

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS 2022



Starts Here...

Welcome!

“ Queen Mary's College is an excellent place to embark upon the next stage of your education. With a vibrant and friendly atmosphere, you will find that QMC is an exciting place to continue your studies and achieve your goals.

We have a modern campus with outstanding specialist facilities, allowing you to learn in a stimulating and engaging environment. Students at QMC speak highly of our teachers and staff who thoroughly enjoy working with young people and supporting them to attain their ambitions. You will be expected to work hard at College, but you will find that you are supported every step of the way to enable you to reach your full potential.

At QMC we offer a wide range of courses and activities, catering for students of all abilities, with different interests and from different backgrounds. This prospectus will only give you a flavour of QMC so I would encourage you to come along to one of our Open Evenings to find out about all the courses available to you, and to get a feel for what it is like to be a student here.

You will find that the opportunities open to you at QMC are endless. It's just up to you to take advantage of them!

I hope that you will share in the success of QMC and I look forward to welcoming you to the College.”



Mark Henderson

Mark Henderson,
Principal



You are invited to join us...

OPEN EVENINGS

- ✓ Wednesday 6th October 2021: 5-8pm
- ✓ Thursday 7th October 2021: 5-8pm
- ✓ Thursday 28th April 2022: 5-8pm

Our Open Evenings are a great opportunity to get a feel for what it's like to be a student at QMC. You will be able to explore the College, chat with teachers and students, get further information about our courses, discuss your options with us and ask any questions you may have.



Follow us to see what we're up to!

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Why QMC?

WHAT OUR STUDENTS LIKE:

Students enjoy a highly positive experience; one in which everyone is supported and encouraged to excel and reach their full potential. **Our students' top ten aspects of Queen Mary's College are:**



The friendly and inclusive atmosphere



Excellent teachers who are subject specialists



Top class facilities



The wide range of courses



Fantastic pastoral support



Opportunities to achieve a wide range of qualifications



Extra enrichment opportunities and trips



Extra support sessions and stretch and challenge



The impressive campus in a lovely 'green' environment



Convenient location; just a short walk from town



"I really enjoy the campus, I like how big it is and how there are lots of places to go, so it never feels overwhelming despite having a lot of students. The teachers are really exceptional and engaged. They genuinely care and are trying to get the best out of you. I like the variety of enrichments offered and how we're encouraged to take part in a range of new things. I have a wide range of interests so I don't feel restricted to the subjects that I have chosen."

EVAN CUMMINGS Trinity School Newbury

Life at QMC

WHAT OFSTED SAID...

Ofsted's latest visit was a short inspection carried out in 2020. The Inspectors confirmed their findings from a previous visit where all areas of the College were graded 'good' or 'outstanding.' Their most recent observations were:

- ✓ The culture of continuous improvement is at the heart of the excellent student success rates
- ✓ The student experience is of a notable high quality
- ✓ Students' programmes of study are closely aligned to their needs and aspirations
- ✓ Careers advice and guidance ensure that students maximise their future options
- ✓ Students develop a broad range of skills to support their successful transition into higher education or work
- ✓ Students enjoy their lessons, participate well in discussions, and teachers use skilled questioning
- ✓ Many students achieve way beyond their own initial expectations
- ✓ The college provides a pleasant and harmonious environment for study, in which students and staff treat one another with respect



"The College provides a pleasant and harmonious environment for study, in which students and staff treat one another with respect."

The majority of students achieve beyond the expectations of them at the start of their courses. They progress well onto higher levels of study and the vast majority progress successfully into higher education or employment upon leaving Queen Mary's College."

OFSTED



EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS

The College has a well-deserved reputation for excellent results and 2021 was no exception. QMC maintained its excellent performance of 99% pass rate, 88% of the grades awarded being A*-C.

Each year many students supplement their A level programme with an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), designed to develop many of the skills required for higher education or employment. Results are consistent for this qualification, with around 75% of students gaining either an A*, A or B grade.

