

# Kingsthorpe College

## Aptitude Workshops 14th October

### Art Workshop

The process will be divided into sections. Firstly, you will work with other students and take part in a practical workshop in an Art studio. This session will allow you to display your artistic skills by creating your own interpretation of a piece of artwork which will be provided beforehand. You will be able to choose from a range of mediums for your artwork including painting, drawing or collage - these are aimed at supporting your own artistic flare and imagination. Secondly, you will attend a short informal interview, where you will be invited to discuss your passions and interests in the subject, and why you believe you will make a great Aptitude student at KC. You should bring in a portfolio or a piece of artwork that you will share during this discussion.



### Dance Workshop



The audition process will be divided into two sections. You will take part in a practical workshop with other students where staff will teach you a short sequence to perform. For the workshop you must wear comfortable clothes that you can move around in. Then you will perform a one minute solo that you have already prepared. This can be in a style of your choice that will showcase the best of your ability. We are looking for a range of technical and performance skills including alignment, stamina, and co-ordination, as well as confidence, focus, and musicality. Once you have performed your dance, you will be invited to discuss your passions and interests in the subject, and why you believe you will make a great Aptitude student at KC.

### Drama Workshop

The audition process will be divided into two sections. You will take part in a practical workshop with other students, and then perform a monologue to a member of the Drama teaching team. For the workshop you must wear comfortable clothes that you can move around in, but you do not need to prepare anything. For the monologue, you must learn in advance one of the speeches off-by-heart from the pack that you will receive (alternatively you can select your own - but it must be from a published playtext or film and be 1-2 minutes in length), and consider your use of voice (volume, pitch, tone and pace) and physical actions (including body language, facial expression, gestures and movement). Once you have performed your monologue, you will be invited to discuss your passions and interests in the subject, and why you believe you will make a great Aptitude student at KC.



### Music Workshop

You will be asked to perform two pieces of music on your chosen instrument / through your voice. Once your performance is complete, there will be a short interview where you will have a chance to discuss your passion for music, and what you would contribute to the musical life of Kingsthorpe College, and why you believe you will make a great Aptitude student at KC.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Kingsthorpe College for the Workshop day. It is important to us that you are yourself. We hope that you enjoy your day and we wish you the very best of luck!**

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### Aptitude Test Format

#### Art

Prospective Art students will be involved in a practical workshop, showcasing their skills and talent in painting/drawing/collage. There will be an informal interview afterwards where you can discuss and show a portfolio or a piece of artwork that you have created at home or at school.

**Students will be assessed on the following criteria:**

Composition, creativity, originality, confidence when using different mediums and passion for the subject.

#### Dance

Prospective Dance students will participate in a practical workshop, perform a solo and have an informal interview. The solo can be in a style of your choice and should be 1 minute in length.

**Students will be assessed on the following criteria:**

Alignment, co-ordination, strength, stamina, creativity and passion for the subject.

#### Drama

Prospective Drama students will be involved in a practical workshop, perform a monologue and have an informal interview.

**Students will be assessed on the following criteria:**

Vocal skills, movement skills, improvisation, creativity and passion for the subject.

#### Music

Prospective musicians will perform two prepared pieces of music on their chosen instrument, or through their use of voice. A copy of the music should also be brought in. There will also be an informal interview.

**Students will be assessed on the following criteria:**

Musicality, accuracy, connection with audience, interpretation and passion for the subject.



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### The Aptitude application process is as follows:

1. Complete the online 365 Aptitude application form. A link to the form is available from the website or please scan the below QR code to access.
2. The application form should be submitted to Kingsthorpe College no later than **Tuesday 10th October at 3pm.**
3. All applications will be acknowledged electronically (email address must be provided). You may screen print a copy of the electronic acknowledgement for your records if you wish.
4. ALL parents and children who make an application under the Aptitude Criterion will be invited to the Aptitude Workshops. Details will be emailed to the email address provided. Please check junk folders for email.
5. The Aptitude workshops will be held on **Saturday 14th October, arrival at 9.30am.** In the interest of fairness and consistency, no alternative date/time is available.
6. All parents will be informed by the Local Authority of the school allocated to their child by post on Friday 1st March 2024.
7. All applicants will be assessed on their contribution/skillset in the workshops and other activities. Up to 24 students will be considered for an offer to join the school as part of the Aptitude programme.
8. We will not be able to provide feedback on your child's performance.

Scan for application form



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