



King's College
TAUNTON

PREP SCHOOL

Learning Strategies Teacher (part-time)

Closing Date: Monday 3 March 2025





Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the role of Learning Strategies Teacher at King's College Prep School.

Whilst this is a part-time role, it is full immersion and hence full reward when here. We seek a vibrant and committed practitioner to bring their expertise and energy to support the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy skills to individuals and key groups of children. We can offer a purposeful, welcoming and collaborative environment for work and I look forward to hearing from you and considering your application.

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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 2 to 18 years. It comprises King's College Prep School which has approximately 300 children from 2 to 13 and a senior school with approximately 400 pupils from 13 to 18.

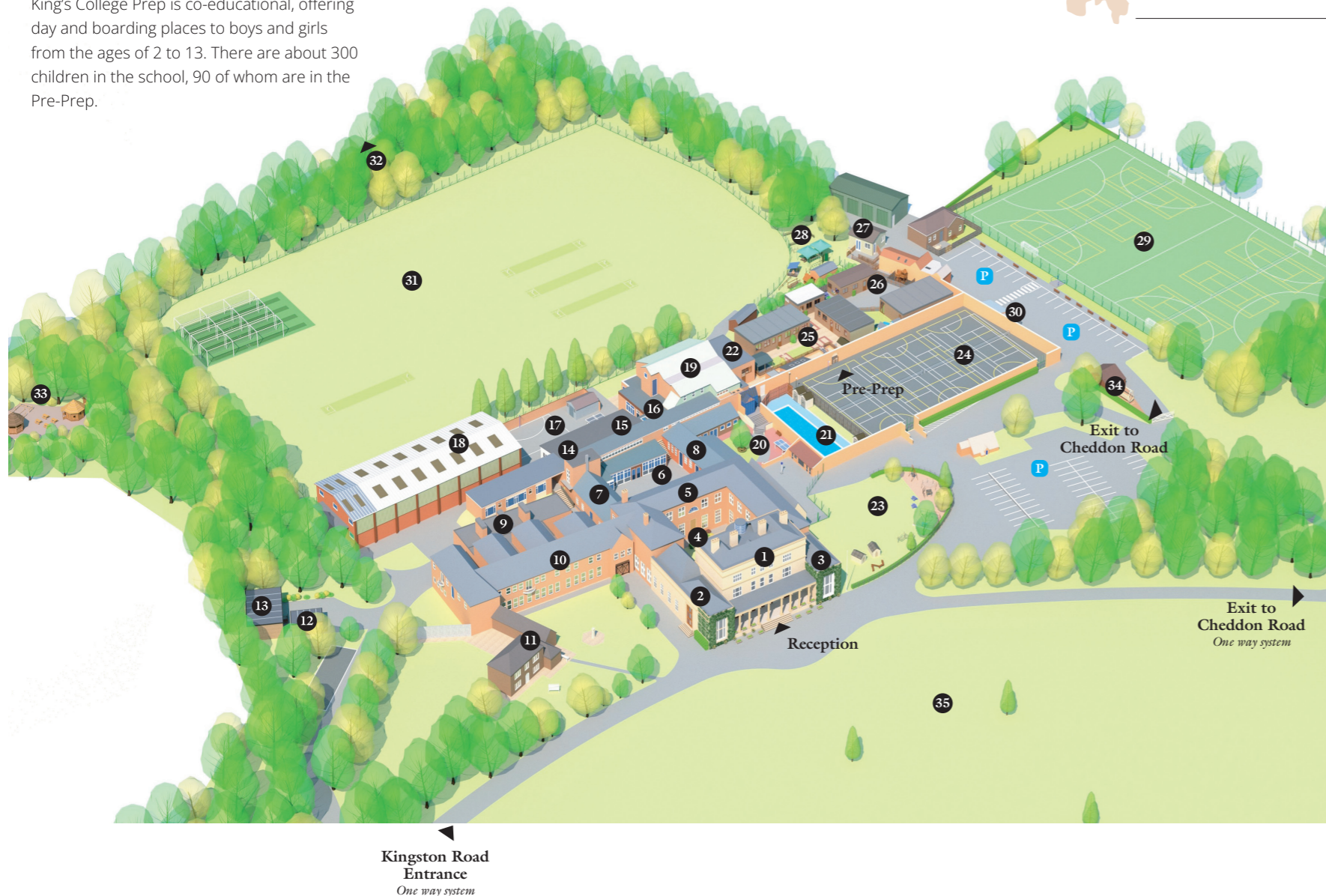
The schools are situated on separate sites in the South West of England and combine traditional values with state-of-the-art facilities. Both schools are run by one governing body, with many functions (marketing, strategy and finance for example) undertaken jointly.

King's College Prep is co-educational, offering day and boarding places to boys and girls from the ages of 2 to 13. There are about 300 children in the school, 90 of whom are in the Pre-Prep.

The school is built around Pyrland Hall, an impressive Georgian country house on the edge of the Quantock Hills. The 50 acre estate (including 15 acres of playing fields) is entirely surrounded by National Trust farmland but is also within a mile of Taunton, the county town of Somerset. Bristol and Exeter are within easy reach while London is

a 1 hour 40 min train journey or three hours via the motorway.

The Pre-Prep's Early Years Foundation Stage consists of a Nursery, which takes children after they have reached their second birthday, and there are then one or two classes in each year from Reception to Year 2.



King's College Prep School

Kingston Road, Taunton TA2 8AA

The Prep department, Years 3 to 8, has two or three classes in each year group. There is continuity of educational provision between Years 1 and 8.