PASS RATE

A Level	99.9% (88% A*-C)
BTEC Level 3	98%
BTEC Level 2	95%
GCSE	100%
Foundation Learning	100%

88% A-C Pass Rate!*

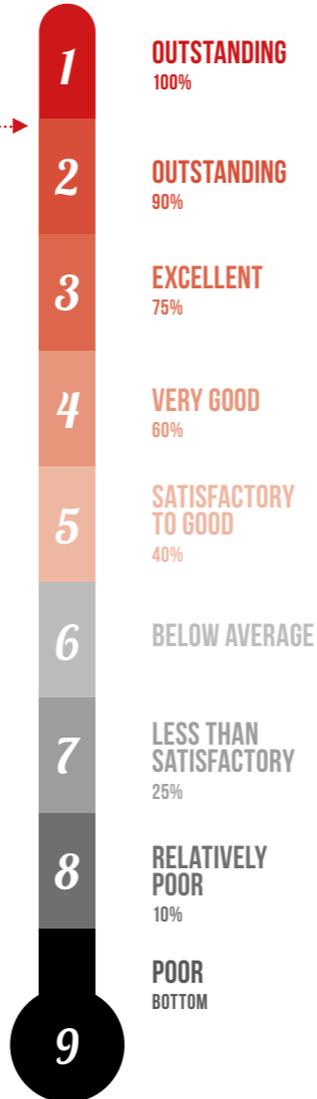


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Queen Mary's College

Top 10% of all colleges

ALL A LEVEL COURSES



VALUE ADDED AND PROGRESSION

QMC is one of the most successful sixth form colleges in Hampshire, based on the progress made by students since leaving school. Our students make great progress while they are with us and many leave College with better grades than predicted based on their GCSE results. At QMC you can take advantage of the extensive enrichment courses and opportunities on offer to develop or acquire new skills. You will be challenged, and will benefit from outstanding teaching and support, enabling you to do better than you might expect.

QMC has a 99% A Level pass rate!

BUILDING SKILLS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

University, employment, apprenticeships, sponsored degrees – you may still be unsure about which pathway to take in the future, but by choosing to continue your education at College you have already made the decision to build a successful future for yourself. QMC will help you to make the most of your time by providing an abundance of opportunities, experiences and support for you to develop an array of transferable skills, looked for by universities and employers.



"I chose QMC because it has a very welcoming atmosphere and the facilities are fantastic. The range of courses are great. Teachers are really supportive and they provide really clear lessons that help to progress your learning and improve your understanding of the course content."

REBECCA BILES
Aldworth School

Did you know?

The truest measure of our students' success is to be found in the value that we add between the point students start and the time when they take their external qualifications.

This is where QMC truly shines: the value-added 'thermometer' depicted in this section places us in the 'outstanding' category. We are in the top 10% of all Colleges.

College Campus and Facilities

The facilities at QMC provide students with a great environment in which to learn and socialise. With state of the art science labs and classrooms, specialist buildings for esports, art and music, our own theatre and sports centre and the latest technological equipment, students have access to facilities and resources that many other colleges just cannot compete with.

QMC is only a short walk from Basingstoke town centre, situated on a green and leafy site. In recent years we have invested over £20 million in the College buildings and infrastructure which has resulted in a modern, spacious and engaging environment for students to study in.



Fantastic Facilities



“QMC is a vibrant environment with fantastic facilities. I like that the town centre is so close as it’s given my friends and I a sense of freedom.”

EWAN ENGLAND
The Hurst School



See what our students have to say about their time at college!



Central Studio: Our very own professional theatre, complete with recording studio, dance studios and rehearsal rooms for you to use.



The Street: Here you will find the Help Desk for any queries you have, as well as the Resources Centre which caters for all your stationery and photocopying needs!



QM Sports Centre and Swimming Pool: As a student at QMC you can access QM Sports Centre and the swimming pool, located on the College site. The centre has a fully equipped fitness studio, weights room, sports hall and 23 metre swimming pool, and also offers exercise classes and personal training.

3G Pitch: The latest in football surface technology, our 3G (third generation) pitch is a fantastic facility and is something that many other colleges envy! We also have astroturf and grass pitches.

Café QM: Providing food, snacks and drinks, you will find everything you need to keep you refuelled in Café QM! The Costa Coffee Shop can be found next to the Café and is an ideal place to catch up with friends.



The Esports Building: QMC has a new £330k specialist building for esports. The building was part funded by EM3 and supported by Saracern, YoYoTech and Belong Gaming Arenas who all recognized the potential of esports as both a future careers path for our students.



The Charles Butler Building: The Charles Butler Building boasts a state of the art performance area, rehearsal rooms for music and a suite of six classrooms.

The Library: Our Library provides you with an extensive range of resources to support your learning and is a pleasant, quiet environment for study. With over 21,000 books, e-books, journals plus DVDs, databases and newspapers, it has everything you will need.

