



King's Group

Press Release

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King's College, the British School of Latvia, celebrates its official opening

The school celebrated an opening ceremony presided by founder and Chairman of King's Group, Sir Roger Fry, the British Ambassador to Latvia, Keith Shannon and the Mayor of Babites (Riga), Andrejs Ence.



Yesterday King's College, The British School of Latvia was officially unveiled in an exciting ceremony that was attended by the school's staff, pupils, parents and notable representatives of King's Group, the Latvian government and the British Embassy in Latvia. All of them enjoyed a beautiful opening celebration that included emotive speeches, enthralling performances by the students and a detailed tour around the new school itself.

“We are pleased that with the opening of this school the reputation of the Babites region will grow too, and not only in Latvia; but also beyond. I hope that the region and King's College will maintain and develop our positive cooperation between the students and teachers”, said the Mayor of Babites (Riga), Andrejs Ence.

In August 2017, 72 pupils between the ages of 3 to 10 years old began their education, while 8 British and internationally experienced teachers started working at King's College Latvia, which is the first school to offer the English National Curriculum in the country and all the Baltic states. Founded by the international educational institution King's Group, the new school, located in the municipality of Babites (Riga), was designed to hold at capacity approximately 580 pupils and will eventually cater for children from 3 years old (Nursery) to 18 years old (Year 13).

"I feel that in only a few weeks, we have already created a learning environment that really excites the children each day they come", said Adele Stanford, Headteacher of the new school.

The ceremony closed with the cutting of an evocative cake that had the shape of the well-known King's College crest, along with the flags of Latvia and Great Britain by Vice-Chairman of King's Group, Nicholas Fry, and British Ambassador to Latvia, Keith Shannon.

"We continue to be committed to delivering quality, excellence and success through education and firmly believe Latvia was the perfect place to add a new member to our family", claimed Nicholas Fry.

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 nine schools in the UK, Spain (Madrid, Alicante, Murcia and Elche), Latvia and Panama.

All of the schools offer pupils a quality British education based on the National Curriculum of England and Wales, which emphasises strong academic values through hands-on learning. Pupils from the age of 18 months to 18 years old are taught by native and British trained teachers. The educational model of the schools is characterised by its rigorous and broad curriculum, its interdisciplinary approach and its emphasis on practical learning, exploration and the active participation of students.

Testament to the exceptional academic and pastoral standards that the schools embed is the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) recognition of "Excellence" in every category in their latest reports (March 2017).

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