

# Who do I ask?



**KING'S**  
COLLEGE

During your child's time here at the College, you might have questions about their learning, activities or pastoral care. This document outlines the best member of staff to direct your question to – please save it to refer to during the year.

## About House Matters?

Housemasters are the best people to contact if you want to ensure that your child is settling in, if there is a change in home circumstances, if there are sporting demands that need to be managed or if you have any other general wellbeing queries.

### Housemasters

• <b>Averill</b>	Jasmine Kovach	<a href="mailto:j.kovach@kingscollege.school.nz">j.kovach@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Greenbank</b>	David Norris	<a href="mailto:d.norris@kingscollege.school.nz">d.norris@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Major</b>	Nushi Wijewardena	<a href="mailto:n.wijewardena@kingscollege.school.nz">n.wijewardena@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Marion Bruce</b>	Gina Adams	<a href="mailto:g.adams@kingscollege.school.nz">g.adams@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Marsden</b>	Eric Jeffery	<a href="mailto:e.jeffery@kingscollege.school.nz">e.jeffery@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Middlemore</b>	Amanda Heron-Best	<a href="mailto:a.best@kingscollege.school.nz">a.best@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Parnell</b>	Vaughan Mitchell	<a href="mailto:v.mitchell@kingscollege.school.nz">v.mitchell@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Peart</b>	Matt Kidd	<a href="mailto:m.kidd@kingscollege.school.nz">m.kidd@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>School</b>	Rob Paterson	<a href="mailto:r.paterson@kingscollege.school.nz">r.paterson@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Selwyn</b>	Kevin Putt	<a href="mailto:k.putt@kingscollege.school.nz">k.putt@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>St John's</b>	Wally Rifle	<a href="mailto:w.rifle@kingscollege.school.nz">w.rifle@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Taylor</b>	Robyn Wright	<a href="mailto:r.wright@kingscollege.school.nz">r.wright@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Te Pūtake</b>	Daniel Rattray	<a href="mailto:d.rattray@kingscollege.school.nz">d.rattray@kingscollege.school.nz</a>

### Deputy Head Pastoral

Aaron Farr [a.farr@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:a.farr@kingscollege.school.nz)

Aaron Farr looks after the House system at King's so any questions relating to this should go to him if you would prefer to talk to him rather than a Mentor or Housemaster.

## About Pastoral Care and Wellbeing?

### Deputy Head Pastoral

Aaron Farr [a.farr@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:a.farr@kingscollege.school.nz)

Aaron Farr oversees pastoral care and the House system at King's so any questions relating to this should go to him including our general pastoral care of students, general boarding queries, discipline, or if you would prefer to talk to him rather than a Mentor or Housemaster.

[We also have counselling services and support](#) available at King's College and you can contact them via [Schoolbox](#).

### Helpful links:

- [Support for Learning](#)
- [Counselling](#)
- [Student Health Council](#)

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## About my child's learning?

### Deputy Head Pedagogy

Kelly Bigwood

[k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz)

Kelly's role helps to ensure the College provides a consistent standard of teaching so any questions about learning and teaching can be directed to her. You can ask her about how we ensure that our students are prepared for life-long learning, confirming that your child's learning needs are being met and the teaching methodology in the classroom.

If your child needs additional support you should contact Alice Hamilton, Head of our Learning Centre in the first instance and then Kelly Bigwood if appropriate.

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## About E-Learning?

### Head of E-learning

David Parr

[d.parr@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:d.parr@kingscollege.school.nz)

Any E-Learning queries or questions about the educational philosophy of the E-Learning programme should be raised with our head of E-learning. You can also raise any E-Learning queries with Kelly Bigwood.

### Helpful links:

- [E-Learning at King's](#)

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## About diversity, equity or inclusivity?

### Deputy Head Pedagogy

Kelly Bigwood

[k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz)

For any queries about this, please contact Kelly Bigwood.

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## About my daughter's wellbeing?

### Deputy Head Pedagogy

Kelly Bigwood

[k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:k.bigwood@kingscollege.school.nz)

For our female students, any concerns should be initially raised with their Housemaster and Mentor, and then with Kelly Bigwood if appropriate.

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## About the Adventure Challenge?

### Deputy Head Operations

Rob Griffiths

[r.griffiths@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:r.griffiths@kingscollege.school.nz)

Rob Griffiths oversees the Adventure Challenge for our Year 10 students so any questions relating to the programme can be directed to him.

### Helpful links:

- [Year 10 Adventure Challenge](#)
- [2025 Camp Dates](#)

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## About the Curriculum, Timetabling and Reporting?

### Deputy Head Academic

Geoff Smith

[g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz)

For any course delivery and/or general content questions, Geoff is the best person to speak to. He can provide guidance around reading and interpreting the online reports, guidance around understanding the Junior Curriculum, making any changes to your child's timetable, and can explain why we teach the subjects we do.

In the first instance, you should contact the relevant Head of Department about any learning concerns and then Mr Smith if appropriate if you are seeking more information or reassurance.

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## About the Learning Centre?

### Head of the Learning Centre

Alice Hamilton

[a.hamilton@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:a.hamilton@kingscollege.school.nz)

If you think that your child is having difficulties accessing classroom content, may have a learning difference or needs some additional learning support, you can contact Alice Hamilton, Head of our Learning Centre.

### Helpful Links:

- [Learning Support](#)

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## About the Health Centre?

### Head of Health Centre / Te Puna Whaiora

Tamara McLarin

[t.mclarin@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:t.mclarin@kingscollege.school.nz)

Information about the services and support available at the [Health Centre/Te Puna Whaiora](#) can be found on our website. If your child's medical file needs updating with a new medical condition, injury, allergy, or health plan or they need medication to be dispensed by the school nurse, please contact Tamara or the nurse via email - [nurse@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:nurse@kingscollege.school.nz)

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## About Academic Progress?

