



# KINGHAM HILL --- SCHOOL

KEY INFORMATION

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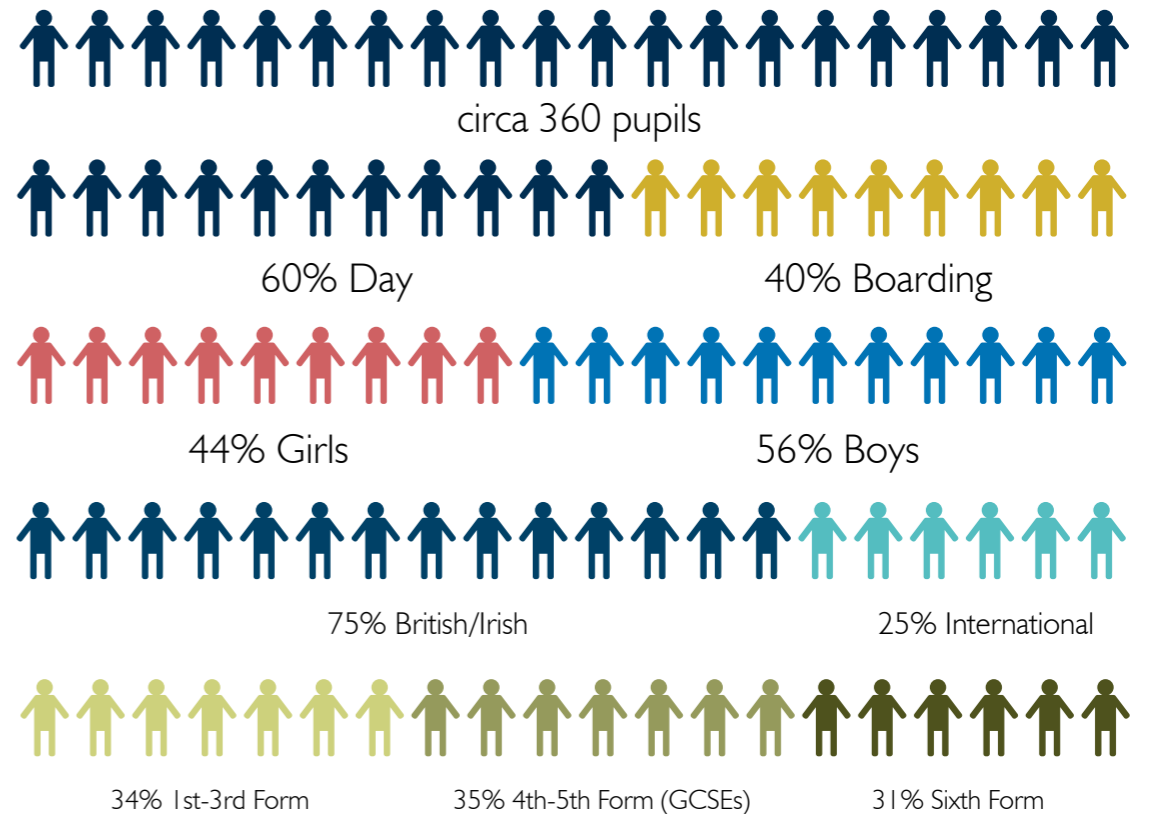
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# About Kingham Hill

Founded in 1886, Kingham Hill is a small, co-educational, independent day and boarding school for children aged 11-18 set in 105 acres of beautiful grounds in the heart of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds, just 90 minutes by direct train from London Paddington.

When talking to pupils, parents and staff about the school, the thing they love is its sense of 'community'. Kingham Hill is a school with a tangible feeling of friendliness and unity where all pupils are known and nurtured. Small class sizes mean that all pupils get the attention they need and the chance to actively participate in class. Every pupil therefore has the opportunity to learn, excel and realise their potential. We prioritise development beyond the classroom to ensure pupils leave us as rounded young adults who will become happy and successful in their future lives. There is a five-day teaching week and once lessons have finished, there is time for sport and activities every afternoon, with day and boarding pupils integrating seamlessly across the range of school life.

