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KEY FACTS

A WORLD OF RESULTS, ACCOLADES AND FIRSTS

Best value
Co-educational School in Britain
(The Telegraph 2025)

QE Esports teams are among the **best in the UK**

90%
GCSE Grades 9-7
(A*-A equivalent)

Senior School of the Year
(ISA)

world class
gym and free weights area

83%
A*–A Grades at A Level

over 30 acres
of fully floodlit grass and 3G artificial pitches

1ST
ever school to field a motorsports team in the BRSCC Nankang Tyre CityCar Cup

Students from over **50 nations**

Over **150**
co-curricular activities

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ABOUT US

Welcome to our world

We are a non-selective independent school, proudly matching the interests and aspirations of our students with world-leading teaching and facilities. Ours is a world where a traditional British independent school education meets innovation and kindness, and a diverse community of students from over 50 nations flourishes and thrives.

A world connected

Our campus, in the beautiful Yorkshire countryside, is within easy reach of the bustling, historic centres of York, Harrogate and Leeds. Great travel connections mean you can be in London in under two hours by train, and we are easily accessible from both Leeds and Manchester airports.

A world of tradition and fun

We have strong roots. We began our life in Harrogate in 1912 and moved to our present site in 1991. This long history fills our world with character and tradition. Customs like our annual ghost night bring the whole school community together to make friends and memories.



Jump to our website for **more details**...



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OUR FACILITIES

A CAMPUS THAT IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

Professional-standard, high-quality facilities for living and learning...

We are proud to be much more than just a school.

We are a centre of excellence and learning. We are a home. We are a community. We are a top training facility for multiple UK sports teams. We are award-winning. We are the place where your child will grow into a well-rounded, resilient, ambitious young adult – uniquely supported in their pursuit of individual excellence.





A world-class setting for living and learning

- Specialist-designed and purpose-built classroom provision in all areas
- Boarding and leisure facilities of the highest possible standard.
- A professional gym and free weights area known as **The Extra Mile**
- Indoor and outdoor sports facilities, including a triple-court sports hall, a running track, and **over 30 acres of grass** and 3G artificial pitches
- A **25-metre swimming pool** and associated aquatic equipment including under water treadmills and ice baths
- A **312-seat** theatre





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THE QE JOURNEY

WHERE THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER

Here at QE, we have a seamless journey from Explorers Nursery all the way up to Year 13.

You can join us at any point along the way and we are skilled at supporting every student's transition. During the two-year GCSE and A-Level programmes, we encourage entry at the beginning of the first year of study, but we will happily work to suit individual requirements.

We think the world of our students

We don't do 'one size fits all'. We offer a bespoke, tailored curriculum for each child – based on their strengths and abilities. As well as our overall School Principal, each school has its own Head, with Student Experience Leads dedicated to your child's personal happiness and wellbeing. Our Academic Progress Leads, meanwhile, keep your child on track to achieve their academic aspirations.

> "Students do not fit into QE. QE fits around them."

LAUREN BLAKELEY
Senior School Head

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AGE 3 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS

EXPLORERS NURSERY

As proud winners of the Day Nurseries Top 20 Award for the third consecutive year, we are committed to delivering exceptional early years care and education in a welcoming and inspiring environment.



AGE 3 TO YEAR 5

CHAPTER HOUSE

For our youngest pupils, the QE journey begins in Chapter House – our nurturing primary school offering both day and boarding options in a warm, family-focused environment.



YEARS 6 TO 9

KING'S MAGNA

King's Magna serves as a supportive bridge between primary and secondary education, providing an inspiring environment where students can explore their interests.



YEARS 10 & 11

SENIOR SCHOOL

Our award-winning senior school which delivers incredible choice, flexibility and opportunities for students throughout their GCSE years.



YEARS 12 & 13

SIXTH FORM

Discover the benefits of a bespoke curriculum, diverse qualifications and expertise and facilities designed to help shape your young person's future.

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AGE 3 TO YEAR 5

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

For our youngest pupils, the QE journey begins in Chapter House – a small school with a family atmosphere for children aged 3 months to 10 years.

Chapter House includes Explorers Nursery, for 3 months to 3 years specifically, in a dedicated early years setting. Safely nestled within the school estate, Chapter House provides a home from home for children to begin their learning journey through imaginative play and inspiring lessons – cared for by an expert team.

