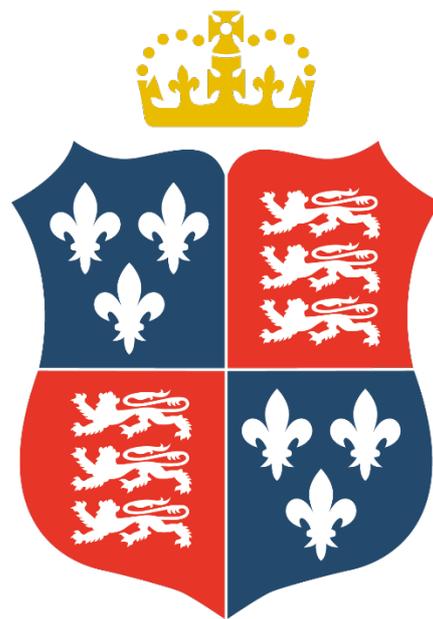


King Edward VI College

Stourbridge

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FE Residential Accommodation

**Statement of residential principles
and practice**

King Edward VI College is a sixth form college located in Stourbridge. Our 16-19 student population of over 2100 young people can choose from a range of 36 A level subjects. The college serves a very wide geographical area with students travelling up to an hour to reach campus. We also have a contingent of around 30 international students who come to us from locations such as Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand and China. These students can choose between on-site residential boarding accommodation and living with a host family.

Our aim is to ensure that our international students:

- *through the curriculum:*
develop academically, linguistically, creatively and personally, reaching their potential, respecting and appreciating each other's achievements, while taking pride in their own.
- *in boarding or home stay:*
get to live as a family, stay safe, develop relationship and social skills as well as becoming increasingly independent ahead of a life at university or in employment.
- *through recreation and visits:*
get to fulfil their passions, discover new ones, stay fit and healthy and learn more about life in the UK.

Admissions

International students must have an EU/UK passport or Tier 4 general visa sponsored by the college. In selecting students we look at previous academic results, English language ability and all students will undergo an interview to check suitability and to assess course choices.

Accommodation

Students living on-site do so in our purpose built residence, Dr Johnson House. There are 17 en-suite rooms spread across two floors. All of the rooms are the same and are allocated before arrival. In addition, each floor has its own kitchen area with cooking/dining facilities and TV area with couches.

Students who choose to live in home stay are carefully matched with families with whom they will be best suited. A questionnaire allows us to make a good match. All home stay families have looked after international students before and are subject to all of the required DBS checks as well as an annual inspection. Most host families live within easy walking distance of the college.

If students need to change their accommodation choice between home stay and boarding or vice versa, this can be managed very quickly as long as we have capacity to do so.

Supervision

The International Boarding Coordinator attends the house each morning from 8am and ensures students are ready for class. Residential boarding supervisors then work shifts in the boarding house from 10am until 10pm and help to prepare meals, sort laundry and look after day to day welfare. At weekends the same staff cover the house again and on each evening, students are checked at final curfew.

From 10pm until 8am, the International Boarding Coordinator is on call to assist if students are feeling unwell or if there is an emergency. A member of Senior Leadership Team who

lives locally is also always on call and can attend the boarding house or visit host families at short notice.

Welfare and support

Boarding staff and host families look after day to day welfare and can offer advice and emotional support. International staff at college are on hand throughout the day to meet with students.

All students are assigned a personal tutor who will monitor attendance and academic progress and they work with the lead tutor to ensure students are meeting our expectations of an A level student. These staff also support progression by helping to support university applications and arranging work experience. Our Medical and Welfare Officer as well as counselling staff look after health and emotional wellbeing.

Equal opportunities

The college actively promotes and celebrates the cultural diversity of the college community and recognises that participation in a diverse community provides opportunities for the personal development of all individuals. This is laid out in more detail in the college's 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion' policy.

Meeting individual needs

In boarding or home stay, we endeavour to fully meet the dietary requirements of all students. We welcome students of all faiths or none into what is already a very tolerant and culturally diverse community. All international students receive comprehensive EAL support to develop the required language skills for A level and to achieve an IELTS score that will help them to secure a place at a UK university. Students with learning difficulties are looked after by our Additional Learning Support staff and appropriate examination access arrangements are made.

Recreation

All international students are offered a leisure pass to the nearby Crystal Leisure Centre. Here, students can access swimming, exercise classes and gym facilities. The college also has a fitness suite which can be used throughout the day.

The International Boarding Coordinator organises visits to popular attractions and major UK cities to allow the international students to appreciate British culture and history. Along with the residential boarding supervisors, they make every effort to recognise key cultural dates and celebrations by organising special events at college.

During the college day, international students can access over 40 different extracurricular clubs to learn new skills, share their ideas and make new friends.

All students can take music lessons and if they wish, join one of our music groups such as choir, symphony and string orchestra, wind band or one of the rock or pop bands. The college has a number of sports teams who play fixtures against other colleges. International students can join these teams, or if they prefer, the college can put them in contact with a local sports club.

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