



QUEEN'S
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Welcome to Queen's

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Welcome to Queen's College; we are a co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 1-18. Our beautiful campus is situated on the edge of the county market town of Taunton in Somerset. Our gothic-style main building has been overlooking the beautiful Quantock and Blackdown Hills, areas of outstanding natural beauty, since 1846.

Children have the opportunity to progress through their entire education within our school, which allows them to grow in a nurturing and supportive environment, shaping them into well-rounded individuals. Pupils not only benefit from a first-class education but also learn from experiences outside of the classroom: we offer over 100 co-curricular enrichment options including sport, outdoor education, performing arts, music, tech and so much more.

High Performing and Award Winning



In 2023 we were awarded the esteemed Wellbeing Award for Schools. The award reflects the whole school approach to fostering a culture of exceptional wellbeing and pastoral care and the School's core values of ambition, creativity, care and activity.

Learn more about our award winning wellbeing

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High Performance Learning (or HPL) is a co-ordinated and communicable cross-phase educational philosophy that has helped us to develop a shared language of learning from 3-18 and which lifts the ceiling to enable even higher performance for all of our students.

Learn more about our high performance learning

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In 2023, Fortune, in co-operation with Statista, identified Queen's as a world leading boarding school, which is a testament to our highly qualified, experienced and nurturing boarding staff and excellent facilities.

Learn more about our world leading boarding school

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Julian Noad

Head of College

Hear more about our
Head of College

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I am proud to be the Head of this great College, with the exemplary care, facilities and opportunity on offer. We are blessed with extensive, beautiful grounds and sports facilities, equally impressive performing arts and sector-leading outdoor education. The energy and enthusiasm exuded across all subject areas, cannot fail to inspire.

We hold firm to our forebears' values of unconditional care and love for others; acceptance of and respect for all; and to challenge disadvantage. Queen's is a school founded upon safety and happiness.

Queen's College offers an educational journey, intended to be smooth and growing in challenge and opportunity, as each child develops. We are a school which also prides itself on excellent academic outcomes - our results speak for themselves.



Henry Matthews

Head of Prep

Our friendly family community combines traditional value and dynamic innovation, to prepare pupils for life in an ever-changing world.

Queen's pupils feel happy and secure, leading to academic success and personal growth. Small, engaging and stimulating classes build knowledge and confidence, ensuring all children participate fully, enjoy their learning and fulfil their potential.

The extensive variety of enrichment and co-curricular activities available build upon children's existing passions and encourage them to discover new ones.

The Queen's motto 'we educate not just for school, but for life' forms the foundation of our learning ethos.

Creative, Ambitious, Caring, and Active



One school ...



Nursery

Ages 1-4



Pre-Prep

Ages 4-7

Prep

Ages 7-11



Senior

Ages 11-16



Sixth Form

Ages 16-18



... for the whole
school journey



This is a kind and gentle place to start school with a very warm, family atmosphere.”

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The First Steps

Ages 1-4

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Our ‘OUTSTANDING’ Ofsted-rated Nursery is set in a purpose-built building with a traditional family feel, it is an environment that feels just like home. The nursery has thoughtfully-designed bespoke playrooms for children aged from one to four.

Children will then move on to Pre-Prep, where learning through play in their pre-school year lays the stepping-stones to formal education.

At Queen’s the focus on the well-being and development of each child is at the heart of all activity: the support and care provided by our qualified and experienced Early Years practitioners is second to none.

Pre-Prep Ages 4-7 & Prep Ages 7-11

At Queen's College Pre-Prep and Prep, we recognise that a caring, nurturing, supportive environment is critical to a child's educational success.

We get to know every pupil, allowing us to adapt our teaching for each child and to afford them the personal attention they need to flourish in their learning. We believe that the exceptional quality of the early education provided at Queen's enables children to reach their full potential.

At Queen's College Pre-Prep and Prep School we are ambitious for our children to be their best and they achieve a lot in return. Small classes ensure consistency, support, and offer an engaging, positive learning environment for every child. A broad and balanced curriculum, delivered in an exciting and tailored way, ensures all children fully participate and enjoy their learning.

We are a friendly, family school and we work with parents and carers to ensure good communication between home and school, which is hugely important. Our parents tell us they value this highly.

Our wraparound care to support busy parents is available from 7:30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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A kind, inclusive and close-knit school with a gentle focus that according to parents means 'pupils have the breathing space to shine'

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Senior School and KS3 Curriculum

Ages 11-14

We cater for the needs and talents of individual pupils to help them to fulfil their potential and exceed their expectations. We work closely in partnership with parents and regular contact is maintained.

Academic results are clearly important but are only part of the all-round education we provide. High quality teaching and learning are the core of our academic success. The teaching is innovative, creative and inspires intellectual curiosity. The needs of each individual can be catered for in small classes and every pupil is made to feel special. Pupils feel comfortable talking to staff, and specialist assistance is readily available when required. As you walk around the school and look into classrooms you will quickly become aware of how passionate teachers are about their subject and caring for your child. We really do encourage you to visit us and feel the special atmosphere that prevails.



A shining gem of a school offering an impressively all round education with the perfect balance of on and off curriculum opportunities, gentle and kind pastoral care, a grounded close-knit community and a fabulous setting.”



