



King's Group



Press Release

King's College schools celebrate 50 Years of Academic Excellence since their foundation in 1969

All King's College schools around the world will celebrate simultaneously a 50th Anniversary Launch Event on 7th February 2019. The event will include the burying of a time capsule to be opened in 2044 on the 75th anniversary.



This year, 2019, King's Group is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the first King's College school.

It was in 1969 when Sir Roger Fry, the Group's Chairman, founded the first King's College school, which was initially in a humble chalet in Madrid's Chamartín business district. Despite opening with only 70 students, since then, the King's Group school network has today expanded substantially, to now be one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, with schools in the UK, Spain, Germany, Latvia and Panama, educating over 8,000 students worldwide.

To commemorate this outstanding milestone, next Thursday 7th February the ten King's College schools around the world will be celebrating simultaneously a very special 50th Anniversary Launch Event. From Madrid to Panama and from Frankfurt to Worcestershire, each school will be burying a time capsule in which the students, by

vote, have decided what to deposit into it. While in some schools the pupils have chosen to bury newspapers and toys, in others they have voted for burying videos and school photos.

“We want to celebrate our history, but also look ahead into the future, following our vision ‘*to be at the forefront of British Education internationally*’”, explained Sir Roger Fry, Founder and Chairman of the Group.

The ceremony will be attended by students, teachers, families and friends of the schools, as well as local authorities and other representatives. Together our hosts and guests will enjoy the celebrations and speeches, which will culminate in the burying of the time capsules and unveiling of commemorative plaques to mark the capsules location for the forthcoming 25 years.

“This is an exciting and historic moment for our Group. Our schools will all be hosting simultaneously the same event, across the five countries and two continents we are currently working in”, said Nicholas Fry, Vice-Chairman of King’s Group.

Another emotive moment will be the presentation of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book, a thorough journey through the history of the Group that has taken more than a year of investigation and research to complete.

“The history of King’s is the story of its people. Rich in diversity, we have seen thousands walk through our doors, from all backgrounds, creeds and beliefs. Without them, without their unique contribution we would never have been able to celebrate this distinguished anniversary. We are, have been and will continue to be, at the forefront of British education in large part thanks to them”, added Nicholas Fry.

A whole year of celebrations

The 50th Anniversary Launch Event will mark the beginning of a whole year of celebrations that will include sports competitions, cultural activities and music festivals. While some of these events will be organised individually by each school, others will bring together the whole network of students in unprecedented encounters.

“When I first started King’s College in 1969, I could not foresee, far less expect, that we would have grown and developed to become an international educational group. Fifty years later and with a roll of almost 8,000 students, over 650 teaching and 600 support staff spread across five countries, two continents, ten British international schools and seven academy schools in the UK, with activities in summer programmes, logistical services and adult training, our Group has grown exponentially. We are a Group that is recognised nationally and internationally by students, parents, alumni, educators and partners alike, as a supplier of high quality education. We are certainly unique.” claimed Sir Roger.

About King's College schools

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, King's Group is one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, currently operating **a total of 10 schools in the UK, Spain (Madrid, Alicante, Murcia and Elche), Germany (Frankfurt), Latvia (Riga) and Panama (Panama City)**. The Group was **founded in 1969 by Sir Roger Fry**, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally.

King's College schools offer pupils a quality British education based on the **National Curriculum of England & Wales**, which emphasises strong academic values through experiential learning. Pupils from the age of 18 months to 18 years old are taught by native and UK trained teachers. The educational model of the schools is characterised by its rigorous broad and balanced curriculum, its interdisciplinary approach and its emphasis on practical learning, creativity and the active participation of students.

Testament to the exceptional academic and pastoral standards that the schools embed is the recent recognition as **“Private Education Group of the year”** by Education Investor, one of the sectors most prestigious publications.

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