-furnished bedroom
- Television in student's room
- Private bathroom/shower room
- Bed linen provided
- Full board meals (lunch at College Monday to Friday)

## Social, cultural and sports activities outside class

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Learning outside the classroom plays a crucial role in the effectiveness of the GCSE programme at Kings. Our aim is to create well-rounded, culturally adjusted students who can go on to thrive in whatever academic route they take. We offer a full programme of organised activities, sports, and excursions so that time outside of class is as interesting as time spent in lessons.

Activities and excursions include arts clubs, debating societies, and cultural visits. Students are also offered the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, which has helped hundreds of thousands of young people to complete their own exciting and challenging programme of activities. Students learn new skills, help others, have fun, make new friends, and gain a great sense of achievement.

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One of my mother's friends told us about Kings because her son had a pretty nice time at Kings and he went to a great university in UK. He told me that the teachers and classmates were really nice.

I am enjoying the studying environment. And we have many subjects to learn different things. I am studying Maths, English, Art, Science, Geography and ICT. I think I will go on to take A-level.

Teachers and students are like friends. But the most different thing is the culture of education. I joined chess club last term, which was quite suitable for me. This term I am taking part in cookery club.

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Tianhan Deng