Discoveries are not limited to the classroom here. Playtimes and evenings are a time for fun with friends and the chance to learn new skills through enrichment activities like first aid, mindfulness, sign & sing, and newspaper club. There is something for everyone.

Chapter House provides the safety and security to ensure every child thrives. Class teachers get to know each child in their care, tailoring their teaching to support and benefit every individual's learning style.

From Year 1, all Chapter House students study Spanish and Mandarin each week with native speakers. They also enjoy regular swimming lessons in our on-site 25m swimming pool, plus cooking and baking classes, forest school lessons in our dedicated on-site woodland and multi-skill sports programmes with specialist coaches who keep them motivated and engaged.



"The light is back in our daughter, we hadn't quite appreciated how much it had dimmed or how her enthusiasm for school had waned. It is fair to say she loves going to school again and looks forward to each activity. The fact that she is disappointed when she gets collected at 6pm and wants to stay over, says it all!"

Year 4 Chapter House Parent



"QE is an amazing environment, especially Chapter House. We do hundreds of fun activities, and we even go on trips! If I got £1 every time we did something fun, I would be a billionaire!"

Year 5 Student

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YEARS 6 TO 9

MOVING UP IN THE WORLD

King's Magna is designed to unlock every student's potential.

A the heart of our programme are the core subjects, with Mathematics and English taught every single day to build strong foundations for future success.

Students join King's Magna in Year 6 and stay until Year 9. Recognising that many are ready for greater challenge after Year 5 and to also provide a smoother transition in Key Stage 3. In Years 7 and 8, these essential skills are complemented by a carousel of subjects, giving students the chance to discover their talents and experience the full breadth of our academic offering.

By Year 9, students are ready to take greater ownership of their learning. They select four specialisms, allowing them to deepen their knowledge in areas of personal interest and prepare for the challenge of GCSE's. For those with a passion for STEM, Stretch Maths and Science Extended provide opportunities to explore A-level concepts early, while also working towards qualifications such as the Higher Project Qualification.

This balance of academic rigour and exploration helps every student to thrive, whilst also igniting ambition for the future. Alongside the core curriculum, our Curriculum Enrichment Pathway gives students the chance to pursue their passions and take their learning beyond the classroom. Designed to develop a lifelong love of learning, the programme offers an incredible variety of opportunities across sport, the creative and performing arts, and academic subjects.

A King's Magna education ensures a smooth transition into Year 10, and an informed knowledge and experience of GCSE subject choices well ahead of time.



> "Our son really struggled in his early years and when he came to you in reception he was a shy little boy, who was quite happy to take a back seat. With the amazing encouragement of your fabulous teachers, your offer of extra-curricular activities and your steadfast ethos of being 'the best that you can, with the gifts that you have', you've really bought out the best in him. We couldn't be prouder."
>
> Parents, Year 9 Student



> "Thank you for being an amazing headmaster and school team. Thank you for supporting my dreams of becoming an Olympic skier, I wouldn't be where I am without you."
>
> King's Magna Student

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YEARS 10, 11, 12 & 13

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

QE College is for students aged 14–18 in Years 10–13.

We combine academic excellence with the opportunity for a more vocational and creative approach to studies and aspirations, with traditional GCSEs and A-Levels, plus inspiring, modern BTEC options. This flexible approach allows us to offer an educational pathway uniquely tailored to your child's needs.

- In Years 10 and 11, students join us as Seniors, working through their GCSE examinations.
- In Years 12 and 13, students join our Sixth Form, with a bespoke timetable suited to an individual's aspirations for life beyond QE.

We are known nationally and globally for our academic success and consistently high-ranking league table positions. Our students achieve great things across a range of fields, from academia to the arts and sport.

They are encouraged to stretch and challenge themselves beyond the curriculum, following their curiosity and passions. This really sets them apart when it comes to university applications and the world of work.

A whole world at your fingertips

The flexibility of our curriculum allows you the time and opportunity to develop talents, pursue interests or get involved with community action. We support the aspirations and ambitions of everyone from Oxbridge applicants and professional sports players, to entrepreneurs and performers. Whatever your child's passion, we will find the academic pathway to bring out the best in them.