The school is a member of the Woodard Corporation, a group of fifty schools educating boys and girls in the Christian tradition in most parts of the country. It works in harness with King's College, Taunton which is on a separate site about three miles away and most pupils transfer there at the age of 13+.

There is an excellent record of academic, musical, artistic, dramatic and sporting achievements throughout the school. There is a programme of continual development including a new sports hall, a performing arts centre used for concerts and drama productions, new changing areas, computer centres for both the Pre-Prep and Prep, refurbishing the pool and surrounds, a new full size Astroturf pitch and a Cookery School. The Pre-Prep also had extensive refurbishment and the new Science Faculty has transformed the provision for more than just science.

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| 1 Main Building | 18 Sports Hall |
| Pemberton Room | 19 Arts Centre |
| School Office | 20 The Rose Garden |
| Headmaster's Office | 21 Swimming Pool |
| Deputy Heads' Offices | 22 Bunting Room |
| Boarding House - <i>upstairs</i> | 23 Adventure Playground |
| 2 Woodard Room | 24 Netball and Tennis Courts |
| 3 Library | 25 Pre-Prep |
| 4 Memorial Garden | 26 Nursery |
| 5 Dining Room | 27 Log Cabin |
| 6 Outer Quad | 28 Little Woods |
| 7 ICT Suites | 29 AstroTurf Pitches |
| 8 Learning Strategies | 30 Astro Café |
| 9 Science Faculty | 31 North Field |
| 10 West Wing | 32 Top Field |
| Maths | 33 Big Woods |
| Geography | 34 Uniform Shop |
| 11 Headmaster's House | 35 Front Field |
| 12 Cookery School | |
| 13 Language Cabin | |
| 14 Design Technology | |
| 15 Art Room | |
| 16 Music Room | |
| 17 Hard Play Area | |

A Rural County of Rolling Hills

Taunton is surrounded by natural beauty, with the Blackdown, Mendip and Quantock Hills on the doorstep, plus Exmoor National Park and the Somerset Levels and Dartmoor 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.

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.

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.

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

Post	Learning Strategies Teacher (part-time)
Reports to	The Head of Learning Strategies and through her to the Headteacher.
Hours of work	Initially the post is for three days a week. The hours can be subject to some alteration from term to term as, with children at a developmental age, it is often hard to determine the exact demand in advance. This is a very open discussion if/when it arises.
Remuneration	The post holder will be paid pro rata and according to experience. FTE salaries scale starts from c£25,000. Pensionable under the Royal London DC Scheme. Pro rata reduced fees at King's College Prep and King's College are available for children of staff.
Job function	We are looking for a Learning Strategies teacher to support the Head of Learning Strategies in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy skills to individual and key groups of children. It is usual for the teacher of LS to be experienced in teaching pupils with additional learning needs on a one- to-one basis, ideally holding the AMBDA (Associate Member of the British Dyslexia Association) or RSA Diploma in Special Educational Needs or equivalent.

Main Responsibilities

- Planning and devising an individual learning programme (ILP) and delivering lessons tailored to meet the particular needs of each individual pupil.
- Planning and teaching a literacy and/or numeracy programme to small groups of children.
- Attending some core lessons and providing individualised as well as group support in the classroom.
- Supporting the Head of Learning Strategies with arranging and administering exam access arrangements.
- Writing a report on each pupil at the end of every term.
- Writing an individual educational plan (IEP) for the pupils whom you will teach and updating it as and when necessary.
- Meeting with parents during the year to discuss pupils' progress.
- Keeping written notes on file of all relevant conversations and 'phone calls with parents through the School Management System.
- Attending and contributing to relevant pupil progress meetings.
- Attending termly Learning Strategies department's reviews with parents on each pupil.
- Being aware of the events detailed in the school termly diary (eg trips and matches) and the weekly school calendar (eg Golden Time and rehearsals) and having the flexibility to rearrange lessons when necessary.

All members of staff are generally expected to attend INSET, Departmental meetings, Parents' evenings, School functions and Staff meetings.

Staff are included pro rata within the weekly supervision duties.

Person Specification

	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Qualifications & Experience	<p>Degree level qualification or suitable substitute</p> <p>Minimum 3 years' teaching experience</p> <p>Outstanding subject knowledge</p>	<p>Postgraduate Certificate in SpEd, for example BDA Accredited Level 5 Certificate in Dyslexia: Literacy, Support and Intervention or equivalent</p> <p>Experience of teaching small groups and individuals.</p> <p>Experience of working with EAL pupils</p>
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	<p>Excellent communication and presentation skills (both written and verbal) to engage in private or public with a number of different audiences including parents, children, peers and members of the wider school community</p> <p>Proficient ICT skills</p> <p>Ability to work with conflicting demands and timescales</p>	<p>Ability to contribute to the co-curricular programme at King's College Prep</p>
Personal Attributes	<p>Ability to communicate effectively and build professional relationships with parents and colleagues</p> <p>Rigorous can-do attitude, positive team player with a sense of humour and strong sense of collegiality</p> <p>Flexibility when the hours are dependent on the number of pupils requiring support</p> <p>Uncompromising but compassionate approach to professional standards</p> <p>A high standard of timekeeping and personal presentation</p>	

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

- King's College Prep application form
- Interview
- References from current employer and other chosen professionals

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 application form (we are unable to accept CVs without our application form) and send by email or post to:

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 c/o HR Department
 King's College, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3LA

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