THE HIGH ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAMME
Queen Mary’s College has a long-standing tradition of supporting high achieving students through this crucial time of their education. Education for High Achievers is a key priority for us. Every year substantial numbers of our students progress on to top universities, including Russell Group and Oxford and Cambridge, to study traditional academic courses including Law and Medicine.

At QMC we will help you to develop the skills and qualifications required to make you an attractive candidate to universities and employers. We will provide you with many opportunities to develop the confidence and maturity to interview well, and to make the most of the university place and/or job role you achieve. When you apply to university you will have the security of knowing that you will have support and advice every step of the way. You will also have the reassurance that your application is backed by Queen Mary’s College, one of the most respected sixth form colleges in England.

While at College many of our high achievers play for national sports teams, win prestigious prizes and awards, are members of highly respected orchestras, or dance and act in national productions. We also have music, drama, dance and sports students who have been accepted to the most renowned specialist institutions in the UK and abroad.

Regardless of your area of talent, QMC is here to help you progress and develop; you will find the facilities, level of support and the opportunities available at the College outstanding and we look forward to working with you to help you reach your full potential.

Ali Foss, Principal

Success at QMC and beyond

As a college we are very proud of our students’ achievements during and after their time here. We enjoy celebrating success and keep in touch with past students who are often very keen to return to QMC to share their stories and offer support, advice and work placement opportunities to current students. Our alumni students speak enthusiastically about the way they were so well prepared for further study and employment, as do Ofsted, universities and employers.

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Degree Classification - Russell Group (%)

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Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) 2016
High Achievers

The majority of students will be enrolled on three Linear A Levels or the equivalent; however, if you are likely to achieve seven or more GCSEs at grade 7 or above, including English and Maths, you should be looking to study a maximum of four Linear A Levels. In addition, you should think about enhancing your programme of study with elements that will enrich your studies and maximise your chances of entry to the top universities, securing the best apprenticeships or being a successful job applicant. Additional study options for high achievers include:

- Extension activities in a favourite subject
- The Extended Project Qualification
- Specialist preparation for Oxbridge
- Entry for national student awards
- Reading, discussion groups and specialist speakers
- Internet access to university academic networks
- Work experience
- Specialist support for students talented in sport, art and the performing arts

Critical Thinking

This enrichment course will raise the quality of your reasoning and strength of argument. It will help you to analyse other people’s thinking and respond with clear counter arguments. Critical Thinking improves analytical and evaluative skills and is therefore useful preparation for the EPQ and study at university, and is invaluable for the LNAT (Law National Admissions Test) and TSA (Thinking Skills Assessment).

The Extended Project (EPQ)

An EPQ is a chance for you to carry out an independent research project of your own choice, about a subject or topic you are interested in. This provides a unique opportunity to explore something that you are passionate about and it could take many forms. For example, previous students have done extended essays, a piece of creative work, put on an event, or designed a computer programme.

You will plan and carry out the work with the guidance of a supervisor, but will be developing independent learning skills which will be invaluable in Higher Education or employment. You will gain experience in research, project management, problem solving, analysis, evaluation, communication and will end the project by reflecting critically on what you have learnt.

An EPQ is worth half a full A Level, with up to 28 UCAS points for an A*, and could be part of a university offer. More importantly, if interviewed by one of the top selecting universities, you will have the advantage of being ‘an expert’ in your project area, and you will be able to talk about it with confidence. Working on an EPQ can also broaden and deepen your understanding of your A Level subjects, helping indirectly to improve your performance here too.

What ex-students say...

Callum Cleary

**Studied:** Geography, Biology and Mathematics

**Attended QMC:** 2014-2016

**Now:** Oxford University to study Geography

"The teaching at QMC does not just narrowly cover the content, but encourages you to form and develop opinions on the topics studied. Teachers are always willing to offer help, not only in class but in the vital revision sessions that are run in the lead up to exams. When applying for university the visiting speakers from Russell group and Oxbridge universities provided an important head start on the process. The support I received from QMC was second to none, helping to improve my application considerably."

