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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Kingsley School attaches an unusual level of importance to its programme of extra-curricular activities.

We are no less focused on the academic aspects of school life; I'm proud to say that our students – encouraged, inspired and guided by our highly qualified and 100 % committed staff – consistently achieve enviably high grades at GCSE and A-level. But I'm also proud to say that my aim, shared by every one of my colleagues, is not simply to produce exam-drilled young people with limited interests or involvement in life outside the classroom. As you'll discover as you browse through this prospectus, our students are encouraged to throw themselves into their sport, charity work, drama, art, music and community projects with the same enthusiasm they bring to the classroom.

Just like the Head.

Welcome to Kingsley

Andy Waters

B.Ed MA Headmaster



Most school prospectuses have a Welcome page with a picture of the Head in his office.

Kingsley's prospectus has a Welcome page with a picture of the Head in the middle of Dartmoor.

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Every school promises
“League Table” success.

Kingsley’s students genuinely
achieve remarkable results
– year after year.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Not every football team can win the Premiership. But the claims of academic success made in so many school prospectuses might suggest otherwise.

In this, as in other respects, Kingsley is a little different. Our GCSE and A-level results are a matter of record and you are welcome to study them. They stand comparison [to continue the metaphor] with the results of “Premier League” schools across the UK. We offer a genuinely wide range of subject options, taught by experienced, specialist teachers. But what gives the staff at Kingsley the greatest pride and satisfaction is something a cursory glance at the topline figures doesn’t reveal: the fact that, year after year, virtually every Kingsley student exceeds his or her own expectations at GCSE and A-level. So, while we are of course delighted to see our high-flying students head off to the UK’s top universities with “straight A’s”, we are just as happy to celebrate the achievements of our less academically gifted students who regularly surprise themselves – and occasionally their teachers – with grades beyond their dreams when they first arrived at Kingsley. That, for us, is true academic achievement.







THIS SPORTING LIFE

In sport, too, we like to think that Kingsley offers everything you'd expect from a good independent school – plus a little more. Our setting gives us something of an advantage, of course.

Located as we are in the heart of beautiful North Devon, we have some of the country's finest surfing beaches on our doorstep: small wonder our surfers and windsurfers do so well in local and national competitions. The River Torridge winds its way through Bideford, providing our rowing squad with an ideal setting to prepare for the Regatta season. But the "Kingsley difference" makes itself felt in the sporting arena as much as it does in the classroom.

Yes, we are proud of our regional and national champions in sports as diverse as gymnastics, netball, swimming, athletics and windsurfing. Not to mention judo, where our unique training partnership with the famous University of Bath Department of Sports Development and Recreation has attracted leading judo players to Kingsley, from the UK and Germany.

But we are just as proud of the fact that every pupil, of every age, every size and every level of ability, is encouraged to take part in whatever sport takes their fancy. Every weekend sees a full fixture list for Kingsley teams – boys and girls, junior and senior - at rugby, cricket, hockey, netball, athletics, gymnastics, swimming, cross-country...you name it, we play it.

Sport really is for everyone at Kingsley.



All schools play sport.

Kingsley is the only school in the UK with a Judo Academy linked to TeamBath.

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CLUBS & CHALLENGES

Many schools have after-hours clubs.

Kingsley offers more than 60 extra-curricular activities, ranging from The Duke of Edinburgh's Award to organic gardening.

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Although the regular school curriculum keeps our students fully occupied, stimulated and challenged throughout the school day, the bell signalling the end of formal lessons also signals the start of an equally stimulating and challenging array of extra-curricular activities.

The choice - which reflects both our remarkable location and the tastes and expertise of our highly committed staff - is wide and varied: from rowing on the Torridge estuary to judo in the school dojo ; from surfing at nearby Westward Ho! to tree planting in the school gardens; from an impassioned rehearsal in the Drama workshop to an energetic run along Northam Burrows beach. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the Ten Tors Expedition are perennial favourites with those prepared for a physical challenge, while gentler pursuits such as yoga, chess and organic gardening have their keen followers, too. Every afternoon you can see sports teams practising for matches at the weekend, or hear the sound of music coming from the Music Centre, not to mention the sounds of Shakespeare coming from the theatre. In short, there's something for everyone – which is just as well, because we expect every Kingsley student to participate in the activities of their choice with commitment and enthusiasm.





