



The King Alfred School



Classical Christian Education

Welcome!



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WELCOME TO THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL

It's a pleasure to meet you!

Along with my husband, Tom, a dedicated group of volunteers, and the Dudley community, I'm privileged to be starting England's first classical Christian school.

This booklet shares our unique vision, the story so far, and our plans to pioneer this new kind of education.

Come on in and let us show you around!

Kind regards,

Hayley

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GET TO KNOW US



You want the best education for your children

Education's more than just passing exams.
Education's the legacy we leave to our children. It's
the wisdom, faith, and values we pass on to them
so they can do better than us.

But where to find such an education? According
to the government, Dudley's schools are
overcrowded and under-performing. And the
modern education system, in general, teaches
students to pass exams instead of how to think,
learn, or live.

So we decided to start The King Alfred School.

The King Alfred School

The King Alfred School is a new, low-cost independent school coming to Gornal in September 2021, offering a classical Christian education.

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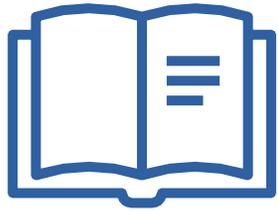
Our vision

Like King Alfred in his own day we would like to see a revival of Christian education in England.

Our mission

To cultivate wisdom and virtue by nourishing the soul on all that is good, true and beautiful, so that the student can better glorify God in thought, word, and deed.

What makes us unique



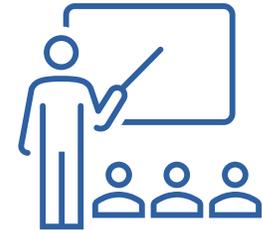
TOP EDUCATION

The only school in the UK offering a **classical Christian education** – and hope to be the first of many!



LOW COST

Starting from just **one-quarter of the average price** of an independent primary school



PERSONAL

Smaller class sizes mean that our teachers **know your child** and are better able to serve them individually

Walking in King Alfred's footsteps

Charles Dickens said of King Alfred, the ninth-century king of Wessex:

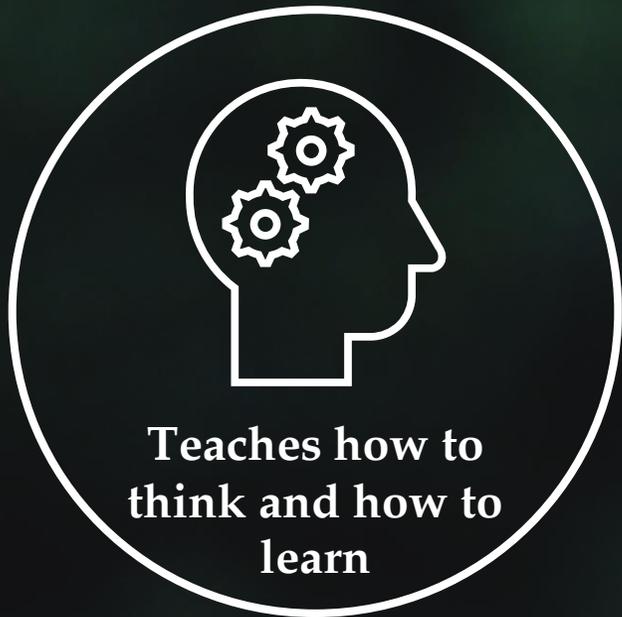
"The noble king ... in his single person, possessed all the Saxon virtues. Whom misfortune could not subdue, whom prosperity could not spoil, whose perseverance, nothing could shake. Who was hopeful in defeat, and generous in success. Who loved justice, freedom, truth and knowledge."

King Alfred, after defending England from fierce Viking invaders, set out to restore classical Christian learning in the nation. He established schools in the churches, encouraged literacy in government, and had great works of literature translated into the common English language. His efforts laid the foundation for the kingdom of England, and are still being felt today.

By naming our school after King Alfred, we seek to honour his visionary Christian leadership, his support for education, and the historical foundations of our nation.



