



KING HENRY VIII
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Welcome



It is a great pleasure and privilege to introduce King Henry VIII College to you.

A few pages of words and images can only touch on the scale and ambition of this extraordinary educational venture.

King Henry VIII College will be a new school, but one with a history that stretches back nearly 500 years. Christ College, Brecon was famously founded in 1541 by Henry VIII, whose name will grace this new school in Malaysia - the first overseas school established by Christ College.

Visitors to Christ College in Brecon invariably comment on the special atmosphere there, and the heartfelt warmth of the welcome they receive. This is something I experienced first-hand as a Christ College student, then as a teacher and parent at the school. It is a warmth of spirit that I am determined to re-create in King Henry VIII College, Malaysia: an ethos that is built on the long, proud history of Christ College.

Although King Henry VIII College will be a larger institution than its Welsh twin, we will ensure that the same strength of relationships, characterised by confident mutual respect, tolerance, and encouragement is at the core of the school. Each individual student's interests, skills, and needs will be recognised and catered for, just as they are at Christ College, Brecon.

I do hope that you enjoy this taster of what life will be like in our new school, which we very much hope will be your child's new school, too.

A white, handwritten signature of Simon Spencer, written in a cursive style, positioned above his name and title.

SIMON SPENCER

Founding Head
King Henry VIII College



Ethos

The Latin motto of Christ College, Brecon comes from the Fifth Book of Virgil's epic poem, 'The Aeneid':

Possunt Quia Posse Videntur

This translates into the powerful maxim that encapsulates a great guiding principle:

They Can, Because They Believe They Can

If ever there was a classical representation of Malaysia Boleh, then this is it - we can do it! King Henry VIII College will happily adopt this motto, too.

The context of Virgil's line gives us even more inspiration; the three words before "Possunt Quia" are "Hos successus alit", "Success nourishes them".

A successful education means transferable skills and qualifications, of course; it is also about becoming a young person equipped to face the challenges presented by today's world.

Students at King Henry VIII College will be given every opportunity to explore their talents, to be part of a supportive community, and to be nourished by their success.

The school will value individuality, initiative, and leadership, as well as emphasising the merits of teamwork. Students will be at the heart of a community of supportive parents, loyal staff, and dedicated, approachable teachers; a happy, positive community in which our students will develop resilience, tolerance, and emotional balance; a community that promotes curiosity, perseverance, and shared success.







Learning

King Henry VIII College will offer a British curriculum based on that provided at Christ College Brecon, modified to reflect the international nature of the school.

The curriculum for KH8 Primary will follow an enhanced version of the UK National Curriculum. Fundamentals within core subjects such as English and Mathematics will lay a foundation for students in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Topic-based units in each year group will develop key skills, stimulate curiosity, and inspire a love of learning in preparation for Senior School.

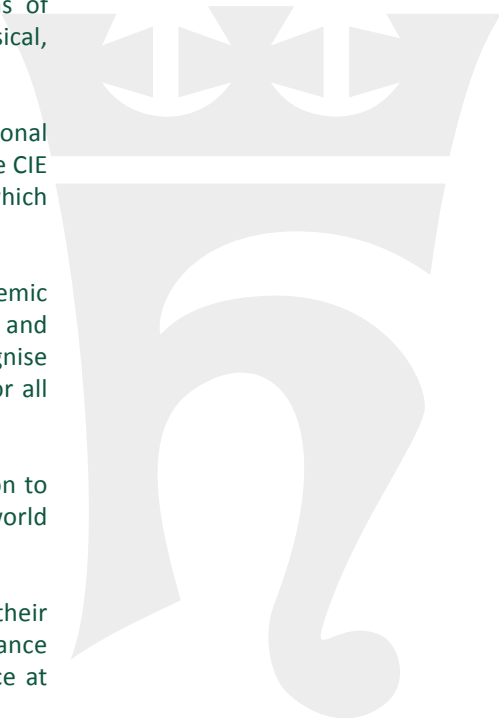
In Years 7 to 9 students will continue with an adapted version of Key Stage 3 of the National Curriculum, studying a wide range of subjects in the following areas of learning: linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, and aesthetic and creative.

