

# **KINGSMEAD INTERNATIONAL**



**A Unique Integration and Immersion Programme at a Prestigious UK Independent School**

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Kingsmead School, Hoylake, is opening a new development in Spring 2018, offering pupils from across the globe the opportunity to spend a fascinating fortnight experiencing a taste of education and fieldwork, alongside a good measure of social integration with the student community at this independent UK boarding school.

Founded in 1904, Kingsmead has a long history of success and a distinguished list of former students, many of whom remain in touch with the school for life, regardless of their date of leaving. This traditional school remains at the forefront of modern independent education, especially after a 2004 major expansion of the school based around the construction of the Centenary Building with top class facilities for teaching and learning.

Over the years, Kingsmead students have gone on to major careers in every field. Some have become captains of industry, many have become leaders and entrepreneurs, others have entered politics and achieved high office, but all have left the school equipped to bring a positive influence on society.

The school campus extends over some 23 acres in a seaside setting. Further facilities include the school's own swimming pool and tennis court as well as a sports hall and excellent playing fields.

Dedicated international student accommodation is in the on-campus Meadway Cottage and Watts House, where visiting groups will enjoy the full 24/7 experience which is UK boarding.

Before the programme begins, students are allocated membership of one of the three 'houses' which form the basis of Kingsmead's much acclaimed pastoral system. Your Kingsmead experience condenses a typical school year into intensive learning and exciting action, starting with a Welcome assembly shared with the senior school, and ending with a mini 'Speech Day' graduation assembly at the end.

Each day comes with its own theme, based on subjects taught within the Kingsmead curriculum, and will include a 'Perfect Your English' session focussing on that theme. The day then extends into a fieldwork briefing and initial task at the school, before the group heads out to undertake fieldwork off site. The programme expands into competitive team based action – a major driving force in the school's success – fusing real learning with great fun, to create an unforgettable and unique experience.



You can take the programme outlined below, or Kingsmead will tailor-make your visit through providing a range of options to ensure that you have the perfect programme for the needs of your students. Meet and Greet services will be provided at your UK arrival airport, and transfer to the school will be by air-conditioned executive coach. You will have a host with you throughout your programme to ensure everything runs smoothly, and to provide local knowledge and advice.



No UK visit can be complete without a London experience (including the London Eye) , and upon arrival at Heathrow, you will enjoy and overnight stay in a London hotel with time to enjoy the delights of the city on the following day, before travelling to Kingsmead in the early evening.

Oxford – for many people, the most prestigious city in UK higher education and destination of some Kingsmead alumni – can also be included as a day out, or as a stop en route to or from Heathrow.

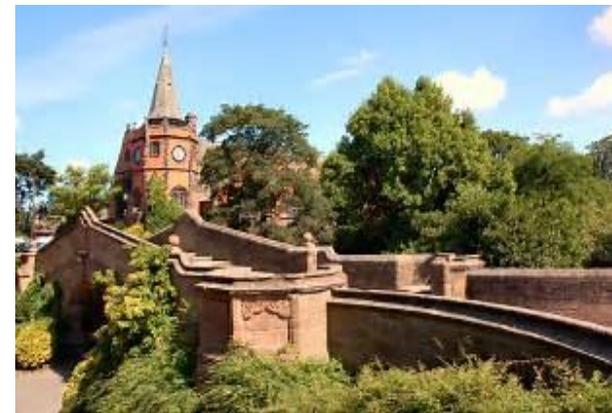
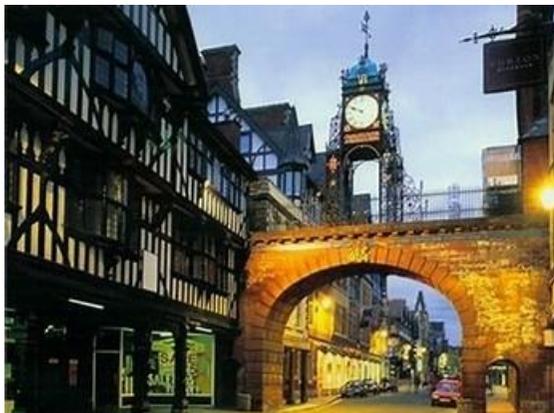


Nor should you miss one of the great Kingsmead traditions - the ascent of Moel Famau in neighbouring Wales. Ever since the school was founded in 1904, students have climbed this mountain on an annual basis, and your group will love this exhilarating experience.

Still in Wales, ski and toboggan runs are available at the seaside resort of Llandudno, as well as a fabulous underground adventure lasting 5 hours and including a zipwire and a boat crossing over a subterranean lake.

Football fans will not want to miss a stadium visit to Manchester United, Manchester City or Liverpool's Anfield ground, or indeed enjoy a training session in the beautiful game.

Exciting and interactive workshops in crafts, cross-cultural cooking, drama, a range of sports, dance and music can also be built into your programme, whilst every group will want to undertake the Kingsmead Challenge, a mystery written exclusively for this programme which will test your students on a wide range of skills including leadership and strategy as well as their communicative use of English.



Solving this mystery will take your students to the Roman city of Chester and the sophisticated Victorian charms of the British seaside at Southport. William Hesketh Lever's great social experiment in building a village for his factory workforce remains a living legacy from the entrepreneur's desire to provide his workers with a pastoral village setting and comfortable homes, and Mother Redcap's treasure in New Brighton continues to inspire generations of historians.



Hoylake itself, home to the British Open Golf Championship in 2006 and 2014 is a thriving seaside community, just a short distance from another seaside resort, West Kirby. Liverpool, less than 30 minutes by train from the school to the city centre, offers a rich heritage of culture and history. Best known for the music of the Beatles, the ferry across the Mersey and its historic links with the slave trade, the city is now a calling point for cruise ships as well as an attraction for visitors from all over the world.

The final assembly at the end of the programme will be a celebration of achievement during the stay. The student certificates will record success in English, activities and tasks, membership of the Old Kingsmeadians, the school's alumni organisation, and in solving the Kingsmead Challenge as part of the overall house competition. Students will also receive

some mementoes of their time at Kingsmead which will serve as a constant reminder of their stay, helping to create unforgettable memories of a very special place.