



Educational excellence for our City

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King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls aims to provide a full range of quality experiences, within a forward thinking and supportive environment. We strive to develop independent, mature students who achieve their best and make positive contributions to school and the wider community.

Welcome to Camp Hill School for Girls! We hope you enjoy your visit and that you are impressed by what you see, hear and experience.

Our school has been in existence since 1876, moving to this site here in Kings Heath in 1958. We are proud of the rich history and traditions of our school but, as you will see during your visit, Camp Hill School for Girls does not stand still: it is constantly evolving and developing to provide the very best learning experiences for the young people we educate. This year, we have added two beautiful new Art studios which overlook our fabulous green spaces as well as giving a breathtaking vista of Birmingham University and beyond. In 2025-26, we will be adding a brand new library and resource area, Graphics Studio, and a bespoke Wellbeing Hub. It is a hugely exciting time to be joining the Camp Hill Girls' community!

Our website is the best place to find information about the school: www.kechg.org.uk

All of our mandatory and school policies are available on our website: <u>www.kechg.org.uk/parents-and-students/policies</u>



The School Day

The school day consists of five lessons. Registration is at 8.50am. Free tea and toast is available from 8am in the dining hall. Early arrivals can also choose to read in the library where there are computers available.

Lessons commence at 9.15am. Some mornings there are assemblies from 8.55am.

There is a mid-morning break of 20 minutes at 10.15am. Following this there are two lessons before an hour's lunch break from 12.35 - 1.35pm.

There are a whole host of clubs and societies which run each lunchtime. So, if your child is keen to learn to crochet, speak Ancient Greek, be in a choir, or play netball - they can do all this and more here at Camp Hill Girls'! Details of our co-curricular programme can be found on our website: www.kechg.org.uk/parents-and-students/co-curricular

In the afternoon, there are two hours of learning before the end of the school day at 3.35pm.

Study Club runs five afternoons a week until 5pm. Here, students can work in the library to complete homework in a calm, quiet space where there is access to technology, books and stationery.

Uniform

Students in Years 7 to 11 wear a uniform of navy blue and light blue. We have a well-stocked pre-loved uniform shop which is a great way to purchase good quality items for a bargain price! This supports our commitment to being more sustainable. Full details are on the website.

We have a dress code in the Sixth Form which consists of a grey suit purchased through our school uniform suppliers, or through our pre-loved uniform shop.

Communicating with our Parents and Carers

Each half-term, we produce a packed e-magazine, 'The Chronicle', which is written by teachers and students. It details all the activities that have been taking place in school as well as having helpful reminders of dates and events to come. You can check out our archive of 'The Chronicle' on our website!

We also hold bespoke events in-person and online throughout the year to inform and involve our parent/carer community in each stage of their child's education.

Our parent portal and communications app, Edulink, is a quick way of finding information instantly: timetables, progress data, trip information - as well as seeing how many House Points your child has clocked up!!

Studybugs is an additional but invaluable app which allows our parents/carers quick and easy reporting of absence to school







Pastoral Structure

Our pastoral system, based on year groups, is a real strength of the school. All pupils are allocated to a Form group on entry to school, as well as a House.

In Key Stage 3, each Form group is a mixture of each House. In Key Stage 4, each Form group is their House. We place students into groups with great care. We ensure that we address issues of concern to students at the point of transfer and have created a secure, safe and happy environment. We have zero tolerance of bullying in and out of school, as well as online. Our students thrive with the pastoral care provided; when additional support is needed we work with a comprehensive range of internal and external support agencies.

Inclusion

Camp Hill is an inclusive school. We believe that all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, must have their needs addressed and that they should have the greatest possible access to a broad and balanced education. It is important to consider the views of children and that their opinions will be taken into account. Furthermore, we understand the vital role that parents have in supporting their children's education and actively seek to foster good home-school liaison.

At Camp Hill we value the importance of wellbeing for our students, staff and parents/carers. We understand that good mental health and a supportive, safe environment are key factors to building resilience and enabling some of our most vulnerable children and young people to thrive. Our curriculum design across all key stages supports this, especially through emphasis on regular Games lessons to promote fitness, and a carefully planned PSHE programme, which addresses the needs of our students.

We are an accredited Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School (TIAAS) and the best practices advocated through this underpins our approach with all of our young people everyday.





Curriculum - KS3

We are proud of our broad and balanced curriculum which provides all students with the opportunity to develop as linguists, musicians, mathematicians, writers, scientists, dancers, historians and much more. Ultimately, we want to instill genuine passion for learning in all of our students - a love of discovery and a hunger for academic challenge.

Key Stage 3: Years 7, 8 & 9

Across Key Stage 3, students are taught the full range of the following subjects:

- Art & Design,
- Graphics,
- Cooking & Nutrition,
- Drama,
- English,
- Computing,

- Mathematics,
- Music,
- Physical Education (including Games),
- Religious Studies,
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Art and Mathematics)

In Years 7 & 8, students study Combined Science. In Year 9, students have discrete lessons in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

From Year 7, all students learn two languages from French, German or Spanish. They study these languages until the end of Year 9. All students study Latin throughout Key Stage 3.

A Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme also forms part of our core curriculum.