Benefits of classical Christian education for your child



What is classical Christian education?

Classical Christian education uses a time-tested, three-stage format called the **trivium**, which teaches your child how to think and how to learn.

In the first stage, called the Grammar stage (ages 5-10), your child learn the facts and basics of their subjects. In the second stage, the Logic stage (ages 11-13), your child learns to think logically and critically. In the final stage, the Rhetoric stage (ages 14-18), your child learns to communicate their own ideas winsomely and persuasively.

In classical Christian education, your child learns to love virtue by studying the greatest works of Western Christian civilisation. These works – like *The Odyssey*, Plato and Aristotle, *Beowulf*, the *Magna Carta*, Shakespeare, the Holy Bible, and more – contain deep truth, goodness, and beauty.

This gives your child wisdom and knowledge that would've taken them a lifetime or more to get by themselves.



Christ-centred and rooted in the faith of the Apostles



Classical Christian education teaches all subjects on the principle that God is the Creator of all. All truth, goodness, and beauty are His. All knowledge is interrelated and points back to Him.

At The King Alfred School we hold to the historic creeds of the Church (the Nicene Creed, St Athanasius's Creed, and the Apostle's Creed).

As a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) we also adopt the first two chapters of the Westminster Confession.

We believe all the above fix our identity in the tradition of the English Reformed Protestant faith whilst being broad enough to be accepted by the various denominations of the local Christian community.

Proven results of a classical Christian education

The *Good Soil Study*, an independent study of 1,500 school graduates by the University of Notre Dame, found that, compared to those who went to any other kind of school, students who had a classical Christian education were:



More **prepared for college and career**



Had **healthier families**



Had a more **positive and grateful outlook** on life



Were more **influential** with other people and society



Held more **strongly to Christian values**, went to church more often, and prayed alone more often



More likely to send their children to **Christian schools**



Engaged in **community service** more



Thought **critically and logically**

Why you can trust us



We're members of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS), the largest and most widely-recognised representative of classical Christian education in the world.

The ACCS represents more than 300 member schools in eight countries, together educating 50,000 students a year. It has more than 25 years of experience in classical Christian education.



The King Alfred School uses the Memoria Press curriculum. This thorough and easy-to-use classical Christian curriculum has educated over half a million students in more than 650 schools in the past 25 years.

As an added bonus: the curriculum is perfectly suited for continuing at home should COVID restrictions require that.



*The value of an education is the person you
become at the end of it.*

OUR STORY

It started as a
calling – could we
somehow bring
classical Christian
education to
England?





Lake Street
Methodist Church
kindly let us use
their premises – an
old Sunday school
building



A team of
volunteers worked
tirelessly to get the
school ready

The old school building got a complete revamp to restore it to its former glory





Our first day!

On 7 September 2020, we opened our doors as a homeschool co-op, teaching two kids for two days of the week



But where next?

