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# Welcome to Queen Elizabeth's School



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Thank you for your interest in Queen Elizabeth's School which is part of Wimborne Academy Trust.

As a Trust, our vision is to ensure that every pupil is celebrated as an individual and supported to achieve their full potential. As an established cross phase Trust we provide a platform for every child to succeed at every stage of their learning journey from nursery right through to sixth form.

Our children are given a broad and balanced education which prepares them well for success in their future lives. I'm confident we will meet your expectations and more.

Thank you for taking the time to consider one of our schools within Wimborne Academy Trust.



Liz West  
CEO - Wimborne Academy Trust  
National Leader of Education

Queen Elizabeth's School is a learning community based on sustained academic excellence delivering a broad and balanced education that produces confident, well rounded and effective members of our community.

At Queen Elizabeth's School the spirit of the QE Family is primarily recognised in the learning partnerships that exist between staff and students and between students themselves. We believe that when students are happy they will thrive, when they are challenged they will succeed and when they are supported they will achieve. Above all else, Queen Elizabeth's School focuses on the individual to ensure that between the ages of 13 and 18 all students mature as learners and individuals. We all want our students to be successful and independent learners but we also recognise that they need support to achieve their full potential.

At QE School we have a focus on student learning outcomes in the broadest sense and particularly seek to offer learning opportunities that will encourage resilience and adaptability that will enable our students to meet the demands of a complex and dynamic society.



Mrs Katie Boyes  
Headteacher



Queen Elizabeth's is a school where:

- The highest quality of teaching and learning is provided to all students, meeting individual needs and interests.
- Extra-curricular activities, including sport, music, drama and student involvement within the community, are seen as keystones for personal development in addition to outstanding academic achievement.
- The ability to work independently is acquired by all, facilitating exam success and excellent preparation for higher education and the world of work.
- All aspire to progress to higher education at top universities, to professional qualifications or competitive work positions.
- The "QE Family" value and broadly Christian ethos, embracing of diversity, are upheld and uniformly applied.



/// The leadership team have established a holistic approach to the education and development of pupils which is rooted in the Christian ethos of the school and in a commitment to valuing and developing each individual. ///

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## Academic Life

At Queen Elizabeth's School we have the highest expectations of all our students and are committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Our enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff work in state of the art facilities and create a passion for learning amongst our students by making lessons fun and challenging. We are continually looking at ways where we can motivate, inspire, challenge and support our students. The curriculum is designed to provide both breadth and balance in a relevant and flexible way enabling everyone to become a successful, independent learner irrespective of ability or individual needs.

/// The school provides a calm, purposeful environment which the pupils take pride in. Pupils feel cared for and appreciate the support for their physical and mental well-being. Transition from middle school to Queen Elizabeth's is a strength, resulting in the majority of pupils settling very quickly and happily. ///

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In Year 9 students study a full range of subjects including core and foundation subjects. They complete the Key Stage 3 curriculum in many of the foundation subjects and start their GCSE studies in Core subjects and Languages.

In Years 10 and 11 students complete GCSE and BTEC courses. All students study a core curriculum which is complemented by a wide range of option subjects.

We continually review the option subjects which we offer to our students to allow every student to follow a pathway which is appropriate for their needs and future aspirations and allows them to continue with us into the Sixth Form.

The current options list includes a wide range of subjects, for example ICT, Textiles, Triple Science and Psychology.







## The Arts

The Arts at QE School are highly valued and we strongly believe in creativity throughout the curriculum – the arts subjects and extra-curricular programme are a reflection of this commitment.



The Arts at QE are prolific, of excellent quality and well-respected and the fundamental belief that every student has diverse skills and talents is at the core of the provision.

Students in Year 9 have lessons in Art, Drama and Music alongside the broad range of arts opportunities in our extra-curricular programme.

There is then the progression route into GCSE in all these subjects as well as the introduction of Media Studies. At Sixth Form, students can continue with these, with the basket of qualifications being added to with BTEC Performing Arts and A level Music. Lessons are taught by an experienced team of subject specialists, many of whom are practising artists in their own right.

All students are also offered the Arts Award programme, a nationally recognised qualification which looks to develop student leadership and

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independence. The opportunity to enrich the curriculum is taken regularly with both visiting artists and professionals and a varied range of trips and visits to inspire and enthuse.

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In recognition of the talented students, whole school support and committed staff, QE was awarded Artsmark Platinum in 2017.







# Sport

Queen Elizabeth's School enjoyed Specialist Sports College status; and much of the very positive work and outcomes of this status has been maintained in our present school life. The school has been awarded Ambassador School status by the Youth Sport Trust.

The development of an active healthy lifestyle and the pursuit of excellence are the main features of the PE and sport programmes enjoyed by the students within the school.

Outstanding facilities matched by a passion for engagement in physical activities and sport, drive the programme for the benefit of all students.

The school enjoys an enviable reputation for representative sport and currently has teams in over 15 sports ranging from the traditional football, rugby, hockey and netball to alternative sports such as underwater hockey, indoor rowing and horse riding.

We are proud to support:

- 9 students at National level in 6 different sports
- 17 students at Regional/Development/Academy level in 11 different sports
- 12 students at County level in 7 different sports.

This is all whilst working hard to develop sporting opportunities that are more contemporary and that appeal to the student who prefers to participate without a competitive edge.

We are also very aware of, and keen to ensure that our truly inclusive educational package caters for those students who have specific educational needs.

Our adapted sports programme has embraced the passion and sporting prowess of our students, with spectacular successes enjoyed locally, regionally and nationally.



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## Sixth Form

Whether you're moving up from Year 11 at QE or joining us from elsewhere, our Sixth Form offers a highly distinctive, co-educational experience. Sixth Form life involves a great deal more than simply academic study.