Questions about your child's general academic progress can be directed our year level co-ordinators who will be able to answer questions related to the curriculum and more specific queries.

### Year Level Coordinators

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| • <b>Year 13</b> | Andrea Brook | <a href="mailto:a.brook@kingscollege.school.nz">a.brook@kingscollege.school.nz</a>   |
| • <b>Year 12</b> | Geoff Smith  | <a href="mailto:g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz">g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz</a>   |
| • <b>Year 11</b> | Hope Nelson  | <a href="mailto:h.nelson@kingscollege.school.nz">h.nelson@kingscollege.school.nz</a> |
| • <b>Year 10</b> | Geoff Smith  | <a href="mailto:g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz">g.smith@kingscollege.school.nz</a>   |
| • <b>Year 9</b>  | Sarah Hogg   | <a href="mailto:s.hogg@kingscollege.school.nz">s.hogg@kingscollege.school.nz</a>     |

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## About Performing Arts?

### Head of Performing Arts

Emma Featherstone

[e.featherstone@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:e.featherstone@kingscollege.school.nz)

Emma Featherstone is our Head of Performing Arts and can answer questions about auditions, results, rehearsals and the general curriculum. If you have a question about a cultural co-curriculum subject or need to raise a query, please contact the teacher in charge first and then Emma Featherstone if appropriate.

### Helpful Links:

- [Instrument Hire](#)
- [Music Tutor Biographies](#)
- [Instrument and Vocal Lessons](#)
- [Co-curricular Handbook](#)

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## About Specific Subjects or Classes?

For subject specific queries, including pathway advice, learning content, homework, any teacher concerns, revision course information, academic concerns or advice about achievement it's a good idea to contact one of our Heads of Department.

### Heads of Departments

• <b>Accounting/Business Studies</b>	Sharon Lofroth	<a href="mailto:s.lofroth@kingscollege.school.nz">s.lofroth@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Art</b>	Jay Pressnell	<a href="mailto:j.pressnell@kingscollege.school.nz">j.pressnell@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>History of Art</b>	David Parr	<a href="mailto:d.parr@kingscollege.school.nz">d.parr@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Biology</b>	Ronel Barlow	<a href="mailto:r.barlow@kingscollege.school.nz">r.barlow@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Chemistry</b>	Brooke Swaney	<a href="mailto:b.swaney@kingscollege.school.nz">b.swaney@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Classical Studies/Latin</b>	Lauren Lethbridge	<a href="mailto:l.lethbridge@kingscollege.school.nz">l.lethbridge@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Computing/IT</b>	Jacob Samuel	<a href="mailto:j.samuel@kingscollege.school.nz">j.samuel@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Economics</b>	Mark Johnston	<a href="mailto:m.johnston@kingscollege.school.nz">m.johnston@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>English</b>	Nikki Bentley	<a href="mailto:n.bentley@kingscollege.school.nz">n.bentley@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Geography</b>	Mark Kennelly	<a href="mailto:m.kennelly@kingscollege.school.nz">m.kennelly@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>History</b>	Mike Stewart	<a href="mailto:m.stewart@kingscollege.school.nz">m.stewart@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Languages</b>	Sarah Hogg	<a href="mailto:s.hogg@kingscollege.school.nz">s.hogg@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Mathematics</b>	Jordan Eskra	<a href="mailto:j.eskra@kingscollege.school.nz">j.eskra@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Media Studies</b>	Jasmine Johnson	<a href="mailto:j.johnson@kingscollege.school.nz">j.johnson@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Performing Arts</b>	Emma Featherstone	<a href="mailto:e.featherstone@kingscollege.school.nz">e.featherstone@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Physical Education</b>	James Reyburn	<a href="mailto:j.reyburn@kingscollege.school.nz">j.reyburn@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Physics</b>	Bryan Sapsworth	<a href="mailto:b.sapsworth@kingscollege.school.nz">b.sapsworth@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Science</b>	Daniel Simunic	<a href="mailto:d.simunic@kingscollege.school.nz">d.simunic@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Social Studies</b>	Mike Karpik	<a href="mailto:m.karpik@kingscollege.school.nz">m.karpik@kingscollege.school.nz</a>
• <b>Technology</b>	Gary Burton	<a href="mailto:g.burton@kingscollege.school.nz">g.burton@kingscollege.school.nz</a>

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## About Sports?

**Head of Sports** Kerry Baker [k.baker@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:k.baker@kingscollege.school.nz)

If you have a question regarding about a sports code – e.g. rugby, cricket, water polo etc, sports trials, questions about teams or any incidents during games that you feel might need to be raised, you can get in touch with Kerry Baker, our Head of Sports.

### Helpful Links:

- [Sport at King's](#)
- [Co-curricular Handbook](#)

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## About College Life and ideas for the future?

General bigger picture questions and ideas should be directed to the Headmaster including the College's philosophy on various subjects, the teaching and learning philosophy at King's College, progress of the Master Property Plan or a really good idea you have for the College. You can also contact the Headmaster if you don't feel that you are getting an effective or efficient response from another staff member.

**Headmaster** Simon Lamb [s.lamb@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:s.lamb@kingscollege.school.nz)

Otherwise Rob Griffiths oversees the day to day running of the College so can help with ideas about process change, general feedback, request for more or clearer information about an aspect of life at the College or an upcoming event or activity. Any co-curricular issues can also be raised with the Head of Sports or Culture and then with Mr Griffiths if appropriate.

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## General Enquiries?

You can send any general enquiries you may have to us via our email address – [info@kingscollege.school.nz](mailto:info@kingscollege.school.nz) and a member of our team will get back to you as soon as they can.