2021 and beyond

OUR PLAN

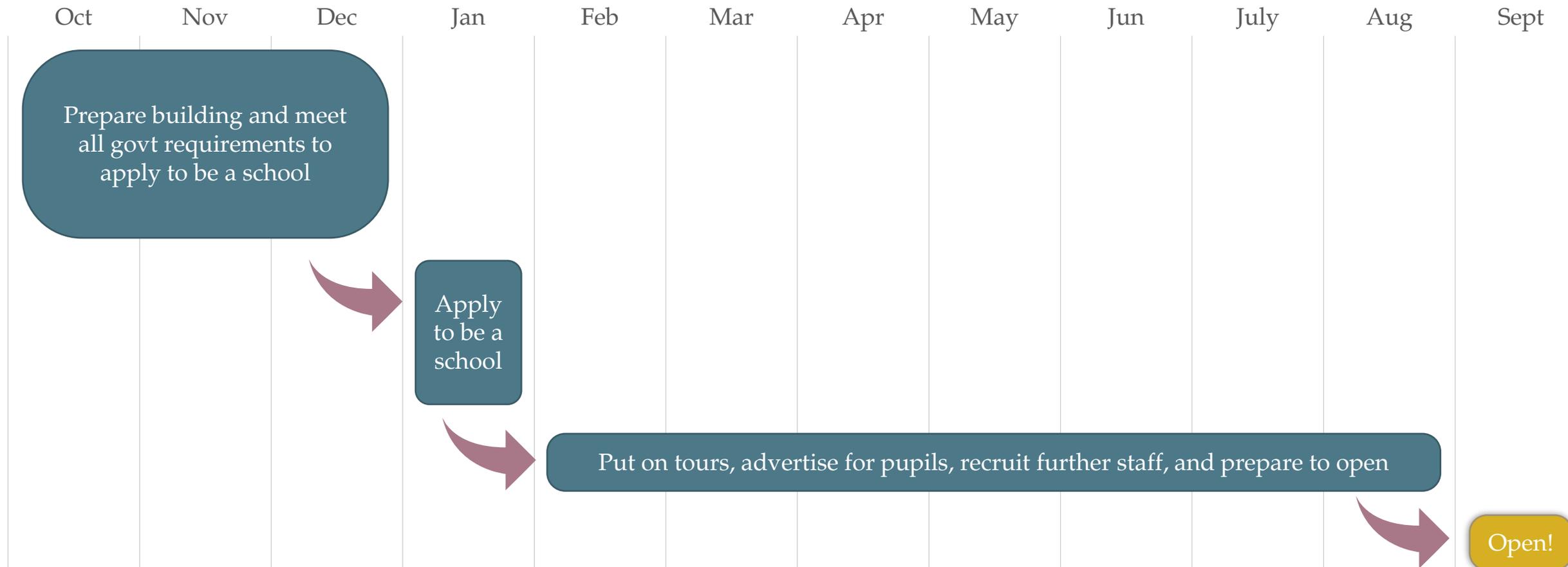
In the next year

Open a fully-registered independent primary school, admitting pupils from September 2021.

In the future

We'd like to open the primary school first, with future plans to add a nursery and secondary school so we can cater to children aged 3-16.

What needs to happen to open in September 2021



What it'll cost to make the school ready to apply

The King Alfred School needs **£30,000** by 31 December 2020 to apply to be a school in the New Year.

Start up the school

Insurance	£800
Advertising	£1,000
Application fee	£2,200
Website	£200
Accounts	£500
Database	£500
Staff CRB checks	£300

Total £5,500

Classrooms

Tables/chairs	£500
Cupboards	£1,000
Whiteboard and computers	£2,500

Total £4,000

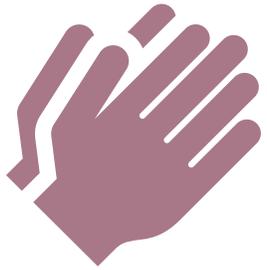
Buildings and security

Gates	£5,000
Security cameras	£2,000
Door system	£2,500
Toilets	£2,000
Playground	£1,000
Heating	£2,000
Lighting	£500
Safety certificates	£500
Fire extinguishers	£500
Windows	£4,500

Total £20,500

HOW YOU CAN HELP

How you can help



PRAY

If you're a believer, join us in praying that God would bless The King Alfred School and all involved in it



SUBSCRIBE

To learn the latest, sign up to receive King Alfred email updates at:
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SPREAD THE WORD