LOCATION, LOCATION



Kingsley School is set in genuinely beautiful grounds. And those grounds are set in one of the most beautiful regions in the UK.

Rolling green hills, a dramatic coastline with long white-sand beaches, safe for children to bathe, perfect for surfers to ride the waves, and with rugged and unspoiled Exmoor and Dartmoor to explore... no wonder North Devon attracts visitors and holidaymakers throughout the year. No wonder the list of Kingsley's sporting and other outdoor activities is so wide and challenging. No wonder Kingsley's parents always notice that their children have such a healthy glow at the end of every term.

Latin may have gone out of fashion, but the old adage: "Mens sana in corpore sano"... "A healthy mind in a healthy body" still makes good educational sense.

And Kingsley School is the perfect place to prove it.

Many independent schools have pleasant settings.

Kingsley School is set in 25 acres of gardens and sports fields.

And North Devon.

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ALL OUR STUDENTS ARE SPECIAL

Set up in 1969, the Grenville Dyslexia Centre has achieved and maintains its position as one of the leading centres in the UK for maximising the achievements of dyslexic students.

Its most recent Inspection by CReSTeD [Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils] concluded that “the specialist lessons were all well-planned and executed” and noted that “the parents were unanimous in their praise of the Centre”. Our dyslexic pupils divide their time between specialist lessons and regular mainstream classes. They also, of course, play a full part in our sporting and extra-curricular activities. On all fronts, the famous “Kingsley difference” means that we consistently challenge our dyslexic students to achieve their absolute potential – in and out of the classroom – but always within a nurturing, supportive and encouraging environment. The results speak for themselves: year after year, our dyslexic students achieve impressively high grades in public examinations, and represent the school with distinction in the sporting arena, on the stage and in every other aspect of the school’s life.

If you would like to find out more about the Grenville Dyslexia Centre, Kingsley’s Registrar Caroline Bailey will be happy to put you in touch with the Head of Department Andy Lane to arrange a personal visit.



Every school tries to help pupils with special needs.

The Grenville Dyslexia Centre at Kingsley has a national reputation.

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Every school can stage a decent school play.

Kingsley participates regularly in the National Theatre's prestigious *NEW CONNECTIONS* programme.

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UNLEASHING CREATIVITY

Every year the National Theatre in London invites selected schools around the country to produce one of a series of new plays.

Each participating school's production is assessed in depth by a member of the National Theatre team, and gets the chance to showcase its work at a major regional theatre. Kingsley is the only school in the region to participate year after year, and our students have had the wonderful experience of performing on the stage of the Theatre Royal, Plymouth and Bristol Old Vic. This same commitment to excellence runs through all the "creative" departments at the school. Our Art students create stunning pieces for local exhibitions and regional competitions. And every year our Music department nurtures and presents talent galore, with events ranging from intimate cabaret evenings to all-singing, all-dancing large cast musicals. If our students have any creative talent in them – and we've yet to meet one who doesn't - our dedicated and multi-talented "creative" staff will find a way to help them express it.





LEARNING BEGINS FROM BIRTH



The happy and dedicated Kingsley Nursery team provide quality care in a warm, friendly, home-from-home environment, for babies and young children aged from 12 weeks to 3 years.

The Nursery has its own kitchen, toilets and washing areas, with nappy-changing facilities. The age-specific playrooms are calm, safe and spacious; the sleep rooms have cots for babies and safety beds for toddlers. The children spend a lot of time outdoors, playing safely and creatively in their own dedicated play areas. You can be confident in the professional expertise available and rest assured that the transition from home to day care will be as smooth as possible. As the children grow, so does their self-confidence and sense of achievement: they develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically.

In the words of the Nursery Principal, Mrs Andi Fletcher-Cullum: "Planting the tree of knowledge in healthy, nutritious soil reaps rewards throughout your child's school years – and beyond."

Schools that welcome children from three years old aren't unusual.

A school that offers dedicated year-round 8am-6pm care for children from three months old is truly exceptional.

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ONWARDS & UPWARDS

The full Kingsley experience begins in the pre-school class, where the children start to discover and develop their individual skills and interests in a safe and happy setting.

As the children progress – when they are ready, not simply when they reach a certain age – into Reception and then through the Infant and Junior School, every child is encouraged to strive for the highest personal academic standards [for us, the National Curriculum is a useful benchmark, not an end in itself] in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Music, art and drama play a big part in school life. Naturally, surrounded as they are by such beautiful grounds, the children spend time outdoors virtually every day, planting trees, learning about their environment and playing sport. Friendships that will last through the Senior School and beyond are formed and the children move on with confidence and a sense of achievement.

