



King's Group

Press Release

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## King's College Frankfurt celebrated its Official Opening Ceremony

Her Majesty's Consul General Düsseldorf, Mr Rafe Courage unveiled the inauguration plaque of the school and formally declared King's College, The British School of Frankfurt, open.



This Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, King's College Frankfurt celebrated an Opening Ceremony in Friedrichsdorf with the presence of Her Majesty's Consul General Düsseldorf, Mr Rafe Courage, as a Guest of Honour. The event was presided over by Sir Roger Fry, Founder and Chairman of King's Group and attended by several local authorities, as well as parents and friends of the school.

Her Majesty's Consul General Mr Rafe Courage, unveiled the inauguration plaque of the school and offered a speech for the occasion.

"It is with great pleasure that I officially open King's College Frankfurt today, the first school to follow the English National Curriculum in the city. The local demand for this

offer shows that the British-German relationship goes beyond the EU and will remain close after Brexit”, said HM Consul General, Mr Rafe Courage, during his intervention.

“To arrive in Germany and to be celebrating the official opening today is very significant for us. It has long been an objective of our Group to establish a quality British school in Germany, and we cannot think of a better place to begin than here, in the beautiful Rhein Main Area. As the first English Curriculum school in the area, we look forward to being able to contribute to the educational ambience in Frankfurt and to assist the city in becoming an even more attractive place to live and work”, said Sir Roger Fry during his speech.

Also attending as a guest of honour was Michelle Gregory, President of The British Club of Taunus.

“We share similar philosophies and values, as our club’s motto is ‘Bringing people together’ which we have proudly done since 1966 and you have done in other cities and countries. We look forward to see the school grow as you set roots in Frankfurt and in Taunus”, said Ms Gregory.

After the official ceremony, the students of King’s College Frankfurt offered a performance to the audience that included songs and a poem.

“Today is the 43<sup>rd</sup> day we are open for learning. We are rightly proud of the excellent start we have made in the new school and I am impressed by how quickly the teachers and children have embraced the King’s Vision and passion, which will guide the school’s development in the coming year”, said Kirsty Sharp, Headteacher of King’s College Frankfurt.

The ceremony closed with the cutting of an evocative cake that had the shape of the well-known King’s College crest as well as the flags of Germany and the United Kingdom.

### **About the new school**

King’s College Frankfurt is located in the northern residential town of Friedrichsdorf, approximately 20 kilometres from the city centre.

The school will grow organically: from its opening, initially offering places to children between the ages of 2 (Pre-Nursery) and 10 years old (Year 5). As these pupils get older, they will progress through the school until eventually all year groups will be open, catering up to age 18. Concurrently, the administrative and academic staff will expand: from 10 native British teachers for the first year, to approximately 60 when the school reaches full capacity.

Students at King’s College Frankfurt follow the English National Curriculum, with a wide range of subjects available, leading to IGCSE and A Level examinations. This programme of study will allow pupils access to the top universities in the world such as

Cambridge, Oxford, Berkeley or Georgetown, in which King's College schools have, historically, been able to send graduates.

Students at King's College Frankfurt receive exactly the same curriculum as if they were studying at one of the best schools in Great Britain and learn from native British and British trained teachers.

Like its sister schools in King's Group, the school in Frankfurt will strive for educational excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. King's College pupils are encouraged to achieve their academic best both inside and outside of the classroom, they are encouraged to participate in an array of extra-curricular activities and to understand, appreciate and contribute to other British values such as "Honesty, Faith and Courage" – which are the key values that feature on the King's College crest.

### **About King's College Schools and King's Group**

Sir Roger Fry, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally, founded the first King's College school in 1969 and ever since the prestigious educational institution has grown to a total of 10 schools in UK, Spain, Germany, Latvia and Panama, with more than 4,400 students in total.

Thanks to the success of the institution and the excellent academic results achieved each year by its students, King's Group has become one of the most important and prestigious international educational institutions in the world.

Just a few weeks ago, the Group was proclaimed "**Private Education group of the year**" in the Education Investor Awards, one of the most prestigious recognitions in the sector.

The main goals of the Group are to provide students with a rigorous, broad and comprehensive quality British education and to live the Group's Vision "to be at the forefront of British education internationally."

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