

KINGS,



YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL - 2023



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INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been carefully put together in order to provide families of children moving into Year 7 with as much information and advice as possible, so that the transition from primary to secondary education is as smooth and stress-free as it can be.

TRANSITION

Transition is a part of life we all deal with in our own ways. To try to make transition easier for both children and parents, communication is vital. It is important parents are involved in this process alongside their children and so we aim to make this a positive experience for all. Our aims and outcomes for this programme are:-

- Preparing for change
- Building confidence
- Assisting pupils' learning, social and intellectual development
- Providing new working experiences and environments
- Giving opportunities to work as a team



WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the Kings' School family. We hope that you and your child are excited and happy at the prospect of starting with us.

We know that the transition from Year 6 can be a daunting prospect, both for pupils and for parents. Please be reassured that every year, hundreds of young people successfully make the change and our experience at Kings' is that any early anxieties quickly disappear. The school is a friendly and welcoming place and we have a large team of staff and pupils working to support our newest families.

Kings' is an exciting, safe, inspiring and caring school. Our mission is “working together” to enable all pupils to achieve inspiring futures, exceptional character and academic excellence. This begins with our transition events and our summer school, and continues with your official start in September.

I hope that you will find this booklet useful and I look forward to meeting and working with you over the next five years to achieve our ambitions.



TRANSITION TIMELINE

(All events are subject to Government Guidelines regarding public gatherings)

The timeline below lists all the events that will take place between now and when your child joins us in September. The events are displayed chronologically, and the following pages give more information about each event. Attendance at some events is optional, but attendance at the highlighted events is expected.

| SPRING TERM | SUMMER TERM | SUMMER HOLIDAYS | SEPTEMBER |
|--|---|--|---|
| Year 6 Parents Informal Coffee Event 28 th March 9.30am | Year 6 Parents Informal Coffee Event 28 th April 1.30pm | Year 6 Summer School 24 th /25 th July 29 th /30 th August | Year 7 First Day of Term 4 th September |
| | Year 6 Induction Days 27 th /28 th June 4 th /5 th July | | |
| | Year 6 Parents Information Evening 5 th July 6pm | | |

COFFEE EVENTS AND SUMMER SCHOOL

We hold two Coffee Events at the school, where you can come and meet some key staff members and ask any questions. It is our aim to have someone from Welfare, Admissions, Uniform and Pastoral available on the day.

Please let us know you plan to attend using the link on our webpage <https://kings-hants.com/admissions-year-6-transition/>

Our Summer School runs on 4 different dates during the Summer Holidays and cost £35 per day. This year they will be held on 24th and 25th July, and 29th and 30th August. Each day has multiple activities, and each day's selection is different, so no two days are the same. Your child can attend as many or as few days as you wish.

We group the children with other who will be in their Tutor Group when they join us in September, in order to help them to make friends and recognise familiar faces on their first day.

You can book spaces using the link on our webpage as above.

UNIFORM CHECKLIST

| Compulsory School Uniform | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| David Luke black gold crested eco blazer boys or girls |  | Black slim leg trousers Or |  |
| William turner striped tie with single crest |  | David Luke grey stitched down knife pleat skirt DL972 |  |
| White shirt long or short sleeves |  | Black or grey socks or Black grey or natural tights |  |
| Black School Shoes |  | School Rucksack |  |
| Compulsory PE Kit | | | |
| Precision Attack black games shorts |  | Woodbank white polo shirt with gold embroiders crest |  |
| Halbro reversible maroon and white hooped Jersey with crest |  | Mitre Mercury contrast Maroon and white socks |  |
| Plain black swimsuit (girls) Or Swim shorts (boys) |  | Plain white sport socks |  |
| Studded boots |  | Trainers |  |
| Compulsory Equipment | | | |
| William Turner PE Bag RS10 (Must have name label) |  | Gum shield |  |
| Shin pads |  | Plain Apron |  |
| Optional Items | | | |
| PE maroon sweatshirt with gold embroidered crest |  | School Uniform jumper Maroon Jumper with gold crest |  |
| PE Plain black tracksuit bottoms |  | PE Plain black waterproof sports jacket for extreme wet weather only |  |

Items in red can only be purchased through Hewitts school shop online

UNIFORM EVENT

Hewitts of Croydon will be holding a one-day uniform event on **Saturday 15th July**.