> "The flexibility of a twin A-Level and BTEC qualification, the provision of structured opportunities for developing excellence in sport and the dramatic arts, and the innovatory Esports BTEC, all provide excellent opportunities for students with diverse backgrounds to excel."
>
> ISA Award Judges



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ACADEMIC AMBITION

A WORLD OF LIFELONG LEARNING AND SUCCESS

Discover a world where the skills for lifelong learning and future success are taught.

Where the highest quality academic outcomes and qualifications go hand in hand with the knowledge needed for life and the workplace.

Our approach to education focuses not only on teaching what to learn, but also on how to learn it. By developing these skills, we enable students to become lifelong learners, constantly able to adapt, think for themselves and to embrace innovation such as AI.

With over 30 different courses, our curriculum has been deliberately designed to be diverse and support the needs and interests of different learners. It is also responsive to national and international trends which ensures our learners are ready for the world they will make their mark in.





The best of both worlds

We offer both traditional pathways through GCSEs and A-Levels, and more vocational training through our BTEC programme. When we say we cater for the needs of individual students, we mean it. Learning is supplemented by super-curricular activities here. The opportunities to take extra qualifications, listen to guest speakers, enter competitions and find positions of leadership are exceptional ways to shape an educational journey.

The curriculum is reviewed annually to ensure it meets evolving needs, and fast-track and extension courses are available to meet the appetites of gifted learners.



QE FUTURES

A window on the world

Our Careers Department provides a comprehensive programme called QE Futures, which supports and prepares you for the working world. Our students are never on their own and our programme recognises the importance of effective careers education and guidance.

From Years 3-13, The Careers Team supports students by helping them set goals to stretch their abilities and acquire the skills to get them on their chosen path. Careers education is taught in Personal Development lessons and through visits from inspiring guests speakers.

The Careers Department is always available to offer further guidance on particular career paths and for individual support meetings. In years 12 and 13, we provide additional skilled support with university and job applications, to maximise the chances of success – including specific support for particular pathways such as medicine.



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OPPORTUNITIES

A WORLD BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Discover your passions one adventure at a times

Our world is one of adventure and discovery, stretching far beyond the confines of the classroom. Our enrichment programme provides you with a holistic education and opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and experience in areas beyond academia – discovering self-care, work-life balance and how to juggle interests and talents with academic work. These values stay with students far beyond their time at QE.

Build your own world

With a uniquely varied activity programme which incorporates over 150 different activities each week, on and off campus, you can follow a personalised programme designed to support your talents and meet your needs. Add to this a trip and visit list which circles the globe, an outstanding offering of super-curricular activities and student leadership programmes which uniquely prepare tomorrow's doctors, engineers, athletes, artists, and business owners – and you will see why we are truly a world apart.









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A WORLD OF CHOICE

We offer an enviable range of off-site activities for students in Years 3–13.

There's truly something for everyone including trips to the local cinema, bowling alley, restaurants and trampoline park, and visits to the nearby cities of York, Leeds, Durham and Manchester – to access history, culture and shopping.

We also like to explore the wider world, with full day excursions to exciting attractions around the UK. Unforgettable trips to Harry Potter at the Warner Bros Studio Tour and seaside resort of Blackpool with its famous tower and ballroom live long in our students' memories.

Combined Cadet Force

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is available from Year 8. It offers you the opportunity to learn new skills while taking part in a range of exciting, adventurous, military-themed, training activities. Make new friends and develop real life skills such as first aid and navigation while learning teamwork, confidence, leadership, and self-reliance skills. CCF can also count towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) has been inspiring, guiding and supporting young people in their self-development since 1956. It is a personal programme of activities that can be completed at three levels:

- Bronze
  (for students aged 14+ in Year 10)
- Silver
  (for students aged 15+ in Year 11)
- Gold
  (for students aged 16+ in Year 12)

At QE, we run the award at all three levels and students have the opportunity to progress through each award or commence the Silver award as direct entrants (subject to a greater volunteering commitment).



Outreach

At QE, our outreach work in the wider community is incredibly important to us. We host and take part in 200-500 events each year with other schools, charities, community groups and international conservation and humanitarian projects. Our students connect with children from different schools and visitors from local community groups and organisations, developing leadership and interpersonal skills through memorable, shared experiences.

200–500
events each year



Charity Fundraising and Volunteering

Charitable fundraising is an important part of school life, as the whole QE community comes together to support important causes. At the start of each academic year, students and staff vote for which charities to support. This way everyone has a say in who or what we raise funds for.