In Years 10 and 11 the core of the curriculum will be Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) IGCSE's, and in the Sixth Form the core of the curriculum will be CIE AS and A levels. Students will sit the internationally-recognised CIE examinations, which are the conclusion of broad and balanced study across a wide range of subjects.

The academic offer at King Henry VIII College is only part of the story, but academic success is a critical gateway to higher education, and to a meaningful, flexible, and satisfying career. We will have high expectations of all our students, recognise excellence and reward improvement. We will strive for academic achievement for all our students, whatever their level of ability.

We fully anticipate that, just as in Brecon, the vast majority of students will go on to university degree courses of their first choice, either in the UK or wherever in the world the most appropriate course for an individual student happens to be.

Our expert team of teachers, guided by best international practice, will enthuse their students to make the most of their potential. Specialist learning support and guidance will be available to assist those with particular needs or requiring extra guidance at critical times.



Performing Arts

King Henry VIII College will build on the experience and expertise of Christ College in creating an environment where students learn to relish public performance.

The world needs creative, imaginative people who can speak confidently and stand tall before others, with self-assurance and poise.

Right from their first days at the school, students will learn to express themselves through dramatic performances, presentations, and public-speaking; they will gain invaluable confidence by contributing and participating in front of their peers, the school, and the wider community.

At Christ College more than a quarter of the students take lessons in Speech and Drama and gain internationally-recognised LAMDA qualifications. It is our intention that King Henry VIII will be a centre for LAMDA examinations, giving our students another great opportunity.

Drama and performance will be a significant part of life at King Henry VIII - from student-led assemblies to House plays, and from Speech and Drama lessons to full-scale school productions in the state-of-the-art theatre.

The school will recognise potential and ability in this critical area. Top performers will be given every chance to succeed on a wider stage; study trips and visits to major dramatic events in the region will be fully supported.







Music

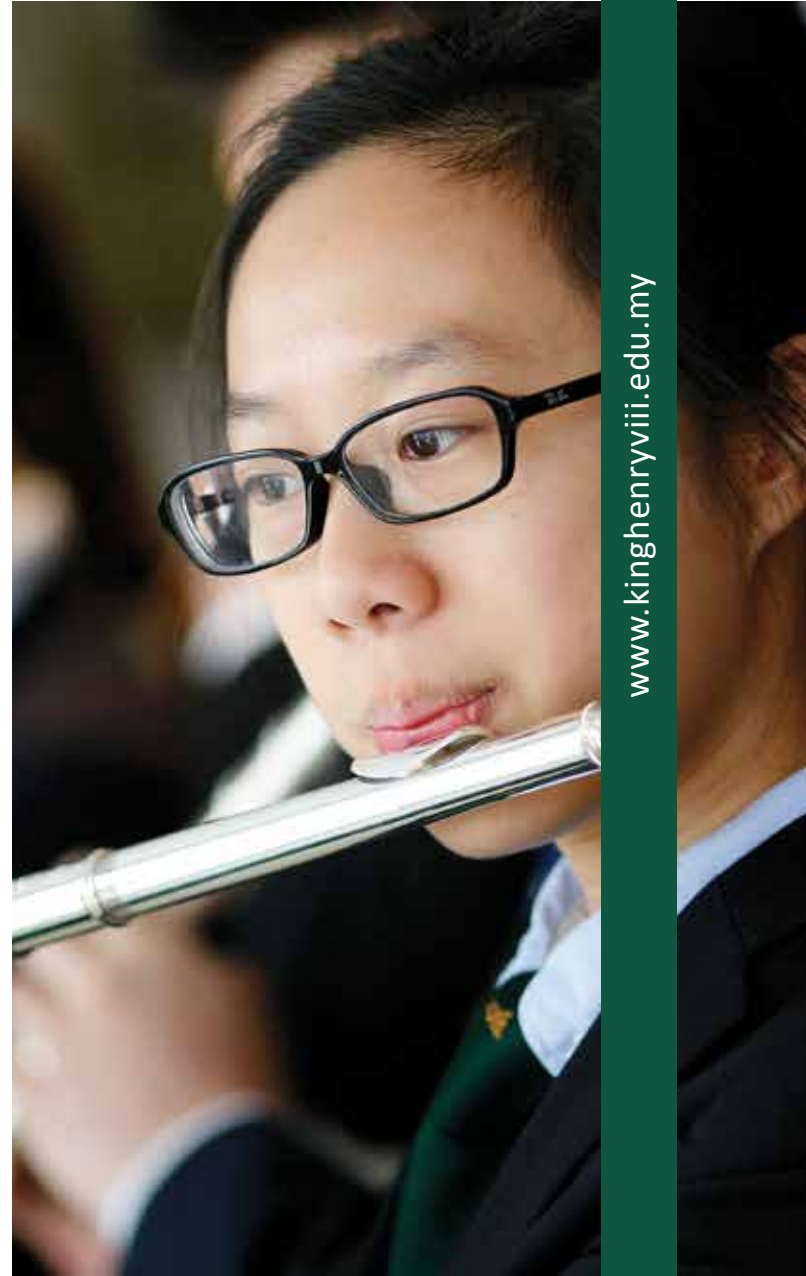
Music will be at the beating heart of King Henry VIII College, just as it is in Brecon, where more than one in four of the students learn at least one musical instrument. Performances, recitals, and concerts of the highest quality will be regular features of the school calendar.