The event will take place in our Sports Hall and will provide an opportunity to try on uniform before purchase.

To book a timeslot to attend the uniform event, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-7-uniform-event-tickets-557838779807> and select what time you would like to visit. This will help us to ease crowding and reduce queue times.

Uniform can also be purchased from Hewitts online at any time after 3rd April 2023. You can find the Kings' School area of their online sales here <https://www.hewittsofcroydon.com/school-kings-school-winchester-direct-to-parent-99>

LOCKERS

We have a number of lockers available for hire to pupils. The cost of hiring a locker is £25 for five years which is non-refundable.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and would like to use this funding to pay for locker hire for your child, please contact Mrs Jenkins at transition1@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk.

In order to simplify the payment process for locker requests for new Year 7 pupils joining us in September, you can now use the link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=116> and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the New Year 7 Locker tile. When purchasing, you will be asked to enter your child's Tutor Group. Please type "new" in this space.

Once added to the basket, payment can be made by card, and a locker will be allocated accordingly. Your child will receive the details in September.

Regrettably, because of problems that have arisen in the past, children cannot share a locker with a friend.

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS

Tuesday 27th/Wednesday 28th June
and Tuesday 4th July/Wednesday 5th July 2023

Please note: It is expected that all children who will be joining Kings' in September will attend their specified Induction Day.

Your child will be invited to spend the day with us at Kings' on one of the four dates listed above, as detailed in the enclosed letter.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8.30 and 8.45 am with a packed lunch, or if your child would like to sample Kings' in-house cuisine, there will be a free meal provided for every pupil.

It would be helpful if pupils could bring with them a notebook and something with which to write. The children should wear their primary school uniform.

There will be an opportunity to look around the school and sample some lessons.

Your child can then be collected from school at 3.00pm. Children making their own way home will be escorted to the Romsey Road crossing at this time.

If you have any questions about the induction days, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs. T Jenkins or email transition1@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk

YEAR 6 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 5th July 2023 @ 6.00pm
Venue: Sports Hall

Please note: It is expected that all parents and carers will attend this important evening. Your child is also very welcome to join us.

The purpose of this evening is to give you an opportunity to meet with key members of staff at Kings' School and ask any questions you may have.

There will be a presentation by the Headteacher, Head of Year and other key members of staff.

We hope the evening will be a pleasant and informative occasion.

As parking is restricted at Kings', we would ask parents who live locally to walk where possible. The playground at the back of the school (via Sarum Road) will also be available for parking.

In addition to meeting your child's Head of Year/Deputy Head of Year you will also meet

Dr Adams, Headteacher and some of the Year 7 Tutors.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS FORM

As part of the transition process parents are required to complete a Data Collection Form on behalf of their child. This form is available online via the Key Stage 2 Transition page on the Kings' School website. Please contact the school if you require a paper copy.

STAFF VISITS

In order to know your child, a member of staff from Kings' School will endeavour to visit each Primary School in order to speak to staff and pupils and gain as much information about each individual as possible. As we are receiving children from around 40 schools it may not be possible to visit every school so we will prioritise visits by the numbers coming from the schools. Our Pupil Support Team will make specific visits to schools, where necessary, to liaise with staff regarding pupils with special needs. In addition, any external reports received about a pupil's specific needs will be taken into consideration.

HOMEWORK

Pupils in Year 7 are expected to spend about 5 hours each week altogether on homework. Further details will be provided to the pupils by their tutor and subject staff, and homework details are available for parents to see on Satchel One. Login details will be given to your child once they start with us.

HOMEWORK DIARIES AND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Each pupil is given a Planner to help them get themselves organised. This also assists with messages between school and home. They will also receive a Knowledge Organiser each term to help consolidate their learning.

