

Complete School Decision Report

# Kings Academy

URN 136628  
Northamptonshire

**Strong Recommendation**

A strong fit on school, admissions, and family life

Low confidence — treat area sections as indicative; visit before relocating.

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Your family answer

## The Family Decision

Is this the right school and area for our family?

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Kings Academy receives a Strong Recommendation overall family decision. School Quality is the strongest signal (strong). Admissions Reality is the main friction point (good). Our confidence is low — treat this as directional guidance only.

### TOP REASON

Recommendation tier: Strongly Recommended.

### BIGGEST TRADE-OFF

Admissions Reality may limit how comfortably this school fits your family.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Visit the school, then list it with confidence if the culture fits your child.

### WHAT WOULD CHANGE OUR MIND

- A lower-pressure safety school on your list that you would genuinely accept.

Show our working

## Why We Reached This Conclusion

The family decision combines seven pillars — school quality, admissions, safety, housing, transport, amenities, and healthcare guidance. The table below shows the evidence behind page 2.

We assess seven areas that matter to families. Assessment shows our rating for that area. Confidence shows how complete and reliable the available data is.

AREA	ASSESSMENT	CONFIDENCE
School Quality	Strong	High confidence
Admissions Reality	Good	High confidence
Safety	Strong	High confidence
Housing	Unknown	Unknown confidence
Transport	Unknown	Unknown confidence
Amenities	Unknown	Unknown confidence
Healthcare	Not currently assessed	Unknown confidence

Healthcare proximity is not included in this edition.

Assessment scale: Strong ' Good ' Moderate ' Weak ' Poor

Strong = positive finding

Poor = significant concern

Internal composite score: 4.60 (consultant weighting — not a league table).

### TOP DRIVERS

- Recommendation tier: Strongly Recommended.
- Very Safe
- Moderate competition

Admissions data confidence: High confidence — based on multiple years of official admissions data.

4 pillar(s) could not be fully scored — treat those sections as indicative.

Question 1

## School Quality

Is the school right for our child?

### SCHOOL QUALITY SNAPSHOT

Kings Academy combines a exceptional quality profile with 1.2 applications per place. Admissions pressure is moderate — we would apply, treating it as a serious option rather than a speculative reach.

What Kings Academy's results mean

A exceptional band score (94) means this school typically performs around similar schools on our composite measure — read the components below for where it leads or lags.

- Progress 8: Pupils' progress from KS2 to GCSE is at or above the national baseline (0.31).
- Attainment 8: Average GCSE attainment score is 54.2 — compare this to LA and national tables on the free profile if you need the number.

Use this interpretation alongside inspection and destinations on the free profile; numbers alone do not answer fit.

### GREAT FIT IF

- Your child is academically ambitious and responds well to high expectations and structured teaching.
- You value strong GCSE outcomes and national standing over a relaxed pastoral environment.
- You are comfortable with selective or competitive entry if the academic upside is clear.

### THINK TWICE IF

- Your child needs a nurturing, low-pressure environment to build confidence before exams.
- Admission certainty matters more than peak academic outcomes.
- You want a school where breadth of extracurriculars outweighs exam focus.

Learning style: Typically suits pupils who thrive with clear academic targets, regular assessment, and a results-oriented culture.

Question 2

## Admissions Reality

Can we realistically get in?

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

Moderate competition · List role: Target school — strong fit with manageable competition

Moderate — 1.1 applications per place (2024-2025).

### 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 an exceptional quality profile with admissions pressure (1.1) that looks manageable alongside proper safety schools.

Alternative: Valley College (Low) —

### HONEST LIMITS

- Last distance offered is not published nationally for this school.
- We do not show catchment boundaries without an official published source.
- Entering your postcode cannot yet change our assessment for most schools.

Area pillar

## Safety Around the School

**PILLAR GRADE**

Strong: strong

Below-average recorded crime for the area around this school

- Recorded crime around this school is below the national median for similar areas.
- Anti-social behaviour is often the largest category in residential areas and does not always reflect serious crime.