Celebrating Success:

Science student Rebecca Barrett secured a place at Cambridge University where she is currently studying Veterinary Medicine.
Specialist Preparation for Oxbridge

At QMC we help many students prepare for their Oxford and Cambridge interviews. Your potential for being an Oxbridge applicant will be picked up through your GCSE results, tutor recommendation and self or parent referral. From October of the first year potential applicants attend sessions on topics such as ‘How to Apply’ and ‘Writing Personal Statements’. We also have visiting speakers from both universities, and sessions run by ex QMC students who are now studying at Oxford or Cambridge. All students have specialist one-to-one interviews and are assigned to a subject specialist for more in-depth work on specific areas of interest and preparation for additional tests. All Oxbridge applicants will be seen by the Principal and a select team will help you prepare for your interview through coaching and interview sessions. Our students are routinely offered day visits to Oxbridge colleges and weekend or longer taster sessions are also available.

What ex-students say...

Mary Roberts

Studied: Modern History, Politics, Sociology

Attended QMC: 2014-2016

Now: Studying International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science

"Completing an EPO was a valuable experience and very useful preparation for university. It taught me how to complete my own research, to work independently and to thoroughly investigate a topic. At QMC you are treated like an adult and this creates a really nice learning environment. Although you are at college to study, you are also there to have fun and meet new friends. I found so many like-minded people that I will remain friends with for life."

Professor Roger Ainsworth - Oxford University

Entry for National Student Awards

High achieving students will be able to take part in nationally recognised competitions for which they will receive support and specialist guidance. Many of our students have won awards and found the experience of competing to be of great personal benefit. It adds strength to university applications and boosts confidence at interview.

Opportunities include:
- Bar National Mock Trial
- Rotary Languages Prize
- Chemistry and Physics Olympiads
- Maths Olympiad
- County, Regional and UK Sports competitions
- Young Scientist of the Year
- Institute of Physics Awards
- ‘Youth Speaks’ Debating Competition
- Jane Austen Prize for Literature

Celebrating Success:

A team of students entered CERN’s 2016 beamline competition and finished runner up out of more than 150 schools from around the world.

What Universities say...

One of your ex-pupils, Melissa Oatham, has done exceptionally well and has just gained a First Class degree in Mathematics. Please do let us know if there are any ways in which we can help your college and, in particular, please keep sending more students to us!

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The quality of teaching and support I received from my teachers at QMC was great and enabled me to grasp the higher level concepts, succeed in and really enjoy my studies. Before coming to QMC I had no experience in studying Economics yet QMC gave me a real interest for the subject. My teacher was extremely supportive, providing me with further reading and discussions which allowed me to grasp a deeper understanding of the subject and this encouraged me to apply to do an Economics degree. My time at QMC provided me with the tools to succeed at a higher level and I appreciated the fact that there was no need for me to travel a long way to get to college every day!

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Studied: Biology, Chemistry and Maths, Psychology and an EPQ in Perspectives on Science
Attended QMC: 2014-2016
Now: Keele University studying Medicine

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What ex-students say...

English

English Literature is on the list of ‘facilitating subjects’ preferred by the Russell Group universities and many degree courses (eg Law) consider it an advantage if students have studied English at A Level. This preference for English is primarily because of the skills that you will develop as you progress through the course. An English A Level can lead you, then, towards a range of degree courses and careers. There are, however, clearly some courses which are directly related to English. These include English, Journalism and other media-related degrees, Publishing and Creative Writing.

Additional Opportunities include:

✓ The Reading Scholars scheme enables selected students to take part in additional lectures, visits and teaching offered as part of Reading University’s scheme for aspirational local students
✓ Individual help and tuition to enter essay competitions such as the Corpus Christi Marlowe Essay competition, or the Newnham College Woof Essay Prize
✓ Further English (an additional non-examined course taking you chronologically through the canon of English Literature to broaden your knowledge and enable you to put your set texts into context )
✓ Individual/small group preparation for entrance exams including ELAT, Oxbridge and international universities entrance exams.