PARENTPAY

A letter will be sent home during the Summer Break with an access code to set up your ParentPay account. This is where you will add money to your child's lunch account so they can purchase food from the available outlets within school. It is also where you will pay for trips and activities and further information will be sent with the access code.

TRANSITION TEAM

HEAD OF YEAR/DEPUTY HEAD OF YEAR/YEAR OFFICER

The Year Office Team look forward to another smooth transition of pupils from their Primary Schools to Kings' in September.

The team comprises a Head of Year, Deputy Head of Year, and Year Officer

They realise that the time between now and September can be an equally exciting and apprehensive one for pupils and parents alike but hope that by meeting you and writing to you over the coming months, this will reassure you about the transition period.

The pupils will come from a wide variety of schools, having had a wide variety of experiences. That in itself will prove fascinating and provide a rich base for your child's education at Kings'. Rest assured, the Year Office Team will do all they can to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. At any time, please contact your child's tutor should problems arise. If this is connected to school related costs, parents who are in genuine financial hardship should contact the Head of Year in confidence.

TRANSITION CO-ORDINATOR

The role of the Transition Co-Ordinator, Mrs Jenkins, is to organise and oversee the Transition Programme and be the main point of contact for all those involved in transition, i.e. parents, primary schools and Kings' staff. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive Transition Programme incorporating events for both parents and children, as well as working closely with our linked primary schools to deliver transition work and activities to the Year 6 pupils. Mrs Jenkins can be contacted on transition1@kings-winchester.hants.sch.uk

WELFARE TEAM

Kings' School has a caring and sensitive approach to students with individual needs. The Welfare Team offer a variety of services to support families, including workshops, 1:1 and group support to enable the pupil to develop self-reliance, self-esteem and emotional resilience. The team is headed by Mrs Berridge, Welfare lead and DSL. Mrs Berridge is supported by our Welfare and Pastoral Support Workers, Mr Nichols, Mrs Baxter, Miss Sketcher and Mr Leigh-Jones.

If you are interested in finding out more about these services, as well as informal drop-in sessions and workshops, please call the Welfare Team on 01962 861161.

PUPIL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The Kings' School Pupil Support Department is a large, committed team working at the centre of the school to support pupils in all aspects of the curriculum.

The department provides two main areas of support to pupils: a Resourced Provision for pupils with physical disabilities (RP), and support for pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The aim of the department is to ensure that all pupils are fully included in every aspect of the curriculum and school life, and are able to achieve their full potential.

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Kings' is a designated school for pupils with physical disabilities. Consequently, we are exceptionally well resourced to ensure that pupils are fully included and integrated into the mainstream education of the school. Support Staff are very well trained to enable the pupils to succeed within a happy, caring and supportive environment.

SEND

Assistance is provided across all year groups for pupils with SEND. Expectations of all SEND pupils remain high, and they are fully involved in the school community. Support Staff use a varied approach in supporting the additional needs of each pupil, to ensure they can achieve their full potential. This area of the department supports through multiple means, ranging from providing provisions such as laptops and coloured overlays to differentiated resources and targeted interventions. For those pupils with SEND, but who do not have an EHCP, the majority of support is provided through inclusive strategies put in place within the classroom.

The SEND department works closely with the Pastoral Team, the Heads of Year and outside agencies where appropriate, in order to provide the most suitable support for individual pupils.

SEND AND THE CURRICULUM

Support Staff are valuable members of the school community who work mainly in the classrooms alongside teachers supporting the many needs of individual pupils and their learning, but also support outside the curriculum, ensuring engagement in other areas of school life. Support Staff are first allocated to those pupils who have EHCPs. The remainder of the time is then allocated where there is the greatest need. Support Staff work inclusively within the classroom to support pupil progress and independence.

Support Staff oversee the Homework Club where they are able to support pupils with additional learning opportunities. In addition to this learning based support, Support Staff also run the Lunchtime Club. This provides pupils with ASC or SLCN difficulties, who find social interaction challenging, a smaller and quieter environment in which to develop these skills. A Special Educational Need or disability of a pupil at Kings' is not considered a barrier to learning, but a matter that needs to be recognised, considered and worked with. Pupils are entitled to enjoy the full curriculum, regardless of additional requirements and we strive to meet the individual needs of each pupil, as they realise inspiring futures, exceptional character and academic excellence.