Weekend Activities

From day students to boarders, everyone is warmly invited to take part in our wonderful programme of weekend activities. On and off-site weekend activities are a great way for students to extend their world, making new friends, gaining confidence and new skills, and exploring the world. These experiences contribute to students' personal development and help embed them richly in the QE community. This then supports and bolsters the university or employment applications of our older students.





100 academic day trips

Trips

Our academic day and residential trips extend learning way beyond the classroom, in ways that spark curiosity and passion by bringing the curriculum to life. Every year group, from our youngest in Chapter House to QE College, has the opportunity to access an academic, curriculum-focused day trip. Our world is enriched by the 100 academic day trips and exciting programme of residentials we offer each year.



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A WORLD BUILT ON RESPECT, EQUITY AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

With over 50 different nationalities and 10% of the school population on the SEND register, diversity, equality, inclusion and justice are deeply embedded in our school ethos. We are proud to cultivate respect, equity and collective responsibility every day within our school community.

Student ambassadors

We have a fantastic ambassador programme enabling QE College students to act as peer and academic mentors, or ambassadors for individual subjects, study skills, welfare, wellbeing, equity and open days. Students grow their leadership skills and contribute to the QE world, making sure the views of the school community are represented and acted upon. Whatever individual aspirations and ambitions you have, at QE we celebrate them.

School council

Our students have a strong role in shaping their world at QE. The school and boarding councils meet regularly to give feedback to school leaders on issues raised by the student body. The outcomes are then fed back to their peers, so we can keep building a better world.

WHOLE SCHOOL AWARENESS WEEKS

Each year we run 6 themed awareness weeks on the topics of digital wellbeing, anti-bullying, wellbeing, equality, spirituality and culture.







A world of happiness and positivity

At QE we promote happiness, health and community safety through physical, social and mental wellbeing services for every member of our community.

We understand that beginning early is key to helping you build resilience and develop healthy, life-long strategies for supporting your physical, social and mental welfare. We know that when students feel safe and well, they can make the most of the academic and the enrichment opportunities available to them.

Our Welfare Hub lives at the heart of QE, and has a separate, dedicated and specially-trained team of staff on hand to listen and support our students.

Here you can:

- Take time to yourself or chat with staff
- Take part in wellbeing activities – such as Woodland & Wildlife sessions, Chat & Craft, International Club, Study Support, Relaxation Yoga and Tea & Talk
- Join a council or group where you can make your voice heard and have a positive impact, including Student Voice, Faculty Action, School Council, Anti-Bullying Council or Food Council
- Become a Mentor or Ambassador, or run a Wellbeing Session for younger students.

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THE EXTRA MILE

WORLD-CLASS SPORT



Sport is an exciting part of our world at QE – whether you are a student-athlete or you just enjoy playing sport as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Whatever your level or interest, we will support your aspirations. Our students follow a sports programme underpinned by the values of fair play, honesty, determination and fun. Our staff expertise is second-to-none and our world-leading sports facilities mean we can meet every child's sporting goal.

Our sports curriculum

Students encounter a huge variety of sports through their studies here. They are encouraged to be active and we promote the positive benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle in lessons. All abilities are welcome, and we encourage each student to enjoy sport at their own level during their time with us.

A world-leading gym

Our high-quality gym facility, The Extra Mile, is a world apart from other training spaces.

Equipment here includes Prestera half racks, bars, plates, Vulcano dumbbells, and XF storage, plus five custom-designed extended double half racks with SVR platforms, providing 14 lifting stations equipped with advanced sound and vibration control. The racks also include integrated Smith machines and custom branding.

Enhancing the gym's functionality is a Prestera rig for multi-purpose training, alongside a multi-station cable set-up offering lat pulldown, low row, and pulley options.

THE EXTRA MILE
welcomes students of all ages and abilities, from beginners to elite athletes.



"The Extra Mile offers a high-performance experience for our budding athletes. It is a functional space for both our younger and older students, while still providing an elite training facility for our Performance Sports Programme students. The high-quality equipment allows us to deliver an unrivalled strength and conditioning programme, comparable to those at professional sports clubs and training facilities."

