



# King's College

TAUNTON

## Teacher of Business Studies and Economics

*Closing Date: Monday 20 May 2024*





## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the role of Teacher of Business Studies and Economics at King's College.

We require an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher to join our business studies and economics team from September 2024 or January 2025. We are looking for a teacher who can share their expertise and love of their subject, and teach lessons which inspire and that pupils enjoy. The business education department currently runs both economics and business studies A level, with good numbers in each.

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We look forward to hearing from you and considering your application.

MICHAEL SLOAN  
Headmaster



“ In their everyday lives around the school, our pupils show the confidence to succeed, and the determination to give their very best. ”

# About the Schools

King's provides continuous day and boarding education for girls and boys aged two to 18 years. It comprises King's College Prep which has approximately 300 children from 2 to 13 and a senior school with approximately 450 pupils from 13 to 18.

The schools are situated on separate sites in the south west of England and combine traditional values with state-of-the-art facilities. Both schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College has a rich and welcoming family and community ethos. Just over 60% of the pupils board. For a relatively small school, it has an enviable record of success in all areas.

The school has regularly topped GCSE and A-level league tables for Somerset. A broad range of co-curricular activities is offered, and the school is renowned for its success in sport, music, performing arts, fine art, design technology and outdoor pursuits. In many of these activities our pupils have achieved success at national and even international levels.

Good discipline is encouraged in a firm and positive way within a supportive pastoral framework. King's College is strong on manners and social skills. Pupils go on to thrive at good universities and in their professional careers.

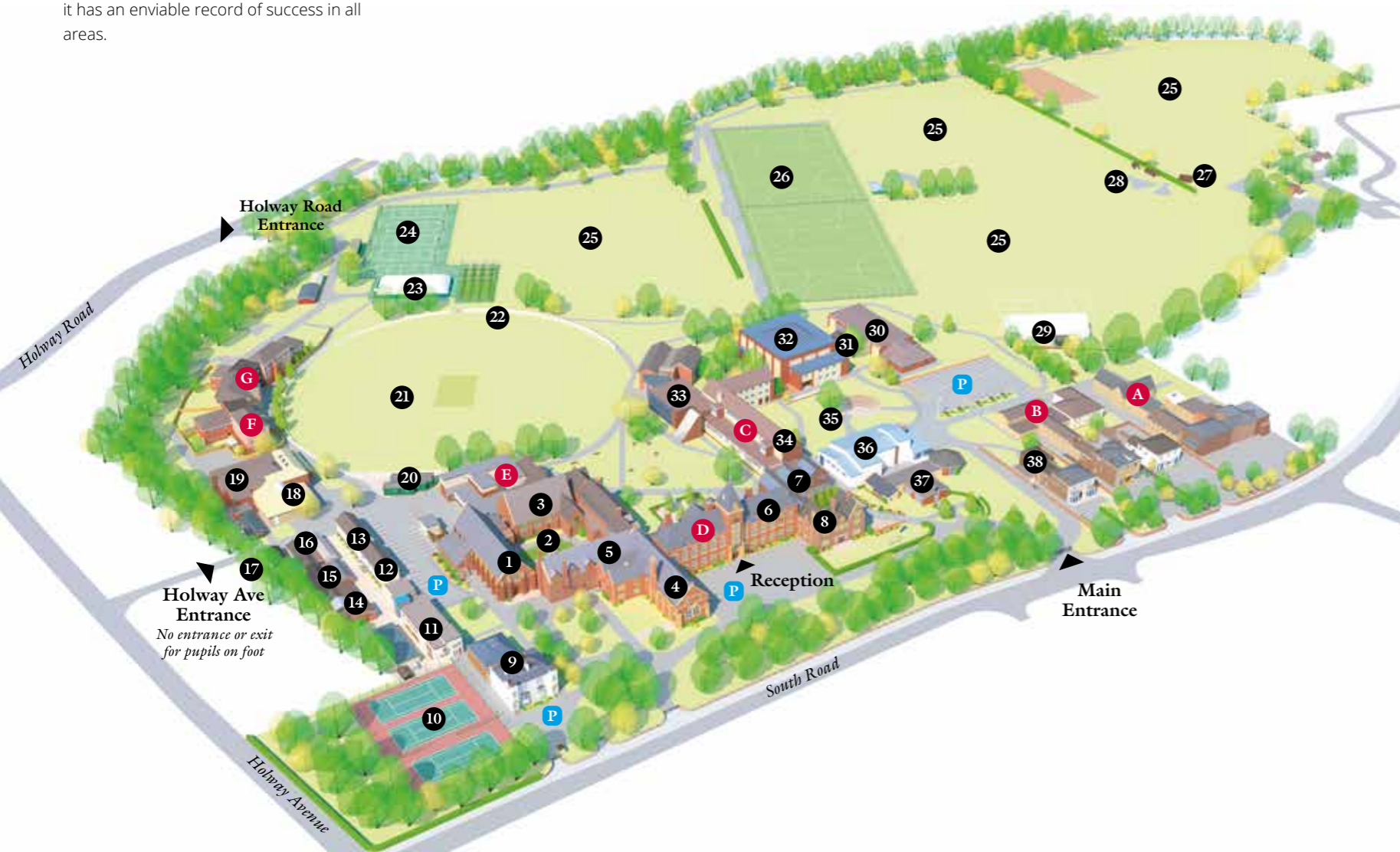
In short, King's is a purposeful, outward-looking, down-to-earth, highly successful school.