Compared to many other schools, our boarding houses have far fewer pupils, with an average of 25 – 30 in each. This means they feel like large family homes where everyone has the opportunity to play a key part in the day to day activities of the House.



“The overriding approach is ‘what can the school do for the pupil rather than what will the child bring to the school’. Kingham is a supportive community of pupils and teachers treating each other with respect and kindness in this area of outstanding natural beauty.



“Good for parents who are looking for a pastorally strong, all-round education for their kids. The school is small in numbers so children are known and well cared for and there is a genuine ethos of kindness and consideration.



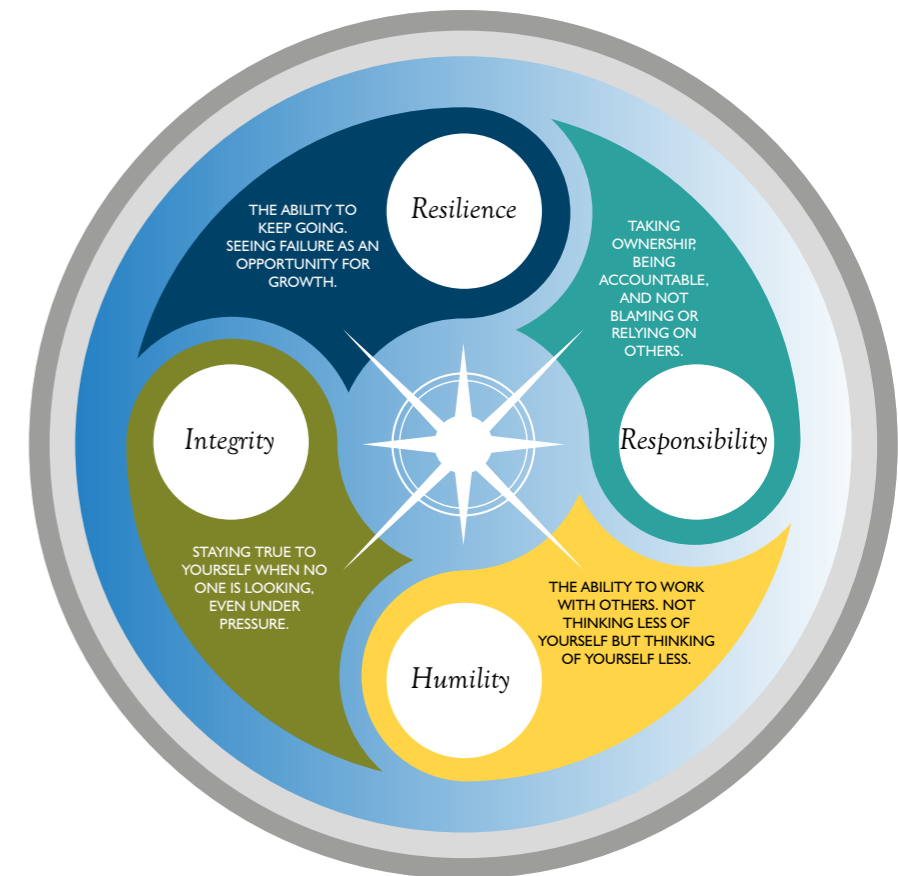
“There is a strong commitment to student growth and excellence at Kingham Hill.

## Equipped to Flourish

The Equipped to Flourish programme is designed to capture the personal development of pupils at Kingham Hill School. Through many and various activities at the school, both within the classroom and extra-curricular, we are supporting pupils to grow in four ‘virtues’ which, we believe, will enable them to flourish both here on the Hill and in their life beyond.

Those virtues are:

- **Responsibility**  
Taking ownership, being accountable and not blaming or relying on others.
- **Humility**  
The ability to work with others. Not thinking less of yourself but of yourself less.
- **Resilience**  
The ability to keep going. Seeing failure as an opportunity for growth.
- **Integrity**  
Staying true to yourself when no-one’s looking, even under pressure.