Lower than national median

Recorded crime has been broadly stable year-on-year.

This matters more if your child will travel through the area daily — weigh it against academic fit and admission realism.

Neighbourhood crime data describes the area around the school — not safeguarding or behaviour inside the school gates.

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Area pillar

## Housing & Affordability

**PILLAR GRADE**

Unknown: unknown

Housing affordability data is limited — use property portals and LA statistics for your target postcodes.

- Housing affordability data has not been loaded for this school yet.

Figures describe local authority affordability context — not a valuation of any specific property.

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Area pillar

## Transport & Commuting

**PILLAR GRADE**

Unknown: unknown

Transport data is partial — verify rail, bus, and walking routes from your home before applying.

- Transport data has not been loaded for this school yet.

Stop and station presence does not guarantee useful service — check operators and timetables for your route.

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Area pillar

## Family Life & Amenities

### PILLAR GRADE

Unknown: unknown

Amenity coverage is partial — visit the area to judge daily convenience for your family.

- Amenity data has not been loaded for this school yet.

### HEALTHCARE REGISTRATION (GUIDANCE ONLY)

- Healthcare is not scored in this edition. Register with a GP and dentist using your home postcode via NHS.uk — acceptance is not guaranteed in busy areas.
- Rural and newly built estates may have fewer nearby practices — check NHS service search before relocating.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>

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Family lenses

## Four Family Lenses

Different families weight pillars differently. These lenses show how emphasis shifts — they do not replace the balanced verdict on page 2.

Balanced verdict: Strong Recommendation

### ACADEMIC PRIORITY

Strong Recommendation — If you are a academic family, school quality weighs heavily. If academic peak matters most, the school profile outweighs area convenience — provided admission remains realistic.

Emphasis: School Quality, Admissions Reality

### BUDGET-CONSCIOUS

Strong Recommendation — If you are a budget family, admissions reality weighs heavily. The strongest value test is whether you can afford to live close enough for a realistic offer — not the headline league-table rank.

Emphasis: Housing, Admissions Reality

### COMMUTER FAMILY

Strong Recommendation — If you are a commuter family, admissions reality weighs heavily. For commuters, daily journey practicality can outweigh modest differences in exam statistics.

Emphasis: Transport, Admissions Reality

### LIFESTYLE & AMENITIES

Strong Recommendation — If you are a lifestyle family, safety weighs heavily. If everyday neighbourhood quality matters as much as exam results, weigh amenities and safety alongside the academic profile.

Emphasis: Amenities, Safety, Healthcare

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## Trade-Off Analysis

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No single dominant trade-off — review the pillar table on page 3 and weakest pillar evidence.

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Next steps

# Final Recommendation & Action Plan

Strong Recommendation

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Visit the school, then list it with confidence if the culture fits your child.

### 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)

## THIS WEEK

- Visit the school, then list it with confidence if the culture fits your child.
- Confirm Northamptonshire preference deadlines and admission rules
- For a balanced approach, consider 1 reach school, 2 target schools, and 1 safety school.
- Research Valley College as a lower-pressure alternative
- Confirm preference deadlines with your local authority and visit any safety schools on your list.
- No credible safety school identified within the search area.

Plan B: consider Wrenn Academy if your shortlist needs a safety school option.

## AREA CHECKS

- Visit the school on a normal day and ask about pastoral support.
- Trial the commute from home at school-run times.
- Check GP and dentist registration via NHS.uk for your target postcode.
- Review housing costs on property portals — we do not endorse any site.

Sources: DfE GIAS, Ofsted, admissions statistics, Police.uk, transport/housing/amenity datasets.

Details: [ukschoolcompass.co.uk/transparency](https://ukschoolcompass.co.uk/transparency)

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Safety & alternatives

## Plan B Alternatives

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- Valley College (URN 100005) —
- Grammar Selective (URN 100009) —
- Wrenn Academy (URN 100010) —
- Meadow Academy (URN 100011) —
- Oakwood Academy (URN 100003) —

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