



SIXTH FORM

Kensington
Aldridge Academy



OFSTED RATED
'OUTSTANDING'
IN ALL CATEGORIES



SECONDARY SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Parents / Carers,

I'm delighted to welcome you to our Sixth Form prospectus. Students who apply and are successful in gaining a place at KAA Sixth Form will become part of something very special here at KAA: our staff, our facilities, and our independent school partners Godolphin & Latymer and Charterhouse have helped KAA to grow an Ofsted "outstanding" sixth form in the heart of Ladbroke Grove.

KAA students have achieved exceptional results at A level year on year, with grades consistently above the national average, 50% of students gaining places at top Russell Group universities, and a small number being offered places at Oxbridge each year. It is our expert teaching from subject specialists and personalised careers guidance that gives KAA this competitive edge and secures these outcomes for students; students enjoy consistently excellent lessons and careful guidance on their UCAS and apprenticeship applications.

Whilst academic success is an essential element of life at KAA, we also recognise the need to develop each child as an individual. It's with this in mind that we provide a rich range of extra-curricular opportunities to take part in to enhance CVs and personal statements, including our unique lecture series with visiting speakers from a range of sectors. This allows students to make the best applications to university, apprenticeships or employers.

If you would like to find out more about KAA Sixth Form, please read the pages that follow, or visit us for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October. For more information or course queries, you can email sixthform@kaa.org.uk.

With best wishes,

Anna Jordan Principal



THE KAA SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM

Opposite is a full list of A-level courses available to study at KAA. Students typically study three subjects, unless taking further maths or choosing four with a GCSE average point score of 7.0 or above.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

8 GCSE grades at grade 5 or above (including both English language and maths).

SUBJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- English literature: grade 7 in literature and 6 in language.
- Humanities: minimum grade 6 in the subject, if taken, and a 6 or above in English language and literature.
- Maths: grade 7 or above in maths (grade 8 for further maths)
- Science: triple award grade 7 or above in the science to be studied; dual award (combined science) grade 7-7 or above. Physics also requires a 7 in maths and should be taken alongside maths A-level.
- Computer science: grade 6 or above in computer science or can demonstrate relevant coding experience. It should be taken alongside maths A-level.
- Psychology: grade 6 or above in at least one science, plus grade 6 or above in English language.
- Economics: grade 7 in maths and English language. It is recommended to take alongside maths A-level.
- Physical education: grade 6 or above at GCSE PE. You must already be involved in playing a competitive sport at a school/county/regional/national standard.

We also accept the following qualifications and convert them as follows:

- BTEC level 2 qualifications with L2M translating as grades 5-6.
- IGCSE qualifications with grade B translating as grade 6 and grade A as grade 7.
- International qualifications will be interpreted on a case-by-case basis.



SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AT A LEVEL

Students must choose three subjects from across the blocks with a reserve subject using our typical blocking shown below as a guide.

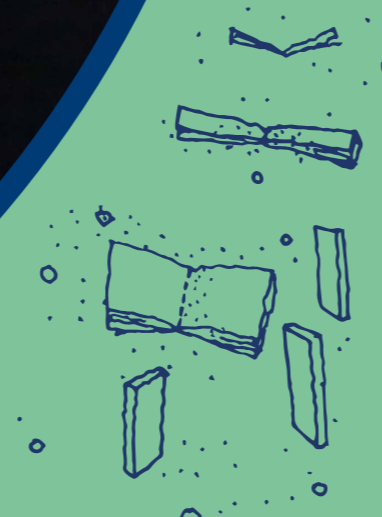
BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D
Chemistry	Art	Biology	Biology
Drama	Biology	Computer Science	Chemistry
English Literature	Chemistry	Economics	Dance
Geography	Computer Science	English Literature	Economics
History	French	Mathematics	English Literature
Physics	Further Maths*	Music	Further Maths*
Psychology	German	Politics	Geography
Politics	History	Psychology	Mathematics
Religious Studies	Mathematics	Religious Studies	Physics
Spanish	Physical Education		Psychology

* Further Maths students are choosing to take two A Levels – Maths and Further Maths – by selecting this option. You would need to pick two further subjects, from different blocks.