## Typical weekday routines

### Day pupils

8:00	Houses open for Day pupils.
8:40 - 9:00	Chapel most days, but see 'tutor times' below, then lessons begin.
10:45 - 11:10	Breaktime. You can return to the house or buy tuck from the dining hall.
13:00	Lunch - during this time pupils can come back to house or take part in activities.
14:10	Registration, then lessons or sport and activities.
17:00	End of school day - sign-out in the office after 5:00PM before you leave.
17:10	Optional supervised Day prep in the library (ends at 6:00PM).
17:15	Buses leave.

### Boarding pupils

7:00	Wake up, showers etc.
7:45	Breakfast for Boarders in Dining Hall.
8:25	Register in House - beds made, tidy areas, curtains open.
8:40 - 9:00	Chapel or tutor time, then lessons begin.
13:00	Lunch - during this time pupils can come back to House or take part in activities.
14:10	Registration, then lessons or sport and activities.
17:00	End of school day - free time with devices.
From 17:30	Tea for Boarders in the Dining Hall.
18:40	In house for meeting, then prep.
AFTER PREP	Free time, other activities (in House on Tuesdays).
	Bedtimes and so on depending on pupil's form group.

## Weekend routines for Boarders

### Saturdays

After breakfast you will take part in a range of Saturday activities.

- **Workshops**  
As part of the Saturday schedule, there is a programme of workshops, which complement the co-curricular provision of the week. This may include activities such as sailing, horse riding, karting and fencing.
- **Trips**  
On some Saturdays, you may go on trips as a House or with the wider Boarding community. These trips may include visits to the cinema, theatre, bowling alleys, museums, paint-balling, ice-skating etc.
- **Service Saturdays**  
These are an opportunity for you to engage in charity projects which are local to the school.

### Dinner

Dinner is served after the activities and is followed by a period of free time. Evenings are managed by the individual Houses, and bedtimes may be slightly later than normal.

### Sundays

Brunch at 10:30, then optional activities throughout the day and time to catch up on work or relax with friends.

Tea at 17:30, then Chapel at 19:45 followed by time in House to get ready for the new week. Very occasionally we have Chapel in the morning (for example on Remembrance Sunday) and on such days there will be an adjusted programme published in advance.

### Options off site on Sundays

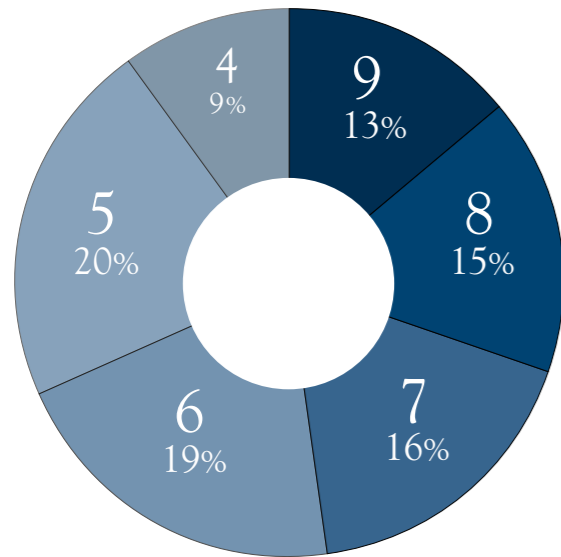
Minibuses run to Chipping Norton or other local towns. This is a great opportunity to get off site, enjoy the wider community and buy essentials or snacks! Please ask one of the House team to book a place on one of the minibuses.

### Exeats

Between the beginning of each term and half term, and again between half term and the end of term, there is usually a week-end "off" called an Exeat. Boarders are expected to go home or be accommodated by, or with, their guardian for these. School may finish early on these occasions, and there are often Parents Meetings at this time too; detailed timings will be advertised on the website and through 'The Beacon'.