The Spectrum Building: This building houses bright and spacious classrooms and science labs equipped with the latest technology. You'll also find a food outlet on the ground floor.



Every year approximately 1,200 new students join QMC from a wide range of schools and backgrounds. Wherever you are coming from you can rest assured that you will receive a warm welcome, and due to the friendly atmosphere, will find it easy to settle in to College life. Starting College is a fresh start; a chance to make new friends, try new subjects and new activities and there is a lot going on for you to get involved with.

THE COLLEGE DAY

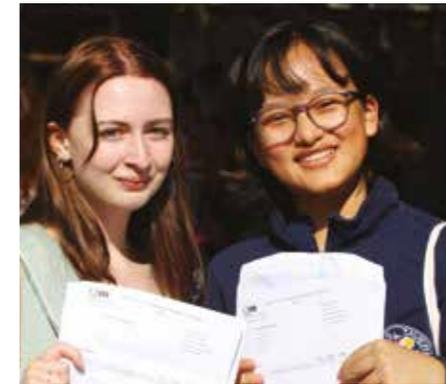
The College day starts at 9.00am and ends at 3.30pm on most days. As well as your timetabled lessons you will have study periods for individual study and coursework. You will also have time for sports and other College activities, there is a wide range to choose from and get involved with at QMC.

You will find that College is quite different from school; you don't wear a uniform, you'll have a new timetable, you call teachers by their first names and you only have to study the subjects that you are interested in and enjoy.



"QMC has a great community feel and the College is always on top of problems both within it and the wider world. We are taught regularly about issues such as Diversity & British Values as well as learning valuable skills that will open many opportunities for us in the future!"

GRACE SHELBOURN
Cranbourne



Student Life

STUDENT UNION

The Students' Union at QMC represents all students at the College and their views. The Students' Union is elected by the student body and their aim is to make your time at QMC as enjoyable and productive as possible.



“ Our role as the Student Union is to make sure that your life at College is the best it can possibly be. We work hard to make sure your voice is heard so that we can represent you, ensuring changes are made to improve QMC as a whole. We run Student Voice Meetings and so if you ever have anything to contribute you can come along to any of the meetings advertised via the College News and Plasma Screens. There’s a variety of opportunities to take part in clubs, societies and social events. Check out our Facebook page, Twitter or pop in to see us in the SU Link Box which you will find at the end of The Street. We look forward to welcoming you to QMC.”

QMC Students' Union



See what our students have to say about their time at College!



A guide to some of the Enrichment opportunities currently on offer...

SPORT & WELLBEING

- ✓ Recreational sports & activities
- ✓ Competitive sports, teams and coaching
- ✓ Mindfulness
- ✓ Art Therapy - Unwind the Mind
- ✓ Football Academy



CONNECT

- ✓ Work Experience
- ✓ Volunteering
- ✓ STEM Sellers
- ✓ Students' Union
- ✓ Student Ambassador Team
- ✓ Fundraising/ College Charity
- ✓ Learning to Support
- ✓ Intro to Counselling
- ✓ Chess Club
- ✓ Pride Youth
- ✓ Christian Union
- ✓ Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Group
- ✓ Philosophy: Thinkers
- ✓ Film Club
- ✓ Minecraft
- ✓ Reading groups
- ✓ Embroidery & Cross Stitch
- ✓ German for Travel
- ✓ Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Law Mock Trials
- ✓ Green Team

- ✓ **Employability**
- ✓ **Give Back**
- ✓ **Help Others**
- ✓ **Make Friends**
- ✓ **Experience**
- ✓ **Respect & Tolerance**
- ✓ **Be Kind**
- ✓ **Societies**

PERFORM

- ✓ Dance Performance Skills
- ✓ QMC Dance Company
- ✓ Instrumental and singing lessons
- ✓ Music at QMC: Choral Society, Function Band, ensembles
- ✓ Music Theory
- ✓ Music Performance
- ✓ Playwriting (National theatre project)
- ✓ QMC National Theatre Connections project