Read about our KS3 subjects

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Our broad curriculum promotes independent learning and enables pupils to study beyond the constraints of exam specifications. Physical education of students is also important; a wide range of opportunities is available including the major team games and regular fixtures against other schools and clubs.

The school has a very strong reputation for the visual and performing arts including drama, dance and music.

Students have the opportunity to develop their inter-personal skills including team work and leadership – so important in the competitive outside world.

GCSE Curriculum

Ages 14-16

Throughout Years 10 and 11, pupils will study GCSEs - the compulsory core subjects plus four optional subjects of their choice. These will be studied through to the examinations at the end of Year 11.

We offer an extensive range of GCSE optional subjects including:

- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Food & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religion and Philosophy
- Spanish

Pupils whose first language is not English may also have the opportunity to take an additional GCSE in their first language.

Information about our
GCSE subjects

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The core subjects are:

English

The vast majority of pupils will take both English Literature and English Language GCSE.

Mathematics

All pupils will study GCSE Maths at either Higher Tier or Foundation Tier. The most able will also have the opportunity to enter for the Certificate in Further Mathematics.

Science

All pupils have separate lessons for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Science is split between two courses: Trilogy (leading to a Double Award GCSE in Science) and Separate (leading to a GCSE in each science).

PSHE

Over the two years there will be a series of mini courses covering moral and health issues as well as study skills, financial issues and careers.

Modern Foreign Languages

Whilst a language is not compulsory at GCSE, we recommend all pupils to continue to study at least one language as part of a broad and balanced academic curriculum.

PE and Games

Pupils will continue their physical education, taking part in a range of team and individual sports.



Sixth Form- A Levels, BTEC Options & EPQ

At Queen's, our Sixth Form is dedicated to preparing students for life after school, whether they plan to go directly into work, university or take a gap year. Queen's College Sixth Form provides excellent support through these pivotal two years and this important stage in their lives.

Our enabling and supportive ethos is at the heart of everything we do at Queen's College. Sixth Form students are helped to continue development of their learning skills and are encouraged to think independently, appreciate each other, make the most of opportunities and get involved. Our small class sizes enable our teaching staff to give considerable support and attention to each individual, challenging the academically able and inspiring pupils who need extra support to achieve beyond their expectations. Our academic staff are all highly motivated, inspirational and caring people with a passion for their subject and whose influence goes beyond the classroom.

Our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, with its well-laid-out study and social spaces, is the perfect base to get the most out of Sixth Form life. There are numerous leadership and work experience opportunities; extensive Futures support; robust Pre-Med and Oxbridge programmes; and along with our newly launched Queen's Diploma, all offer outstanding opportunities.



Read more about Sixth Form at Queen's

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Read about the Extended Project Qualification EPQ

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Read about our A Level subjects

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2024 A Level results

97%
Pass Rate

35%
Awarded A*-A
Grades

63%
Awarded A*-B
Grades



Boarding

Boarding accommodation is comfortable and of a high standard, each with their own social spaces and kitchen facilities. The school provides a range of snacks and refreshments each day, to ensure growing appetites are satisfied! Varied and nutritious meals are served in our main Dining hall.



Resident, qualified and experienced House staff are available to provide help with school work as well as providing pastoral support. The goal is to develop independence in all pupils so that they are ready, when the time comes, to move on to new challenges beyond the school gates.

Our on site health and wellbeing centres provide medical and emotional support as needed, with the main regional hospital just a few minutes from the school. Appointments can be arranged on request for dentistry and physiotherapy.

Boarders have access to a comprehensive co-curricular programme after school each day as well as Saturday morning activities and a weekend boarding programme. This includes a variety of trips and activities on site, as well as the use of the sports facilities during the weekends.

Our Boarding staff have created warm, comfortable, supportive and friendly environments. Students have the opportunity to develop life-long friendships with young people from all around the world whilst accessing excellent education.



Watch our Boarding film

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- Queen's was rated one of the "world's leading boarding schools" in 2023 by Fortune.
- We offer boarding from Year 3 through to Year 13
- Flexi boarding packages from 1 to 5 nights a week available and weekend options including all trips and activities.
- Cotlake House cares for our younger boarders (Ages 7 - 12)
- Ages 13 - 18 boys live in School House
- Ages 13 - 18 girls are in Hutton House



Queen's co-curricular programme is an integral part of the school day and very much part of the curriculum. The extensive range of activities available is diverse, creating opportunities for our pupils to challenge themselves, broaden their experiences and realise their potential in variety of ways.

There are two co-curricular sessions each day:

Co-curricular 1 (CC1) – 3:40 to 4:25pm

Co-curricular 2 (CC2) – 4:35 to 5:25pm

Read more about the senior co-curricular programme

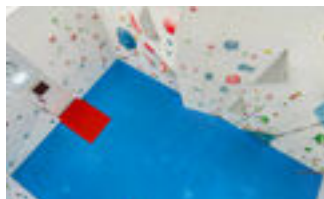
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570 Seat Theatre
(largest in the region)



State of the art
competition standard
climbing wall



36 acres of land and
sports pitches



Small class sizes in well-
equipped and purpose-
built classrooms

Contact admissions for information about scholarships and assisted places

Get in touch to start your child's educational journey with Queen's

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