
KINGSTHORPE COLLEGE

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A note from our Leadership Team

Welcome.

Kingsthorpe College is dedicated to ensuring that we make a positive difference, to you and your child. We understand how important choosing a secondary school for your child is and hope that this prospectus and visit to our school will allow you to better understand what our school is about.

High quality relationships are at the heart of everything that we do. We want our young people to be happy, confident, curious, and resilient learners. We know that this can only happen if relationships are built on trust and mutual respect. We believe that when young people feel safe and secure, everything is possible, and we promise to do our utmost to make sure that we unlock the potential in everyone.

All we can ask from our students is that they do their best, and we value hard work, determination, and thoughtfulness. We are proud of the extracurricular provision that we can offer, and we work hard to give our students plenty of opportunities to develop their confidence and creativity – both in and out of lessons.

If you choose Kingsthorpe College, you will be joining a team. The Orbis Education Trust, our governors, and our staff, are all incredibly proud to work with us at Kingsthorpe College, and we are all committed to constantly improving things for the young people in our care. The calibre of our staff is second to none, and we can promise you that your child will be challenged, supported, and inspired daily in all aspects of their school life. You can also be assured that we will always give 'that little bit extra'. It's not just what we do at Kingsthorpe College, but how we do it that makes the difference. Kingsthorpe College 'feels' different. There is a definite atmosphere of energy, anticipation, and excitement. Everyone who visits us comments on it, and we hope you will be able to experience this yourselves during your visit.

Whilst we are becoming the first choice for many families across Northampton, and are now oversubscribed upon entry, we are far from complacent. We will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do, and we are excited and optimistic about what the future holds for the young people and community which we serve.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kingsthorpe College, so you can see first-hand what a great school we are.

Admissions Criteria

The choice of secondary education for your child is an important one as it will affect the rest of their life. Consequently, parents are extremely eager to get their child in to the school of their choice. That said, each school only has a specified number of places that can be allocated (PAN – Pupil Admission Number). The PAN at Kingsthorpe College is 240 students per year group. Once we reach that number, we cannot accept any additional admissions unless through a successful appeal.

All applications for admissions to Kingsthorpe College are done centrally through the Local Authority and follow the protocol set out below:

Kingsthorpe College – Admissions Policy for 2027 intake

Kingsthorpe College will admit 240 students in Year 7. The school will allocate places to students with an EHCP where the school, after consultation with the Local Authority, has been named on the statement/EHCP as appropriate provision.

The admissions policy for Kingsthorpe College follows the Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for Secondary Schools in the Area of West Northamptonshire. Parents will need to complete a Common Application Form and submit it to their Local Authority. **Deadline for applications to be submitted is 5pm Friday 30th October 2026.**

Where the school is oversubscribed, places will be allocated using the following criteria:

1. **Children in public care (looked after children) or previously in public care** (see full definition below).
2. **Children of staff at Kingsthorpe College** where any of the following conditions are met:
 - The member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the academy is made, or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
3. **Up to 24 students with a demonstrated particular aptitude in the visual or performing arts** (art, dance, drama or music). Students will be selected through workshops. All applicants will be assessed on their contribution/ skillset in the workshops and other activities. If you wish your child to be considered for a place under the criterion aptitude for visual or performing arts, please complete an 'Aptitude Application' online form and return it to Kingsthorpe College. Please check the website or call for confirmation of the workshop dates.
4. **Students who live in the postcode areas NN2 8, NN2 7, NN3 6.**
5. **Students who will have an older brother or sister continuing at Kingsthorpe College at the time of admission of the younger child.**
6. **Other students.**

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- students are admitted in accordance with this policy
- where places are available, students are admitted in accordance with the agreed priorities.

The Governing Body will ensure that:

- the admission arrangements are reviewed annually and consultation takes place on changes with all other admission authorities and the Local Authority
- the admission arrangements are made available to parents and potential parents
- the net capacity formula is reviewed annually and proposed variations discussed with the Local Authority.