Specialist music teachers from all over the globe will foster a love of music in our students.

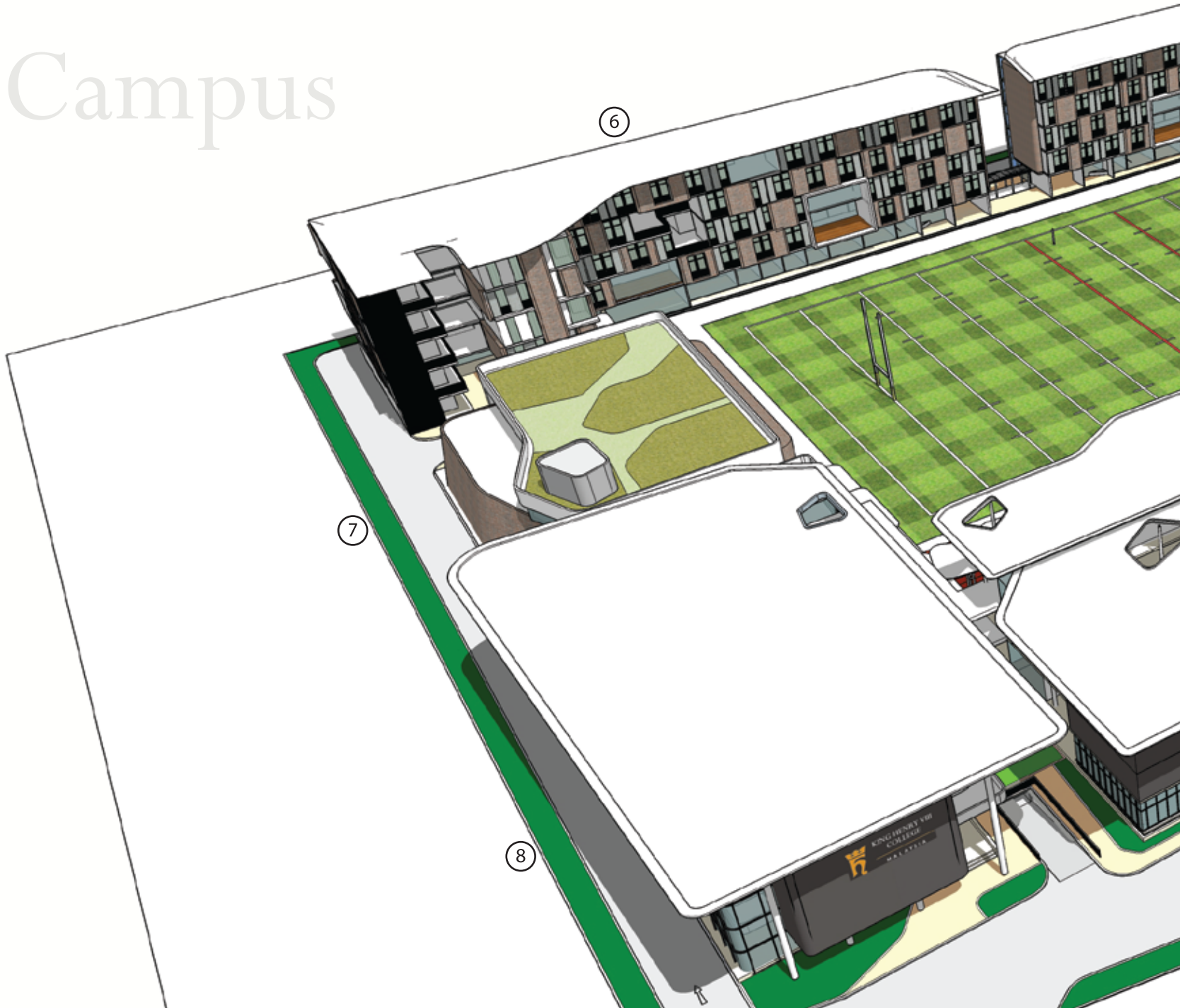
Wales is renowned for being the land of song, and King Henry VIII himself was well-known as a singer, musician, and composer. Our new school, built in his name and with the formidable musical tradition of Christ College behind it, will celebrate musicianship in all its forms.