Tell friends, family, co-workers, and everybody else about The King Alfred School. Encourage them to go to:
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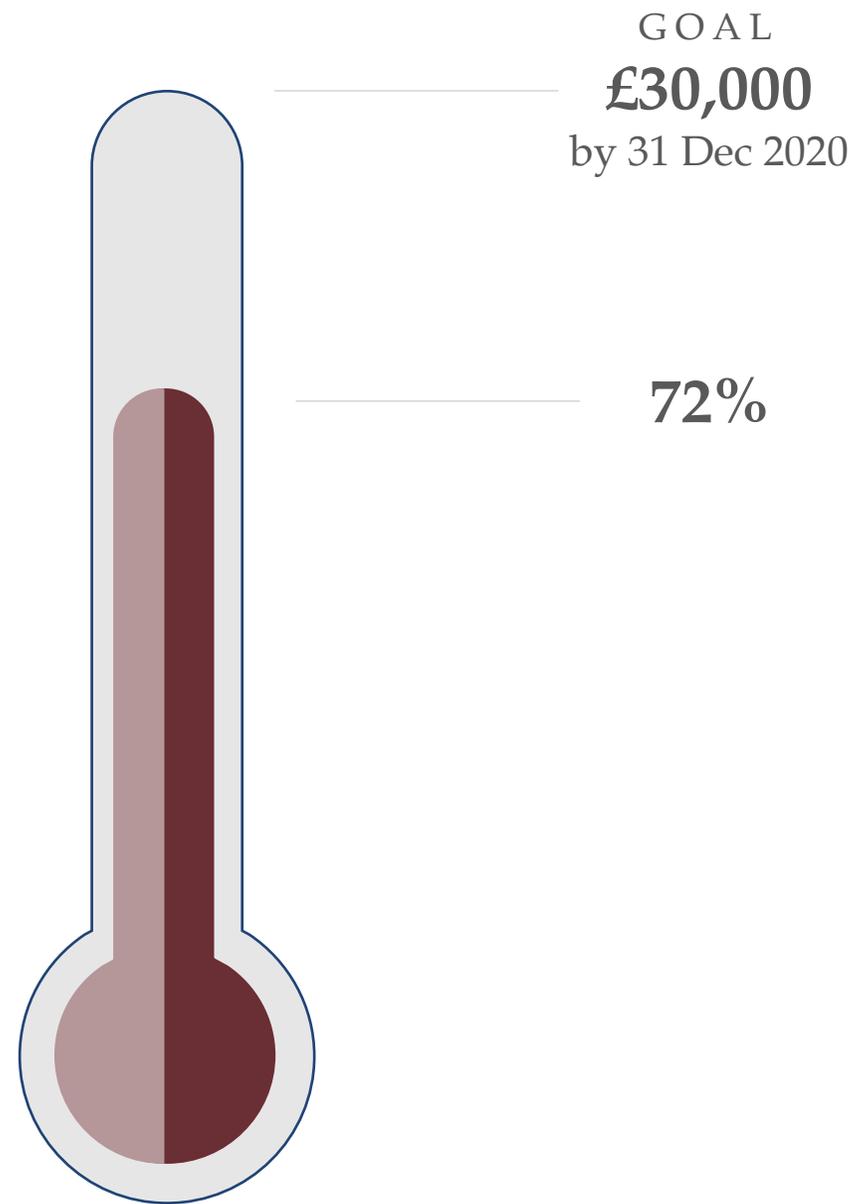
GIVE FINANCIALLY

Partner with us by investing in a revival of classical Christian education in England



Generous donors
have already
raised nearly
three-quarters of
what we need to
apply to be a
school

RAISED
£21,520.50



As of 13 November 2020



How you can give financially

If you'd like to partner with us to restore classical Christian education in England, please consider sending your financial gift to the following account:

THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL

Sort code **20-08-64**

Account number **83085457**

Please put reference as "KA Start Up Fund"

Or make payment via Paypal at:

thekingalfredschoo.co.uk/support-us

No amount is too small ... or too great. Thank you!

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THANK YOU

A PERSONAL NOTE OF THANKS

You've learned about The King Alfred School,
classical Christian education, our story, our
plans, and how you can help.

I've been amazed at the blessings and help
shown by the local community working
together to make our vision a reality.

That vision is what gets me up every day – a
country revived and transformed by classical
Christian education.

Thanks for being a part of this.

Kind regards,

Hayley and all the team



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Thank you