The Debating Society

Learning to debate and take part in informed analytical discussion is crucial to developing critical and interview skills. You will find that opportunities exist in all subject areas and you could join the Debating Society. This lunchtime course gives you opportunities to improve skills in constructing and presenting convincing arguments, and helps to build your confidence in public speaking. A wide range of topics are discussed and you will be able to take part in competitions such as the National Debating Matters Competition, and the Hampshire Post-16 Great Debate.

Work Experience

The College has established contacts with many of the major employers and companies in the region to enable you to gain work experience. This is of particular importance to students considering careers in medicine, veterinary science, physiotherapy, legal work, and teaching. The Modern Foreign Languages Department have well established schemes where students can undertake work experience in Spain, France, Germany and Italy.

Celebrating Success:

Sima Kotecha studied English at QMC and is now a well known journalist and BBC news reader!

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Modern Foreign Languages

Studying languages opens up opportunities in a wide range of careers. If you are interested in the business world, in travel or tourism, or in journalism and the media, then you are likely to find the courses appropriate. Queen Mary’s College offers one of the widest selections of Modern Languages A levels in the country. The detailed programme of tutorials, events and visits complement taught lessons and this, coupled with guided support from our resident native speakers, ensures that students benefit from tuition that focuses on their individual needs and interests, the rewards of which are demonstrated in our outstanding results. Many of our students study more than one language and a large number continue languages at university.

Additional Opportunities include:

- Study visits to countries studied – including work experience
- Visits to cultural and literary events in the UK
- Admissions workshops and test preparation (MLAT) (SAQ)

Maths

Mathematics is important for virtually every field of study. The analytical and problem-solving skills our students develop are highly valued by universities and businesses alike. Maths is critical to understanding science and sits well alongside any combination of subjects, whether it be in the sciences, business, sport or medicine. Graduates from our courses have gone on to work in a broad variety of fields including Computing, Engineering, Economics, Finance, Insurance, Business, Risk Management, Teaching and STEM related careers.

Planning to study Mathematics at university?

By taking Further Maths you can study additional topics such as complex numbers, matrices and differential equations, and will also be able to specialise in statistics or mechanics. This course is recommended if you intend to study Mathematics, or a course that makes substantial use of Mathematics, in Higher Education.

Extension Activities include:

- Opportunity to compete in local and national competitions such as UK Senior Maths Challenge, British Mathematical Olympiad, Kangaroo Challenge, Rotary Technology Tournament, Senior Team Mathematics Challenge
- A programme of extra support sessions for students preparing to sit entrance tests such as Oxford, MAT, STEP, BMAT and other medical exams.
- Additional roles for students wishing to support, mentor peers and promote the study of STEM subjects in local schools

Celebrating Success:

In November 2016, 47 students took part in the UK Senior Maths Challenge, with 44 gaining bronze, silver or gold certificates, three students qualifying for the next stage Kangaroo Challenge and one securing a place in the British Mathematics Olympiad. Over 80% of the students who sat the test won a certificate, meaning that they scored towards the top end of results nationally

Celebrating Success:

Maths student Melissa Oatham has graduated from Oxford University with a First Class Degree and is now completing a secondary maths PGCE at UCL, with the aim of eventually securing a Head of Maths position.

Celebrating Success:

Language student Alice King went on to study German and Spanish at Oxford University and is now employed by the Civil Service after being accepted onto their accelerated development talent scheme based in Westminster.

What ex-students say...

Amber Swann

Studied: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Perspectives on Science EPQ

Attended QMC: 2014-2016

Now: Birmingham University studying Biomedicine

As part of the Medic group at college I found the workshops and talks presented by doctors particularly helpful to prepare for medical school interviews. The mock medical school interviews and discussions with past students about their experiences of applying were of great benefit too.

The level of teaching was interesting, engaging and of good quality at QMC. There were always opportunities to ask for additional help and attend many revision sessions throughout the term. I felt supported in my learning and feedback on my work was always prompt and detailed, enabling me to improve my work.
Studying science at QMC will open up opportunities to diverse and exciting career paths. Combinations of Science subjects are vital for many different career paths such as Engineering, Veterinary Science and Medicine. To this end we offer specific support groups to assist our students with these highly competitive applications.