Our Values

Our core values at KC are:

- Care
- Aspiration
- Respect
- Responsibility



Our Ethos and Culture

We are passionate about providing opportunities for all our students to achieve artistic, athletic, and academic excellence. In addition to ensuring that all our young people achieve their potential in these areas, there is also a genuine commitment to respect for individuals which is demonstrated in the daily life of Kingsthorpe College. One of the first things you notice when you walk into school, is how friendly everybody is to each other – how frequently people smile, take an interest in other people, and find something positive and encouraging to say. We always take the time to celebrate success.

All we can ask from our students is that they do their best – and we value hard work, determination, and optimism highly. We believe that people choose their own behaviour, and we work hard to make sure that our young people make the right choices. Students at Kingsthorpe College appreciate the fact that we are clear in our expectations about what this entails.

Kingsthorpe College is also a school which understands that the students' experience should be at the heart of everything we do. We have a thriving student voice, led by our Student leadership team and it is really important to us that our young people feel that this is their school, and that they are just as much a part of the Kingsthorpe College team as our staff.

Finally, we believe in clarity of communication, and the power of feedback. We always welcome open and honest dialogue between all those involved in and with the school. We are committed to a restless excellence which can only be achieved through regular feedback, and you will always find us receptive to this.

Our Curriculum

Kingsthorpe College offers a wide-ranging curriculum starting in Year 7 and progressing through to the Sixth Form. We are always trying to improve what we offer in order to meet the needs of each individual student. It is important to us that we have a challenging, connected, and creative curriculum which enables students to learn substantial subject specific knowledge, as well as learn how to engage in debate and form their own opinions about this content. Above all, we hope that by the time students leave us, they have the requisite knowledge and skills to play an active part in society and feel confident that they can take part in the great conversations of our time.

Whilst we maintain strength in the “academic” side of what we do, there is also a substantial “vocational” element available to students and we review our offer annually to meet the changing needs of both students and the wider society. Subjects which are currently available are:

Subjects	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Art/Fine Art	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology				✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Studies				✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry				✓	✓	✓	✓
Criminology						✓	✓
Computer Science						✓	✓
Core Maths						✓	
Dance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3D Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Drama	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economics						✓	✓
English Language/Literature	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extended Project						✓	✓
French	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
German	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Health and Social Care				✓	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ICT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PE and Sports Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Philosophy & Ethics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Photography				✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics				✓	✓	✓	✓
PSHE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Psychology						✓	✓
Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sociology						✓	✓
Statistics				✓	✓		
Textiles				✓	✓		

Our Pastoral Care

Strong, positive links between home and the school will inevitably help children succeed. The focus of our pastoral structure is to support the development of all students in achieving their potential as learners and as young people. We make sure that each young person is known and valued as an individual.



Each student is a member of a tutor group and has a personal tutor who helps them do well in their academic and social lives at school. Where possible, the tutor continues working with the tutor group from Year 7 through to Year 13, helping to provide stability, security and continuity of care.

If you wish to discuss anything about your child's progress with us, you are asked to contact your child's tutor, the Deputy Head of Year or Head of Year in the first instance.

We will keep you fully informed and involved in all aspects of your child's learning and will work with you to make certain they are as happy and academically challenged as possible. The stronger and more mutually supportive our partnership is, the more successful each student will be.

Our Student Support

Special Educational Needs

We recognise that individuals have different learning and physical needs. Where a special educational need is identified, we seek to provide the most appropriate support we can for the individual to enable him or her to make the best possible progress.

Where it becomes clear that some adaptation of the curriculum or environment is necessary to promote success, we will do everything we can to support this through full discussion with parents and appropriate agencies.

We are committed to supporting and challenging every child to be the very best they can be, and will endeavour to find a way to meet every child's needs. If you wish to discuss your child's specific needs, please contact our SENDCO on senco@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.

Aptitude

KC is proud to have an Aptitude programme.