Curriculum - KS4

Key Stage 4: Years 10 & 11

Students at Camp Hill Girls' study ten GCSE subjects. Grades are awarded on a scale of 1-9.

From September 2025, students take all of the following core subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Studies
- Either Triple Science or Combined Science*/**
- A Modern Foreign Language (from French, German or Spanish)

*Students who opt for the Triple Science pathway receive 3 GCSEs in the discrete sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. They choose an additional two subjects from the menu shown below. These students also study a non-examined course in Oracy, and an hour of Fitness.

**Students following the Combined Science pathway receive two Science GCSEs which span all three sciences. These students get to choose an additional GCSE subject from our selection shown below:

- Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Art and Design (Graphic Communication)
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Language 2 (French, German, Spanish, or Latin)
- History
- Geography
- Music
- Physical Education

All students at Key Stage 4 receive one hour a fortnight of a taught Learning Behaviours course, plus 2 hours of Games, and the compulsory one hour per fortnight of PSHE.



Curriculum - KS5

Key Stage 5: Years 12 and 13 (A Level)

Year 12 students currently take four A Level subjects and then reduce their curriculum to three subjects in Year 13. In addition, some Year 13 students also undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for curriculum enrichment. Students in Year 13 also have the opportunity to undertake work experience one afternoon a week.

Currently, the A Level subjects offered are:

- Art & Design (Fine Art),
- Art & Design (Graphics),
- Biology,
- Chemistry,
- Computer Science,
- Drama,
- Economics,
- English Literature,
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography

- German,
 - History,
 - Latin,
 - Mathematics,
 - Music,
 - Physics,
 - Politics,
 - Psychology,
 - Religious Studies
 - Spanish.

Both year groups undertake a compulsory Personal, Social and Health Education programme, as well as Games.

We are confident that the choice and breadth within the three key stages of our curriculum excites and inspires our students (and their parents and carers!)



Enrichment and Learning Beyond the Classroom

Alongside our daily challenge-rich lessons, our curriculum is strengthened by a programme of trips and visits chosen to enhance students' learning. This includes field trips, visits to places of religious worship, theatre productions, and author visits to name but a few.

Every year, we have a designated Enrichment Week where timetabled lessons are suspended and all students engage in a busy programme of activities both on-site and at various locations. You can check out our 2025 Enrichment Week programme on our designated Co-Curricular page on the website.

During Enrichment Week, all Year 7 students attend a residential at Condover, near Shrewsbury. This is a fun-filled few days of activities such as climbing walls, archery, kayaking and much more! It is a real highlight of our students' first year in school with us.

Indeed, our commitment to providing enriching and educational experiences for all of our students is reflected in our Camp Hill Cultural Capital Manifesto. This is our promise to offer ALL students across Key Stages 3 and 4 the opportunity to experience the following:

- Visit a museum or gallery
- See a live theatre production
- Attend a live music performance
- Have leadership and development opportunities within school
- Camping overnight

Lots of our students get to participate in trips within Europe to countries such as Holland, Italy, Germany, France and Spain. It is our hope to be able to ensure that ALL students, regardless of family circumstances will, during their years with us, experience a trip abroad. We have some exciting plans ahead!.....

Pupil Premium

We know that parents and carers can worry about the cost of sending their child to school. In line with the KEVi Promise, we are committed to ensuring that an education at Camp Hill School for Girls is as open as possible.

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive these each day in school.

In addition, all students who qualify for the Pupil Premium (those students who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the past six years) will have access to the following grants:

- Bus Travel Parents/carer are able to claim the cost of travel to school by public transport.
- Uniform Grant Up to £150 per year may be claimed in respect of uniform purchase. This includes: sports kit and equipment. In Year 7, the amount is increased to £300 to reflect the cost of buying a whole new uniform and equipment.
- Music Tuition Grant This covers the parental contribution to instrument tuition provided by the school. This grant will be automatically applied by the school, and an instrument will be loaned where possible.
- School Visits There will be no charge for essential school visits that are directly connected to the curriculum. This will be applied directly and parents/carers whose children are eligible will not be asked for payment. This includes the annual residential trip which takes place in Year 7 and is fully-funded for all children who receive the Pupil Premium.

We aim to give assistance automatically with utmost discretion. Information about financial arrangements is treated confidentially. Our Finance Assistant, Mrs Liz O'Brien, is available to assist parents/carers with all matters regarding Pupil Premium and Free School Meals entitlement.



Entrance Exam



For students currently in Year 5 and who are intending to sit the Entrance Test in September (for 2026 entry), the deadline for registration was 27th June.



The Entrance Test this year will take place on **Saturday 13th September.** At the start of September, you will be sent information about the test and whether your child will be sitting it in the morning, or in the afternoon. We wish all students sitting the Entrance Test in September the very best of luck!



For further information about what happens after the Entrance Test, including a helpful timeline, please visit:

https://kingedwardvifoundation.co.uk/admissionstimetable/



Information about the 2026 Entrance Test will be shared on the above web page early next year. We will have an additional Open Evening on Thursday 23rd October 2025. Details will be shared on our website nearer the time.



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We hope you have enjoyed your visit to Camp Hill School for Girls!

This booklet, along with our Main School Prospectus, is available on the school website:

https://www.kechg.org.uk/main-school/admissions-and-open-days



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