KINGS' SCHOOL CURRICULUM

At Kings' School, our curriculum is at the heart of our mission to achieve inspiring futures, exceptional character and academic success.

At its simplest, a curriculum is the content taught to pupils in lessons. Our curriculum, however, extends well beyond lessons and, indeed, our extensive co-curricular programme. It is seen in interactions throughout the Kings' community, in our daily desire to inspire our pupils to become the very best people they can be.

We want our curriculum to be ambitious and challenging for all so that pupils of all backgrounds learn the best knowledge that we have in each subject area – and beyond. In taking our pupils beyond their lived experiences, our curriculum aims to push pupils to inspiring futures, and to address social disadvantage.

In constructing our knowledge-rich curriculum, we select and sequence the material to be taught with great care and purpose. Key Stage 3 is broad, balanced and challenging, ensuring a strong academic grounding for all before pupils select from a range of challenging option subjects for Years 10 and 11, studied alongside a core of subjects to GCSE level.




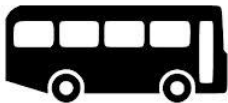

In short, our curriculum is focused, coherent and learned.

- Focused – it teaches pupils what they need to know to understand and improve the world.
- Coherent – it has a clear, carefully planned narrative within and across units.
- Learned – our pupils learn more and remember more over time. This is due to core concepts being taught explicitly, deliberate practice that uses this knowledge, and assessment and feedback that leads to pupils 'knowing what they know' and what they need to focus on in order to make improvements.

We are proud of our ever-developing curriculum at Kings' School. It contributes significantly to the fact that so many of our pupils go on to study challenging courses at 6th form college and attend universities across the country and beyond. Whatever a pupil's dreams are beyond Kings' School, when they leave us, we want our curriculum to have ensured that they have the knowledge they need to be prepared for, and inspired by, their future.

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Kings' School has a wide catchment area with pupils travelling in many different ways to get to and from school. The table below is designed to help you with some of the different transport methods available. Please note that however they travel, we do expect all pupils to conform to the full list of uniform requirements for the entirety of their journey.

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|---|-----------------|---|
|  | On foot | Many of our pupils live within a mile of Kings' and use this to their advantage by taking the healthy option and walking to school. Being aware of the dangers associated with busy road networks like Romsey Road and practising good road safety is the key to enjoying this practical transport method. |
|  | Cycle | A growing number of children cycle to school, taking advantage of the secure and well-covered bicycle sheds. We would recommend that pupils undertake their road safety/cycling proficiency courses. All those that cycle are required to wear cycle helmets. |
|  | By Car | <p>Parents and carers may drop off/collect their children at school by using the rear entrance located on Sarum Road or using the Pitt Park and Ride which is a short walk from the school.</p> <p>With the exception of those using our disabled parking bays, parents and carers are asked <u>not</u> to use the main Kings' Road entrance at either drop off or pick up due to the number of staff and school buses accessing the school via this road.</p> |
|  | By Bus | <p>School buses are provided by Hampshire County Council for pupils living in our catchment area. Parents wishing to apply for a place on buses provided by HCC please contact School Transport direct on 01962 846924 or 01962 845332 or via their website at www.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/sch-transport/stforms</p> <p>Public service buses also run regularly (approx. every 15 minutes) along the Romsey Road. Bus stops are located at the bottom of Kings Road.</p> |
|  | By Train | Winchester Railway Station is approximately a 25 minute walk from the school and is easily assessable via the public service buses running along the Romsey Road. |

LATE BUS SERVICE

The "Late Bus" leaves school at 5PM from outside the Front Gate, by the bus turning circle.

