



Queen
Elizabeth
School

Prospectus

Ambition • Integrity • Determination • Kindness



Ambition
Integrity

Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Queen Elizabeth School. In choosing us you will encounter an aspirational school bursting with a vibrancy and passion for everyone to succeed.

We are ambitious for our students. We want to empower them to achieve the best possible results, to progress to excellent further and higher education institutions and then secure fulfilling careers. Whilst academic success is important, we also foster a love for art, music, dance, theatre, sport and culture within each and every student.

Our academic curriculum is enhanced by sport and the arts, complemented by a wealth of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom; such as Duke of Edinburgh, sports colours and performing arts. We have a highly experienced and dedicated team of teaching and support staff, who nurture, challenge and celebrate the diverse interests and talents of our students.

During their time with us, your son or daughter will engage with successful universities, businesses and organisations who will provide unique experiences that will expand horizons and open their eyes to the world around them. We hold a wide range of valuable partnerships that benefit our students, including Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, The Shakespeare Schools Festival and London Luton Airport to name a few.

Our core values – Ambition, Integrity, Determination and Kindness – are central to school life. They promote high expectations and standards, encourage respect for one another and ensure we make the most of every opportunity to praise, celebrate, reward and take pride in all that we do.

Together I am confident that we will enrich our young people's lives personally and socially, enabling them to develop their individual characters and acquire the skills to progress and be ready for the modern world.

Whilst they will have every opportunity to pursue these personal interests and talents, our students will also learn to appreciate the importance of community and the contribution they must make to support it locally, nationally and globally. Through our core values, students are guided to become responsible citizens and leaders of the future who are ready to make a difference.

We are very excited to announce the launch of QE6, the post-16 offering at Queen Elizabeth School. As our school has grown, more and more young people in the community have benefitted from the excellent teaching and learning, support and resources within the school. QE6 will have classes that are smaller in size which will allow teachers to get to know every individual student and how to get the very best out of them. This will enable students to get constant support and feedback on their academic progress so that they know how to improve every step of the way. Our expert staff have a wealth of experience in working with students at post-16 level and our new facilities are ideal for getting students ready for their next steps. We will be sharing more details on QE6 in the lead up to its opening in September 2023.

This is an incredibly exciting time as we continue to make outstanding academic progress, providing a pathway to the brightest possible futures for our students. Join us and be part of something transformational

Mrs R McPherson
Headteacher



An aspirational learning experience

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The expectations of our students' approach to learning are aspiration, motivation and attitude. We are proud of our broad and innovative curriculum which is delivered and taught by our expert team of committed staff who have deep subject knowledge, complemented by an inspiring love for their subjects.

We have carefully crafted our approach in the classroom to ensure that every individual student is able to achieve their academic potential. We embrace innovation, offer challenge, instil a passion for learning, ignite intellectual curiosity and prepare students for their next step.

In Years 7 to 9, students are given a thorough grounding in the core subjects of English, mathematics and science which is enriched and complemented by the performing arts, languages, humanities and sport. In Year 10, we provide different pathways to enable students to focus on the subjects which they are most passionate about and interested in; and that are likely to play a more prominent role in their futures.

Our modern and contemporary campus provides a stimulating and engaging environment for teaching and learning in which staff and students alike can achieve, thrive and flourish.

Our exemplary facilities and resources include fully equipped science laboratories, ICT suites, art rooms and a dedicated music block complete with Mac suites and individual practice rooms. With professional lighting and sound equipment, our theatre is a stunning venue, perfect for staging performances. Our sports hall, fitness suite, dance studio, playing field and AstroTurf pitch provide opportunities for students to pursue their sporting interests, develop their skills and compete in a variety of competitions, challenges, tournaments and championships.



"I would recommend QES because of the support and encouragement teachers give you to believe you can achieve anything you set your mind to." **Year 9 student**

Determination Kindness



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our video on
transition and
pastoral care](#)



"I found the prospect of moving to secondary school quite daunting, but QES went to great lengths to make sure we were settled in and found the experience exciting, not scary." **Year 7 student**

A supportive community



Starting secondary school can be both an exciting and unsettling time with new challenges to face, environments to explore and people to meet.

Our dedicated transition programme encompasses a wide variety of activities to ensure our new Year 7s settle long before their first day in September. They will be involved in taster afternoons, induction days, summer school, transition meetings and team building events. We will also have gathered important information about their academic and social development prior to commencing their journey at Queen Elizabeth School.

Throughout their time with us, students are supported through our exceptional pastoral system which focuses not only on their academic achievement but personal development, mental health and wellbeing.

A team of Form Tutors, Year Support Assistants, Heads of Year and Counsellors are always on hand to provide bespoke advice and guidance as required. In addition to this, we have expanded our provision to include support from Grow, a company working in the region, who work therapeutically with individuals and groups. We also link in with Youthscape and work closely with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service).