- ✓ **Your MUSICALITY**
- ✓ **Your EXPRESSION**
- ✓ **Your COMMUNICATION**



Please visit qmc.ac.uk/student-life/enrichment to find out more information

UPSKILL

- ✓ Art & Craft
- ✓ Life Drawing
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Art Curation & Exhibitions
- ✓ Creative Writing
- ✓ Competitive Maths
- ✓ Debating Society
- ✓ Further English
- ✓ Esports enrichment club
- ✓ Forensic Psychology
- ✓ History Wider Studies
- ✓ Biology/Chemistry/Physics for university
- ✓ Medics and Vets group
- ✓ Operating Theatre Live
- ✓ Robotics Club
- ✓ Infection Control
- ✓ Latin for Beginners
- ✓ Law and Legal Issues
- ✓ Learning with Children
- ✓ Politics and Current Affairs Podcasting
- ✓ Political Theory Reading Group

- ✓ Short Film Making
- ✓ Video Games Development
- ✓ Language courses for beginners
- ✓ Supporting PE & Sport in School (Level 2 Certificate)
- ✓ National Pool Lifeguard Qualification
- ✓ Fitness Instructor (Level 2)
- ✓ Personal Training (Level 3 Diploma)
- ✓ Duke of Edinburgh's award
- ✓ Extended Project Qualification
- ✓ Perspectives on Science
- ✓ Mathematics: Further Maths AS Level
- ✓ Mathematics: Core Maths
- ✓ Personal Training
- ✓ Marketing and Social Media
- ✓ First Aid at Work

- ✓ **Keep LEARNING**
- ✓ **Gain QUALIFICATIONS**
- ✓ **Increase EMPLOYABILITY**



"I studied Japanese for Beginners in my first year as an enrichment course and I enjoyed it so much that I decided to carry it on as a GCSE in my second year. I find languages really interesting. Studying Japanese as an enrichment at QMC has helped me to decide to study languages further at university."

BIANNA MARIA GAILLARD
Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School

Making the most of your QMC journey!

College Field Trips

During your time at College you will have the opportunity to go on field trips and visits, which will bring to life what you have been studying in the classroom. College field trips are always planned with an educational focus so, as well as being a great opportunity to visit a new place and have fun, they will enhance your learning and understanding of a subject. Recent field trips have included...



Media and Film students enjoyed a trip to Los Angeles where highlights included visiting Warner Brothers, Sony and Universal Studios and checking out the sights of Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive and Sunset Boulevard.



On a trip to Venice, **Art** students worked on a range of drawing, painting and photographic tasks throughout their stay in the city, producing exciting work to enhance their coursework. They also gathered artist references from a range of galleries including the Academia and the Peggy Guggenheim Collection.



Sport students visited Portsmouth University where they took part in laboratory based fitness tests, lectures and workshops.



Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament, where they saw the Speaker's procession and had a tour of the House of Lords.



On a trip to Iceland **Geography** students went on tours of Reykjanes Peninsula, Golden Circle and the South Coast including Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach, Solheimajökull Glacier, Skogafoss Waterfall and a visit to The Lava Centre Exhibition.



World Challenge students gained an insight into Northern India on a trip to Uttarakhand. As well as trekking and taking part in various cultural excursions they also spent time helping members of the local community.



“ QMC made sure that the pandemic did not disrupt the experiences on offer. The teachers had and continue to work resiliently and tirelessly towards offering the best opportunities to students. A fantastic example would be the annual QM Conference that took place live and online. This featured Saffron Cordery (Deputy Chief Executive of NHS Providers), Maria Miller (MP for Basingstoke area) and Dr Lara Alloway (Chief Medical Officer of NHS Foundation Trust). It was an elating opportunity for students to ask interesting questions to local/ national professionals and to receive fascinating answers. ”

NATHANIEL KING
Brighton Hill
Community School



“As part of the Oxbridge group I have been in various meetings providing information and support for university applications, as well as the annual QM Conference on the impacts of coronavirus on healthcare and education. It has been a fantastic and valuable experience.”

CHARLIE BOWDEN
Brighton Hill Community School



Duke of Edinburgh Award students enjoyed numerous camping and walking experiences in preparation for their assessed expeditions.



Economics students enjoyed a day out in London with a tour of the historical financial district of the city, and visits to the Bank of England Museum, and the London Transport Museum.



Biology students spent a day at 'LifeLab' - a genetics teaching facility in Southampton General Hospital where they participated in debates, discussions and hands-on activities relating to genetics.



