

Introduction to Kingstone Academy Trust (KAT) and Kingstone High School

The Academy

Kingstone Academy Trust comprises Kingstone High School and Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School, both situated on the same site in the Golden Valley village of Kingstone, in Southwest Herefordshire. The very extensive site allows opportunities for joint working and shared resources and facilities, and the use of many acres of outside learning, sports and leisure spaces.



The two schools have been in a multi-academy arrangement since 2012, the Board having oversight through the CEO with a Head of School at each. The Academy has a core leadership team across both schools led by the CEO. The Board of Trustees is proud of their vibrant and dynamic schools, and contributes time and expertise both collectively and individually, to further enhance the high-quality education provided by the schools. Both schools are Ofsted rated 'good', yet are ambitious for their pupils and students, and a culture of continuous improvement is evident. There is no sense of complacency, with leaders being keen to ensure that the educational experience for children and young people is the most effective for their individual goals and ambitions, and for staff professional achievement.

Kingstone village is fast growing and located seven miles south of the cathedral city of Hereford, which has recently welcomed a new university, NMITE. The city and surrounding area offer a wonderful quality of life and many exciting places to visit. Herefordshire is increasingly being seen as a centre for tourism and its food scene. The village is within easy reach of the popular towns of Hay-on-Wye and Ross-on-Wye in the Wye Valley, as well as Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.

Kingstone High School

Originally serving Kingstone village and pupils from 5 feeder village schools the high school now takes in pupils from a wide geographical area, with a good many now travelling from the South Wye area of Hereford.

The school aims to prepare all its students with the qualifications, confidence and social skills that will allow them to access the career path of their choice; to be happy while they study and to enable students to become the best versions of themselves that they can be.

The school is a genuine community of students, parents and teachers, working together to achieve a very special and positive experience for all involved. There is ambition for the students and a deep desire for them to be successful in all that they do throughout their lives.



We take great pride in the facilities that we offer our students. We benefit from the largest school site in Herefordshire. Our main school building was built in the 1960's and later additions have been placed on the site to meet the expanding needs of the students: Our classrooms are large and light and our class sizes are small. Classrooms are well equipped with high quality learning resources and we have computer suites allowing all students to gain regular computer access.

Our Performance Hall has tiered seating for hundreds and has staged many high quality school productions. The Creative Arts block has an extensive range of facilities including Music room, and four practice rooms. The Sports Hall offers a high quality and spacious venue suitable for all sporting needs. It has four Basketball courts, and is also marked out for Badminton, Netball, Tennis and Five a side Football. In our extensive grounds we have the full range of sports facilities and pitches are maintained a high standard throughout the season,

and orchards, meadows and gardens. We also have an outdoor classroom and a specialist building to suitable for Land Based studies.

The HUB, our Intervention Centre, comprises of a large learning space, adjoining kitchen area, computer areas and several individual meeting rooms, and offers a fresh, modern and hi-tech area that is widely used by students and staff. Students use this area for individual or small group mentoring as well as counselling should they require it. The pastoral team, safeguarding team and directors of studies are based in the HUB.

