

Case Study: King's Canterbury, International College

password partner



School Profile

King's International College offers a soft landing for international students aged 13-17 in UK boarding. Over the course of one or two years with us, students develop their academic English, adapt to life in the UK and learn how to make the most of a UK boarding experience. We pride ourselves on providing the highest level of pastoral care, to support our international students. The International College is a member of the King's family of schools, with an educational tradition dating back to 597AD.



FACT FILE

Tests Used:

- Password Pupil English (Knowledge)
- Password Pupil Maths
- Approximately 85 tests annually

Groups Assessed:

- Year 9 – 11

Test Takers:

- Mainly from East Asia, Russia and CIS countries

Purpose:

- Admissions exams for international pupils



Why we chose Password

“Password gives us a user-friendly, rigorous EAL and Maths test for international students, which can be sat anywhere in the world. Set up for applicants is straightforward and the test itself is high quality and gives us a meaningful metric for our student profile.”

What Password helps us achieve

“It was important to us that Password is pegged to the CEFR and provides reliable information about applicants' level of English, so we can make judicious admissions decisions about their prospects of accessing different GCSE courses, particularly our bespoke one-year options. This helps us make the most of a student's time with us.”

Benefits of using Password tests

“International families apply throughout the year and Password tests can be sat at a time and location that suits the family. From our perspective, the test version we use also marks itself, which is highly convenient in a busy school.”

About the contributor: Bill and Jo Prior are Joint Principals of King's International College. Both multi-lingual graduates of Oxford University, they are highly experienced, boarding education experts. Bill's work has included assessment materials development for Education Scotland and SQA.



To find out more about Password Pupil tests: get in touch with our Head of School Partnerships, Dr. Helen Wood helen.wood@englishlanguagetesting.co.uk or see our website www.englishlanguagetesting.co.uk