Our outstanding Sixth Form provides an environment for learning in its widest sense: it enables students to acquire knowledge and skills, and to learn more about themselves as individuals.

The essential ingredients of the Sixth Form at QE can be summarised very briefly: small class sizes, a wide choice of subjects, enrichment and activities, a superb school environment with a dedicated Sixth Form Centre, a highly dedicated team of teachers and advisers – and a student body characterised by its extraordinary energy, intelligence and friendship.

The QE Family is one of the defining realities of our school.

You can choose from a wide range of A Level and Level 3 Vocational courses and our exam results are consistently high. We have highly qualified specialist teachers, enhancing your chances of winning a top university place or securing an excellent job or apprenticeship.

Our teaching staff are the great strengths of the school. They are all highly qualified and experienced academics, with in-depth subject knowledge to put at your disposal.

The relationships between staff and students are based on mutual respect and a commitment to fulfilling your potential. In many ways, they define the Sixth Form experience.



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## Tremendous Enrichment opportunities

You will also have superb enrichment opportunities. We provide the chance to excel in your passion, to participate or simply to try something new. You can also develop your skills as a leader or manager by running clubs and teams for younger pupils. If you join our Sixth Form, we expect you to take responsibility for yourself, to study hard and make the most of what is on offer. Where this may lead is up to you! All students are members of a House, with a staff tutor providing general academic and personal support. We also have dedicated staff providing personal advice on careers, university courses and Oxbridge entry. Our Sixth Formers are ambassadors for the school, and this also provides many opportunities for leadership. You may for example be asked to show visitors around the school, run house events, organise assemblies and activities for the house or school, or assist at school events.

Sixth Form at QE provides the bridge between school and further education and the world of work, demanding greater independence of learning and the chance to focus and excel in those subjects you are most passionate about.

It's not all about academia; you'll have the opportunity to develop personal skills within school through leadership roles and outside school via voluntary service. Sixth Form students are integral to school life, acting as role models to younger students and leading in positions such as the Student Management Team, House Captains and Team QE; providing an opportunity to give back to school some of the benefits received in past years.





# Student Support

Queen Elizabeth’s School has an exciting and innovative house system as its primary student support programme.

The vertical system of support is designed to:

- Promote student achievement
- Develop student confidence
- Provide an enjoyable educational experience.

This is achieved under the guiding hand of five Heads of House, who are proud to lead the following houses:

<span style="color: red;">■</span> Lancaster	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Tudor
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> York	<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Stuart
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Wessex	

/// All members of the school community comment on the impact of the house system and vertical tutoring. This contributes to the sense of ‘family’ and to pupils feeling known and valued. ///

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Rewards play a very important role in the life of students at QE as well as forming the back bone of the house system. Students and groups of students representing the house can earn “house points” for themselves and for their houses.

Each house engages in positive motivational support and competition in order to promote team work, leadership skills, confidence and self-esteem.

House points are awarded for a range of achievements.

All members of staff are also assigned to a house, so as well as students being able to earn points for their houses, staff are also able to add to the points tally.

This aspect of our house system is designed to encourage the very positive student-staff relationships that Queen Elizabeth’s School is renowned for.







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The PE Department delivers a number of sports including Hockey, Swimming, Badminton and Netball, as well as Adapted Sports, Fitness and Dance. There are opportunities to partake in Outdoor Education and to work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Performing and Creative Arts are a real strength at Queen Elizabeth's School. A major musical production is performed annually involving many of our talented students, including musicians, dancers, singers, actors and those with technical expertise. Other clubs include the QE Choir, Media Club and Art Open House among many others.

Alongside these sporting and creative activities, there is a wide range of support for academic subjects. A plethora of subjects offer sessions to promote academic success. These include: maths workshops, poetry workshops, design & technology support sessions, language clubs and controlled assessment support sessions across all faculties.

Academic extra-curricular activities run throughout the year but extend during the Spring and Summer Terms to ensure our provision includes support for exam preparation and technique. For more information on all of the extra-curricular activities on offer at QE please ask at reception.



## Beyond the Curriculum

Queen Elizabeth's School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to support all students in their development and enable them to make the best possible progress.

We encourage students to be involved in the wider life of the school and the extra-curricular provision allows students to develop a variety of interests, relationships and skills. Each faculty within the school delivers a number of activities both at lunchtime and after school.

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# Our Vital Statistics

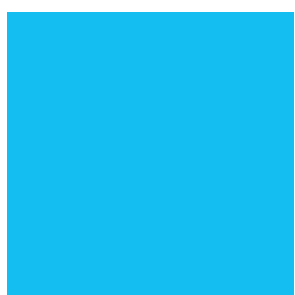
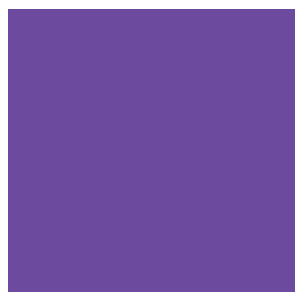
No of Students	1550
Students in Sixth Form	360
No of staff	180
No of computers	900
No of Mac devices	70
Meals served in a year	over 120,000
School floor area	15,000 sqm
Students who use buses daily	700
School trips/visits over a year	80
Different music bands	10
Extra-curricular activities taking place each week	over 50

# Community and Business Links

- Bournemouth University
- University of Southampton
- Arts University Bournemouth
- R & W Civil Engineering Ltd
- Caterpillar Marine Power UK Ltd
- H2-ecO
- Hadland Care Group
- Christopher Batten Estate Agents
- AGS Support Ltd
- DEWCO Ltd
- AIM Altitude
- Superior Sealing Technology
- Aish Technologies
- Quostar
- Shadow Design
- Winchester School of Art
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- Tom Oldham Photography
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