TAUGHT @ GODOLPHIN & LATYMER (FEMALE STUDENTS ONLY)

Italian	Classical Civilisation
History of Art	Mandarin
Ancient History	Latin

All courses (both at KAA and Godolphin) are dependent on numbers, and there is a possibility in a given year that the smallest courses may not run. Applicants for a course at Godolphin & Latymer must initially make an application to KAA and then once an offer has been made, apply separately to Godolphin & Latymer as a KAA offer holder. Entry requirements can be discussed at the point of application.



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UNIVERSITIES & CAREERS

From the very start of their time at KAA new sixth formers will be encouraged to look to their future. The sixth form at KAA is very much a bridge into university and the world of work and this starts from the first day you will spend in the academy.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Our Higher Education team at KAA will work closely with all students to ensure early planning for university entrance. For example, the deadline for UCAS applications to Oxford and Cambridge is in the early autumn term of Year 13, meaning preparation must start early in Year 12. Each year we receive several Oxbridge offers and six students have successfully secured a place in the last three years.

The choice of universities is wider than it has ever been (including overseas universities), so guidance through the complexities of the admissions process will be provided by experienced and supportive staff.

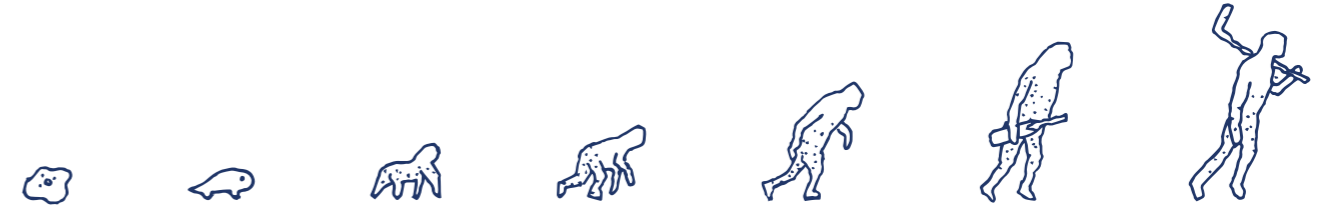
LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

2024				
% grades A*-A	% grades A*-B	% grades A*-C	Average grade	% of students taking 3 subjects who scored A*-B
33%	63%	86%	B-	37%

EDUCATION PARTNERS



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2024



UNIVERSITY	STUDENTS	COURSES
Aberystwyth University	1	Law
Anglia Ruskin University	1	Business & Law
Birkbeck University London	1	Art History with Curating
Brunel University London	5	Biomedical Sciences, Business Management, Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence (2), and Physiotherapy
Cardiff University*	1	Biological Sciences
City, University of London	7	Business Management: Digital Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Children's Nursing, Criminology, Data Science, Law LLB (2), and Music Sound & Technology
Durham University*	1	Computer Science
Imperial College London*	1	Medical Bioscience with Management
King's College London*	12	Chemistry, Computer Science (3), English, General Engineering, International Relations, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physics with Theoretical Physics, Psychology, and Sport & Exercise Medical Sciences
London Metropolitan University	1	Sport & Exercise Science
London South Bank University	1	Sport & Exercise Science
London South East Colleges: Bromley	1	Quantity Surveying
London Studio Centre	1	Professional Dance Performance
Loughborough University	1	Criminology & Sociology
Manchester Metropolitan University	1	Law
Middlesex University	3	Computer Science, Medical Physiology, and Pharmaceutical Science
Newcastle University*	1	Chemical Engineering
Norwich University of the Arts	1	Fine Art
Queen Mary University of London*	21	Biological Sciences (2), Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics (2), Economics with Finance, Economics & International Finance, Economics & Politics, Electronic Engineering, English & Drama, English with Creative Writing, Law LLB, Medicine, Pharmacology & Innovative Therapeutics, Physics, Politics & International Relations, and Psychology
Regent College London	1	Fashion Design
The Institute of Contemporary Music Performance	1	Music Business & Entrepreneurship
The London School of Economics and Political Science*	1	Mathematics & Economics
The University of Law	3	Law LLB, Law with Business LLB, and Law with Criminology LLB
The University of Manchester*	1	Economics
University College London*	17	Applied Medical Sciences (3), Chemical Engineering, Chemistry (2), Computer Science, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Geography, History (3), Italian & Management Studies, Mechanical Engineering (3), and Pharmacy
University of York*	2	Human Geography & Environment and Social & Political Sciences
University of Bath	1	Economics & Mathematics
University of Birmingham*	1	Computer Science with Digital Technology Partnership (PWC)
University of Brighton	1	Psychology
University of East Anglia	1	Medicine
University of Exeter*	1	Computer Science
University of Greenwich	5	Adult Nursing, Criminology & Criminal Psychology, Mechanical Engineering, Politics & International Relations, and Psychology