Our Aptitude programme is for students who wish to excel in the creative arts subjects. There is a dedicated slot on their timetable where they all come together with specialist staff. The 3 pillars of the curriculum are creativity, appreciation and performance and we work relentlessly on those skills. Having that dedicated time provides them with a chance to hone those skills with like-minded people who all feel the same about the arts. They are supportive and appreciative of each other's efforts. Year 7 musicians also receive up to 50% discount off their instrumental lessons for the first year only.

You can apply for the Aptitude programme via collecting an application form from the school directly or on the school website. Closing date for this application is October 2nd 2026.

Pastoral Support and Tutor Structure

Starting secondary education is a big step for both students and their parents, so at Kingsthorpe College we work very hard to make this transfer as smooth as possible. We work closely with schools to ensure that there are good links between us, and we have a strong liaison programme with primary and secondary teachers working hand in hand.

To help with the transfer process, we hold an annual Open Evening in September for prospective parents and students to see us in action. When we know details of which students have been successful in gaining a place at Kingsthorpe College, we arrange a meeting for them to meet their new Year Team. This enables our staff with responsibility for transition to meet our new students and their teachers to discuss the weeks and months ahead, and to make sure that we have all the information we need about individuals' progress, personal development, and any special needs.

Soon after your child has started at Kingsthorpe College, we arrange a meeting for parents and carers to meet with tutors to discuss how your child has settled in and to make sure that there is an opportunity for you to share anything with us before the first half term is over.

We hold progress evenings throughout the year to enable you to be kept up to date on your child's progress. School reports are also shared termly.



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EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS THROUGH OUR CORE VALUES OF
CARE, ASPIRATION, RESPECT, AND RESPONSIBILITY.

The School Day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Form Time 08:40 – 09:00	Form Time 08:40 – 09:00	Form Time/PSHE 08:40 – 9:35	Form Time 08:40 – 09:00	Form Time 08:40 – 09:00
Period 1 09:00 – 10:00	Period 1 09:00 – 10:00		Period 1 09:00 – 10:00	Period 1 09:00 – 10:00
Movement 10:00 – 10:05	Movement 10:00 – 10:05		Movement 10:00 – 10:05	Movement 10:00 – 10:05
Period 2 10:05 – 11:05	Period 2 10:05 – 11:05		Period 2 10:05 – 11:05	Period 2 10:05 – 11:05
Break 11:05 – 11:30	Break 11:05 – 11:30	Break 10:40 – 11:05	Break 11:05 – 11:30	Break 11:05 – 11:30
Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Period 3 11:05 – 12:05	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30	Period 3 11:30 – 12:30
Movement 12:30 – 12:35	Movement 12:30 – 12:35	Movement 12:05 – 12:10	Movement 12:30 – 12:35	Movement 12:30 – 12:35
Period 4 12:35 – 13:35	Period 4 12:35 – 13:35	Period 4 12:10 – 13:10	Period 4 12:35 – 13:35	Period 4 12:35 – 13:35
Lunch 13:35 – 14:15	Lunch 13:35 – 14:15	Lunch 13:10 – 13:50	Lunch 13:35 – 14:15	Lunch 13:35 – 14:15
Period 5 14:15 – 15:15	Period 5 14:15 – 15:15	Period 5/Elective 13:50 – 14:50	Period 5 14:15 – 15:15	Period 5 14:15 – 15:15

Our School Uniform

Kingsthorpe College uniform plays an important part in contributing to the ethos and values of the school. The wearing of our uniform allows students to identify with the school and demonstrates their pride in being a student at Kingsthorpe - both in the school and in the community. It is also practical, smart and reduces expenditure for parents and carers.