# Academic results

## GCSE results 2023

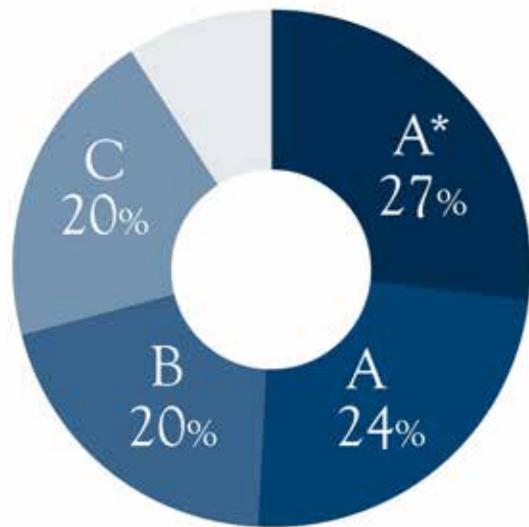


Grades 9-7 : **47%**  
 Grades 9-6 : **63%**  
 Grades 9-4 : **92%**

Grades	9-7	9-6	9-4
2022	53%	70%	95%
2021*	61%	80%	98%
2020*	53%	74%	99%
2019	49%	70%	94%
2018	47%	66%	96%

\* No public exams

## A level, BTEC and CTech results 2023



Grades A\*/A : **51%**  
 Grades A\*-B : **71%**  
 Grades A\*-C : **91%**

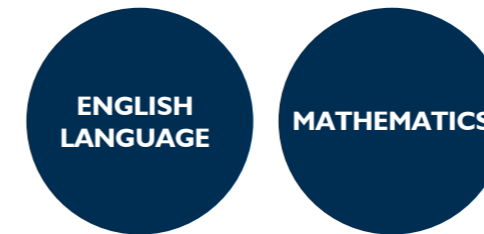
Grades	A*/A	A*/B	A*/C
2022	46%	66%	86%
2021*	80%	93%	99%
2020*	56%	76%	95%
2019	46%	72%	91%
2018	46%	63%	91%

\* No public exams

# GCSE subjects

Pupils take 9 or 10 subjects

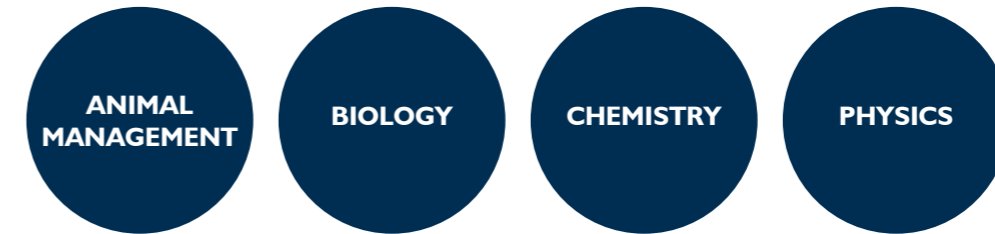
All pupils take:



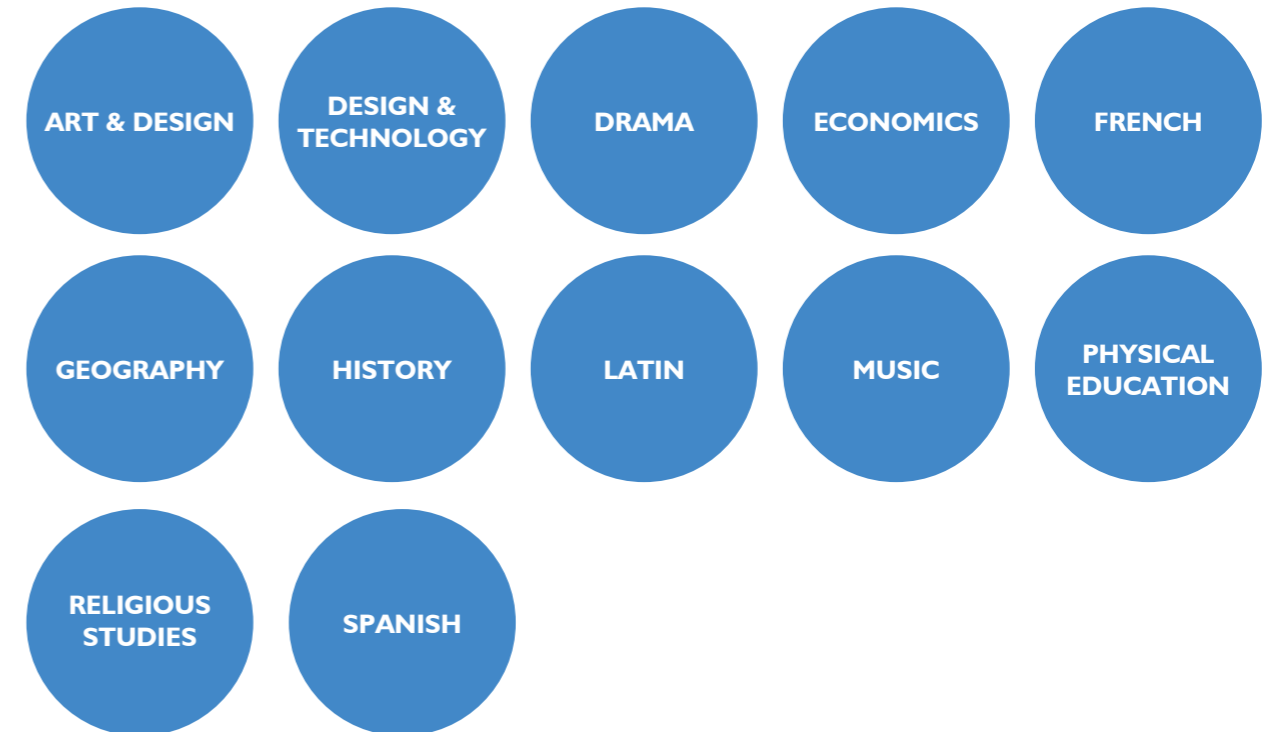
And usually take:



All pupils must choose 1-4 subjects from:



All pupils choose 3-6 subjects from:



## A level, BTEC and CTech subjects



## What are BTECs and CTechs?

In addition to A levels, Kingham Hill offers pupils the chance to study BTECs and CTechs. We offer:

- Animal Management BTEC Level 2 (part of the GCSE Curriculum)
- Animal Management BTEC Level 3 (part of the Sixth Form Curriculum)
- Engineering BTEC Level 3
- Performing Arts BTEC Level 3
- Business CTech
- Sport CTech

BTECs (Business and Technology Education Council) and CTechs (Cambridge Technical) are vocational qualifications. The reason for some subjects being called BTECs and others CTechs is simply the different exam boards; BTECs are run by Pearson, Cambridge Technicals by OCR.

These vocational qualifications are assessed differently to A levels with a particular focus on regular assessment (coursework) rather than examination. They are respected by Russell Group Universities and are seen to demonstrate a range of skills.

They carry UCAS points with them in the same way as A levels.

Our vocational qualifications have been chosen by us because universities and employers alike respect the skills and experience gained through them, and - we believe - set pupils up excellently for the world beyond Kingham Hill.

- A Distinction\* (the highest grade that can be achieved with these qualifications) gives pupils 56 UCAS points and is the equivalent to an A\* at A level
- A Distinction gives pupils 48 UCAS points (as would an A at A level)
- A Merit gives pupils 32 UCAS points (as would a C)
- A Pass gives pupils 16 UCAS points (as would an E).

A level grade	BTEC/CTech grade	UCAS points
A*	Distinction*	56
A	Distinction	48
C	Merit	32
E	Pass	16

# Co-curricular

## Sport

Sport plays an important role in school life at Kingham Hill where we encourage all pupils to actively participate in our weekly programme. There are fixtures involving all year groups with local schools in each of the main sports: rugby, hockey, football, netball and cricket. In addition, we also provide opportunities for pupils in individual sports such as swimming, athletics, badminton, squash, cross-country, tennis, badminton, fencing and climbing. All these are offered onsite in our Sports Centre, Fitness Suite, Astroturf and Swimming Pool.

During the past few years, Kingham Hill has developed our own karting team which competes in the annual NatSKA championship. We currently have two champions in different classes within our team.

## Performing Arts Academy

On Monday evening, we run a Performing Arts School, available for all pupils. During these evenings, we rehearse for our large-scale productions which take place in our newly refurbished Theatre. Previous productions have included Matilda, Les Miserables, Wizard of Oz, Oliver, Macbeth, Great Expectations and The Crucible. Senior pupils also have the opportunity to direct their own productions.