Psychology students explored the topic of Social Influence on a trip to Krakow in Poland. The students visited four key places, that show the history of Poles and Jews throughout history and in particular the Second World War. During including a tour of Auschwitz, a concentration and extermination camp operated by Nazi Germany during the Second World War, students met a survivor who narrated her experience there as a child.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS



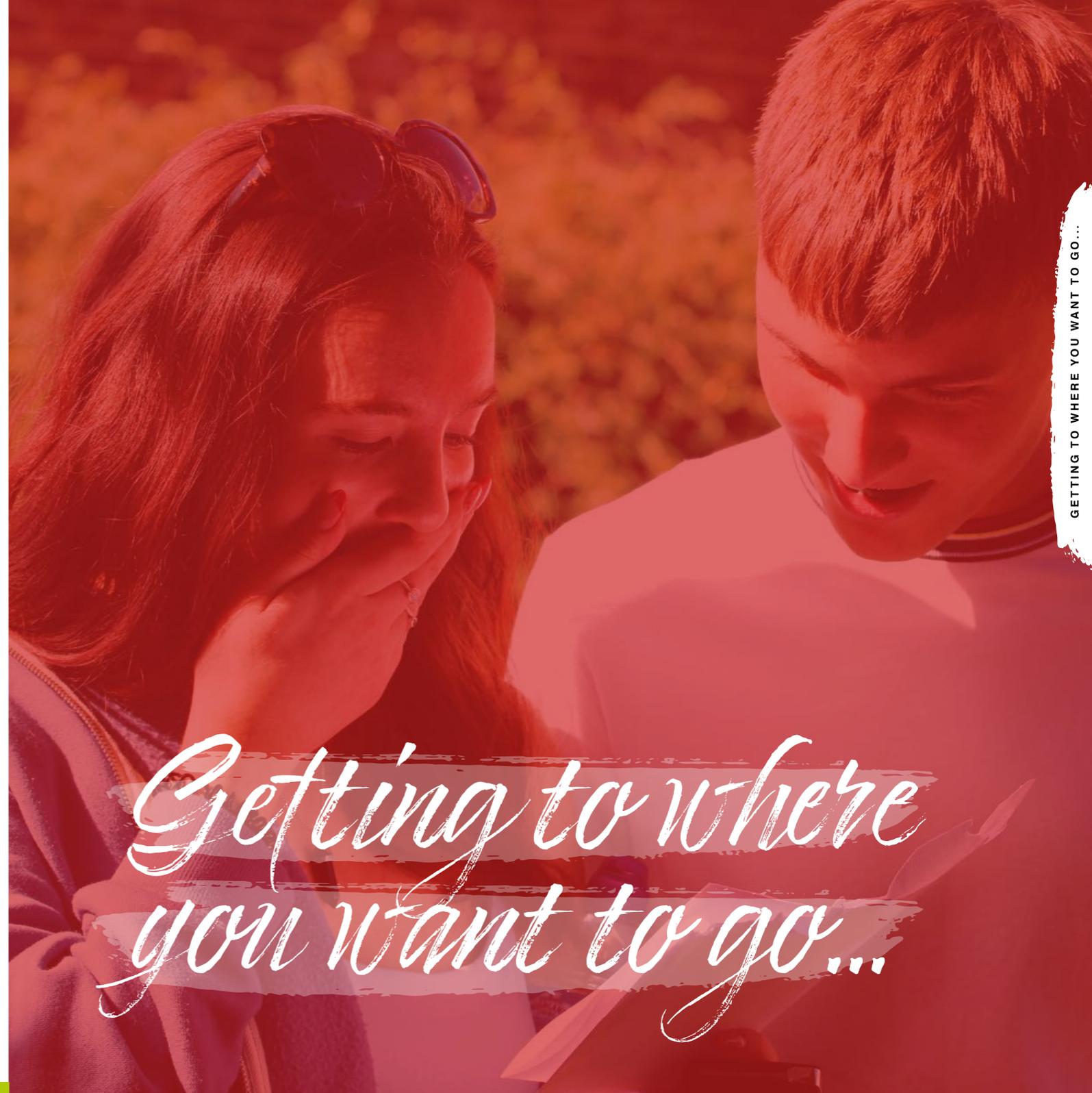
Politics QMC Politics students enjoyed a remarkable online Q&A with Dino Sofos (@dinosofos), editor of BBC podcasts like 'Newscast'. Dino's incredible advice helped students to take QMC Politics' own podcast, 'Pupil Politics', to the next level.



Textile students attended an online workshop at The Winchester School of Art. This included a tour of the facilities followed with discussions and practical tasks giving students an insight into higher education.



