

Admissions Advantage

Kings Academy

Secondary entry · Northamptonshire

URN 136628

Our admissions view

Kings Academy belongs in the serious middle of your list —
competitive enough to respect, realistic enough to pursue.

Target school

High confidence — based on multiple years of official admissions data confidence

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Your admissions brief

Admissions Verdict

Professional judgement on how this school fits your list

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BIGGEST ADMISSIONS RISK

The biggest risk is assuming last year's 1.1 applications-per-place figure still holds — demand has been rising across recent published cycles.

STRONGEST REASON TO INCLUDE

The strongest reason to include Kings Academy is that it combines a exceptional quality profile with admissions pressure (1.1) that looks manageable alongside proper safety schools.

OUR JUDGEMENT

We would be comfortable with Kings Academy as a central list choice — neither a wild reach nor a school you are settling for.

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Behind the verdict

Why We Reached This Conclusion

How we read this school — not just what the numbers say

HOW WE SEE THIS SCHOOL ON YOUR LIST

Kings Academy is the sort of school we would place in the middle of a well-built list — strong enough to excite you, realistic enough to list without wishful thinking. Competition is real — treat deadlines and priority rules as seriously as the open day.

HOW MUCH WE TRUST THE DATA

We can compare this school across multiple published DfE cycles with complete PAN and application counts.

- Latest cycle: 2024-2025.
- Published Admission Number: 180.
- First-preference application counts are available.
- 3 years of admissions history available.

COMPETITION IN CONTEXT

Demand has been climbing over recent cycles — parents who looked at Kings two years ago are working with softer numbers than you are. Against other Northamptonshire schools, Kings is on the gentler side of published pressure.

QUALITY CONTEXT

Latest inspection overall effectiveness: Outstanding.

- Excellent academic outcomes
- Outstanding inspection record

Demand picture

Pressure & Demand Trends

What published cycles suggest — framed for planning, not prediction

Over 3 published cycles, demand has increased — from 0.8 applications per place (2022 entry) to 1.1 applications per place (2024 entry). Past movement does not predict your child's outcome.

Entry year	Applications	Places	Trend
2024 entry	1981	801	1.1 per place
2023 entry	1621	800	0.9 per place
2022 entry	1351	800	0.8 per place

DEMAND DIRECTION: RISING DEMAND

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List building

Portfolio Strategy

How this school should sit alongside your other preferences

APPLICATION MIX GUIDANCE

For a balanced approach, consider 1 reach school, 2 target schools, and 1 safety school.

RECOMMENDED MIX

1 reach · 2 targets · 1 safety

For a balanced approach, consider 1 reach school, 2 target schools, and 1 safety school. This school fits as a target school. Moderate competition on published data.

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Local authority

Appeals & Local Context

What Northamptonshire adds to your planning

This school's published oversubscription ratio (1.1x) is less competitive than the la median (LA median 1.6x). In 2024/25, Northamptonshire recorded 420 admission appeals with 52 upheld (12%). Appeals success varies by school and priority — this is LA-level context only.

COMPARED WITH OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE AREA

Less competitive than the LA median

APPEALS CONTEXT

In 2024/25, Northamptonshire recorded 420 admission appeals lodged and 52 upheld (DfE local authority admissions appeals). Appeals are a last resort — build a list you can live with before you rely on them.

WHAT STILL DECIDES OFFERS

- Sibling links and priority criteria set by the local authority
- Faith or selective entry requirements where they apply
- Distance and tie-break rules — which we cannot verify from your postcode
- Late applications and in-year moves follow different rules

Plan B

Accessible Alternatives

Schools worth considering if competition is tighter than you hope

1. VALLEY COLLEGE

approximately 19.8 miles · Low

2. GRAMMAR SELECTIVE

same locality · Moderate

3. WRENN ACADEMY

same locality · Moderate

4. MEADOW ACADEMY

approximately 1.4 miles · Moderate

5. OAKWOOD ACADEMY

approximately 4.7 miles · Moderate

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Honest limits

What We Cannot Tell You

Gaps every parent should know before they submit preferences

National statistics cannot answer the questions that often decide offers. We are explicit about what is outside this report so you invest effort where it matters.

Last admitted distance

Last distance offered is not published nationally for this school.

Catchment boundaries

We do not show catchment boundaries without an official published source.

Postcode-specific likelihood

Entering your postcode cannot yet change our assessment for most schools.

Offer probability

We do not predict whether your child will receive an offer.

Waiting list position

Waiting-list outcomes are not included in national DfE statistics.

Priority rules

Faith, sibling, and catchment priority rules must be checked in the school's admissions policy.

Grammar / selective cut-offs

Selective entry requirements are school-specific — we flag selective schools but do not publish pass marks.

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What to do next

Final Action Plan

Practical steps before you lock in your preference order

REMEMBER OUR JUDGEMENT

We would be comfortable with Kings Academy as a central list choice — neither a wild reach nor a school you are settling for.

Where to apply

Use these official links to submit your application. Deadlines and portals are set by your local authority — always confirm the latest dates before you apply.

Local authority

Northamptonshire

Admissions portal

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

Application deadline

31 October 2026 (on-time deadline for secondary entry, September 2027)

YOUR ACTION CHECKLIST

1. Confirm Northamptonshire preference deadlines and admission rules

Policies override published ratios — check sibling, faith, and distance criteria.

2. For a balanced approach, consider 1 reach school, 2 target schools, and 1 safety school.

Target school for Year 7 entry

3. Research Valley College as a lower-pressure alternative

DATA BEHIND THIS REPORT

- DfE school admissions statistics (updated 2025-01-15)
- Get Information about Schools (GIAS)

- Ofsted inspections
- School Compass Score
- DfE local authority appeals (updated 2024/25)

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