## King's College

South Road, Taunton TA1 3LA

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| <p>Main School Building</p> <p>1 The Chapel</p> <p>2 The Quad</p> <p>3 Dining Hall</p> <p>4 Woodard Room</p> <p>5 Latin</p> <p>English</p> <p>Philosophy of Religious &amp; Ethics</p> <p>Modern Foreign Languages - <i>upstairs</i></p> <p>6 Main School Corridor</p> <p>Headmaster's Office</p> <p>PA to the Headmaster's Office</p> <p>Examination Office</p> <p>Admissions Office</p> <p>Careers Office</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>7 Philip Richards Building</p> <p>Library - <i>upstairs</i></p> <p>IT Helpdesk</p> <p>Visitor toilets</p> <p>8 Headmaster's House</p> <p>9 Silvermead Studio and Arts House</p> <p>10 Briar Lee Tennis Courts</p> <p>11 Sixth Form Centre</p> <p>Head of Sixth Form Office</p> <p>Development Office</p> <p>12 School Uniform Shop</p> <p>13 Cookery School</p> | <p>14 Laundry</p> <p>15 Shooting Range</p> <p>16 CCF and Outdoor Pursuits</p> <p>Stores</p> <p>Chindits</p> <p>Army/Navy/Marines</p> <p>17 Finance Office</p> <p>18 Design Technology Centre</p> <p>19 Squash Courts</p> <p>20 First Team Cricket Pavillion</p> <p>21 First Team Cricket Pitch</p> <p>22 Buttler's Ramp</p> <p>23 Tennis and Netball Dome</p> <p>24 Tennis and Netball Courts</p> <p>25 Sports pitches</p> <p>(rugby/cricket/athletics/football)</p> <p>26 All-weather Hockey Pitch</p> <p>27 Cricket Pavillion</p> <p>28 Athletics Cabin</p> <p>29 Sports Performance &amp; Cricket Centre</p> <p>30 Swimming Pool</p> <p>31 Changing Cabins</p> <p>32 Sports Hall</p> <p>Climbing Wall</p> <p>Gym</p> <p>PE Classrooms</p> | <p>33 Science Centre</p> <p>Biology</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>Physics</p> <p>History</p> <p>34 Geography Centre</p> <p>35 The Amphitheatre</p> <p>36 The Theatre</p> <p>Black Box</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>37 Music School</p> <p>The Octagon</p> <p>Music Technology</p> <p>Practice Rooms</p> <p>38 Medical Centre</p> <hr/> <p>A <b>Bishop Fox House</b></p> <p><i>Boys</i></p> <p>B <b>Carpenter House</b></p> <p><i>Girls</i></p> <p>C <b>Meynell House</b></p> <p><i>Girls</i></p> <p>D <b>King Alfred House</b></p> <p><i>Boys</i></p> <p>E <b>Taylor House</b></p> <p><i>Girls</i></p> <p>F <b>Woodard House</b></p> <p><i>Boys</i></p> <p>G <b>Tuckwell House</b></p> <p><i>Boys</i></p> |
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# A Rural County of Rolling Hills

Taunton is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Blackdowns, Mendips and Quantock Hills on the doorstep, plus Exmoor National Park, the Somerset Levels and Dartmouth are a short drive away.

Somerset is renowned for its cheddar cheese and cider. A wealth of apple orchards once made Somerset the cider capital of the UK, whilst the Cheddar Gorge caves are still used to mature cheese today.