UNIVERSITY	STUDENTS	COURSES
University of Hertfordshire	3	Biomedical & Healthcare Science and Optometry (2)
University of Leicester	1	Economics
University of Nottingham*	1	Mathematics
University of Oxford*	1	Mechanical Engineering
University of Reading	2	Geography: Human and Pharmacy
University of Roehampton	2	Biomedical Science and English Literature
University of Surrey	5	Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Science, Computer Science (2), and Sport & Exercise Science
University of the Arts London	2	Architecture and Interior & Spatial Design
University of Westminster	3	Accounting & Business Management, Biomedical Science, and Law LLB

*Russell Group University

Additionally, we have students securing the coveted degree apprenticeships:

PROVIDER	STUDENTS	APPRENTICESHIP
BDO Global	1	Audit
PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) with University of Birmingham*	1	Computer Science with Digital Technology Partnership

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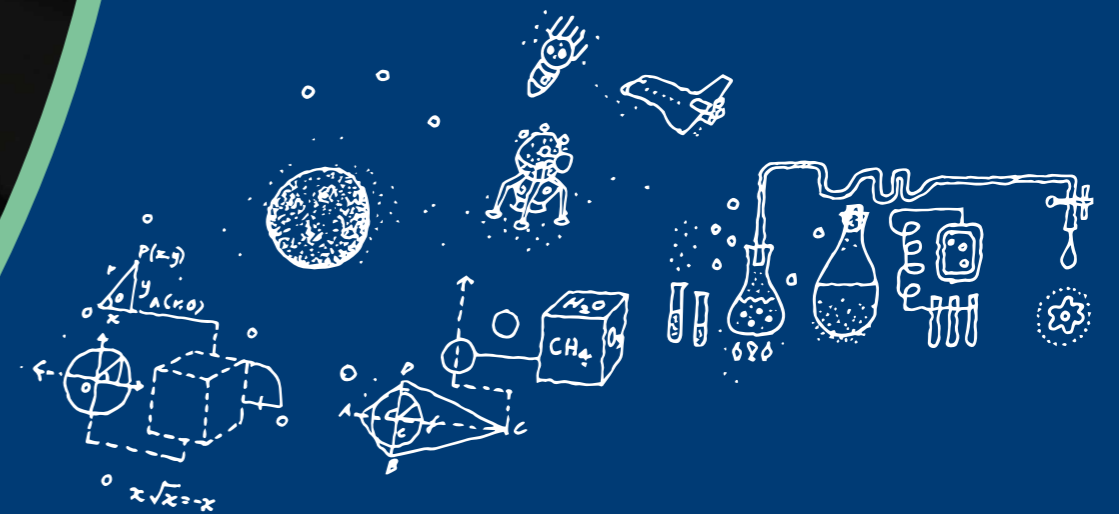
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ELECTIVES

Alongside the core programme which offers students preparation for A-level and beyond, there a number of electives which students can take advantage of to develop themselves further. We offer teacher-led academic societies to go beyond the syllabus and step away from exam requirements. Some examples include Medicine Society, Law Society and Engineering Society. We encourage student-led societies and clubs which foster creativity and initiative. Some examples include African-Caribbean Society, Economics Magazine Society, and Architecture Society. There is also the opportunity for students to take an AS-level in modern foreign languages such as French, German or Spanish alongside their three A-levels. Home language A-levels are also encouraged. Further opportunities exist for student leadership in the Student Council or Prefect roles. Mentoring, tutoring, and supporting lower school lessons also feature as popular electives as well as acts of service in the local community and through the TimeGivers charity.



CORE VALUES OF KAA

EXCELLENCE

Not just in academics, but in everything we do.