Many independent schools have links to feeder schools in their area.

Kingsley's integrated pre-School, Infant & Junior School is on the same campus as the Senior School.

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Every school tries to make the Junior-Senior transfer as smooth as possible.

Kingsley has a dedicated Centre for its younger Senior students.

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SMOOTHING THE JUNIOR-SENIOR CROSSING

In some respects, the first years at Senior school can be the trickiest hurdle for a youngster to negotiate.

One moment, you're ruling the roost at the top of your Junior school: the next, you're back at the bottom of the ladder, a nervous new girl or boy, not sure where everything is, and surrounded by crowds of strangers, all of them bigger and more confident than you. Once again, the Kingsley difference means that the transition is made genuinely smooth and trouble-free. In their final year at Junior School, prospective Year 7 students, and their parents, are invited to visit the Senior School to meet their designated teachers and to be shown round the school.

In particular, they'll be introduced to our Year 7-9 Centre, a dedicated area where our younger Senior students can [to coin the old advertising adage] work, rest and play. Open all day, and continuously supervised, the Centre is equipped with work spaces, rest areas, a pool table, a TV and a pleasant outdoor play area...all for the exclusive use of Years 7,8 & 9.





6TH FORM EXPERIENCE

Many schools hope their GCSE students will stay on into the 6th Form.

Kingsley has created a dedicated 6th Form Centre, complete with cinema, computers and café.

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We recognize that the 6th Form has an exceptional transitional role to play for our students, who, while still remaining very much part of the school, are also preparing for the independence and self-motivation that lies ahead of them at university or at work.

So, while we continue to provide a structured environment and an extensive curriculum of AS, A level and vocational subjects taught by our highly qualified staff, we also allow students the freedom to make their own decisions and take on personal responsibilities. We even give them the opportunity to make mistakes – and learn from them. To give our 6th Formers a serious helping of independence, we provide them with a purpose-equipped base. The Kingsley 6th Form Centre has quiet work spaces and companionable social areas: it has a cinema, a café, a pool table and generous computer resources. The School's well-stocked Library also has a study annexe for their exclusive use. Every 6th Former is expected to continue to play a full part in the school's sporting and other activities: indeed, this is often the time when students come into their own in the sporting arena and on the stage, as well as, for example, in major charity and community projects. And 6th Formers are no longer expected to wear the standard school uniform: they have their own "suit plus tie for boys" dress code.







ONE BIG FAMILY

Kingsley is a Methodist school, one of a family of schools which share a vision of a Christian education, setting high academic standards, coupled with a truly supportive environment for each individual.

This is why we value each and every one of our students so highly; why we encourage everyone, including staff, to give of their very best. This is why children of all faiths, or none at all, flourish at Kingsley; why we applaud self-sacrifice and commitment to the community as much as high academic and sporting achievement. This is why we offer our boarders, who come from families near and far – sometimes very far – a comfortable and caring environment, including a full social programme at weekends: why our 6th Formers each have an individual Tutor to guide them through the complicated process of selecting and applying for the right university course. In short, it's why the whole of Kingsley, from pre-School to 6th Form, is imbued, as a short visit will confirm, with a genuine family atmosphere.

Every school promises pastoral care.

Kingsley provides individual support for every single pupil.

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Many schools have boarding facilities.

Kingsley promises safe, comfortable home-from-home accommodation, plus a full social life.

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BOARDERS WELCOME

Boarders at Kingsley enjoy excellent accommodation, good food, a secure and happy environment and a well-planned range of social activities.

Everything is supervised closely by our Head of Boarding and his team of Houseparents and resident staff, all of whom are totally committed to creating an “extended family” atmosphere for their charges. Younger boarders – and they start from the age of 8 – share their sleeping and working areas. As they progress through the school, they move into single, well-furnished and equipped, studies.

At weekends, in addition to participating in the many sports fixtures all our students enjoy, boarders have their own social calendar, including shopping trips, tenpin bowling, swimming and horse riding. Not to mention, given our proximity to some terrific surf beaches, boarding. Regular Chapel Services are led by the School Chaplain. Kingsley offers a choice of full or weekly boarding, and, when space permits, overnight boarding for day pupils.







FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

We know that our students are very lucky and privileged to be able to study and play in such a healthy and stimulating environment.

As a member of the Methodist group of schools, we try to share as many of our facilities and talents as we can with the wider Bideford community. Throughout the year, therefore, we invite local schools to join the audiences for our plays and concerts; our Theatre is a popular venue for local drama and musical groups; many of our sports clubs welcome "outside" members.

Our annual Millennium Cross-Country event sees more than 500 children from schools across North Devon racing round our beautiful grounds; when we stage major Science events, we always invite other local schools to join us; our students give regular – and very well received - musical performances to residents of local homes for the elderly. And many of the ambitious sponsorship projects our students take on raise impressive sums of money for local and regional charities: Children's Hospice South West, for example, regularly and gratefully accepts cheques adding up to thousands of pounds every year.

Most independent schools stage a few community events.

Kingsley makes its talents and resources available to its neighbours on an on-going basis.

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All schools have an Open Day once or twice a year.

Kingsley invites you to choose a day that suits you for a personal visit.

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ONE VISIT IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

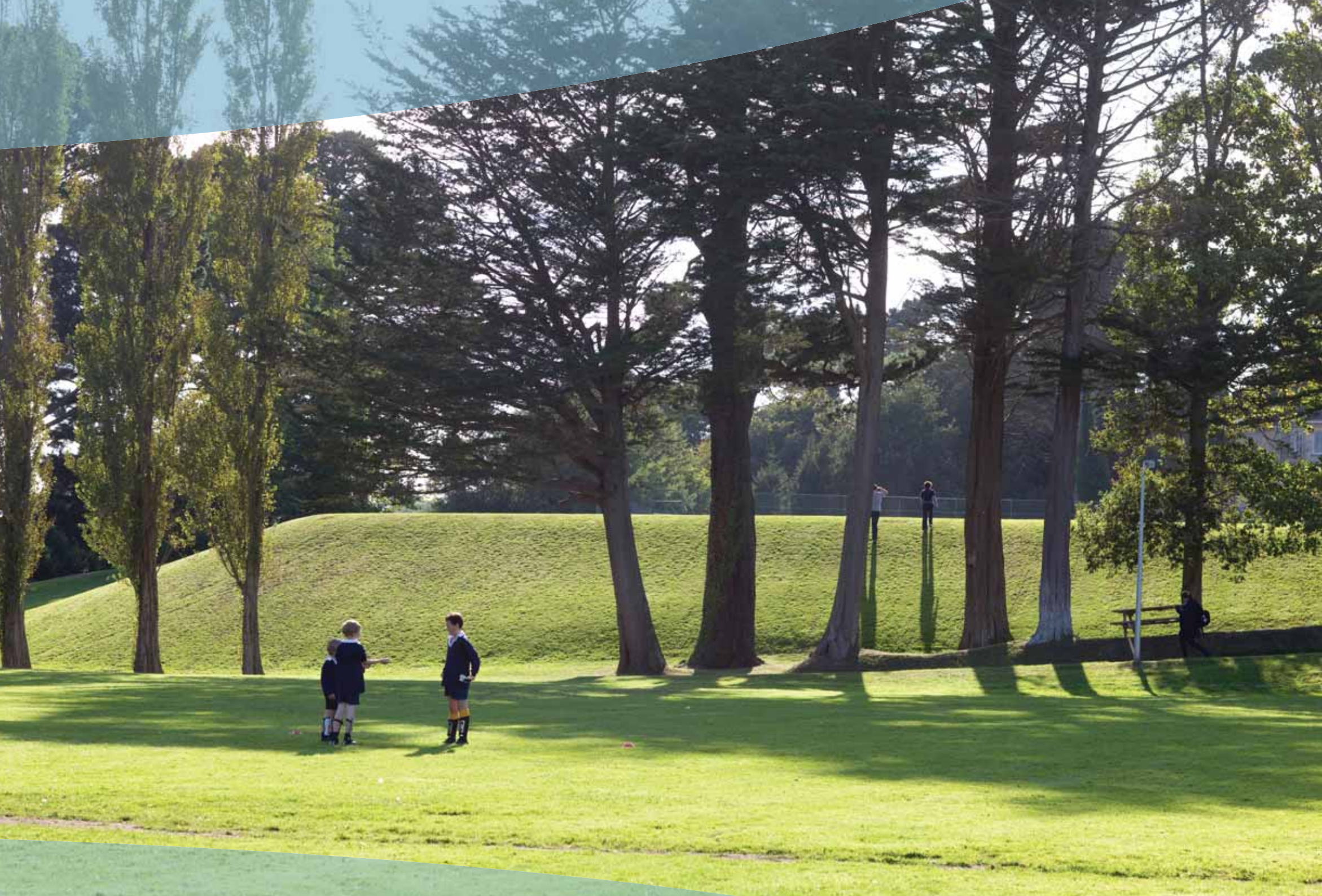
I hope you've enjoyed reading our Prospectus and that it's given you a sense of what makes Kingsley special.