In addition to Drama, we run sessions for dance, music, script-writing and tech (lighting and sound).

## Music

Music-making is flourishing at Kingham Hill with ensembles and choirs for all ages and standards. These include our Orchestra, Concert Choir, Chapel Choir, Wind Band and various other ad hoc ensembles. We offer instrumental tuition on all instruments (as well as the bagpipes) and all pupils in the 1st and 2nd Form have the opportunity to try an instrument for free as part of our Key Stage 3 scheme.

## CCF

The CCF at Kingham has Army and Royal Air Force sections. Both sections enjoy support from their parent unit, and the army section is fortunate to be affiliated to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Whilst many of the activities on offer are 'militarily themed', and a lot of support is given by the Ministry of Defence, there are numerous adventure training opportunities, and the emphasis is on developing young boys and girls instilling an element of discipline and teamwork, rather than recruiting. CCF is available from the third form.

## Our weekly co-curricular programme includes:





## Destinations



## Where is Kingham Hill?

Kingham Hill School is situated in the heart of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the very epitome of the English countryside.

Kingham is lucky to have its own railway station which means that, despite its idyllic, rural location, the school is just an 80 minute direct journey from London Paddington and only 20 minutes from Oxford.

Kingham Hill also has its own network of buses which make getting to school easy and stress free. Please see details on the next page.



# Bus and train routes to Kingham Hill School



# Fees 2023-24

Registration fee	
Payable on registration (non-refundable)	£110 (£165 for international pupils)
Deposits	
Acceptance Deposit Payable by the parents of each pupil on acceptance of a place:	
Day	£700
Boarding	£1,000
Additional Deposit Payable in addition to the Acceptance Deposit by parents who are resident outside the United Kingdom.	
	£12,500
Fees	
Junior (First and Second Forms) Day	£6,855
Junior (First and Second Forms) Weekly Boarding	£9,675
Junior (First and Second Forms) Full Boarding	£9,995
Senior (Third Form to Upper Sixth) Day	£7,775
Senior (Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms) Weekly Boarding	£11,480
Senior (Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms) Full Boarding	£12,580
Sixth Form (Lower and Upper Sixth) Weekly Boarding	£11,960
Sixth Form (Lower and Upper Sixth) Full Boarding	£13,175

## Learning support with Greens

Kingham Hill School offers specialist support to a limited number of pupils per year group with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia.

The aim of the department is to support the individual pupils to reach their full potential. Pupils often find they are able to achieve new levels of success and confidence through the expert support they receive and this ensures pupils are able to integrate fully into the school curriculum, alongside additional support if required.

To find out more, please email Dan Taylor: [d.taylor@kinghamhill.org](mailto:d.taylor@kinghamhill.org)

The programme includes the following with options for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 8 one to one lessons per fortnight:

- Personalised and bespoke focus
- Adaptive Tech and weekly tasks to support learning and demonstrate improvement
- Regular collaboration with classroom teachers
- In-class strategies shared across all staff
- Opportunity to access Greens prep twice a week
- Fortnightly update to parent/guardian from Greens to enable progress to be clearly monitored and information shared

“Kingham Hill School is located in a magnificent setting where old and new buildings blend organically together. Boarding Houses are not far away in the grounds. All of this provides a wonderful backdrop in which SEND pupils can learn both inside and outside the classroom. The school has a caring but purposeful feel. It is clearly a place where these pupils will be supported and encouraged, and taught to believe in themselves. They will also be stretched; the school is clearly aspirational for all pupils including those with SEND.

CReSTeD report



2 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £480 per term

3 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £720 per term

4 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £960 per term

5 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £1200 per term

6 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £1440 per term

8 one to one lessons  
per fortnight: £1920 per term

## Get in touch

Our highly experienced Admissions Team, Debbie (below, left) and Sophie (below, right) will be your main point of contact during the process. They are here to answer your questions, help you to navigate anything that is unfamiliar, and generally provide guidance and reassurance during the admissions journey.



Please feel free to contact Debbie or Sophie  
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