

PARENT DECISION BRIEF

Kings Academy

Secondary · Northamptonshire

Would we apply?

YES

Apply confidently

94

Strongly Recommended

Exceptional

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Decision Intelligence

School Compass Verdict

Our independent apply/don't-apply judgement — stated once in this report

Would we apply?

YES

Confidence: high

Recommended action

Apply confidently

OUR INDEPENDENT OPINION

Kings Academy combines an 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.

TOP REASON TO APPLY HERE

Kings Academy stands out for top 1% nationally alongside an exceptional composite score (94).

Area safety: Very Safe — Below-average recorded crime for the area around this school

WHAT WOULD CHANGE OUR MIND

- A new Ofsted inspection published after our latest recorded report
- A sharp rise in applications per place versus the year shown in this report
- Progress 8 or headline attainment falling below national average for two years

Confirm preference deadlines and admission rules with your local authority this week.

Family Fit

Who this school suits

Persona-based fit — not a repeat of the verdict

Great fit if you are...

- 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 you are...

- 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 & culture

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

Admissions pressure is moderate — this school is a target school — strong fit with manageable competition on your list. See Your List for portfolio guidance.

Academic Quality

What Kings Academy's results mean

Interpretation beyond the free profile scorecard

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.

Headline measures

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.

Rankings place the school top 1% nationally — rank is context, not a guarantee of fit for your child.

Parent takeaway

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

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Admissions & Competition

Getting in — honest odds

Pressure framing you won't see on the free profile

Moderate pressure — 1.2 applications per place (2024-2025).

Moderate competition — treat admission as uncertain until you confirm local priority rules.

Role on your list

Target school — strong fit with manageable competition

Safety principle

Keep at least one genuine safety school you would accept.

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Application Strategy

Your shortlist mix

How to position this school on your CAF

This school's role

Target school for Year 7 entry

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

Named actions

- No credible safety school identified within the search area.

This week: Confirm preference deadlines with your local authority and visit any safety schools on your list.

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Alternatives

Plan B & head-to-head

Compare against the best realistic alternative

Head-to-head

Kings Academy vs Grammar Selective

Dimension	This school	Grammar Selective
Quality band	Exceptional	Excellent
Admissions pressure	Moderate	Comparable admissions pressure
Distance	This school	same locality

Choose Kings Academy if Exceptional outcomes and its specific strengths matter most.
 Choose Grammar Selective if comparable admissions pressure pressure better matches your risk tolerance.

Other options to research

Wrenn Academy (same locality)

Same town or locality

Riverside School (4.3 mi)

Within 4.3 miles

Meadow Academy (1.4 mi)

Within 1.4 miles

Neighbourhood Safety

Around Kings Academy

Paid-only neighbourhood intelligence

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

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.

Area crime data reflects the surrounding neighbourhood — it is not a measure of school safeguarding or on-site safety.

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Apply

Where to apply

Official links for your application

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)

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Data Sources

Transparency & limitations

What we used — and what we deliberately did not include

Source	Description	Updated
GIAS	Get Information about Schools — school identity and status	1 June 2026
Ofsted	Inspection reports and safeguarding judgements	15 March 2023
Admissions	Local authority admissions statistics	2024-2025
Performance	DfE attainment, progress and destination data	2024-2025
School Compass	Composite score, rankings and recommendation engine	1 June 2026
Police recorded crime	Neighbourhood crime data from data.police.uk	1 March 2026

Not included in this report

- Live catchment or distance admissions predictions
- Parent reviews or on-site feel
- Sibling priority or faith criteria specifics
- Appeals and waiting-list outcomes

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