Kingsley is genuinely different from other schools. Different not in huge, radical, or bizarre ways. But different in smart, thoughtful and constructive ways. The Prospectus has spelled out some of the differences...our location, our academic "philosophy", our 6th Form, to take three examples. But the best way to get a real feel for the Kingsley "difference" is to experience it for yourself. [Would you buy a house based on the Estate Agent's description alone?] So please come and see us. Call my PA Anne Cadd, or our Registrar Caroline Bailey, on 01237 426200. Name a day that suits you – and me. Tell us which parts of the school you particularly want to see. Then come and enjoy a leisurely personal tour followed by a private conversation with me.

I look forward to meeting you soon

Andy Waters

B.Ed MA Headmaster







SO HOW MUCH DOES THE KINGSLEY 'DIFFERENCE' COST?



Caroline Bailey, Registrar

There's no disguising the fact that opting for independent education is an expensive decision, and we would never pretend otherwise. You will be making a serious financial commitment, which has to be given serious thought. But we genuinely believe that Kingsley's unique combination of academic ambition, sporting opportunity, pastoral care, and extra-curricular challenges – not to mention our very special location – provide real value for money. Below are our Fees for the current Academic Year, as well as information about the Academic and other Scholarships and Bursaries available.

If you need any further information, or have any questions about Kingsley you'd like answered, our website www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk is packed with up-to-date facts and figures, news, views and pictures.

Alternatively, contact the person who knows even more about Kingsley than the website: our Registrar Caroline Bailey. Her number is **01237 426200**. Or send her an e-mail to admissions@kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk



KINGSLEY SCHOOL FEES

PER TERM (EFFECTIVE AUTUMN 2009)

Senior School

Full Boarding	£6990
Weekly Boarding	£5700

Day Pupils (including lunches)

Years 7 – 9	£3450
Years 10 – 13 (Upper Sixth Form)	£3660
Dyslexia Unit	£700
ESOL	£390

Junior School

Full Boarding	£5670
Weekly Boarding	£4550

Day Pupils

Years 5 & 6	£2730
Years 3 & 4	£2110
Years 1 & 2	£1670
Reception	£1590

Lunches (per day)

Junior	£2.65
Early Birds	£1.50

Absence from School	
Refunds Scheme	1% of Gross Fee

Day Pupils overnight stay	£36 per night
Regular Part Time Boarding (When space available)	£45 per night

Registration Fee (Senior & Junior)	£100
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Returnable Deposit

Boarders	£1000
Senior Day	£400

Please note that these fees are inclusive of meals, public examination fees for GCSE, AS and A2 (excluding retakes), pupil accident insurance and dental accident insurance. The discount for each sibling will be 10% of the fee, net of any awards paid. A monthly fees plan is available at either 2.75% or 1.8% depending on the payment dates. Please contact the Bursary for information.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Academic scholarships are awarded at age 11 & 13, ranging in value from 10% to 50% of Fees. The Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in the entrance examinations. Scholarships are also available to pupils who pass the entrance examinations and wish to be considered for awards in performing arts or sport – these awards are made on the basis of interview and/or audition at the School, together with a folio of supporting evidence and school report. 6th Form scholarships to a maximum of 50% are awarded based on GCSE performance, with awards also available for music, drama, art and sport.

Scholarships are tenable throughout the holder's time at the School, subject to satisfactory progress, conduct and participation.

Financial assistance may be available in the form of a means-tested bursary, reviewable annually, dependent upon parents' financial circumstances and on completion of a confidential statement of such circumstances. Forms are available on request from the Bursar.

Members of HM Forces are requested to contact the Registrar for details of the favourable bursary arrangements for Service personnel who qualify for the CEAS for their children.



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