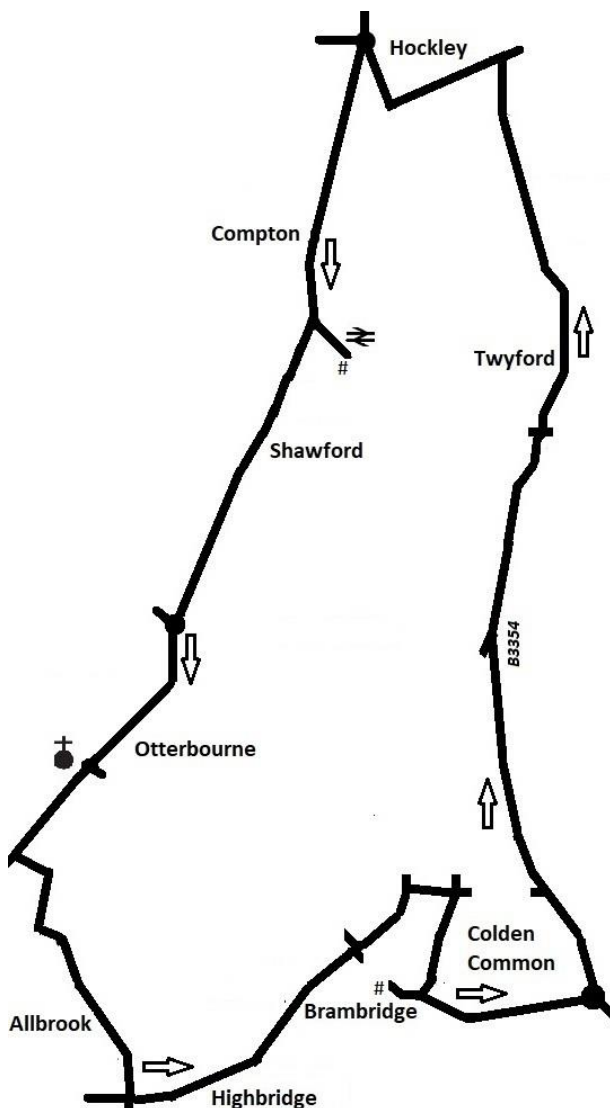
Tickets are purchased in advance from Reception and currently cost £3.

The bus is limited to 16 pupils.

Pupils are encouraged to buy tickets a day in advance (or earlier) to secure a seat.

On boarding the bus pupils should tell the driver which Bus Stop (see list) they require.

When approaching their Bus Stop pupils should call out to the driver (similar to ringing the bell) on a public bus).



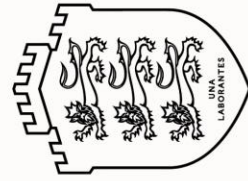
Bus Stop List

- Depart Kings' 17:00
- Compton & Shawford 17:10
 - Compton Street
 - *Shawford Station #*
 - Shawford Down
 - South Down
 - Highways Road
- Otterbourne 17:15
 - Sparrowgrove
 - Oakwood Avenue (Nisa Local)
 - The White Horse
 - Otterbourne Hill Green
 - The Otter
- Allbrook 17:25
 - Boyatt Lane Allotments
 - Lincolns Rise
 - Pitmore Road
- Highbridge 17:30
 - Highbridge Farm
- Colden Common 17:35
 - Wardle Road
 - Community Centre (Co-Op)
 - Primary School
 - Grays Close
 - *Dog and Crook (Brambridge) #*
 - *Bishopstoke Lane (east) #*
 - Brickmakers Road
 - St. Vigor Way (roundabout)
 - Vears Lane (main road)
 - Avondale Park Homes
 - Hunts Close
 - Recreation Ground
 - Commons End
 - Woodland Drove
- Twyford 17:45
 - Manor Farm Green
 - Crossroads (Post Office)
 - Northfields
 - Hockley Cottages