ROB RAWLINSON
Head of Sport

30
acres of grass and artificial pitches

25
metre swimming pool

14
14 lifting stations in specialist sports studio

5
sports you can train at performance level: Football, Netball, Cricket, Basketball, Rugby

4
lane cushioned running track

3
court Sports Hall and multi-use courts

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PERFORMANCE SPORTS PROGRAMME

THE RIGHT COACHING MAKES THE WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

If your future lies in sport, we are here to help you achieve your dreams with a personalised syllabus of coaching at a higher level.

PSP is designed for students in Years 7-13 (ages 12-18). It offers high-performance coaching and sport science services delivered by Carnegie School of Sport professionals (CSS), including qualified coaches, PhD researchers, and Masters students from Leeds Beckett University.

Our collaboration with CSS enhances our status as an elite sports school, providing student-athletes with professional coaching and cutting-edge sports science support far beyond the norm.

PROUD PARTNERS OF
Leeds Beckett University's School of Sport

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

PSP students have full access to QE's Sports Village and Sports Science Centre with its movement analysis testing and monitoring facility, plus equipment designed for assessing a broad range of health and safety indicators.

We are a world apart when it comes to supporting athletes to be the best that they can. PSP provides rehabilitation and post-training recovery at our Sports Treatment Centre, where students have access to physiotherapy, soft tissue massage and strength and conditioning. Nutritionists also teach student-athletes how to eat a healthy diet to aid their training.

We offer our PSP in:

- Football
- Netball
- Cricket
- Basketball
- Rugby (Available in Years 10-13)

Elite training for the world stage

- Top level coaching from former professional athletes and coaches
- Train with students of a similar ability
- Full access to world-class facilities
- A multi-disciplinary approach to rehabilitation via physiotherapy, massage, strength and conditioning
- Compete in UK and international competitions
- Access to video analysis to enhance tactical understanding of performance
- Understand sports psychology and receive nutritional advice
- Pathways into professional sport, USA scholarships and top UK institutions







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CREATIVE ARTS

THE ART WORLD BECKONS

Creative Arts at QE is more than just a set of subject choices – it is a culture of opportunities inside and outside the classroom, reinforced by our Gold Artsmark Award.

Our broad creative arts offering includes:

- Animation
- Art
- Fashion
- Film and tv production
- Games design
- Graphic design
- Illustration
- Photography
- Textile design

We use every opportunity to showcase the real-life application of the skills our students learn, and we are keen to support those who aspire to a career in the creative and cultural industries.

We constantly review our arts curricula to make sure we are reflecting our diverse student population of over 50 nationalities. As well as timetabled creative arts provision, we also have extra-curricular and weekend provision via Queen's Academy to allow students to work on their chosen art forms.

A THIRD
of our Year 9 –13 students are engaged in arts courses





ESPORTS

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD

QE's Esports teams are amongst the best in the UK. They compete both against other schools, and professional teams of adults – achieving results that place some of our students in the top 0.1% worldwide.

Our BTEC Esports course, available to Year 10 and Year 12 students, is part of our world-class drive to offer modern subjects for the industries of the future and support the diversity of talent within our school.

BTEC LESSONS

A collaborative aproach, allows students to freely share their thoughts on game play, ideas to improve performance, and reviews of the best software for analysis. The team ethos is felt within the classroom, and the freedom to choose topics and contribute has fuelled passion, enthusiasm and dedication for this up-and-coming subject.

"Students who once drifted through school have found belonging, motivation, and even improved results in other subjects. Far from harming wellbeing, structured Esports has enhanced it.

Critics warn that gaming can damage mental health. They're not wrong. But esports in schools isn't part of the problem – it's part of the solution."

JAMES LUXFORD
ESports Coordinator



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PERFORMING ARTS

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Performing Arts at QE is rooted in current industry practice. 90% of our staff are industry-trained and experienced, and many still practice as artists.

Our performing arts provision is innovative and forward-thinking – the annual musical sits side-by-side with training in immersive theatre, site-specific, promenade, open air, physical theatre and dance.

Everyone is welcome, even if the limelight isn't for them. Students can help run our professional on-site theatre as front-of-house staff, backstage crew or technical operators. They can also develop public speaking skills and debate skills instead of dramatic techniques.

The on-site theatre is a professional receiving house. Students can see visiting work on campus and network with the visiting practitioners.





Performing Arts at QE is an opportunity for students to champion each other, explore their heritage and culture, and share their skills and talents. Students learn the importance of creativity, working with others, working to a brief, working under pressure, managing schedules, and fostering empathy for one another.

