

Transfer Event 2026

Wednesday 8th July



Welcome from Headteacher Mr Neill



Aims of this Evening

- Welcome new families to the school community
- Explain our core values and why these are important
- Give you important information about the school
- Provide key information for the start of term
- Allow time at the end for you to ask questions



QE History

- Founded in 1497 by Lady Margaret Beaufort
- 70th oldest school in the UK
- Facilities and site cost £53 million in 2011



What Do We Stand For?

- We are a school for every child: an inclusive learning community
- We prioritise academic excellence and we are driving up standards
- This is an exciting time for the school as our work in the last two years translates into tangible outcomes

A Commitment to Hope

"You will be secure because there is hope" Job 11:18

Developing character and bringing hope to all members of the QE family through our core values of:

Hope † Respect † Resilience † Community



Our Improvements

- Attendance improved over 3% since this time last year (June 2025 to June 2026)
- Teaching and learning: exam results improved at A Level and GCSE. More to come!
- New behaviour systems: smartphone-free, Rights Respecting Silver
- Retention and recruitment of high-quality teaching staff
- Tutor time reading: Comprehension, fluency, vocabulary

Silver Rights Respecting School



- Student leadership
- The right to an education:
Disruption-free learning
- Advocacy and justice: support
for causes



Strong Foundations

- We have an experienced leadership team who know the school, our families and our students
- We have high standards and help students to meet them
- The school has undergone a period of rapid change and strong foundations for success are now in place

Priorities Next Year

- **Attendance:** Create an unmissable experience so students belong and want to attend.
- **Behaviour:** Consistently high expectations, modelled and supported by teachers.
- **Curriculum:** Teach better lessons every day.

Priorities Next Year

Quiet

disruption free learning- RESPECT

Engage

take part in lessons- RESILIENCE

Standards

pride in work & uniform- RESPECT

Track

focus on the speaker- COMMUNITY

Mobile Phones: Policy Update

- DFE guidance/changes to law for 2027
- Removing distractions in lessons: your teachers need to focus on teaching, and we need you to focus on learning
- Reducing inappropriate phone use: social media/sharing of images
- Encouraging students to be more present and communicate face to face with friends in school

Mobile Phones: Policy Update

- The average teen gets 237 smartphone notifications every day
- 90% of young people who own a phone have been sent harmful content
- 80% of children who are bullied experience this via a phone
- 80% of girls who own a phone have been asked for nudes
- 47% of 16-21 year olds in a recent survey wish they could live in a world without the internet
- 68% of 16-21 year olds feel worse about themselves after spending time online

Sources: Smartphone Free Childhood and the British Standards Institution

Mobile Phones

- If a phone is confiscated during the school day, this will result in an after-school detention and the phone will need to be collected by a parent or carer.
- Phones on the school site should be turned off and stowed in bags
- Amnesty each morning 08:30am - 08:40am
- If students need to use their phone, they can ask an adult for permission
- Our policy is in line with local schools (Ferndown and Corfe Hills)

Uniform

After consultation in 2025-26 we are making the following uniform changes, complying with DfE uniform guidance:

1. Change from striped shirts to plain white shirts
2. PE kit: fewer items
3. Tailored shorts can be worn
4. Full Uniform guidelines can be found on our website

Example detailed guidance: Nails

- Nails need to be natural- no acrylics etc. They can be painted (french tips please!)
- Too sharp - this can lead to injury in PE
- No false nails - too long and can lead to injuries in practical lessons. The glue is dangerous
- No unnatural colours



Medicines

- We will ask for your consent to administer medicines (you will always be informed of this).
- The school keeps a stock of paracetamol which we can issue, but we need your written consent for this and we will inform you every time we administer.
- Prescription medicines should be handed in to first aid each morning. Larger doses for long-term use (e.g. insulin) can be stored in school.