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Main school Uniform

Black blazer with KC badge

KC clip on tie

Plain white collared shirt – buttoned to the collar (worn tucked in)

Plain (no logo) black V-neck jumper worn under blazer – not a replacement (optional)

		
Trousers	Plain black tailored trousers.	Jean style trousers (back pockets sewn on the outside - jean style) Leggings. Hipsters. Tracksuit bottoms. Tight skinny legged trousers.
Skirts	Plain black full pleated knee length skirt. Plain black opaque tights.	Stretch fabric fitted skirts. Straight skirts. Skirts above the knee.
Shoes	Plain black leather or leather-type flat soled shoes. Full black leather trainers. Full black leather flat soled ankle boots.	Trainers with mesh or fabric uppers. Pumps eg Vans/Converse type shoes. 'Ugg' style fur boots. Ballet pump style 'dolly' shoes Any heeled shoes. Boots that go above the ankle.
Outerwear	Plain and dark colour coats. Plain and dark woolly hats, with no logos, may be worn in winter but removed in the building. Plain sunhats - must be removed indoors.	Tracksuit tops. Hoodies.

PE Kit should be purchased through Liss sports. <https://www.lissport.co.uk/Kingsthorpe>

As a minimum students should wear the navy Kingsthorpe College as their top layer in a lesson. They may wear other items under their KC kit when the weather is cold. Any non KC kit is expected to be navy.

Navy KC shorts. Navy KC hoody.

Navy KC t shirt.

Trainers (any colour)

White sports socks or navy football socks. Football boots (any colour) Shin pads.

Dance:

Navy KC PE t shirt or black KC dance t-shirt must be worn. Navy or black. Leggings may be worn.

All dance and gymnastic lessons take place in bare feet or appropriate dance shoes as specified by the dance department.

Long hair should be tied up and piercings removed or taped for health and safety.

Students are expected to change for PE and Dance in the PE changing rooms. Students must wear school uniform on the way into Kingsthorpe College and leaving school.

Modes of Transport

Bicycles

Students may travel to school on bicycles on the understanding that they are left on the school site at the student's own risk. There is an area outside of PE, using the student entrance, for bicycles to be parked and locked.

All students who wish to ride their bicycles to and from school must follow the highway code - rules for cyclists. Students are not permitted to ride their bike on school property at all, and the bicycle must be walked to the road. We reserve the right to withdraw permission for a student to attend school on a bicycle if the bicycle is poorly maintained, unsafe, or poorly ridden, as well as if the bicycle is ridden on school grounds.

Students are encouraged to wear the appropriate safety headgear whilst travelling to and from the school.

Buses

Students may travel to school by bus. The school is easily accessible via direct public bus lines operated by Stagecoach Midlands. The closest bus stops are located directly on Boughton Green Road (the Kingsthorpe College / Sunnyside stop).

The 4, 4A, and 4B bus services pass directly by the school. These lines run frequently (roughly every 15 to 20 minutes) connecting the school with the Northampton Bus Interchange in the town centre and the University of Northampton Waterside Campus.

Because Kingsthorpe College is under the jurisdiction of West Northamptonshire Council, families may qualify for financial travel help depending on distance and income. Free travel assistance is typically provided if Kingsthorpe College is your closest suitable school and your home address is more than 3 miles away. For more information, visit www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-travel-assistance.

Enrichment Opportunities

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

In January 2023, Kingsthorpe College were delighted to launch the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Army section to the extra-curricular opportunities. The CCF is a partnership between the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and schools, creating a unique and incredible opportunity for young people to develop self-discipline, courage, respect for others, integrity, loyalty and commitment. It also helps develop communication skills, confidence, being part of a team, giving a sense of pride and achievement.

CCF training is split over parade days, field days and occasional weekend camps and courses concluding with an end of year summer camp. Cadets follow the CCF Army Cadet Syllabus and learn Military skills and knowledge following a training programme which focuses on:

- Military Knowledge
- Drill and Turnout
- Skill at Arms
- Shooting
- Navigation
- Fieldcraft
- First Aid
- Expedition and adventurous training

As cadets progress through the stages of the syllabus they will gain badges and certificates for their achievements and qualifications. By being part the CCF, cadets have the opportunity to get involved with charitable work and volunteer in the community to gain nationally recognised qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award and St John's First aid Certificate. Cadets can begin their cadet experience in the CCF from year 9 and can continue into sixth form, where there will be many leadership opportunities available to them.

Parade nights are held weekly on a Thursday from 3.30pm – 4.45pm.



