



# Year 9 - September 2026

## New Student Starter Information Pack





## **Welcome to Year 9**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students who are joining us in September.

Every student will be allocated to one of our 5 Houses :

### **Lancaster, Stuart, Tudor, Wessex and York**

They will remain in their House throughout their time at QE and we look forward to them immersing themselves fully in all aspects of school life, especially through the various inter-house competitions and activities which will be organised.

The School's Core Values are:

### **Hope, Respect, Resilience and Community**

Students will gain opportunities to take on leadership and organisational roles, giving them valuable life experiences and employability skills which will support them when they leave school.

We look forward to meeting everyone in September.



## Uniform and Dress Code

Our uniform guidance and dress code is intended to provide the opportunity for collective pride in our school as well as a clear structure for students and parents to follow.

We recognise the influence that high standards in appearance have on high standards in education. Parental support in upholding our dress code is greatly appreciated.

QE school is committed to complying with the DFE uniform guidance, which focuses on reducing the number of branded items to reduce the overall cost of uniform for families.

### What Uniform do I need?

Items that need to be purchased are detailed in our dress code, a comprehensive list can also be found on our [website](#) and in the following pages.

It is expected that new students obtain the correct uniform before their first day.

### **School Uniform**

Bartletts Schoolwear

4 King Street, Wimborne, BH21 1DY

01202 856205

[bartletts.schoolwear@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bartletts.schoolwear@hotmail.co.uk)

[Bartletts of Wimborne](#)

Strictly Appointments only. Please call or email Bartletts to arrange an appointment before visiting.

### **Sports Kit**

Star Sportswear

Unit 5, Yeomans Industrial Park, Yeomans Way, Bournemouth, BH8 0BJ

01202 522519

[qeuniform@starsportswear.co.uk](mailto:qeuniform@starsportswear.co.uk)

[Star Sportswear](#)

Please visit the Star Sportswear shop or visit their website to place an order online.

### **Uniform Support**

Students who are eligible for free school meals are also entitled to assistance with the purchase of uniform. Please contact [office@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:office@queenelizabeths.com) for further information.



**Uniform Guidance  
2026/27**

<b>Boys Uniform</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
Blazer	Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a> . Blazers should be worn at all times, unless directed by staff that permission has been given to remove them. Coats may be worn over blazers during the winter months when students are outside.
Shirt	White Collar Shirt long or short sleeved (Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a> as an option)
House Colour Tie	Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a>
Black trousers	Tailored trousers worn to ankle length. Black jean type trousers are not acceptable. Black plain belts should be used to ensure that the trousers are worn at the waist.
Black leather type school shoes and black socks	Canvas "Vans" type shoes, or black training shoes are not acceptable
<b>Boys PE Kit</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
House Colour QE Navy PE Top	Available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a>
QE Navy Tech Top	Available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a>
Navy Shorts	(Also available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a> )
Navy Tracksuit/Jogging Bottoms	(Also available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a> )
Navy Socks	Football style, knee high - Appropriate for type of sport and footwear
Trainers (PE Only) Rugby/Football boots	
Gum shield/shin pads	

## Uniform Guidance 2026/27

Girls Uniform	Guidance
Blazer	Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a> . Blazers should be worn at all times, unless directed by staff that permission has been given to remove them. Coats may be worn over blazers during the winter months when students are outside.
Blouse	White Revere Collar Shirt (Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a> as an option)
Skirt (lengths 20" or 22")	Available from <a href="#">Bartletts</a> . Skirts should be worn without being altered or rolled and the waistband must be flat.
Black Trousers	Tailored trousers worn to ankle length. Black jean type trousers are not acceptable. Black plain belts should be used to ensure that the trousers are worn at the waist.
Black leather type school shoes and black tights or socks	High/stiletto heels, sandals and open toed shoes are not permitted for health and safety reasons. Canvas "Vans" type shoes, or black training shoes are not acceptable.
Girls PE Kit	Guidance
House Colour QE Navy PE Top	Available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a>
QE Navy Tech Top	Available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a>
Navy Shorts	Loose style football shorts; option for cycling shorts to be worn underneath (Also available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a> )
Navy Tracksuit/Jogging Bottoms	Loose Fit (Also available from <a href="#">Star Sportswear</a> )
Navy Socks	Appropriate for type of sport and footwear
PE Trainers, Rugby/Football boots	
Gum shield/shin pads	



## Student Dress Code 2026/27

Our dress code is designed to encourage a smart and business like style, appropriate to a modern learning environment. This is intended to provide the opportunity for collective pride in our school as well as a clear structure for students and parents to follow.

The overriding principle to the dress code is that uniform should be worn smartly and neatly at all times. We look forward to parental support in the promotion of the students wearing their uniform with pride.

### **Hair and make up**

- Hair length and style should be reasonable and not represent extremes of fashion
- Hair colour should be a natural shade
- Make-up should be unobtrusive and natural looking
- Coloured nail varnish or false nails of any type are not permitted.