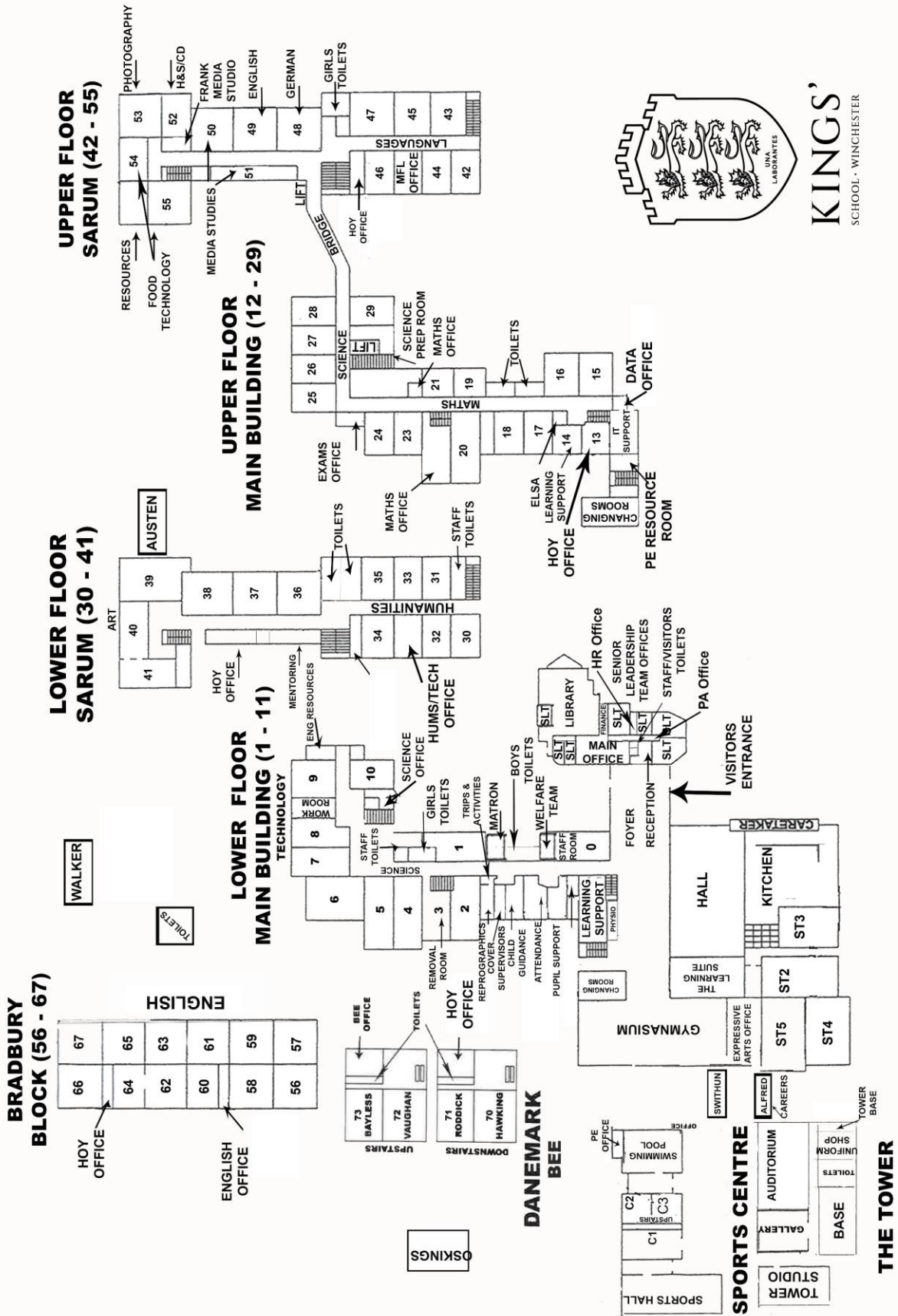
These stops must be requested as they are branches off the normal route.

Times are subject to road conditions, traffic and weather.

SCHOOL MAP



KINGS'
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CHECKLIST FOR YOU

THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED OR
ARRANGED

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Noted Induction Date | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Data Collection form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coffee event booking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Summer school booking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Locker rental | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music Lesson request form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music Taster Session interest form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Uniform purchased | <input type="checkbox"/> |

All forms are electronic and can be found on our website www.kings-hants.com under School Information/Admissions/Year 6 Transition.





INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