Key Contacts

Mr Thomas Neill: Headteacher

Mr Chris Humphreys: Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Claire Porter: Deputy Headteacher

Key year 9 staff

Headteacher: Mr Thomas Neill

Deputy Headteacher: Mr Chris Humphreys

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Claire Porter

Head of Year 9: Mr Andy Jackson

Pastoral Manager Year 9: Mrs Evie Allsopp

Student Equipment

Students are expected to have the following basic equipment with you in school every day:

- Knowledge organiser
- Pen
- Pencil
- Green pen
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Compass
- Protractor
- Whiteboard pen
- Glue stick

Equipment will be checked by tutors each morning

Personal Development: Tutoring

The start of the day is key to ensuring the students are ready for learning and the high expectations are set

Students expected on site at 8.40am

Registration starts at 8.45am

- Checking uniform each day
- Knowledge organiser and equipment checks
- Daily act of collective worship, with a reflection
- Rights respecting school activities
- DEAR reading programme
- Year assemblies
- Supporting tutee



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Personal Development: Events

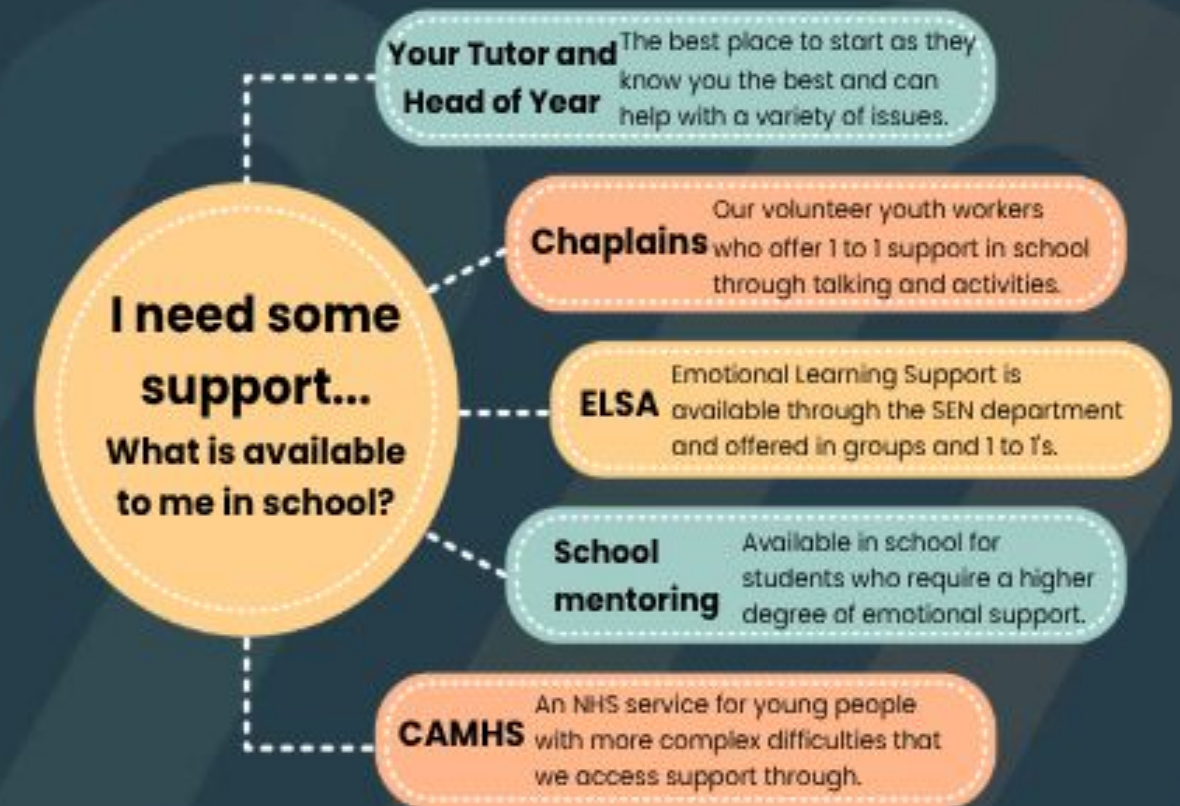
- Duke of Edinburgh awards
- Christmas concerts in Wimborne Minster
- Sports competitions and tournaments
- Charitable events for local fundraising
- Local and foreign trips



Student Support

Student health and wellbeing is of paramount importance, students have access to the following support at school;

- A tutor who will lead their progress and wellbeing for their time at QE
- Head of year; directing academic progress and pastoral care
- Access and participation in dedicated PSHE and Curriculum 4 Life sessions
- Mentoring access from our dedicated House Chaplains



Leadership on all areas of safeguarding from our **DSL– Mrs Ashby** (Assistant Headteacher).

