



Kimbolton School  
Cambridgeshire



Senior School  
One school. One family







A school where the  
future is shaped with  
integrity.

# Our Senior School

Kimbolton School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 4-18, situated near the borders of Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, and Bedfordshire.

In our Senior School pupils enjoy an outstanding, modern all-round education that challenges children to become **curious, kind and courageous** young adults with a strong moral compass – able to make a difference to the world.

## Kimbolton values

Kindness

Curiosity

Courage

Endeavour

Integrity

## Kimbolton character

Respect for others and appreciation of diverse perspectives.

Never stop wondering at the world.

Willingness to take risks and be creative.

Understanding that success comes from hard work.

Willingness to serve with humility and lead bravely.



*"Pupils grow into mature, multi-faceted and empathic young adults with a strong awareness of their social responsibilities."*

ISI Report





*“We nurture capable young people, who are interested in the world around them and confident in expressing their ideas and personalities.*

*Our pupils leave us with an excellent blend of academic qualifications and cocurricular experiences, tailor-made for applications to top universities and the world of work beyond the Castle Gatehouse.”*

## Welcome to Kimbolton School

Kimbolton School is a collaborative, supportive and inspiring place to be. A sense of being a family in one school is important to us. Kindness is our key value and pupils always come first. We know each individual and tailor our support to each pupil’s intellectual, physical, emotional, and social growth during their time in Senior School.

Kimboltonians work hard, value personal responsibility and are happy to take risks. In our school, you will find an atmosphere characterised by empathy, service, a lack of

pretension, a sense of humour and respect for the perspectives of others.

Academically, our pupils thrive under the guidance of talented, dedicated teachers. Beyond the classroom, our 120-acre site and first-class facilities allow for a busy, diverse co-curricular programme. We also prioritise the happiness and wellbeing of our young people.

All these ingredients (and more) combine to deliver a balanced, all-round Senior School education that prepares our young people for 21st-century life.

The best way to understand what sets us apart, is to visit us and I guarantee a warm Kimboltonian welcome awaits.

**Mr Will Chuter**  
Headmaster







A school where  
ambition and success  
go hand in hand.

# Why choose Kimbolton School?

A Kimbolton education combines academic inspiration and rigour, with ample opportunity for young people to understand, explore and fulfil their potential in all areas of life.

## Family atmosphere

Across Kimbolton School our 'one school, one family' ethos fosters an atmosphere in which all pupils feel valued and supported, creating strong relationships and a deep sense of belonging.

*"You'll find 120 acres of glorious grounds and a stunning Castle setting at this high-achieving co-ed senior school for day pupils and boarders aged 11-18, with a strong all-rounder reputation and great results."*

Muddy Stiletto's review



## Academic excellence

With small class sizes, highly qualified teachers, and an approach that fosters curiosity and independent thinking, we provide an environment where every pupil is challenged to reach their full academic potential. This is further reinforced by a supportive tutorial system tailored to individual needs.

## Happiness and wellbeing

At Kimbolton, we prioritise the emotional and social development of our students. Throughout their Senior School years, a wide range of initiatives are available to support and nurture their happiness, boost self-esteem, and promote mental wellbeing.



## A unique setting

We are privileged to learn, play, and socialise amidst historic architecture, nestled within 120 acres of stunning open countryside, all while being part of the warm and secure community of Kimbolton village.

## Sporting excellence

Our comprehensive sports curriculum, enhanced by exceptional facilities and expert coaching — including former England players — encourages teamwork, resilience, and a lifelong passion for physical activity in pupils of all abilities.



## Cocurricular opportunities

Every pupil has the opportunity to explore a wide range of activities and uncover new talents through our diverse cocurricular programme. Each term offers a variety of extracurricular options, including academic enrichment, music, creative arts, sports, and outdoor pursuits.

*“Pupils can spend their whole education at Kimbolton enjoying the benefits of a happy environment, small class sizes and excellent pastoral care. Not flashy but classy. Those parents in the know appreciate that a Kimbolton education is money well spent.”*

## Good Schools Guide



# Academic excellence

In our Senior School, independent learning and self-evaluation skills are nurtured as pupils expand their knowledge and understanding.

## Stretch, challenge and support

Academic clubs and societies  
Competitions  
(in school, local and national)  
Subject lectures  
Higher Project Qualification (HPQ)



Educational visits  
Arts and STEM weeks  
Model United Nations  
Weekly Tutor sessions  
Expert Learning Support team

## Year 7 to Year 9 – First to Third

In the first three years of Senior School all pupils follow a balanced curriculum of:

English  
Mathematics  
French  
Spanish  
History  
Geography  
Biology

Chemistry  
Physics  
Art  
Drama  
Music  
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics  
Physical Education (inc. Games)

Digital Learning  
Food and Nutrition  
Design Technology  
Personal, Social and Health Education

## GCSEs

We offer a wide choice of optional subjects at GCSE, allowing each pupil to tailor their curriculum to their individual interests and talents.



*“Kimbolton has really allowed him to fulfil his academic potential. It has nurtured but never pressurised him and has given him every opportunity to flourish, even in activities that he would not naturally have chosen.”*

Emma, Kimbolton parent





Be curious.  
Be courageous.

# Beyond the classroom

Our busy cocurricular timetable and afterschool activities ensure every pupil can discover interests, expand skills and build new friendships.