The icing on the cake is when our community comes together to support, appreciate and celebrate each event.



ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS PROGRAMME (ADA)

If you have a passion for performing, you can join our Academy of Dramatic Arts (ADA) programme. ADA is a recognised Performing Arts pathway for anyone wanting to develop their performance skills further. It also supports those wanting to develop skills in Backstage Crew.

ADA is available to students from King's Magna, all the way through to QE College. There are different levels of training as you progress through QE, with exciting options in Years 12 and 13, including acting, musical theatre, actor musician and dance.

Students have the opportunity to take additional exams – some of which are recognised by UCAS. They also benefit from a weekend workshop with an external provider and have the opportunity to go on an ADA theatre trip each year.

Many of our Performing Arts students have gone on to study at acclaimed drama schools such as the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, the New York Film Academy, the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) and the American Academy of Dramatic Art (AADA). They have become incredible role models for our younger students.



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THE QE COMMUNITY

WE THINK THE WORLD OF OUR FAMILY

We are immensely proud of our global QE community, which has local, national and international roots creating a hub of culture in the North of England.



Day

We are one of the top choices for independent schooling in our local area with over 400 day students. Our close proximity to York, Leeds and Harrogate – and the extensive daily bus network which reaches most of Yorkshire – means we are a viable option for hundreds of local families.

Juggling work and family can sometimes be tricky, so we offer our day students wraparound care from 7.30am until early evening. They are also welcome to spend the night in boarding when you need it. We find many of our day students stay with us much longer than just the normal school hours – building friendships, learning something new or just making even more QE memories.

Boarding

Our boarding provision is second to none, with a mixture of British students and over 50 other nationalities. Find out more about our boarding provision overleaf.

Forces

QE is a CEA-accredited school and has been welcoming military children for over 100 years. We currently have over 300 Forces students living on campus.

We understand that military children sometimes need additional support. Our Forces Liaison Officers are specifically trained to identify issues including separation anxiety, worries around parent deployments and difficulties arising from moving around a lot. We have both ex-military personnel and staff who were once military children themselves within our team, who can use their personal experiences to help our Forces students with their own journey.





International

We have a long history of welcoming a global community to QE – whether you are looking for a full British education or a stepping stone to a top UK university for your child. Many international students begin their QE journey in King's Magna, allowing them to adjust to the English education system, improve their English skills, and gain a strong foundation of English, Mathematics and Science before their GCSE and A-Level studies. We also have younger students starting from Year 4, and older students joining us during examination years. We also accept short-term immersion options.

Language is no barrier at QE. If English is your child's second language, the international department will help them improve their grammar and vocabulary so they can participate in the school's English-speaking environment and achieve their full potential in core subjects.

We support students learning English, achieving academic excellence in English qualifications and completing IELTS courses to help them apply for university. Our innovative English Language Programme offers a transformative one-year journey designed specifically for international students aged 14-17 who are ready to unlock their academic potential in English.

We are the first UK school to achieve the Gold Award for Excellence in International Student Provision by QEGUK. This certificate signifies that we are one of the few educational establishments committed to the highest standards of performance for international students, and care provided to all our pupils.

More specific information about how we support our international students can be found at the back of this brochure.

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BOARDING AT QE

A WORLD THAT FEELS LIKE HOME

At QE, we welcome boarders from Years 3–13. At the heart of our boarding are three central characteristics – opportunity, individuality, and a caring community. These work together to create a place that genuinely feels like home.

Each of our boarding houses are on-site, and only a few feet from the school – providing a safe and secure place to call home while you are with us. The campus is secluded and has 24/7 security so you are always safely looked after.

Out of this world facilities

The hustle and bustle around campus makes the school feel like a town. You have access to an on-site medical centre, gym, swimming pool, uniform and essentials shop, coffee and tuck shop, a weekend fast-food café and plenty of outdoor space.

You will also be able to enjoy the amazing school facilities outside of the normal school day – whether that is extra time in the gym, on the sports pitches or in our music rooms, or time doing what you love in our esports room, art or dance studios. With everything close by, you can indulge your passions whenever you like.

MUGGLES

Our space for boarders to relax and hang out with friends. We have PS5 consoles, board games, films and comfy couches inside, and a padel court, MUGA court, climbing and bouldering wall, skate track, playground area and sheltered breakout spaces outside.