Geography students attended 5 webinars with 'Encounter Edu' to enable students to complete tracking and findings for the fieldwork data that will prepare students for their second year of study.



Getting to where you want to go...

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Student Support

Students at QMC do very well, with many achieving more than they ever thought possible when they started College. We encourage you to set your ambitions high and whatever your goals are – going to university, getting a good job, a personal achievement – we will work with you, and support you throughout your time at College, to make it happen.

The transition from school to College is new and exciting, but can be a little daunting as well. You have nothing to worry about; this will be the best thing you've ever done and you will find a wealth of support available to you at QMC which will enable you to enjoy your time at College, and achieve your full potential.



“ Students have access to a wide range of academic and vocational courses so that their programme of study can be closely aligned to their needs and aspirations. Careers advice and guidance ensure that students maximise their future options and consider next-step choices carefully. ”

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Find out more about the support available to you...

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YOUR PERSONAL TUTOR

When you join QMC you will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will be your main point of contact in College throughout your time here. Your Personal Tutor will also be one of your subject teachers so they will get to know you well and will be on hand to help and advise you on all aspects of your College life. You will have regular meetings with your Personal Tutor to discuss how you are doing and how you can improve.



The Help Desk: The Help Desk is your first point of call if you need assistance or have any queries. The Help Desk deals with everything from reporting absences to travel information, and UCAS forms to lost property.



Specialist Support: If you need any additional support with your studies including help with time management, essay writing, spelling, revision and coursework talk to your tutor who will be able to direct you towards appropriate guidance.



Wellbeing Hub: Health and wellbeing is important and we care about yours. That is why we have a dedicated Wellbeing Hub at QMC as well as two trained therapy dogs and various activities to enhance your mental health and wellbeing.



Careers Library and Advice: We have an extensive Careers Library to assist you in planning for your future. Whether you are thinking of going on to Higher Education or into employment after College, you can be assured that we have the resources and knowledge to help you make the right decision.



Confidential Counselling Service: If you have a personal problem while you are at College, which you don't want to talk to your Personal Tutor about, you may want to use our confidential Counselling Service where you will be warmly welcomed whatever your concern.



Financial Support: If you have financial problems which make it difficult for you to study at QMC, support is available. You can find out more information at qmc.ac.uk/financial-support or by contacting the Student Support team.



“ QMC were very supportive when I needed to take time out for competitions. They were always behind me and really interested in how I was getting on. I appreciate the people I had around me at College. The support from my teachers helped me focus on my personal goals every day. I have now been offered a scholarship in America for Tennis, so am going on to study Sports in the States. ”

AISLING McGRANE
Bishop Challoner School



Individual Learning & Development

At College you will be embarking on something new and exciting, both socially and academically, and will be moving a step closer to independence. Although we are here to help you, you will be expected to work hard and take responsibility for your own learning and development. Students find that QMC is a step up from school and a great way to prepare for study at university or a job.

At College you will have daily timetabled lessons, but will also have a number of study periods. You should use this time for independent working, coursework, revision and extra reading. You may also want to use this time to take part in some extra-curricular activities that will help you develop and gain new skills.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Education for High Achievers is a key priority for us. We have a fine and long-standing tradition of providing challenging and stretching opportunities for students who are academically gifted, or talented in another area such as sports or the arts.

QMC students who applied to Oxbridge for 2021 entry were offered places in subjects as diverse as Veterinary Medicine, Music, Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

We also provide additional support for students who are talented in other areas and, for example, play for national sports teams, win prestigious art and media awards, dance and act in national productions or play in highly respected orchestras. Wherever your area of talent lies, we are here to support you to achieve your potential and reach your goals.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING

Work experience and Volunteering are highly beneficial, both for your university application/CV, and for you as an individual. Taking up a work shadowing or voluntary position will help you develop your skills, boost your confidence and greatly enhance your employment prospects in later life. While you are at College we will highlight opportunities available to you. Many courses make work experience a compulsory module but we will also help you to find placements outside of College time. Opportunities are both varied and diverse to cover a range of career aspirations. For example; Health and Social Care students have spent time volunteering in care settings; potential medics have gained experience shadowing doctors and observing procedures at hospital; future teachers have spent time in local schools each week, as part of their 'Learning with Children' enrichment; computer enthusiasts have put their classroom learning into practice during placements at top IT companies; and students keen to pursue a sports orientated career have gained invaluable experience delivering regular coaching sessions to school children.