### **Jewellery**

We do allow students to wear a limited amount of jewellery, however, we do have concerns over security and health and safety. We are striving for a business like approach to student life; therefore the following items are acceptable:

- Watch
- One ring on one hand
- Maximum of two studs per lobe. Students are allowed two discreet plain ear studs in the lobe of each ear. Earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

The following therefore applies:

- Nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow studs or any other body jewellery are not allowed (unless for religious or cultural reasons). Clear plastic bars worn in any such piercing are NOT acceptable. Students who wear such items will be asked to remove them. Clear dot retainers can be worn in the nose but still need to be removed if required.

- The school can take no responsibility for items of jewellery brought into school
- Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn.

Excess jewellery will be confiscated, placed in a marked envelope and passed to the year office, to be reclaimed after one week. Persistent offenders will be sanctioned further.



## Term Dates

Please click on this link for current and future [term dates](#).

## Transport to School

Please click on this link for further information regarding [transport](#) and school bus routes servicing QE School each academic year. Please ensure you check eligibility of bus passes from Dorset County Council and apply directly to the council for your bus pass.

## Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools and is allocated for:

- pupils from low income families who are registered for Free School Meals (FSM), or who have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6')
- children that are in care or were looked after immediately before adoption, being placed on a special guardianship or residence order
- children of armed service personnel or those who have been in the services in the last four years.

Our Pupil Premium Strategy Statement can be found on our [website](#).

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and not currently in receipt of FSM, please visit:

[Free School Meals Online Application](#)

Please contact the main school office on 01202 885233 should you have any questions.

If you have any questions about Pupil Premium funding please contact Mrs Kim Ashby, Assistant Headteacher [kashby@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:kashby@queenelizabeths.com)



## Home Learning and Use of Google Apps

All pupils at QE School have access to a Google account. Once set up as part of their induction day in September, they can access this from any device by logging in both at home and in school. The web browser or app Google Chrome is the best choice to support the use of these resources.

Using Google Apps effectively allows learners to be organised, well supported and successful. Google Apps are particularly powerful as they are web based, free to access and highly collaborative allowing pupils to share and communicate with their teachers with high impact. Work in Google Apps is saved automatically and can be restored.

Once logged into their school account pupils have access to the following apps:

**Google Mail:** allowing learners to access emails and updates from their teachers

**Google Calendar:** allowing learners to see their timetable and other scheduled events

**Google Docs:** where learners can complete and organise word processing tasks before sharing with a teacher

**Google Slides:** allows learners to create presentations or projects before sharing with a teacher

**Google Sheets:** allows learners to organise and create data tasks before sharing with their teacher

**Google Classroom:** a fantastic and powerful learning tool for pupils to access home learning, ask for help, gain valuable feedback and organise their assignments from class teachers

**Google Drive:** allows learners to store data, organise folders, download file and share work with teachers

Our other main apps we use for learning include;  
SPARX (Maths and Science)

The most successful learners will:

✓ Download the individual Google Apps on their personal devices (including Google Mail and Google Drive – they're all free!)

✓ Turn notifications on so they can receive updates from their teacher

✓ Check their Google Mail emails and Google Classroom every day for updates

This [video](#) is a really useful introduction to using google dictation and read aloud to support learning.

Please [click here](#) for information on homework and our Knowledge Organisers.



## Learning Resource Centre (Library)

Our library is a great resource for all our students. Your child will have more opportunities to:

- read for pleasure- our library is a safe space for students to read a wider range of engaging and relevant books
- further reading- our students can enhance vital academic skills by reading non-fiction books around their subjects such as source selection, research and referencing

We currently have over 5000 resources for students to use. Students are able to borrow these for 3 weeks, and can borrow up to 3 items at a time. We do ask for lost or damaged books to be paid for or replaced.

All students have access to the LRC during break and lunchtimes for quiet reading and work, when they can also access our IT facilities. Students can also use this facility after school from 3.15pm-4pm.

Students in Year 9 will have one library lesson every two weeks as part of the English curriculum.

## Student Shop

The Student Shop is based next to the school office on A2 where students can purchase stationery, revision guides and a range of art equipment.

They must have the following basic equipment with them in school every day:

### Student Access Card

**Planner**

**Pens**

**Pencils**

**Green pen**

**Ruler**

**Calculator**

**Compass**

**Protractor**

**Whiteboard pen**

**Glue stick**

Students' equipment will be checked by tutors each morning and the behaviour policy used if students do not have this with them.



Equipment packs are available via the Student Shop and can be purchased for £10.95. These contain a scientific calculator, pencil, black pen, green pen, compass, protractor, ruler, whiteboard pen and eraser.

All funds to be spent in the Student Shop to purchase stationery packs, other equipment or ID cards should be added on ParentPay under the item 'Student Shop'

### **Uniform Loans**

We are able to provide a daily loan system for students that do not have the proper uniform, as a temporary emergency measure, to support students with lost, forgotten or broken uniform items and to ensure all students are wearing uniform correctly. Items available to loan include shoes, blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers and PE kit.