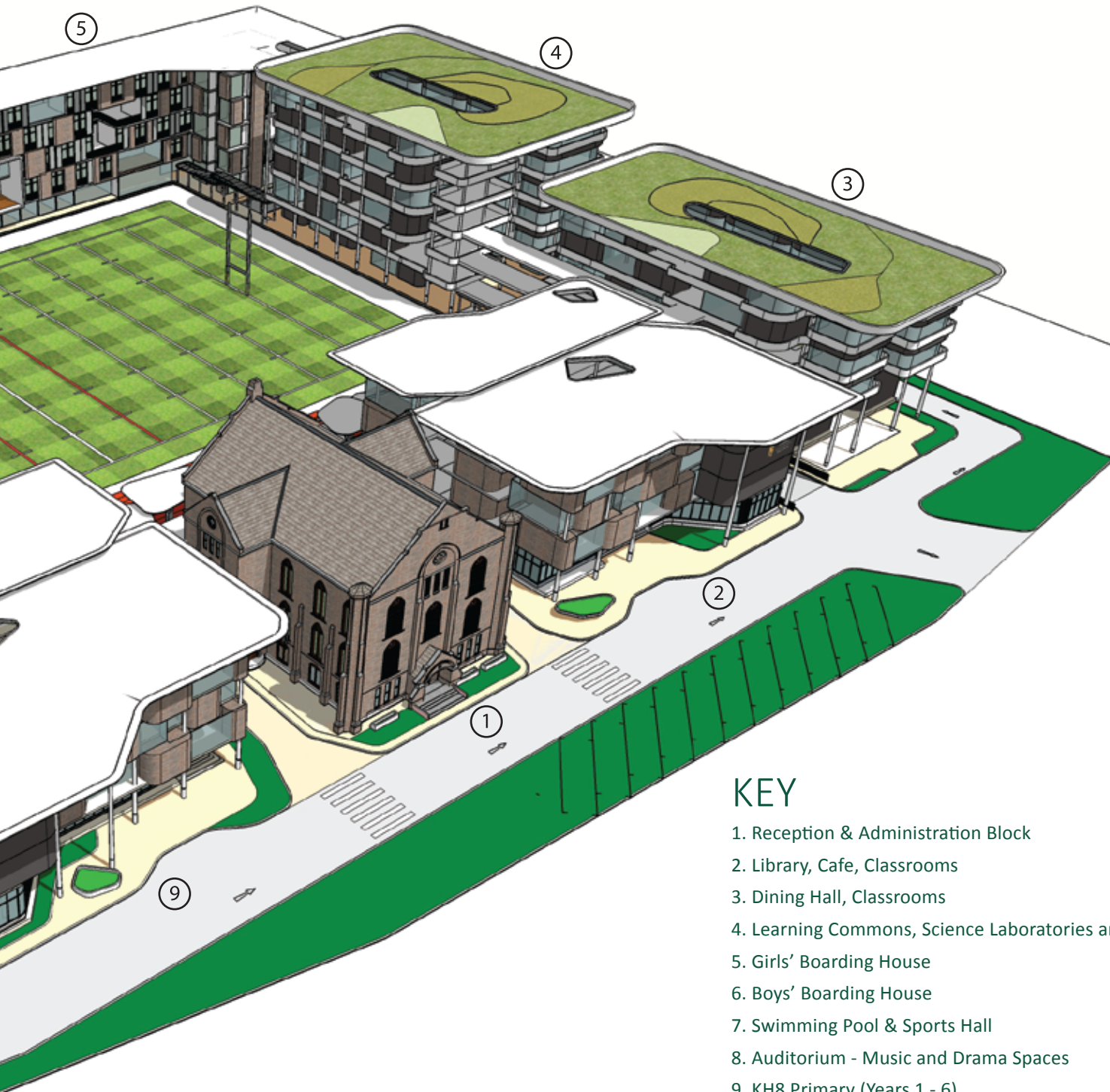
As the school grows we will have an orchestra, ensembles, and choirs of all sorts - great opportunities for group music-making. Elite musicians and scholars will be given every assistance to further develop their talents. Visiting professionals, conductors and soloists will entertain and inspire, with facilities to match.

