

13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Sixth Form Options Information

I am writing to confirm Sixth Form subjects offered at QE from September 2026 onwards. We understand that it is important to provide clarity about our year 12 and year 13 offer following the recent news about restructuring at the school.

Sixth Form Options

The Sixth Form applications process in January 2026 has enabled the school to make decisions about subjects which will run for the current year 11 cohort at QE from September 2026. Applications for the Sixth Form have increased 25% from last year to this year. The subjects are as follows:

Subject	Qualification
Art	A Level: part of A level art specification
Biology	A Level
Business	A Level
Business BTEC (Single Award)	Vocational
Chemistry	A Level
Computer Science	A Level
Criminology Applied Diploma (Single Award)	Vocational
Design Technology (Product Design)	A Level
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level
Economics	A Level
English Language	A Level
English Literature	A Level
French	A Level
Further Maths	A Level
Geography	A Level
Graphic Communication	A Level: part of A level art specification
Health & Social Care	Vocational
History	A Level
Maths	A Level
Media Studies	A Level

Mental Health	Vocational
PE	A Level
Performing Arts - Cambridge Technical	Vocational: Includes optional dance and/or music modules
Philosophy and Ethics	A Level
Photography	A Level: part of A Level art specification
Physics	A Level
Politics	A Level
Psychology	A Level
Sociology	A Level
Spanish	A Level
Sport BTEC (Single Award)	Vocational

Our enrichment options will be as follows:

Subject	Notes
Advanced Google Workspace Skills	
Arts Award Gold	AS Level - UCAS points (up to B)
Dance Industry Preparation	
Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)	
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	AS Level - UCAS points (up to A*)
GCSE Maths or English Retake	
Junior Athlete Education (JAE)	
LAMDA Level 3	A Level - UCAS points (up to C)
Level 3 Core Maths	AS Level - UCAS points (up to A)
Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)	
Mentoring	
QE Sixth Form Sport	
Sports Leaders UK Level 3	AS Level - UCAS points (up to B)
Work Experience / Voluntary Work / Internships	

Additional notes:

- We are planning for all students in year 12 to be able to continue with their current subjects in year 13.
- Students in year 9 are beginning their options process after half-term. The Key Stage Four (year 10 and year 11) curriculum structure will be shared with parents during the options evening on Thursday 18 March 2026. This letter is being shared with all families so I am including this information for parents and carers of students in year 9, and for those yet to join QE.

I understand that the information about our restructure may have caused parents, carers and students to worry about the subjects that will remain in our curriculum. I hope it is clear from the above that we are committed to retaining curriculum breadth and choice for students. Our curriculum offer will remain one of the broadest in Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me using the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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