Enrichment Opportunities

50 Things to do before you leave Kingsthorpe College

We are excited to share that '50 Things that you could do before leaving Kingsthorpe College' a wonderful programme designed to broaden horizons and provide pupils with memorable experiences throughout their time at the school.

The '50 things' fall into five categories: Civic Engagement, Arts and Culture, Nature, Outdoor and Adventure, Sports and Physical and Wider Life Skills. Examples of these 'things' include: volunteering in the community, eating or preparing a meal from another country, pitching a tent and sleeping under the stars, running 5 km and conquering a fear!

Students can now look forward to new opportunities, experiences and challenges. What a fantastic way to enrich their time at Kingsthorpe College.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

For the past seven decades, the Duke of Edinburgh Award has inspired and transformed the lives of millions of young people from all walks of life. From volunteering to physical activities, life skills to expeditions, achieving a DofE Award is a passport to a brighter future, valued by employers and universities.

The world's leading youth achievement award, the DofE in the UK is proud to be part of [The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation](#), which drives and supports global growth.

At Kingsthorpe College we run the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Students can start their Duke of Edinburgh Award journey in Year 9 and continue through to Year 13. The Bronze group meets on a Monday week A after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and the Silver and Gold groups meet Week B Monday after school from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. These sessions run throughout the year leading up to the expedition phase of the award. In these sessions students are taught everything from navigation skills to how to pack a rucksack and put up a tent. Students will need to complete a number of assessments throughout their training to ensure that they are ready for their expedition.

Bronze location for expedition will be Grendon
Silver location for expedition will be in the Peak District.
Gold location for expedition will be the River Wye.

Trips

At Kingsthorpe College, we believe that some of the most memorable and valuable learning experiences take place beyond the classroom. Throughout the year, students have access to a wide range of educational visits, residential experiences, and enrichment activities designed to broaden horizons, develop confidence, and bring learning to life.

We are proud to offer a rich and varied calendar of opportunities, ensuring that every student has the chance to participate in experiences that inspire curiosity, independence, and personal growth. From local visits that enhance classroom learning to residential and overseas trips that encourage resilience and cultural awareness, our educational visits form an important part of life at Kingsthorpe College.

