



Kingsthorpe
College

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATION PACK 2018

**PLEASE RETURN TO KINGSTHORPE COLLEGE NO LATER THAN 6th
OCTOBER AT 3PM**

**APTITUDE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED**

Kingsthorpe College Aptitude Workshops

Drama Workshop

The workshop is designed to examine the student's aptitude to use drama techniques and strategies to explore given themes and circumstances. We are looking for students who are able to work effectively and imaginatively, both alone and within a group. We will assess each student's aptitude to respond to stimuli, develop ideas through drama, and present drama to an audience. At times, the information shared by the workshop leader about each task might be the minimum. The hope is that students will make the necessary choices to develop this information to suit their own ideas and the ideas of others.



Dance Workshop



Students will be taught two phrases of movement to see how well they are coordinated and controlled and to assess their general body skills and movement memory. These are a travelling phrase and a floor phrase which are combined to create one longer phrase. They will then be given a choreographic task using and developing the material in the taught phrase. This will assess their imagination, innovation and creativity in their response to the task as well as their aptitude to work with another person. Finally, students will perform the routine they have devised and this will help us to assess their confidence, character and flair.

Music Workshop

The music workshop is divided into three sections to test rhythm, pitch and composition skills. Tasks include rhythmic clapping, ensemble singing and creative composition work where students will work in small groups to share and develop their ideas. We also look forward to hearing students play their own instruments and this sense of collaboration is an important element of the workshop. In creating their own piece of music, on a given theme, students will learn from each other and demonstrate their understanding of the power and artistry of music whilst showing an understanding of how different musical features could represent different moods and meaning.



Art Workshop



This workshop covers two visual arts disciplines – drawing and painting. We are looking for students who show above average flair, confidence and drawing accomplishment in their handling of a variety of media. Tasks will be based on the observation of a still-life arrangement and will require students to identify and demonstrate shape, form, tone, texture and colour through the use of pencil and relief printing. The tasks are introduced clearly with the opportunity for participants to clarify their understanding through asking questions, but once the group is on task, little guidance will be given. We are keen to observe how students respond independently and pace the progression of their work.

Aptitude Test Format

Music

Prospective musicians will be asked to perform a prepared piece of music on their chosen instrument, or if vocal bring their own backing track CD. They will also be asked to clap back a rhythm if instrumental, or sing back a melody from memory if vocal.

Students will be scored on the following criteria: Musicality; Accuracy; Creativity; connection with audience, Interpretation.

Dance

Prospective dancers will be taught a one minute dance routine covering baseline techniques and skills. This will be followed by a creative group task, to establish choreographic vision and leadership skills. Please bring dancewear, and be prepared to perform barefoot.

Students will be scored on the following criteria: Alignment; Co-ordination; Strength; Stamina; Creativity.

Drama

Prospective students will be involved in a variety of drama activities including improvised and scripted drama.

Students will be scored on the following criteria: Group co-operation; Vocal skills; Movement skills; Improvisation; Creativity.

Art

Prospective students will experience two visual arts disciplines – drawing and painting in order to show above average flair, confidence and drawing accomplishment in their handling of a variety of media. Tasks will be based on the observation of a still-life arrangement and will require students to identify and demonstrate shape, form, tone, texture and colour through the use of pencil and relief printing. We are keen to observe how students respond independently and pace the progression of their work.

Students will be scored on the following criteria: Composition; Shape and form; Tonal/textural replication through shading; Colour replication through shading; Paint application.

The Aptitude application process is as follows:

1. Complete and return an Aptitude application form to Kingsthorpe College. A copy of the form is available from reception or via the Admissions section of our website www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.
2. The application form should be submitted to Kingsthorpe College by the **6th October at 3pm** in one of the following ways;
 - A printed version either by post or by hand;
 - Return the completed form via email to admissions@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.
3. All applications will be acknowledged electronically (if email address is provided, if hand delivered a receipt can be requested from reception). You may screen print a copy of the electronic acknowledgement for your records if you wish.
4. ALL parents and children who make an application under the Aptitude Criterion will be invited to the Aptitude Workshops.
5. The Aptitude workshops will take place at Kingsthorpe College on **Saturday 14th October starting at 11am. You will be provided with a time to attend, but please be advised that the workshop will last for approximately 1 hour.** In the interest of fairness and consistency, no alternative date/time is available.
6. Parents will be advised of the outcome of their Aptitude Application by email (or letter if no email address provided) by the 23rd October 2017.
7. ALL parents will be informed by the Local Authority of the school allocated to their child by post on Wednesday 1st March 2018.
8. All workshops will be scored out of 100, and up to 24 applicants meeting the cut off score or higher will be considered under this criterion. The distance tiebreaker will only be applied if more than 24 students meet the required score.

Kingsthorpe College Visual and Performing Arts Aptitude Application for September 2018

Name of Student			
Date of Birth		Gender	
Home Address:			
Postcode:			
Contact Telephone Numbers:		Email address:	
Home:			
Mobile:			
Please indicate which workshop you would like your child to attend:			
Please note: Children may only attend one workshop each, we would recommend you choose the workshop that you feel your child will best be able to demonstrate their aptitude in.			
Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Dance <input type="checkbox"/>	Drama <input type="checkbox"/>	Art <input type="checkbox"/>
I have read and understood the attached information and wish to apply for a place at Kingsthorpe College under the Visual and Performing Arts Criteria.			
Parent/Carer(s) Signature:		Date:	