CREATIVITY

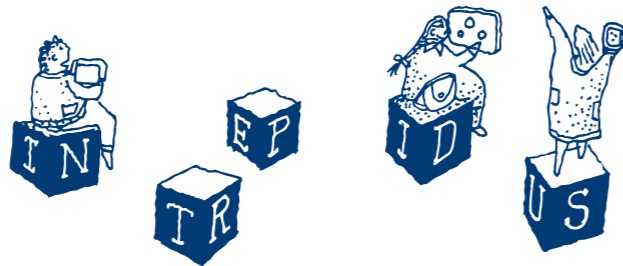
In lessons, new learning is always presented as a problem to be solved, and creativity and original thinking are rewarded.

CITIZENSHIP

Together we are greater than the sum of our parts.

RESILIENCE

We love a challenge, and understand that mistakes are just opportunities to improve.



Above all, this very simple phrase captures our school spirit:

WORK HARD, BE NICE.

CULTURE

Intrepidus – our motto – is the unifying idea which binds all the aspects of our school community. Intrepidus is at our core: it is a simple, powerful ethos of aspiration and achievement. It has real meaning to all students, staff and parents alike.

Intrepidus is about understanding that it's always better to try and fail than to never try at all; that mistakes are an inevitable part of learning; and that with hard work and persistence we can master new skills in new subjects.



THE HOUSE SYSTEM

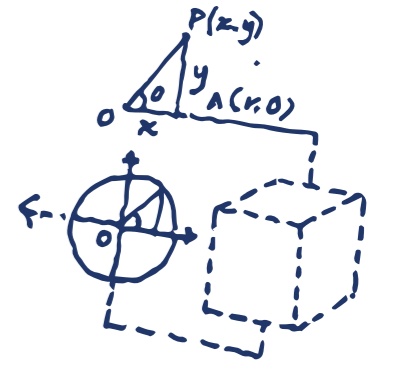
At KAA all students and staff are a member of one of our four houses. The house system creates 'schools within schools' – smaller communities of students and staff that develop a sense of belonging, identity and healthy competition. The house system provides a focal point for academy events and rewards, and mixes all ages to allow older students to mentor their younger peers.





DISCIPLINE

KAA has the very highest expectations of student behaviour and these extend to our sixth formers. We recognise that with increased maturity comes increase independence - for example KAA sixth formers are free to eat offsite at lunchtime. But we also run a very tight ship. KAA is a calm, orderly environment where students are required to be polite and courteous at all times. Our culture is one of no excuses and high expectations. These expectations are set out clearly in our Sixth Form Contract and all students and parents agree to the policies upon registration.



UNIFORM

We are an ambitious, professional academy and this is reflected in our sixth form dress code. Smart, business dress is required – with suits of matching cloth, colour and pattern preferred. Trainers, T-Shirts, jeans etc are not allowed during school hours.



FACILITIES

The £66 million KAA Campus, which includes the academy and the new Kensington Leisure Centre, needs no fine words to describe it. Our beautiful building speaks for itself – it is a world class learning environment and we are extremely privileged to have it.

We are fortunate to have our KAA facilities and put them to the service of our students. However, we also know the building alone is not the answer; it is the school's values, our strong ethos, and our focus on curriculum, assessment and teaching and learning which are the keys to our success.

Studying at KAA gives you the chance to spend two years studying in one of the greatest parts of London. KAA is just minutes from Portobello Road, Notting Hill Gate and Holland Park - three areas which are world famous for their shopping, parks, restaurants and culture. North Kensington is a vibrant, buzzing, creative community and here at KAA we are proud to be right at its heart.

- Distinctive features of our building include:
- A high-spec, dedicated Sixth Form Common Room for students to relax in and engage in independent study
 - A professional theatre, built to a West End standard
 - Our own sports hall and dance studio
 - A safe, enclosed rooftop football / sports pitch
 - A dedicated sixth form library
 - Specialist performing and creative arts classrooms for drama, art and performing arts
 - Multiple music classrooms and practice rooms and a professional recording studio
 - State of the art design technology rooms, including Graphics, Resistant Materials, Food Technology and Textiles
 - Flexible IT spaces for independent work



ADMISSIONS

To apply for KAA Sixth Form, please complete the online application form at <https://kaa.applica.com/sixthform> by Monday 2nd December 2024.

For queries about Sixth Form admissions, please email sixthform@kaa.org.uk or visit www.kaa.org.uk/sixth-form.



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