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ESTABLISHED 1833

During the 17th Century, two of the Isle of Man's most influential men shared one vision: to provide an academic education for the Island's most able young men.



James Stanley, the 7th Earl of Derby and Lord of Man, and Isaac Barrow, Bishop of Sodor and Man, shared a vision that would in time lead to the building of this great School.

King William's College opened on 1st August 1833.



P rincipal's Welcome

We have a proud history going back nearly 200 years, but what we value above all is being a strong, friendly community. The College has always been relatively small - rarely more than 400 pupils - and that means everybody knows everybody and each student gets the encouragement and support he or she needs. As such, our academic results are consistently strong and our students go to top universities in the UK, Europe and the USA.



The School is also distinctive in that it is one of the few schools where every student in the Sixth Form studies the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The IB philosophy - particularly its emphasis on skills and its focus on internationalism - is central to our approach and we are one of the largest and most experienced IB schools in the British Isles. Most of our pupils live locally in the Isle of Man, but we also have a thriving boarding community and students travel from all over the world to study the IB in such a beautiful and safe environment.

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

Joss Buchanan

An Island Education for a Global Future.

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ntroduction

Situated in a stunning coastal location, King William's College is a highly successful co-educational day and boarding school. Our aim is to enable pupils to develop a love of learning, fulfil their academic potential and become confident, responsible young people who will serve with creativity, insight and tolerance in the international communities in which they find themselves as adults.

Our objectives are to provide; a broad and balanced curriculum, rooted firmly in teaching of the highest quality; a wide range of enriching extracurricular activities and opportunities for pupils to develop an understanding of different cultures; and to encourage pupils to respect one another, in a manner which balances ambition with a sense of service, duty and friendliness.



“I’ve been here since the first day of Buchan and have come all the way through. It’s been the best time of my life and I have loved every minute of it.”

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uccessful

Success can be measured in many ways; in university placements - almost all our students go on to university either in the UK, USA or Europe; in academic results - our IGCSE and IB Diploma results are strong; in sporting achievements - our teams are competitive in a wide array of Sport; or in artistic performance - Drama, Visual Arts and Music thrive throughout the School.



“My time at KWC has been an Odyssey of beautiful memories with great friends and teachers who have prepared me for my next chapter in life.”

“KWC has helped me unlock my true potential, academically and on the sports field.”



“The people I’ve boarded with have made me friendlier, more caring and empathetic, the teachers made me truly love what I was learning and discover what I’m most interested in.”



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ourth and Fifth Forms

In the Fourth Form and Lower Fifth (Year 7 to 9) we broadly follow the requirements of the UK National Curriculum, except we encourage all pupils to study two modern languages, and from the Lower Fifth Sciences are taught as three separate subjects. Class sizes are small and progress is monitored through regular assessments. Internal exams are held twice a year. Most pupils go on to take 10 subjects at IGCSE and, in addition to the core subjects, there is a wide range of options. This provides a strong foundation for the Sixth Form and the International Baccalaureate.



A one year Pre-IB Course is also available for international students looking to improve their English, before starting the International Baccalaureate Diploma.



“KWC has in many ways shaped me and made me feel so at home. The support and general atmosphere we have is inspirational and unique and I’ll miss it.”

I nternational Baccalaureate

In 2002 King William's College began teaching the International Baccalaureate Diploma. We are now one of the largest and most successful IB schools in the British Isles. We believe that it is an excellent preparation for both university and life beyond and it is the only qualification we offer in the Sixth Form. Class sizes are small, with an average of 10 pupils per class.



“We find that IB students adapt more easily to the university style of education and become independent learners from an earlier stage, compared to those from other backgrounds.”

Dr Lorraine Craig - Imperial College, London





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nternational

Students come to King William's College from all around the world and we regularly have over 20 nationalities in the School. We are proud of our internationalism and our overseas students are fully integrated within the School community. Our active alumni network is truly global.

"Moving to this school was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I've assembled lots of life long friendships with people all over the globe, that's what makes College life so special - the international connections."

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oarding

The boarding community represents around 30 per cent of the College population. This vibrant and friendly community adds much to the College as a whole.

There are two boarding houses - Colbourne House for boys and School House for girls. Opting to board at College, be it flexi, weekly or full time, gives students the freedom to become more independent, both socially and academically. It encourages them to organise their time more efficiently and to strike a healthy balance between work and play.



“I think an understated part of school is being able to see your friends every day all in one place that you won’t really get at any other time in your life. I think it will be nice to look back with nostalgia at good times I’ve had with my friends here.”





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xtracurricular

Knowledge is vital, but so too are confidence, communication and character. It is important to learn how to lead, how to contribute and how to build. Whether it is a concert, a play, a debate, a trek or a match, what matters is participation and a willingness to try something new.

There is a vast array of opportunity at College to try new challenges, two of the most popular are the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but there is something for everyone.



“Studying at KWC and being involved in events like House Drama and Taste of Culture has pushed me outside my comfort zone and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it!”



“The range of extracurricular activities on offer here is more than I could have possibly expected.”



T rips

We have a regular programme of school trips to support the curriculum and to develop our pupils' cultural awareness.

Also on offer are Language and Sport exchange programmes, within Europe and further afield, and regular Sport fixtures in the UK.

Recent destinations include, Australia, Canada, Cuba, the Far East, Germany, Iceland, Japan, North Korea, Russia, South Africa and the USA.



“KWC has offered me so much more than just an education. The experiences I’ve had, from glacial hikes in Iceland to skiing in the Rockies, are unforgettable - there has never been a dull moment!”



Getting to King William's College

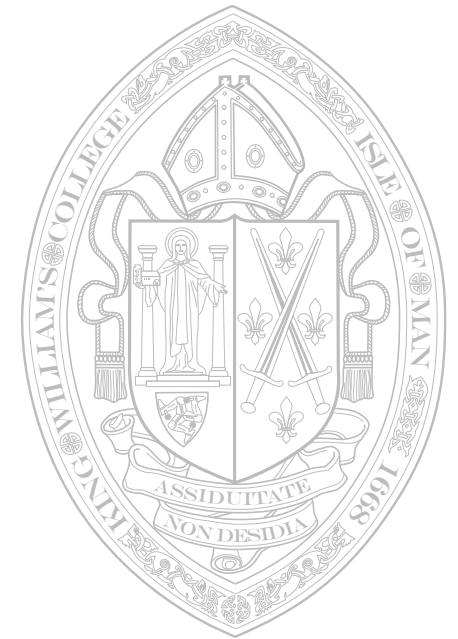
The Isle of Man occupies a central position in the British Isles - between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It is 33 miles long by 13 miles wide.

The Island has good air links with most of the major airports in the UK and Ireland. Many airlines operate daily flights to the Island, with some flights from the North West taking just under 30 minutes. Once you have arrived in the Island, the School is just a two minute taxi ride or a 10 minute walk from the airport.



“I will never forget the school that was well worth travelling 5,000 miles for.”





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