Additional Opportunities include:
- One to one tutorial sessions for potential Medics and Vets
- Specialist guidance and preparation for interviews
- Visiting speakers deliver specialist and inspiring talks
- Experimental Science groups
- Olympiad competitions and other activities that support applications
- Student Robotics competitions

Medics and Vets
At QMC the comprehensive support package for prospective Medics and Vets enables our students to secure places at top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. In 2016 78% of our prospective Medics and Vets received offers to study at university, comparing very favourably with a national average of around 40%.

Perspectives on Science (EPQ)
This course explores the history, philosophy and ethics of science, and looks critically at the nature of science and its contribution to current world views. Taking this weekly course will develop your research, thinking and presentation skills in the exploration of fundamental questions such as the origins of the universe or the beginning and ending of life. The course also includes mentoring, specialist talks, personal statement preparation and work experience. Perspectives on Science has proven particularly beneficial for those students applying for competitive science courses at university, such as Medicine or Veterinary Science.

Science

Learning facts in History, Philosophy and Politics is important, but this is just a small part of what you will gain from our courses. One of the great strengths of these subjects is that they provide skills useful to a wide range of degrees and careers and this is often the part you will be using later in life.

At QMC we aim to simultaneously help you develop your skills in:
- Analysis (e.g. what does ancient comedy tell us about the ancient world?)
- Problem solving (e.g. how should we solve the issues with our political system?)
- Communication (e.g. what’s your position on major issues? How can you present it powerfully?)
- Team work (e.g. preparing presentations and arguments for debates)
- Independent study (e.g. reading and analysing a lengthy source on your own)

Did you know?
Amongst many other excellent progression routes, in 2017, students taking full A Levels in one or more of our three subjects received offers to read:
- History and Politics (Oxford)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Oxford)
- Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Studies (Cambridge)

History, Philosophy and Politics

Celebrating Success:
Stephen Turrell was so well prepared for study at university that he won a £500 prize for best performance, during his first year of studying Materials Science at Oxford University.

Additional Opportunities include:
- A ‘Model United Nations’ role-playing opportunity through the Debating Society
- Philosophy Club
- Political Philosophy and Historical Approaches reading group
- Latin for beginners
- Individual/small group preparation for the Thinking Skills Assessment and History Aptitude Test (for some PPE and History degrees respectively)
- Monthly extra-curricular talks (e.g. by leading journalists, academics and by College staff) as well as interactive events (e.g. a mock Parliament)

Celebrating Success: ⭐
James Coatsworth went on to study PPE at Oxford University and is now a Senior Research Executive at the BBC.

QMC really progressed my way of thinking in terms of if you work hard you produce results. The teachers were excellent and the resources and facilities great. My advice to you is never be afraid of failure and don’t just hope. Put the effort in and you’ll have no regrets.

Justin La
Studied: History, Geography, Maths and Chemistry
Attended QMC: 2009-2011
Now: After QMC Justin studied at UCL where he completed a Master’s Degree in Geology. He graduated in the top 5% of students. Whilst at university he was awarded a National Mineralogical Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in Optic Mineral Studies. The Bonnie Prize for Best Independent Research Project, a Master’s Research Project Prize for Outstanding Achievement and Contribution to current science research, and a Deans’ Award for Academic Performance. Justin had researched two original theories as part of his research and these are now being developed by top mineral physicist Professor Ian Wood.

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Psychology

Psychology is a popular subject to study both at college and university because of the impact that it has in all areas of life including education, health, sport and exercise, the economy and crime. Psychology is classed as a science subject and this is reflected in the style that it is taught. Students get to experience conducting laboratory experiments, questionnaires and observation studies alongside using statistical tests to understand the significance and impact of research.

Students develop an understanding of psychological issues and research methods, and develop important skills required both in Higher Education and the workplace.

