



KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL FOR BOYS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND GAMES - SECOND IN DEPARTMENT

Information for Applicants



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys is a selective state school; it is a member of the King Edward VI Academy Trust Birmingham, which is a group of twelve schools, six of which academically select their pupils. These schools, together with two independent schools, form the King Edward's Foundation. The school moved from the inner city to its present location on the former Cartland Estate in 1956. Kings Heath is a pleasant suburb in South Birmingham with easy access to the M42, M40, M5 and M6 motorways, to Stratford and to the Warwickshire/Worcestershire countryside. In recent years, we have benefited from a new Sports Hall, Library, laboratories, classrooms and Sixth Form Common Room.

There are 1032 students on roll, of whom 341 are in the Sixth Form. The school admits 120 students (150 in the current Year 7, 8 & 10; likely 150 in next year's Year 7) a year at the age of 11. Nearly all of the students stay on at the school to the age of 18 and proceed into Higher Education. Academic standards are very high – in 2023 the percentage of GCSEs passed at grades 8 and 9 was 74%. At A Level the percentage of exams passed at A*-B was 83%. 23 students are holding Oxbridge offers this year (September 2024 entry).

THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Staffing

Mr T J Burgess (Head of Department)

Mr G Rees

Mr J Norton

Mr T J Watkins (Part-time)

Mr A Maxwell (Games)

The school is fortunate to have a team of dedicated, experienced and talented teachers. The department benefits from the contribution of nearly 20 other staff members who teach games and manage teams within the school's extensive extra-curricular programme.



PE CURRICULUM

The aim of the PE and Games curriculum is to allow pupils to gain access to a variety of activities, enabling them to enjoy and develop, promoting lifelong participation.

Boys in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 currently undertake two hours of PE and three hours of games lessons a fortnight (5 hours in total).

Year 11 and 6th Form pupils have a 120 minute games lesson every Wednesday afternoon (4 hours a fortnight).

The Year 7 and 8 PE curriculum is broad and varied, allowing boys to experience a wide range of activities such as handball, basketball, hockey, badminton, volleyball, health and fitness, athletics, tennis and swimming. In older age groups, boys will have access to sports such as volleyball, handball, basketball, health and fitness, badminton and football. The games curriculum focuses predominantly on team sports such as rugby, hockey and cricket. However, boys are also given the opportunity to take part in football, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, softball, lacrosse and ultimate frisbee throughout the year.

The options for senior games are numerous, with a wide variety of activities to choose from. Use is made of nearby facilities at Kings Heath Squash Club, Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, and Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre.

The main winter sport at school is rugby, although there are also two junior and two senior hockey sides which have regular fixtures. The planning is underway for a full sized all-weather artificial pitch, with the hope of completing the project by September 2025. The school fields three senior rugby teams, plus two teams at U/15 and U/14, three teams at U/13 and four at U/12. The main summer sport is cricket, which follows a similar pattern. Other sports in which there are inter-school matches include basketball, athletics, football, handball, swimming, badminton, water polo and tennis. There is also an active House System within school which allows all boys to contribute.

Camp Hill takes great pride in its sporting achievements and all pupils are actively encouraged to play their part in what is an integral part of life at the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The PE Department is proud of its comprehensive extra curricular programme.

House Sport

The Inter-House Sports competition has a central role within the school. It incorporates a wide variety of activities and provides a very important level of competitive, representative experience for large numbers of boys. Fixtures take place during lunch times, after school and within curriculum time. The structure applies across all age groups with the school divided into four houses. Teams are organised by House Staff, House Captains and year group captains while the entire competition is coordinated by the Head of PE.



Clubs

Many clubs are organised in a variety of activities including fitness, badminton, chess, swimming, table tennis, volleyball and tennis. These are not simply concerned with producing school teams as such but rather to encourage widespread participation and enjoyment.

In order to facilitate this extensive programme, a vast amount of assistance and support is provided by non-specialist staff and their efforts are valued immensely and much appreciated. A programme of Sports Leadership is undertaken by a group of Year 10 pupils which also supports the provision of extra-curricular clubs. A number of sixth form students also help and assist in running the vast array of clubs on offer.

All clubs and team practices are open to any pupil as they are designed essentially to provide enjoyment and promote the development of skills and proficiency.

School Teams

Rugby – 1st XV, 2nd XV, U15, U14, U13, U12 including B/C/D teams at Junior age groups

Hockey – 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15, U14

Cricket – 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15, U14, U13, U12, including B teams at Junior age groups

Football – 1st XI, 2nd XI

Tennis – Senior, U15 A&B, U13 A&B

Athletics – Senior, Intermediate, Junior

Basketball – U18, U16, U14

Swimming – Senior, Intermediate, Junior

Water Polo- U18

Badminton – Senior, Intermediate, Junior

There is a regular programme of Saturday fixtures throughout the year, together with Wednesday afternoon senior fixtures and also after school matches.

Facilities

On site, there are a range of facilities available:

- The planning is underway for a full sized all-weather artificial pitch, suitable for a variety of sports, including Hockey in particular, with the hope of completing the project by September 2026.
- Spacious playing fields comprising 4 rugby pitches and training grid areas. Lower field laid out as a 300 metre grass athletics track in summer.
- One grass cricket square and one artificial wicket on the lower field enabling two matches to be played concurrently. Three artificial cricket nets.
- Six tennis courts with two-tone all-weather surface, much used as a hard play area during the winter months for hockey.
- Heated indoor 25-metre swimming pool shared with Camp Hill Girls.
- Full-size double-sided Sports Hall, including fitness suite, dance studio and two cricket net bays.

Additionally, the department makes use of numerous local clubs and leisure facilities including:

- **Kings Heath Squash Club** – Wednesday afternoons, 2 courts for senior games
- **Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre** – Wednesday afternoons, 8 badminton courts for senior games
- **Billesley Tennis Centre** – Wednesday afternoons, 3 indoor courts for senior games
- **Birmingham University Hockey Pitches** – Monday evenings for senior training
- **Olton** – Hockey pitch for inter-school matches

Duke of Edinburgh

Launched in 2016, we are a certified D of E centre, offering the bronze and silver awards. We are proud that so many boys have signed up, completed and flourished in their respective D of E awards over recent years.



PE Department Trips

Annual activity trips include:

Year 8 outdoor adventure activities residential to Anglesey

Year 9 & 10 outdoor adventure trip to the Aosta Valley, Italy/Ardeche, France

Junior rugby and hockey tour

Senior rugby tour

Senior football tour

Ski trip

St David's rock climbing trip

THE POST

The post has become vacant because a current specialist is leaving to take up a new role. The successful candidate will work closely with the Head of Department in planning and implementing the extensive curricular and extra-curricular provision of the department and other responsibilities the staff undertake. The successful candidate will be expected to immerse themselves fully into the department and contribute to the significant range of activities outside the classroom, both during the week and on Saturday mornings. Therefore, the ability to coach both rugby and cricket is essential for this post, but with the rise in popularity of Hockey, an interest and willingness to develop this sport within the school would be advantageous. Furthermore, the ability to offer an additional subject is desirable.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Candidates are asked to complete the application form (available from the school website) and attach a letter of application giving examples of achievements, skills and experience which match those sought in the job description provided by the school. These documents should be sent to the Headmaster as soon as possible, but by no later than 9.00 am on Tuesday 4th June . Interviews are scheduled to take place later that week or in the following week, but if this compromises your ability to apply then do please contact us.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. Camp Hill Boys is a happy, flourishing and friendly community as well as an outstandingly successful grammar school. I look forward to receiving your application.

R W Bowen
Headmaster