A successful partnership with parents and carers is also one of our key priorities. We will work tirelessly to ensure that there is an open door policy along with regular home school communications.

A wealth of enriching opportunities

We offer a vast selection of enriching opportunities both within and beyond the classroom, allowing our students to develop their passions, explore new possibilities and build the skills, characteristics and values they will need to succeed in work and life.

From netball and rugby to gymnastics and athletics, there is something on offer for the complete beginner or elite athlete. Our students can represent their school in a range of team and individual sports, competing at a local and national level.

Our thriving and successful Performing Arts Department provides many opportunities for students to act, direct, design, create and produce. Opportunities are endless with the possibility of taking up the clarinet, joining the Big Band, performing in the school production, being involved behind the scenes, controlling the lighting desk and mastering production skills.

Throughout the school year, there are numerous occasions for students to take centre stage and showcase their talents, from school productions, music concerts, dance shows and sports days to events in the local community.

Educational day trips and residential visits are also built into the school year to complement the learning journey and provide memorable experiences. These include visits to the theatre, art galleries, museums and national conferences. International stays and intercultural experiences will also be made available with destinations including Europe and America.

We have many partnerships that offer our students the opportunity to focus their talents and interests; for example Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, Sports Leaders, Luton Caribbean Cricket Club, Luton Music Service, Shakespeare Schools Festival, London Luton Airport, The National Opera.

Students' personal and interpersonal skills will also be honed, enabling them to take advantage of future opportunities as and when they present themselves. Many of our students relish the chance to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme at bronze, silver and gold levels, take up positions of responsibility on the Student Parliament, raise considerable sums for charities, campaign for environmental change, and engage with the local community.



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"The wide range of opportunities QES provides us allows us to try new things and achieve both creatively and academically. Beyond my lessons, I've enjoyed making memories with friends during after school clubs and on school trips." **Year 8 student**





"I aspire to run my own business one day and know that the skills and qualifications that I have, and will, gain at QES is helping me towards achieving this dream."

Year 10 student

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A firm foundation for future success

Moving on from secondary school is another one of life's major junctions with a myriad of decisions that need to be made. At Queen Elizabeth School you can be assured that we will have prepared our young people for this next big step.

We offer a study programme, which is a tailored package and individual learning plan, along with a career plan that our students take with them into post-16 education. They will have explored information about careers, jobs and courses in preparation for life beyond school and college. In addition, our extensive careers programme helps students explore future aspirations, develop knowledge of career and education pathways, whilst also acquiring the skills they will need to enter them successfully.

QES's partnership with Unifrog, the online platform service offering careers and university guidance for schools, complements our careers programme, giving our students further knowledge and skills to choose different career paths and further education.



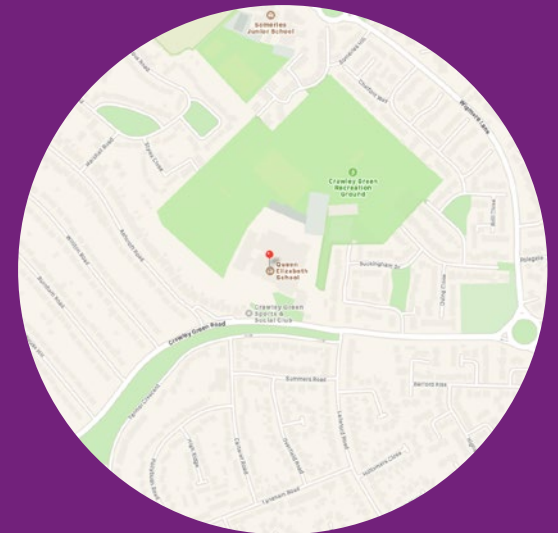
Our aspirations programme has been devised from Year 7 onwards. Students benefit from access to universities and colleges, external speakers and businesses, work experience, events and a wide range of workshops and programmes. We believe that the richness of our offer is enhanced through partnerships, networks and collaborative projects with other organisations – local, national and global. Our aim is to enrich our students' learning, confidence and motivation and in turn impact on the quality of school life. In demonstrating the quality of our offer we continue to enhance our students' experience and they develop a portfolio of skills that sets them apart from their future peers, contemporaries and colleagues. Working in collaboration with a range of partner organisations enables us to: maintain high academic standards and expectations, gain expertise and insights, offer additional benefits and bring learning to life.

Our extensive career and aspirations programme will support our students on their next journey as we open QE6.



"The students and teachers here were so welcoming and supportive. I settled into school life quickly and made lots of new friends. QES has been a great experience so far." **Year 7 student**

"I have really grown as a person over the last five years. QES promotes and celebrates diversity and the individuality of all its students, encouraging and supporting us to follow a path that is right for us." **Year 11 student**



All routes lead to QES

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