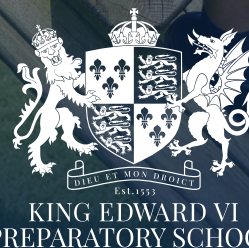


# A Shared Future

The Merger of King Edward VI School  
& Prince's Mead School



PRINCE'S MEAD



## A Forward-Looking Partnership

The governing bodies of Prince's Mead and King Edward VI School are delighted to announce the merger of the two schools.

This strategic partnership brings together two distinguished schools with shared values, a commitment to excellence, and a deep belief in nurturing every child's potential.

This merger is not prompted by necessity or difficulty but rather reflects a shared confidence in the future. Both schools are financially stable, thriving independently, and led by long-term, forward-thinking strategies. This development represents an opportunity to shape the future of education in Hampshire from a position of strength.

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This merger strengthens our position for the future, allowing us to enhance everything we already do so well while staying true to our values. We are excited about the new opportunities this partnership will bring for our pupils, staff, and wider community.”

*Adam King, Head at Prince's Mead*

## The KES Head's Recommendation Pathway

A significant feature of this partnership is the introduction of the KES Head's Recommendation pathway for pupils at Prince's Mead. Prince's Mead pupils will be offered access to the KES Head's Recommendation pathway to King Edward VI Senior School, aligning with the established provision currently only available to pupils at KES Preparatory School.

Prince's Mead families will immediately benefit from access to the Head's Recommendation route to KES Senior School. This provides a guaranteed pathway to Year 7 for pupils who achieve an appropriate academic standard and would thrive in the senior school more widely, without the uncertainty of passing the Entrance Exam.

The extension of this pathway to Prince's Mead represents a significant benefit for families, offering a more secure and less pressured route to the Senior School while upholding the high academic expectations that underpin success at King Edward VI. At the same time, families at Prince's Mead who wish to pursue alternative senior school destinations will continue to receive comprehensive support in preparing for external entrance examinations and admissions processes.

## Continuing Valued Partnerships

The merger between King Edward VI School and Prince's Mead strengthens the longstanding partnership between the two schools but does not change their commitment to working with the wider educational community. King Edward's will continue to welcome pupils from a broad range of preparatory and primary schools, maintaining valued relationships built over many years. Equally, Prince's Mead will remain committed to supporting families in finding the senior school that best fits their child — whether that is King Edward's or another destination. Both schools are proud to offer guidance rooted in the individual needs and ambitions of each pupil.



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This merger marks an exciting next step for our community. As the preparatory school already part of King Edward VI, we are delighted to welcome Prince's Mead into a shared future — one that strengthens the continuity we offer families while celebrating the individuality of each child and school.”

*Rebecca Smith, Head at King Edward VI Preparatory School*



King Edward VI School & Prince's Mead School

## Approach to Integration

A two-year transition period from September 2025 to September 2027 will allow for all aspects of the merger to be managed thoughtfully, with clarity and compassion.

## United in Vision, Distinct in Character

Prince's Mead School will continue to operate under its current name and identity throughout the integration period. Any future changes, should they arise, will be considered thoughtfully and in consultation with relevant parties, ensuring minimal disruption and a continued focus on the well-being of pupils, staff and families.

## A Shared Ethos, A Stronger Legacy

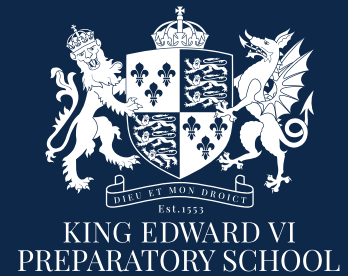
This partnership is founded on mutual respect and a shared commitment to nurturing academic excellence, character development, and a lifelong love of learning. By working together, King Edward VI School and Prince's Mead School are poised to offer an enriched educational experience while honouring the spirit of each school.

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This is a significant step forward, building on our long-standing relationship with Prince's Mead. This merger builds on the many strengths between our schools and with the success of KES Prep in Romsey, we are proud to be growing our community and further strengthening our position as the leading provider of co-educational education in the region.”

*Neal Parker, Head of King Edward VI School*





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