A degree in Psychology opens up opportunities for further studies and also prepares students for a wide range of fields of employments such as the police, NHS, marketing, recruitment, teaching, counselling, social care, human resources and research positions (due to the level of understanding of statistics).

Additional Opportunities include:

✓ EPQ – students can embark upon an extended project qualification of their choice. They will research, collect data, analyse it and evaluate. This is an opportunity to investigate topics they have a particular interest in and to develop skills that would be highly useful in a university environment.
✓ Forensic psychology enrichment – covering extra-curricular research and concepts which span both forensic psychology and criminology
✓ Opportunities to present Psychological research methods to school age pupils with an interest in the field

Celebrating Success:

Hazel Jackson went on to the University of Cambridge where she graduated with a First Class Degree in Law. In 2015 Hazel was one of a four person team who were awarded a traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights after winning the European Moot Court Competition in Strasbourg.

Anna Barlow completed a Master’s in Occupational Psychology and is working as a successful Occupational Psychologist, soon to be Chartered Occupational Psychologist.
Business

Our team is made up of teachers with industry experience who bring their knowledge of employment to enhance understanding of major topical issues and the ways in which businesses respond. QMC has links with several businesses in the local area and organises useful visits and trips. Our students go on to access a range of Business based university courses and level 4 Apprenticeships after QMC.

Additional Opportunities include:

✓ Visits to local and national businesses
✓ Study visits to London and New York
✓ Regular speaker events with contributions from major companies, the small business association and non-profit organisations.
✓ Students run business events such as annual charity auctions
✓ Support for university applications and skills development sessions to prepare for level 4 apprenticeships, including interview techniques and CV writing

Computer Science

Computer Science students develop the fundamental skills and understanding required to make sense of our digital age and to imagine the technology that is yet to come.

They develop strong logical, numerical, problem solving skills that make them an attractive prospect for many different employers from a variety of different industries. Studying Computer Science often leads students to a career in the Computing and IT Industry, but just as frequently leads them on a journey into Medicine, Law, Business, Politics, Engineering or any type of Science.

Additional opportunities include:

✓ Guest Speakers such as IBM, Microsoft, Fujitsu, AWE
✓ Competitions such as Animation 19
✓ Links to STEM related business such as Visa Europe, CGI, Testology, Barracuda
✓ Support with applying for apprenticeships, university, employment

Celebrating Success:

Business student Amaarah Mirza graduated from university and is successfully working in the Tax Reward and Employment team at Price Waterhouse Coopers. Amaarah still firmly believes that QMC teachers had a lasting impact on her success.

Celebrating Success:

IT student Douglas Marshall won ‘Best 3D graphics’ in the 2016 Animation16 competition, contested by 1,378 students from schools and colleges across the UK. Douglas is now at Brunel University studying Visual Effects and Motion Graphics.

Celebrating Success:

Computer Science student Phil Christie secured a Higher Apprenticeship at Visa Europe, after studying Computer Science at QMC. Phil is currently in his third placement in the Systems Management team after spending six months within the Innovation department working on cutting edge new initiatives.
Specialist support for students talented in Sport, Art, Media and the Performing Arts

There are many extremely talented students at QMC whom we support in getting where they want to go, be it playing football for England, acting with the National Youth Theatre, or studying Art at Central St Martin’s College of Art & Design. If your area of talent lies within sports, art, music or the performing arts, we are able to assist you in achieving your ambitions and will help you to balance the demands of training/practice/competition and performance schedules against academic programmes.

Art and Design

All of the art teachers at QMC are also practicing artists who work closely with students to develop skills and ideas across the subject choices and support students in developing their portfolios for art school and university applications. Purpose built studios are available in all specialisms and include Fine Art studios, Textiles studio, Print room, Photographic studio with darkroom and wet processing facilities, Graphic Design studio and fully equipped computer suites.

The department offers students unique opportunities to exhibit their work in QMC, local and national galleries. A recent exhibition saw the best work showcased as part of the Basingstoke Festival at Proteus Creation Space, attracting a wide and diverse audience. Local companies such as De La Rue and Hctcreative have designers who have been students at QMC and this fosters some superior industrial links through placements, employment opportunities, the sponsorship of awards and consultative projects.