The House Music Competition is an eagerly anticipated annual event at Christ College, with every student taking part in the House Singing Competition. The equivalent event will undoubtedly be a similar highlight in Cyberjaya.



Campus





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1. Reception & Administration Block
2. Library, Cafe, Classrooms
3. Dining Hall, Classrooms
4. Learning Commons, Science Laboratories and Art
5. Girls' Boarding House
6. Boys' Boarding House
7. Swimming Pool & Sports Hall
8. Auditorium - Music and Drama Spaces
9. KH8 Primary (Years 1 - 6)



Sport

Sport gives a child more than just physical well-being and the joy of participation - it contributes to every young person's development both socially and psychologically.

Just like our sister school in the UK, King Henry VIII College will be serious about its sport, and ensure it has a fitting and proportionate place in our students' lives.

Boys and girls of every age and level of ability will be helped to try a variety of sports and to discover what sport has to offer them.

Enthusiastic staff and distinguished coaches will support students in all sports - from team sports, like Hockey and Soccer, to popular individual sports such as Tennis and Golf.

King Henry VIII College will have excellent indoor sports facilities for tennis, badminton, basketball, futsal, and more, along with a stylish outdoor swimming pool.

We all know the importance of a healthy and active life, and the students of King Henry VIII College will have a coherent programme of sporting activity, with individual fitness programmes available in the school's Fitness Suite.

House Competitions will sit enthusiastically alongside individual and team sports; teams will participate in regional competitions and against other schools, and we will take advantage of Kuala Lumpur's accessibility to ensure students can see international sport whenever possible.



Pastoral Care

King Henry VIII College will be a day and boarding school, and both communities will benefit from a first-rate pastoral care and support network.