A growing commercial and residential centre, Taunton has a splendid small theatre, the County Cricket Ground, a successful rugby club, a delightful museum, the usual shopping outlets and restaurants, and a regular farmers' market.

Taunton is the county town of Somerset, in the South West of England. It is a busy market town located between junction 25 and 26 on the M5.

If you love the great outdoors, you can be on the beach in 40 minutes and the Quantocks are just 15 minutes away. For those who prefer city lights, the fast West Country train service reaches Paddington in under two hours. By car, Exeter is 25 minutes south, Bristol 35 minutes north and you can reach Bath in about an hour.



# The Role

The business education department enjoys a high profile among both pupils and staff, and is busy, purposeful and consistently successful.

Economics and business studies consistently prove very popular subjects at A level; we follow the Edexcel course in both. In economics there are two sets with roughly 25 pupils studying the subject in each year of Sixth Form, whereas in business studies over 30 pupils are divided between three sets in each year. Results span a range of abilities, with a good number going on to read the subject, or associated subjects, at prestigious universities. The current head of department has overseen significant increases in results for both subjects.

|                  |        | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Business Studies | A* – B | 70%  | 73%  | 78%  | 74%  | 84%  |
| Economics        | A* – B | 78%  | 95%  | 76%  | 73%  | 67%  |

The department is housed in the stunning new Sixth Form Centre, which was opened last year. Lessons are taught in the bright, interactive classrooms and the department staff have their own workroom. In addition, the Sixth Form Centre has breakout spaces, a large study area and a café for pupils and staff to enjoy. Teachers all are provided with a laptop which means they can work in any of the classroom. There are clear schemes of work with departmental guidelines for teaching methods and the department meets regularly to discuss all aspects of teaching and learning.

There are two full-time and one part-time business education teachers, all of whom teach both subjects in years 12 and 13. Ideally, therefore, it would be preferable if candidates could also offer experience of teaching both business studies and economics. Alongside normal teaching, the department organises visits from outside speakers and the occasional field trip. The Economics and Politics society meets regularly and aims to open up discussion and debate on wider relevant issues.

### WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The post would suit a well-qualified teacher who would enjoy the challenge of joining a dynamic and successful department. We require a creative and enthusiastic teacher who can share their expertise and love of their subject, and teach lessons which inspire and that pupils enjoy. The successful candidate will be a teacher capable of teaching both of the specialisms we offer.

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# Person Specification

|                                | Essential Criteria  | Desirable Criteria   |
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| Qualifications                 | Degree level qualification<br><br>PGCE or equivalent teaching experience  | Subject specific training courses  |
| Knowledge & experience         | Understanding of how to ensure all pupils thrive in business and economics, and develop their love for the subjects<br><br>Subject specific skills and/or experience relevant to the subject<br><br>Reflective about your own pedagogy and willing to share best practice with others                         | Experience of teaching to A level both economics and business studies<br><br>Able to give guidance to interested pupils on career prospects based on taking business studies or economics at A level         |
| Skills                         | Able to form and maintain appropriate relationships with the pupils in your care<br><br>Efficient and effective administration and organisational skills<br><br>Willingness and ability to contribute to the co-curricular programme at King's (in particular cricket, hockey, netball and/or rugby coaching) | Good IT skills<br><br>The ability to coach one or more of the major sports offered at King's to a good level, and the desire to develop your coaching qualifications and experience through further training |
| Personal qualities & abilities | Personable, with a sense of humour<br><br>Patience, kindness, resilience and the ability to be firm but fair  |  |

The qualities and experience outlined in the person specification will be assessed by the following methods:

- Sight of original qualifications
- King's College application form
- Interview, including teaching a lesson
- References from current employer and other, chosen, professionals

*King's College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safe welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.*

# Appointment Process



Candidates are expected to have read the enclosed appointment policy and agreed to the terms within.

King's has its own pay scale and there are discounts at both King's College Prep and King's College for staff children.

Please apply by completing the appropriate King's College application form (we are unable to accept CVs without our application form), plus a brief letter of application including a breakdown of your current remuneration package.

Please address to the Headmaster and send by email or post to:

**Mr Craig Sweet/Mrs Sarah Matthews**  
c/o HR Department  
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**The closing date for applications is 12.00pm Monday 20 May.**

**Interviews will be held in the week beginning 20 May.**





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