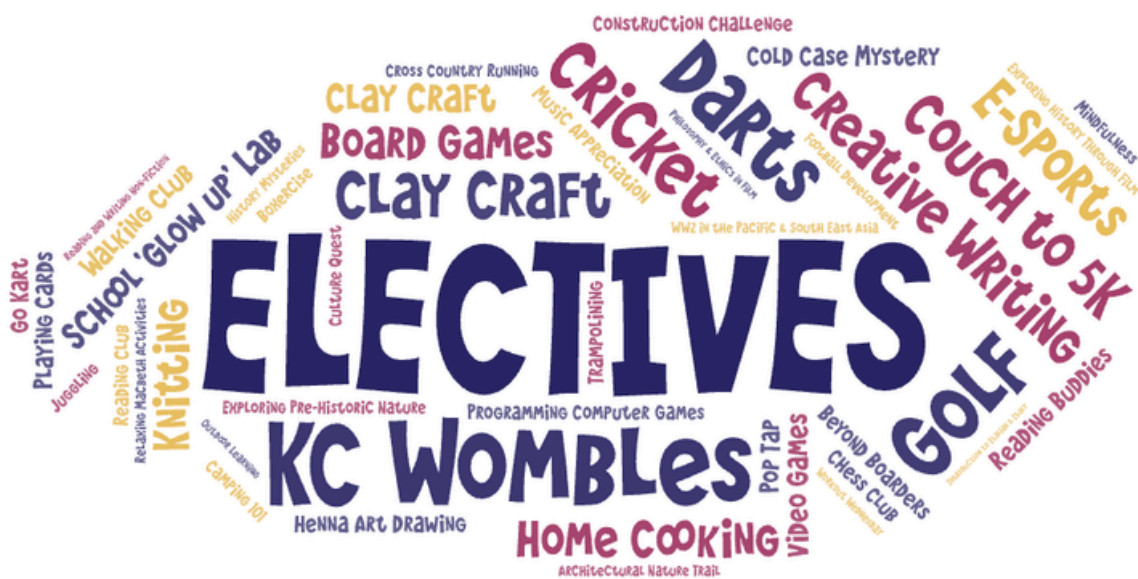


Enrichment Opportunities

Electives

Orbis Education Trust are passionate about the benefits of enrichment activity, we empower Kingsthorpe students by making it easy to access a breadth of inclusive experiences that build confidence and align with future success in education, careers and positive, active citizenship. Our Enriched Curriculum is broad and diverse with activities currently taking place at lunchtime and after school. Physical, creative and adventurous clubs sit alongside academic support.

Students embrace an electives enrichment programme that complements our wider academic curriculum structure and enables every student to develop; building aspiration, resilience, positive and active citizenship, alongside academic achievement.



Our Students

We work hard at involving students in the life of the school. Student leadership, involvement, and ownership are major contributors to achievement and progress and are evident in many ways. We try and keep it central to everything that we do.

The Student Leadership Team provides students with numerous roles and experiences of a wider school nature. This not only gives them the chance to blossom as individuals, but also enables them to really make a difference to our school.

All students lead an important and active role in the life of our community. Each year group nominates representatives who meet regularly to raise, discuss and propose resolutions about issues which are important to the students they represent. This enables students to be involved more closely in the future development and organisation of the school, and to gain experience of committee work and public services.

We use Arbor to support learning and teaching activities. Homework assignments are set and assessed on Arbor, as well as other platforms and our teachers upload resources shared in lessons so students can revisit prior learning and look ahead to what is coming next. We want all students to be effective, independent learners and believe that technology is one of the tools which will enable this.

Our Staff

The success of any school is built upon the dedication, expertise, and commitment of its staff. At Kingsthorpe College, we are proud to be a community of highly skilled, motivated, and passionate professionals whose creativity, enthusiasm, and ambition inspire young people to achieve their very best, both academically and personally.

Our staff work collaboratively, supporting and challenging one another in equal measure. We recognise that our greatest strength lies in our shared sense of purpose and collective commitment to excellence. By fostering a culture of openness, trust, and teamwork, we ensure that every member of our community contributes to the continued success and development of the school.

We are privileged to work in a thriving and supportive environment alongside exceptional colleagues and remarkable young people. The positive relationships we build, the respect we show one another, and the high aspirations we hold for every student create a culture in which everyone can flourish.

At Kingsthorpe College, we believe that education is about more than academic achievement. It is about nurturing confidence, character, resilience, and a lifelong love of learning. We are united in our determination to provide the very best opportunities, support, and experiences for every young person in our care, enabling them to realise their potential and make a positive contribution to the world around them.

Together, we are more than a staff body; we are a dedicated team of professionals committed to making a lasting difference in the lives of our students and to ensuring that Kingsthorpe College remains a place where both young people and staff are proud to learn, work, and succeed.

A note from the Governing Body

Community Governors:

Julia Harnden
Jackie Topple
Tanya Goody

Parent Governors:

Tracey Johnson
Sacha Babin

Headteacher Governor:

Sharan Matharu

Staff Governors:

Helen Noble
Molly Ryan

Clerk:

Teresa Elkin

The Governors of Kingsthorpe College are very proud to represent you and your opinions. We believe in the power of harnessing everyone's talents across the community in order to achieve outstanding outcomes. We are a very dedicated team of individuals who are totally committed to making sure every young person at Kingsthorpe College gets the best education possible. We hope you will support us in the leadership of our schools and will contribute to its continued success.

Full Governors' meetings are held four times a year with some work conducted through sub-committees. This enables us to keep all aspects of the school's operation under review and to keep building on our strengths.

In a prospectus such as this, we can only touch upon the many areas of the school that we are responsible for. However, we have very detailed policies covering all aspects of school life and should you wish to have copies of any policy document, please contact the school via lisa.deszczynski@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.

All Governor correspondence should be addressed to:

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