Young people face many challenges in life, and we will ensure that the well-being of all our students is the prime motivation and concern of all we do at the school.

Well-being is about having the resources and capabilities to face all the challenges that life offers. Pastoral care at King Henry VIII College is designed to ensure students develop these resources by nurturing positive relationships. From the youngest member of KH8 to the oldest, we will instil an ethos that both values every individual, and creates the strongest sense of community.

On joining the school, each boarder is allocated to a boarding house; day students are also assigned to one of our Houses, and will be part of a group that maintains a shared identity and purpose through their time at King Henry VIII. House events will be a major part of school life, and a point of pride and involvement for all our students.

From the instant of application to the proud moment of graduation, we are determined that King Henry VIII students will have the highest standards of care. Excellent communication between school and families is a vital part of this, and our pastoral staff and teachers will make sure that parents are always in touch and any anxieties are swiftly addressed.

As well as their classroom teachers, every child will have an individual tutor. In addition to this, the whole school community will have access to trained medical and professional staff.







Boarding

There have been boarders at Christ College for hundreds of years; the tradition and value of boarding has long been recognised in Britain and all over the world. King Henry VIII College will build on the best of boarding practice

Our resident staff and many of our teachers will be familiar with the boarding environment; they fully understand that boarding is about creating a secure and caring environment where children can thrive. Each of our Houses will be led by experienced, friendly, dedicated Houseparents; and for everyone connected with each House, the happiness of the boarding community depends upon the happiness of their boarders and the warmth of the relationships they build with each other.

Boarders at King Henry VIII will live alongside each other and support each other with a spirit of compassion, tolerance, and understanding. They will enjoy dedicated accommodation of the highest specification, as well as having access to school facilities in the evenings and at weekends. Each House will be fully staffed with Houseparents, a Resident Tutor, and other resident Assistants. A programme of weekend activities and excursions will ensure that boys and girls who are away from home are relaxed, occupied and content throughout.

Families new to boarding will quickly discover the benefits of boarding - the guidance, the opportunities, the lifelong friendships, and an independence developed in a close community - an excellent preparation for university life and beyond.



Outstanding Facilities for Learning & Living





“... the same DNA.”



“Although I am new to Christ College, I have already gained a powerful impression of the importance to everyone here of the school’s international links. It is abundantly clear to us all, too, that the most valuable and profound link we have is with King Henry VIII College, Malaysia - Christ College’s first overseas school. I have no doubt that KH8 will successfully reflect CCB’s long and distinguished history, and be a great success right from the start. I look forward to seeing pupils from both our schools enjoying the fruits of this close relationship, and I also much looking forward to visiting the school in Kuala Lumpur.”

Gareth Pearson,
Head of Christ College

“Although thousands and miles apart and rooted in very different cultures and environments, the links between our two schools will be firm and unyielding. KH8 and CCB share the same DNA, and nearly 5 centuries of heritage and educational experience. Shared and careful governance will benefit both our schools now and in the future.”

Sir Paul Silk, KCB,
Chair of Governors and former Head Boy of Christ College



“We are all very excited by this collaboration, and by the prospect of this sister school establishing itself in Cyberjaya, Selangor. We will share the values of Christ College, and as genuine partners we will promote exchanges and collaborative experiences across the whole spectrum of school life.”

Datuk Benny Hoe,
Managing Director of DBH Holdings Sdn Bhd





Portrait of King Henry VIII hanging in the Dining Hall, Christ College Brecon



Mission Statement

King Henry VIII College aims to provide a balanced all-round education for boys and girls from the age of 5 to 18, within a disciplined and caring framework.

KH8 will offer academic support and challenge, close pastoral care, and broad-ranging co-curricular opportunities, in an environment where our students can explore, achieve, and thrive.

Working closely with families, our expert teachers will collaborate to produce young people who are kind, sharing, positive members of their communities; confident in the face of life's challenges, and ready to contribute and to make a difference - wherever in world that might be.

“They achieve because they believe they can.”

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