## Be curious

Academic clubs and activities nurture cognitive development and ignite curiosity. Pupils can explore interests through groups like Kimbookworms (ages 11 to 13), Astronomy Club, language clubs, The Enlightenment Society, Politics Club, Feminist Society, and the Philosophy for Community Club.

## Be adventurous

Adventure is encouraged at every opportunity, with outdoor activities such as sailing, canoeing, horse riding, climbing, and windsurfing, alongside participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

## Be creative

Creative expression thrives through activities like art, ceramics, creative writing, drama, and technical theatre. Students can also engage in LAMDA, contribute to the Kimboltonian Magazine team, explore technical design with KiMedia Club, or express themselves through dance and filmmaking. Aspiring musicians enjoy numerous performance opportunities with our choirs, ensembles, and music groups.

## Be inspired

Discover inspiration and like-minded students in clubs and societies spanning everything from debating and chess, through to eco warriors, fundraising, coding and business trading.

## Be connected

Through the Community Service Unit, students gain invaluable experience in organisation, teamwork, communication, and the workplace, while making a meaningful contribution to the local community.







A school where you  
can discover the best  
version of you.



# Sports

## Finalist: 'Independent School of the Year for Sporting Achievement'

Our sports facilities are second-to-none, with a dedicated sports hall, outdoor pitches, and tennis courts, astro-turf pitch, and a swimming pool. Kimbolton teams enjoy competing in district, county, regional and national tournaments, supported by coaches with elite sporting experience.



## Combined Cadet Force

Kimboltonians are renowned for their adventurous spirit, which flourishes in our Combined Cadet Force (CCF). CCF provides opportunities for discipline, personal challenges, fun, and self-development through its Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force sections.





# Wellbeing and pastoral care

When young people feel happy, safe and secure, they can thrive. At Kimbolton School, we pride ourselves on our pro-active approach to equality, safeguarding and pastoral care and by working with parents, we instil values of kindness, good conduct and mutual respect.

## House system

Our house system builds community and is the focus of a wide variety of sporting, academic and other competitions. First and Second Formers join Ingrams House, which provides a comfortable 'stepping stone' between Prep or primary school and joining a senior house: Balyes, Dawsons, Gibbards or Owens.

## Wellbeing and pastoral care

We offer a range of initiatives to support the emotional and social development of all pupils, including:

**The Wellbeing Hub** – An online resource offering mental health and wellbeing support for both parents and pupils.

**Wellbeing Room** – A safe space where pupils can seek guidance and support from dedicated staff members.

**Wellbeing Mentors** – Sixth Form mentors provide peer support to younger pupils, while a team of staff volunteers offer advice and encouragement.

**Mental Health workshops** – Practical sessions offering strategies and techniques to address key mental health issues.

**Health Centre** – Our on-site centre provides comprehensive physical and mental health support, with nurses and counsellors available for both pupils and staff.

## Spiritual life

Our Chaplain is responsible for overseeing and leading most services throughout the School and encourages plenty of pupil participation in services and assemblies. She is also involved in pastoral care and is available to offer support and guidance to pupils, staff and parents.



# Beyond Senior School

Completing Senior School our pupils continue their Kimbolton journey in our popular Sixth Form. We also offer personalised Careers Guidance to help both parents and pupils navigate post-GCSE decisions.

## Old Kimboltonians' Association

The Kimboltonian spirit reaches far beyond the school, with a vibrant community that extends across the globe. Our alumni value their strong connection to the school, often reflect fondly on their time here and return to reconnect in later years.

The Old Kimboltonians' Association (OKA) hosts three major annual events: the London Dinner, the Summer Reunion and OKA Ball, and the Annual Dinner. These are complemented by smaller regional gatherings, year group meetups, and informal reunions throughout the year.



## Boarding

Boarding is available for pupils aged 11 to 18 and we offer flexible, weekly or full time options. Boarding offers the security of living in a friendly rural Cambridgeshire village, within easy reach of London.

Our two boarding houses, Kimbolton House for boys and White House for girls, sit on the historic village High Street, adjacent to the school. Kimbolton boarders join us from around the UK and from overseas and we typically have around 8 different nationalities represented across our boarding community.

Boarding and day pupils are fully integrated, through our House system and shared after-school and weekend activities. Many day pupils also board on a regular or occasional basis, subject to availability.



*“ We encourage all pupils to look ahead and be in a position to make good, informed choices about their futures. We have excellent resources in the Careers Room in the Castle.”*

Gill Jackson  
Head of Futures



## Joining our Senior School

Admission to our Senior School is open to boys and girls aged 11-16. Our main entry points are Year 7 (First form) and Year 9 (Third form) but we can accept applications to other year groups if spaces are available.

We invite prospective families to attend one of our Open Mornings or to arrange a private tour scan the QR code.

### How to apply

Our admissions process includes an assessment day where we get to know each applicant and their strengths and interests. For more information, please contact our Admissions Team.

## Scholarships

Kimbolton School is committed to engaging, enthusing, and inspiring our most able pupils in different disciplines within a culture where the highest levels of achievement are celebrated and are a source of pride both within and beyond our community.

Scholarships are awarded across a range of areas, including academic excellence, art, computer science, drama, DTE, music and sport.

## Bursaries

Means-tested bursaries can be awarded based on financial need and can cover a significant portion of tuition fees.







# A school where inquisitive minds thrive.



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