Our Pastoral team will manage this at the start of each day and students will be asked to leave a personal item as a deposit in order to secure a loan. All loans should be brought back at the end of the day.

### **Sanitary Items**

The school maintains a stock of free sanitary items which are always available in the toilets throughout the school. We also have a small stock of underwear and tights for emergencies.

### **Lockers**

The use of a locker can be purchased for the duration of the 3 years from Year 9. The cost is £6 for the duration, payable via ParentPay and there is an additional cost for the replacement of any lost keys. Lockers are located near to the student tutor groups. More information is available if you email [finance@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:finance@queenelizabeths.com).



## Student Access Card

Each student will be given their student access card when they join the school. All students are expected to ensure they have this with them at all times

This card has a number of uses:

- **Security** as it gives students access to areas of the school which are controlled by secure doors.

- **Restaurant**

Catering funds can be added via ParentPay to buy lunch, drinks and snacks in the restaurant or outdoor pod.

A spend limit can be set for pupil accounts upon request via the main school office

A minimum top up of £5 has been set for the Catering Account\* For those students who are entitled to a free school meal, a daily allowance will be added to their ArborPay account automatically. It will not be carried over to the next day.

\* *This is to avoid excessive bank charges but, if it poses a problem, please do not hesitate to contact the school finance team: [finance@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:finance@queenelizabeths.com)*

- **Printing**

Any work that students need to print can be accessed through a 'follow me' facility, allowing students to use their card to print work at any printer within the school.

## Replacement student access cards

Should a student lose their student access card, a replacement will need to be purchased from the Student Shop at a cost of £2.00



## ParentPay and Cashless Catering

We are a cashless school and use ParentPay, which is an internet payment system that enables parents to pay for items without the need for cheques or cash.

This includes:

- lunch and snacks
- trips and visits
- purchases from the Student Shop (stationery, revision guides, art equipment, replacement student access cards)

A child's account is set up with a unique login name and password which is addressed to the primary parents/carers.

**Login instructions will be emailed to you separately and will be sent from [platform@parentpay.com](mailto:platform@parentpay.com)**

The ParentPay website address is <https://www.parentpay.com/> so you will need to use this link to access your account.

### The Benefits

- a secure payment method, with all communication between your bank and ParentPay safely encrypted
- payments made via the internet can be refunded electronically, if necessary, without having to wait for a cheque refund
- convenience of making payments outside of school hours either via the internet or by cash at local PayPoint stores using a bar coded letter
- an online statement page is available that shows when payments have been made for a particular service option
- it eliminates the risk of a child losing their lunch or trip/visit money in school
- Free School Meals allowances are updated daily and without the need for a token collection system within school
- for parents who share custody, a separate secondary login name and password for a child's account can be provided upon request.

Further information can be requested by emailing [finance@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:finance@queenelizabeths.com)



## **Instrumental Lessons**

Instrumental and vocal lessons are an important part of the educational programme on offer at QE.

Our aim is to encourage the full development of students' musical potential, their confidence and social awareness.

Our talented and experienced peripatetic music teachers have been hand-picked by the music department to ensure your child is taught efficiently and with correct technique, to create rapid yet sustainable progress.

From September the tuition in the following instruments will be offered:

**Piano**

**Violin**

**Flute**

**Clarinet**

**Saxophone**

**Brass**

**Voice**

**Drum Kit**

**Guitar and Bass Guitar**

Our music department will provide full details regarding individual instrument or vocal tuition, which will be sent to parents before the start of the new academic year.



## Arbor Parent App

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way.

Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information and get live updates. The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

**A welcome email will be sent from QE advising when your Arbor account is ready as you won't be able to log in before that.**

What Parents will be able to see:

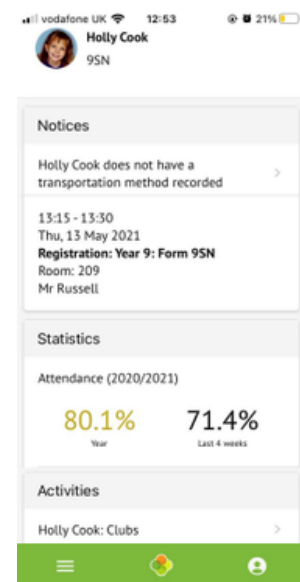
- The student's address and home phone number if they live with the student
- Any student details if you are a primary guardian
- Positive and negative incidents logged
- Assessment results
- Attendance information
- Consents to be given.

*One of the consents will be for electronic communications from the school which will allow you to receive all general information, including letters from the Headteacher, information about immunisations, QE Newsletter), school closure days/times, whole school and year group information, trips information.*

*If you decide not to give consent, please understand that you may be missing out on key information.*

This is an example of how information will appear on the app on a smartphone.

*(This shows details of a fictional student)*





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