



## **Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice for Kings Brighton**

Kings Brighton aims to help students from all over the world progress from their incoming English language and academic levels to an outcome of attainment designed for each individual student. This is achieved with transparent management, qualified and experienced teachers, qualified and experienced counsellors, all supported by an accommodation and welfare department that puts individual students' needs at a premium.

### **Introduction**

Kings in Brighton is an International school in the centre of Brighton with students from all over the world and from the local area.

Kings welcomed its first students in June 2017. The majority of students are from overseas and are between 15 and 21 years of age. Courses are of varying durations. The expectation is, that by the completion of their course, the students will have achieved sufficient language and academic skills and familiarity with British Culture to move successfully and confidently to UK universities to continue their education.

The boarding facilities are within the main school campus, which is situated in the city centre of Brighton near The Level. There are many opportunities for Kings students to integrate and enjoy facilities within the main school.

We provide a safe, happy, caring and disciplined learning and boarding environment in which students from around the world and locally can grow and mature. Students will be encouraged and supported to achieve personal growth alongside the best learning outcome for their individual circumstances, ability and needs.

We do this by

- Providing an environment where Students can develop their English language skills and also enjoy a full and varied curriculum in Science, Mathematics, Creative arts, Humanities and Sport.
- Having a well-managed Boarding House that meets both the physical and emotional needs of young people whilst they are in our care.
- Guiding Students in cultural, social, spiritual and moral areas as well as providing a programme for personal development.
- Encouraging Students to take a full and active part in the school community and become responsible, self-disciplined and respectful young people.
- Fostering Students' own talents and encouraging them to aspire to individual high achievement in all areas.

## **Enrolment**

Students are tested in both Mathematics and English before they are accepted onto the programme. They are interviewed by agents and representatives overseas and assessed for their suitability to benefit from the Kings Brighton life. Students are provided with relevant pre-arrival details and advice before they leave their own country. Relevant information concerning health and educational history is obtained prior to arrival.

## **Staffing**

Kings Brighton is led by the Principal who works closely with senior staff to monitor the progress and wellbeing of each student. The Boarding House is led by the Head of Boarding who reports to the Principal. Evening and weekend residential supervisors will be responsible for the students. All staff in Brighton have a responsibility for safeguarding the students. There is a dedicated Welfare Officer who meets all students who are aged under 18 or who have informed us of medical condition prior to arrival. Each has a Tutor who will be responsible for guiding the learning and pastoral care of each child in his or her care. There are regular staff meetings involving both boarding and academic staff and care is taken to ensure parents and guardians (through the agent overseas) are kept up to date with academic progress and all relevant pastoral matters. There are also regular meetings between the Principal and the Proprietors of Kings.

At all times staffing at Kings Brighton will follow statutory guidelines for Student staff ratios for supervision.

In addition to the residential supervisor there are security staff present during the evening and awake overnight monitoring the integrity of the building and the safety of the students.

## **Boarding Accommodation**

Accommodation is on the third and fourth floors of school campus where students are separated by gender and age. There is a common room on each floor and a laundry room situated in the basement. All rooms are single ensuite with opportunities for each student to personalise their own bedroom door. The residential supervisor and his or her deputy has appropriate accommodation close to the students. Breakfast and dinner is taken in school on site café (Courtyard Café) situated in the basement. There is a number of choices at each meal including a vegetarian option. Special diets for health or religious reasons are provided as required.

Rooms are cleaned (but not tidied) and bedding is changed once a week.

## **Daily timetable**

Lessons take place from 8.30am until 4.30pm every weekday in classrooms situated on the ground and 1st floor.

Before dinner, between 4.30-6pm there is a variety of supervised and organized enrichment activities provided for all students.

There are sports sessions offered where attendance is compulsory for students on GCSE courses. Although the weekly and weekend schedules are busy, students are also allowed regular free time.

Students aged under 16 are not be allowed off the school premises unless an approved responsible adult accompanies them.

### **Medical facilities**

Kings Brighton students have access to first aiders 24 hours per day 7 days per week. All students are registered with the local GP. Parents or guardians are asked to provide a relevant medical history to the school before the student arrives in the UK. Within Kings there is a medical room for students who are unwell and may need regular supervision.

### **Exeats and Half terms**

Kings Brighton students have the option to return home or remain in the school during Easter and Christmas however students are encouraged to return home to spend time with their families. The school will remain open during half terms. Permission for weekend exeats need to be applied for in advance and full parent permission is sought in writing. At half term there will be supervision and a programme of activities.

### **Other**

There is a full induction for each student to introduce and welcome them to Kings Brighton. Students in boarding and those who are under 18 are given a separate individual induction.

All students are expected to regularly communicate with their parent or guardian. They have access to wifi for emailing and are allowed their mobile phones at appropriate times during the day. There is a phone available in the security office for emergency use by students.

Student handbooks are made available to everyone. In the handbook the staff are introduced, and important rules and expectations are outlined together with what a student can do if they are worried or wish to complain.