A smaller world for smaller people

Younger students have bedrooms and common rooms designed for little people, with smaller beds, chairs and furniture. Chapter House boarders (Years 3-5) have their own boarding house with a separate kitchen area, lounge, relax space, group study pods, and a wellbeing room. Every young boarder can ask for a House Parent to read them a bedtime story and tuck them in at night.

A world of independence

For QE College students, boarding life offers greater autonomy. Students live in The Atrium, a modern, university-style living space, complete with common rooms for table tennis, bedrooms surrounding the dining hall, and access to TVs, game consoles, coffee machines, ovens, kettles, and washing machines.

A world that changes with you

As students move through our boarding houses, life changes with them and they are afforded greater independence. Our exclusive, dedicated boarding team supports them every step of the way, making sure they have the very best experience.



A flexible approach

For those students who consistently return home at the weekends, we do offer a weekly boarding option. Flexible boarding nights are also available for day students who may need to board on occasion.



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LIFE BEYOND QE

A WONDERFUL WORLD AWAITS



When you leave us in Year 13, the world of QE goes with you.

You will transition from a QE student to an Old Ethelburgian, joining our flourishing Alumni who have gone on to many great things and who stay in touch regularly, supporting and inspiring our current students.

OBAFEMI ALABI

Four years, four sports, three internships, one TEDx Talk – and an unforgettable experience.

I joined Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate in Year 10 not fully knowing what I was stepping into. Looking back now, I realise I walked into the environment that would shape my mindset, my confidence, and my purpose. From 6am basketball sessions that taught me discipline and a boarding life that pushed me to grow and adapt, to drama rehearsals that helped me find my voice – QE wasn't just a school, it was a forge for growth and I am deeply grateful to everyone involved.

QE's motto is 'To be the best I can with the gifts I have.' That stuck with me. In every assembly I delivered, every early morning, every match, every pass and fail. I tried to live that out. Not perfectly, but honestly.

Most importantly, I want to thank every friend, teacher, coach, and member of staff who made this experience what it was. You shaped not just my time at school, but who I am now.

Whatever happens on results day, I leave knowing I am ready for what's next.

Our most popular University destinations

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CHANGING THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER

Ethan Perkins
2010 – 2012
One of the country's youngest cancer lecturers, working at the forefront of cancer therapeutics at Bradford University.

Gani Malaba
2009 – 2011
Went into finance after leaving QE and set up his own innovative shoe brand which markets through Instagram using a unique co-creation design idea. It was an immediate hit.

Arjan Jaiyeola
2014 – 2016
NHS doctor, pro Muay Thai fighter and blogger about the life of a junior doctor on Instagram. A big advocate for mental health. Added a year onto his medical training to be able to continue to train as fighter.

Toni Akinrinmade
2019 – 2022
Graduated to study Medicine, changed to Biomed and now works in finance at Blackrock as an analyst. Top 150 Future leader UK 23/24. Head of logistics at STEM in Africa.

Alex Zheltov
2009 – 2011
Founder of Educate Online, won Forbes 30 under 30 in 2021.

Mason Vila
2022 – 2024
Won a place at The Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology to study engineering, competing with 2,000 applicants to gain a place.

Johnny Li
2018 – 2020
Software Developer at Goldman Sachs. Won a degree apprenticeship with the firm on graduating from QE.

Mathew Penney
2005 – 2013
He used to game professionally and was very successful, winning lots of competitions. Matt now works in cyber security.

Jade Pearson
2015 – 2019
Graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Law. Works as a paralegal at Buxton Coates Corporate Law.

Lemon Tang
2011 – 2016
Graduated with a PhD in Graphic Communication Design from Central Saint Martins. Lemon is now an associate lecturer, design researcher and the founder of his own creative studio.

Cara Mattocks
2020 – 2022
Law graduate and one of only a few women to be a qualified, FA-licensed football agent.

Hester Mullen
2013 – 2015
Graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Masters in Japanese Studies. Fluent Japanese speaker. Now an Editorial Support Team Lead at The Associated Press.

Anisa Payne
Executive Producer. Founder of NM Productions, which specialises in stills and moving image production.

Judi Wang
2013 – 2015
Graduated from Heriot-Watt University with a BSc in Actuarial Science. Now an Actuary working in Catastrophe Risk Reporting for AXA XL.