Graduates from our courses have gone on to work as Architects, Costume Designers, Photographers, Designers, Book Illustrators and practicing artists.

Extension Opportunities include:

✓ A comprehensive exhibition program of student work curated by students
✓ Professional Art Practice enrichment to develop work-related skills
✓ Life Drawing enrichment
✓ Portfolio sessions (group & individual) in preparation for university and work
✓ Residential trip abroad (previous trips have been to Venice & New York)
✓ Awards for excellence including the Brian Edney award which is an annual cash prize recognising two students every year who have pushed themselves and developed as artists
✓ Picture of the week competition and yearly book recognising excellent Photography

Celebrating Success:

Luke Edward Hall studied A Level Photography, Graphic Communication and Fine Art before going on to study Menswear at Central Saint Martins. He is now a successful Interior and Product Designer and Artist, featuring in many national and international magazines including Vogue, and working with companies such as Burberry and Christies.

What ex-students say...

Khazna Chami
Studied: Fine Art, Biology, Maths and an EPQ
Now: Oxford University studying Human Sciences

“Fine Art is a very enjoyable subject at QMC. Every student is given guidance based on what they want to achieve, from their own ideas and passions. The course is not just a matter of succeeding in terms of a grade, but enjoying what you do and learning how to explore concepts and build your abilities to create a resolved final outcome. The development and refining of ideas is such an important skill, as it can be applied to any creative projects; the emphasis that the art department has on this, coupled with the incredibly genuine support that is personal to each applicant, is very good.”

Follow us on Instagram to see work our students create: @artqmc
The Sport and PE Department is made up of a team of teachers each with specialisms across a range of sport and leisure fields including fitness, coaching, training, refereeing, nutrition and sports massage. The team works closely with students to develop skills across the subject choices and support students in developing their university applications and employability. Progression rates into employment and higher education are exceptional as students leave with a comprehensive knowledge and deep understanding of the subject, along with excellent coaching skills and additional qualifications that are desired by the sports industry. Graduating students go on to enjoy successful careers in an extensive range of specialisms including:

- Strength and Conditioning
- Physical Education
- Sport Science
- Sport Business Management
- Physiotherapy, Sports Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation
- Nutrition
- Sport Journalism

Support for athletes
QMC has fantastic sporting and training facilities, with coaches and teachers who can offer advice and guidance. We hold Leadership Academy Status due to our extensive leadership offer and also have particular expertise in a number of sports such as football, through our Football Academy, and rugby, where the College has attained specialist status as a result of its excellent coaching facilities. Whatever your particular sporting specialism we can offer you a specific programme of support, involving access to expert advice to support your training and competition schedules. You will also have access to free use of the College’s sports and training facilities. We have our very own Sports Centre complete with fitness suite, weights room, swimming pool, sports hall, gymnasium, 3G pitch, astroturf and grass pitches.

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Performing Arts

Having Central Studio (a professional theatre) onsite, as well as the specialist music building, is hugely motivating for our performing arts and music students. With state-of-the-art practice rooms, a recording studio, two purpose-built dance studios and performance spaces, students have the opportunity to perform in a professional venue and attend workshops by established theatre companies and professionals such as Emma Thompson and Simon Stephens. The facilities meet the needs of the music and dance industry and enable students to learn the correct use of technical equipment, specific to their chosen career.

Music flourishes at QMC. We have a variety of ensembles including the QMC Band who perform in concerts at College and within the local community. There are also opportunities for ensembles, such as String Quartet, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble. Some of these ensembles have performed at community events such as The Mayor’s Concert, Choir of the Year and in Festival Place.

In order to support your development as a musician, we offer a scholarship, and workshops throughout the academic year where guest teachers and professional musicians visit QMC to deliver a wide range of practical sessions. This is in addition to a series of academic seminars delivered by our specialist staff and instrumental tuition.

Many of our students have successfully gained places at conservatoires and universities such as Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Dance and Guildhall School of Music and Drama.