

## **The Application Process**

Our equal consideration deadline for 2025 applications is **Friday 28 February 2025**. Our online applicant portal makes it easier than ever for students to make their application to the college. Last year, students and their families shared great feedback, noting how simple and straightforward the process was to complete. The application is split into nine sections :

- Personal Details
- Address Details
- School Details
- Academic and Vocational Qualifications
- Music, Dance, Drama & Other Qualifications (if applicable)
- About You & Future Plans
- Courses
- Additional Details & Support
- Contacts

A student must enter all of the subjects they are currently studying in Year 11 into the 'Academic and Vocational Qualifications' section, along with a predicted grade. Predicted grades could be from a school report, formal GCSE predictions or mock examination results. We would ask students to carefully check their qualifications prior to submitting their form, especially to ensure they have correctly entered their GCSE Science qualifications (Combined Science or Triple Science as appropriate). We would ask students to use their own personal email address (and not that of a parent) to apply. This is how the application system will keep them updated regarding status changes, and indeed we will communicate all 2025 decisions via email. We have previously experienced issues with students using '@icloud.com' email addresses, largely linked to the capacity of their accounts and the student not ensuring there is capacity to receive emails. Again, this may be useful for students applying to a range of providers to know this, and not just King Ed's.

Please find guidance below for students when completing the About You and Future Plans sections :

### **About You (Personal Statement)**

We aren't looking for anything like a university style personal statement. All we want to know is a little bit about the student! We would like to know why they want to study the courses they have chosen, any hobbies and achievements or what they believe makes them an ideal candidate for the college.

What to include:

- Why they want to come to KE (e.g – why they want to study the subjects they have chosen)
- Hobbies/interests
- Positions of responsibility
- Other facts – travel/volunteering
- Work experience

Hints and tips:

- Plan it out – mind map?
- Write in sentences
- Check spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Get someone else to have a read too
- Don't overthink it!

### **Future Plans (Career Aspirations)**

We also require a short statement on each student's career aspirations. If a student has an idea about the career they aspire to pursue after college or university, or even if they are unsure, we encourage them to share their thoughts with us. This information helps us provide any necessary subject advice and guidance. There's no need for students to feel they must impress us—it's completely fine to say they are unsure at this stage. We understand that many people at their age are still uncertain about their future plans.

**A decision will not be made on a students' application until it is fully complete and submitted to the college.**

### **Communicating Decisions to Students**

Conditional offers are made to applicants whom the college believes have the potential to most benefit from a place, based on the information contained in their application form.

Each year we are contacted by students who wish they had applied but who chose not to ahead of the 28 February deadline. If in doubt, students are encouraged to apply! Students are advised that they can apply to multiple colleges, and indeed hold multiple offers too. Our Admissions Team can offer lots of practical advice and will be happy to talk through any dilemmas or concerns students may have.

Decision emails will be sent out to applicants as soon as possible once we have received and considered their full application. **We no longer interview students as part of the application process.** All offers are conditional on achieving the required entry criteria (these may differ depending on the subjects a student wishes to study). Full details of our entry criteria can be found on [our website](#).

Students who receive a conditional offer from the college will have until Friday 25 April 2025 to accept their place. Again, it is acceptable to hold offers at multiple institutions, attend College Orientation Days, and to make a final decision at a later point (e.g. GCSE Results Day). Applicants who do not respond to their conditional offer by 25 April may have their offer to join us at the college withdrawn.

### **Minimum Entry Requirements**

Our minimum entry requirements to study three subjects at the college are six GCSEs at grade 5 or above. If a student wishes to take four subjects, they will need to achieve seven GCSEs at grade 7 or above. A number of subjects have their own minimum entry requirements, so please check the information provided for each of our subjects on our [course guides](#) to find out more.

**Please note : BTEC and CNAT qualifications do not form part of our minimum entry requirements.**

**Open Events : Autumn 2024**

Our Open Events are a great way to see what the college has to offer. So far, over 4000 people have registered to attend the events which are a brilliant opportunity to meet with subject teachers, current students and our support services. This year, our Open Events will be on the following dates:

**Thursday 17 October**

5.00-9.00 pm

**Saturday 19 October**

9.00-3.00 pm

**David Handy**

**Director of Admissions, Marketing and Progression**