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CLOSING REMARKS

AMY MARTIN
Chair of the Collegiate Board

As someone who once walked these same corridors as a student, it gives me enormous pride that you are considering educating your child at Queen Ethelburga's.

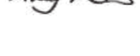
This place has always been more than just a school to me – it is a community - Team QE – made of students, parents and staff that work together to ensure our Hill Standard ' To be the best that I can with the gifts that I have' is evident in our every day, and all that we do.

Our children are curious and kind, we have staff who go above and beyond, and a school family that celebrates every child's achievements, big and small. We invest in our campus, as our student experience is very important to us.

What makes our school so special is the warmth that runs through it. It is a place where children feel known, encouraged, and inspired to be their very best. As a parent myself, I know how important it is to find a school where your child will feel safe, happy, and supported – and I can confidently say this is such a place.

We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to join our community.





DAN MACHIN
Principal of the Collegiate

My role as Principal at Queen Ethelburga's is one of great responsibility and from which I have a great deal of pride.

I get to see everyday the impact of the opportunities we offer, the decisions we make and how students at Queen Ethelburga's thrive because we are committed to offering an innovative education to suit individual needs.

Having joined in 2005, I have worked across many roles—including Head of Sixth Form, Head of College, Vice Principal, and now Principal. This experience has given me a deep understanding of our students' aspirations and strengths, and a strong commitment to ensuring they thrive.

At QE, we aim to nurture not only academic excellence but also leadership, resilience, and independence. Our students leave us confident, self-aware, and ready to make their mark in the world.

Thank you for your interest—I look forward to working with you to help your child achieve their very best.





TAKING A BREAK

OUR WORLD DOESN'T STOP WHEN THE HOLIDAYS START

We understand that school holidays make up a big part of the calendar year and don't always fit your working routine.

That is why we offer various options throughout the school holidays for our children to engage in exciting activities and fabulous care in a place they know and love.

Camp QE

Camp QE is our very popular holiday club here at QE. Our three-age tier, multi-activity camp runs from 8:00-17:30 during all holidays, with specifically-themed weeks.

Camp QE Minis

For children up to Year 1. Our Specialist Early Years practitioners work alongside our Camp QE team to deliver a fun and educational activity programme in small groups of eight. Activities include forest school, outdoor exploration, creative crafts, baking, pool parties, sports and scavenger hunts.

Camp QE Juniors

For children in Years 1-7. Each week features a unique theme, with team-based challenges to earn points. At the end of each week, the team with the fewest points puts forward their Team Leader for an amusing punishment. Activities include baking and crafts, pool fun with inflatables, scavenger hunts and climbing wall adventures.

Camp QE Seniors

For children in years 7-11. Focuses on adrenaline sports and team challenges. The week ends with an exciting final showdown and a camp-wide party. Activities include Escape rooms, adventure pursuits and den building, scavenger hunts, inflatable obstacle courses and Ultimate Frisbee competitions.

Holidays at QE

We offer QE students the chance to stay with us on campus during the holidays. This is a popular option for international students or students preparing for exams during the Easter holidays or May half-term. Activities revolve around wellbeing, relaxation and revision. It is also a good settling in option for new students joining us at a mid-point in the year. They can make new friends and get to know their new school home before starting their learning journey.

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NEXT STEPS

READY TO EXPLORE OUR WORLD?

We know choosing an independent school for your child can be a big decision – whether it is just down the road or halfway across the world.

Our friendly Admissions Team is made up of UK office-based staff and global QE Recruitment Managers. This means information and support on applying for a place at QE is only ever a video call, phone call or email away.

Our world never stops turning either, so you can come and visit us at any time so we can show you just how special QE could be for your child. Full details and step by step details of our application processes, as well as current fees, can be found below.

A few points to note:

- We don't have application deadlines – our student intake happens all year-round.
- Our entry assessment investigates and highlights individual student needs and levels of English so we are best placed to offer an education programme to suit your needs. All students do a CAT4 Assessment (from Year 4 onwards), and international students sit an Oxford English Test.
- We hold five Open Mornings a year, and offer bespoke family tours all year round (including during the school holidays). All students can come for a Taster Day to get a really good feel for whether QE is right for them. Whatever you need to help you make an informed decision – we will support you.



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