In all instances of support on health and wellbeing, please contact your tutor

Local School Committee - the role

- A committee of the Trust Board - local tier of governance
- Plays a pivotal role in ensuring the school maintains its unique identity, culture, and values while helping pupils achieve the best possible educational outcomes
- Acting as a critical friend, the LSC supports and challenges the Headteacher, escalating key matters to the Trust as needed
- The committee focuses on five specific areas:
 - **Ethos & Culture**
 - **Safeguarding**
 - **Inclusion & SEND**
 - **Educational Standards**
 - **Community Engagement**



Could you be a Local School Committee Member?

- A great way to make a contribution to the education of local children
- You do not need to have a background in education—training resources and support provided
- 4-6 meetings per year held after school
- Commitment to read the meeting papers, prepare your thoughts and questions before each meeting
- Occasional school visits and background reading
- Commitment to undertake regular training e.g statutory safeguarding training



Queen Elizabeth's School Local School Committee: Who's Who



Mr Trevor Hartin - Chair



Mr Dave Snell - Vice Chair



Rev'd Andrew Rowland - LSC Member



Mrs Tina Avey-Hebditch - LSC Member



Mr Matt Adams - LSC Member



Mrs Deena Blake - LSC Member



Mr Robert Christopher - LSC Member



Houses



Students are placed into a house with a tutor.

Students are taught in different combinations of students for lessons, from a range of the houses.

Pupil Premium – Support Available for Students

- Free School Meals- Have you reapplied? A new application must be submitted
- Once your Free School Meal application has been processed and eligibility confirmed, we will be notified
- We will then inform Bartletts and Star Sports that your child is entitled to receive the following items:

Girls - blazer, skirt and two blouses, PE tech top and shorts

Boys - blazer, tie, trousers and two shirts, PE tech top and shorts

- All Pupil Premium students are entitled to a fully equipped pencil case. Please email finance@queenelizabeths.com if you would like one ready for September 2026



CONNECTIONS

Art & Design Exhibition

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 8
FUTURE QES STUDENTS!



You are invited to
submit an entry for the
very first
QES x Middle School
Art and Design
Exhibition
to be held at QES
in September.

BRIEF

Create a piece of artwork
inspired by our core values:

**HOPE, RESPECT,
RESILIENCE and COMMUNITY.**

You might include the key word
within your work or the artwork
might visually represent
these values.

**Queen Elizabeth's
School
+
Middle School
Exhibition**

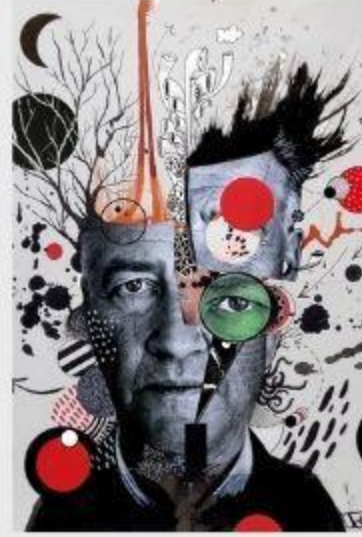
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Artist Inspiration



Mark Powell



Loui Jover



Shepherd Fairey



Keith Haring



Ben Eine



Franz Ackermann



Andrew Hudson



Ed Fairburn

We will exhibit your work in the Autumn Term at QES.

Your work could be postcard size or up to A3 size.

Please hand your artwork to your Year 9 tutors in your first week at QE.

You are welcome to work on your own or in pairs - please add your name/s to the back of your work.

Any questions please email:
SCardo-Moreno@queenelizabeths.com

You could use

COLLAGE or **CALLIGRAPHY**
PAINTING or **POSCA PENS**
PROCREATE or **PASTELS**
SEWING or **STENCILS**
DRAWING or
GEOMETRIC DESIGN,
PHOTOGRAPHY or
PHOTOSHOP...

or a combination of
processes
layers, techniques
and materials!



Thank you for coming!

**We are excited to
welcome you all to the
QE Family in September.**