

Collegiate Information



About the School

Now set in more than 220 acres of beautiful North Yorkshire countryside, Queen Ethelburga's has provided students with a vibrant and supportive school community since 1912.

The Collegiate welcome girls and boys from 3 months and supports them through four schools – Chapter House (3 months to Year 5), King's Magna (Year 6 to 9), The College and The Faculty (both Year 10 to 13).

Our ethos

The QE ethos is centred on supporting each student to be the best that they can with the gifts that they have, by creating the right learning and living environment for them to thrive.

We have a unique offering. We have four individual schools, with their own heads and staff teams, that are small enough to maintain a family atmosphere. This allows staff to know their students thoroughly and successfully guide them through each stage of their formative years.

Our reputation has grown considerably over recent years, and we believe this is due to our drive to ensure that our outcomes for QE students, across all areas of their endeavour and aspiration, match those of the world's best schools.

We place great emphasis on our children growing into resilient, caring, compassionate and confident adults, who develop independence and initiative, and who can take responsibility for their own learning and futures. We provide opportunities for pupils to take part in a range of wider enrichment and extra-curricular activities to help them to gain skills in leadership, teamwork and collaboration, and decision making. These are so crucial for the future, as our society becomes culturally diverse, requiring mutual respect, understanding and tolerance.

“To be the best that I can with the gifts that I have.”



Academic

Our exam results speak for themselves, consistently ranking us amongst the top 10 day and boarding schools in the UK, with students benefiting from incredible study, boarding and leisure facilities as part of campus life.

In 2018, students in the academically focused College achieved 96% A*/B at A level and 97% D*/D in the small number of

BTECs taken to enrich the A level programmes (equivalent in university points to A* and A grades at A Level).

The Faculty, which offers a wider range of academic, creative and vocational courses, achieved 91% A*/B at A Level and 64% D*/D in BTECs.

Queen Ethelburga's College and Faculty has placed first and ninth respectively in the independent secondary schools list for the North of England, by Parent Power – The Sunday Times Schools Guide 2019. The guide identifies the 2,000 highest-achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their recent examination results.

Pastoral care

Care is the most important element within the QE community; every member of the Collegiate, staff and student, is responsible for the pastoral care and happiness of the site.

QE offers support and guidance to all students and parents to ensure that we are all working to support individual students needs and equipping them with the right skills, not only to be successful in education, but to excel in their chosen career and life in general. We are focused on developing our students' skills and resilience, whilst nurturing their wellbeing.



We have a dedicated team of trained staff on call 24 hours a day to offer support and guidance to all students within a specialist welfare area in the school for students to visit at any time. As well as our pastoral staff, we also have a team of students who are on hand to help around the school and in the boarding houses. Our Buddies and Peer Leaders show new students around, explain the school systems, introduce students to new people and help them to settle in.

In the Sixth Form we have trained Peer Mentors, who offer a wide range of support to students and can offer mentoring on a one-to-one basis to help with academic progress, cultural understanding, contacting parents in the Forces, or day to day routines.

Our dedicated THRIVE@QE programme offers all QE students a huge range of activities to support their positive mental health and wellbeing. This includes activities and support such as; building self-esteem, strategies to help with exam stress, adjusting to change, home sickness, coping with a loss or bereavement, staying safe online, bounce back, and Forces and international support. Everything possible is done to prepare students for the many experiences they will encounter as they move through their educational journey and future life.

Sport at QE

All of Queen Ethelburga's students follow a sports programme with the values of fair play, honesty and determination at its heart.

We cater for all abilities and encourage each student to make the most of all the fantastic opportunities on offer during their time here. We have a well-honed mix of physical education teachers and specialist sports coaches, many of whom are ex-professional sportspeople themselves. This means there really is no limit to the level our students can train to.



Health and fitness is so central to school life for students that many continue with sport and exercise, either recreationally or as a route of study, that it continues to be a key part of their lives long after they have left us.

What enables us to deliver all of this sporting activity so successfully of course is the outstanding range of high quality facilities on campus. We have a dedicated Sports

Village, completed in 2016, to which all students have access to inside and outside of formal school hours.

The Village is home to a 25-metre swimming pool, triple court sports hall, 100 station fitness suite and free weights centre. Outside we have a four-lane synthetic cushioned running track and over 30 acres of both 3G grass and artificial pitches. We also have a number of specialist studios used for; martial arts, wrestling, dance, gymnastics, table tennis, cycling, archery, fencing and boxing.

In addition to all this, the students can make use of an eight-metre climbing wall at the campus activity centre, which also houses an assault course, BMX track and additional tennis courts.

Science Department

The Science department offers Physics, Chemistry, Biology and is based in a suite of 11 modern science labs, 2 teaching rooms and a large prep room. Each lab and classroom is equipped with an interactive board, white board and a computer. The science staff share the teaching across Years 7 – 13. As such, the successful candidate will be expected to teach all three sciences up to and including KS4, and at least one science in KS5. It will be a significant advantage if the applicants are able to offer Physics as their specialist discipline for AS and A level courses. The school delivers the AQA Activate programme to pupils in year 7-8; GCSE AQA Combined Science: Trilogy and separate sciences; AQA A level Biology, Chemistry and Physics, and BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science.

Physics is currently section of the department at A level, with over 50 A level students and approximately 100 at AS level. We currently have six sets of students in Year 12 and four in Year 13, with a maximum of 16 students in each group. Each class is taught by two members of the Physics specialist staff. Many of our students go on to read science, mathematics and engineering courses at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other leading universities in the UK.

On the co-curricular front, Science department has developed a very strong reputation for its extensive work outside the confines of the classroom. This includes staff and students having diverse opportunities to attend international trips to CERN and the Johnson Space Centre, Texas in the USA, as well as the regional and national events such as the International Particle Physics Masterclass at Durham University. Students are also given opportunities to participate in competitions which include Olympiads and various science writing competitions. Operating Theatre Live, Discussion forums, Discovery (research) Science and Race to the Line are also representative of the wide range of events that students are able to access and develop their interest further in the discipline.