Visit our website to view the full package of support for High Achievers.

qmc.ac.uk



"I was given the opportunity to take part in a virtual work placement with fashion designers from Boden and Fred Perry. This was a truly inspiring work placement that enabled us to build on our skills and knowledge for working in industry. I was grateful to be able to gain this experience and add to my CV during lockdown."

MYLES CARTER
Park House School



Higher Education & Employment

HIGHER EDUCATION

Every year around 75% of our students gain places at university. Students go on to a wide range of universities, including Russell Group and Oxford and Cambridge universities, to study traditional academic courses, medical training courses as well as vocational degrees, degree apprenticeships, performing arts courses and many more.

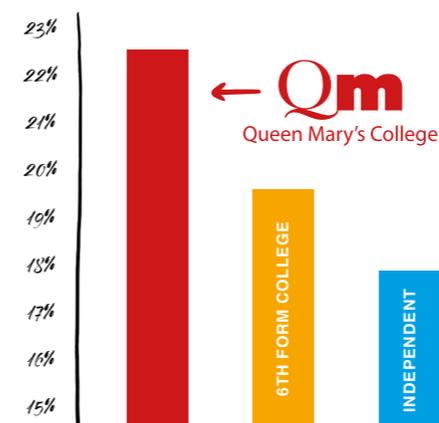
While at College you will learn essential study and personal organisational skills that will make you an attractive candidate to universities. Your time at QMC will enable you to develop the confidence and maturity to interview well and to make the most of the university place you achieve.

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.



Don't just take our word for it!

The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) released figures that demonstrate that a higher percentage of QMC students gained first class or upper class degrees compared to their counterparts in other sectors including school sixth-forms and private schools.



Percentage of students achieving a first class degree at a Russell Group university.



Find out more about the support available to you...

qmc.ac.uk/student-support



"I was encouraged and supported by my tutor throughout my time at QMC. I now have a place to study medicine at the University of Southampton with the aim to train to become a paediatric surgeon. I had lots of help with my UCAS application. The UCAS team responded very quickly to any emails or concerns I had regarding the process and helped reassure me when my application was ready to send off. The aspiring medic support group helped me so much, with entrance exams and interviews and all things medical school!"

ASHA RAJA
The Hurst School





EMPLOYMENT

While you are at College, as well as your qualifications, you will gain skills that will make you attractive to employers. You will grow in confidence and develop your communication, organisational and time management skills. You will also have the opportunity to undertake enrichment courses that will enhance your CV.

See what our students have to say about their time at college!

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“ QMC has provided me with the necessary tools to proceed on to work as a Senior Intern at a scientific company within the Microbiology Research and Development Team. I have plans to later study at university, and build my knowledge for a future career within the same field. I am very grateful for the learning experience and the support I have recieved from QMC. ”

NATASHA WHEELER
The Costello School



Choosing Your Courses

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

When you come to College there are a wide range of courses and subjects that you can choose from, some of which you will have studied at school, as well as some subjects that will be totally new to you. To help you decide which courses to take it may be helpful to talk it over with your family and friends, your teachers, a Careers Advisor, as well as staff and students at QMC.

It may help if you try and answer these questions:

- ? What interests you?
- ? What do you enjoy?
- ? What are you good at?
- ? Do you prefer examined or coursework based courses?
- ? What do you want to do in the future?
- ? If you have a particular university course or job in mind, which courses will you need to take to fulfil your ambitions?
- ? Are there courses that interest you that you've never been able to do before?



COURSES EXPLAINED

At QMC there are different course levels that you can study, and it is important that you apply for the course level that is right for you. You will receive plenty of guidance about choosing your courses during your interview and we also urge you to talk to teachers and students on our Open Evenings to explore course options that will help you progress to where you want to be.



LEVEL 3 COURSES

QMC offers a wide range of Level 3 courses for students to choose from. A Levels are predominantly examination based with the assessments taken at the end of two years of study. Applied General courses are assessed through a range of methods including coursework projects, practical assessments and exams taken throughout the duration of the course. The Extended Diplomas are ideal if you want to specialise in a particular subject area whereas the Extended Certificates will give you breadth and variety of assessment in your programme. Both pathways facilitate progression to university, apprenticeships or employment and it is possible to combine A Level and Diplomas as part of your programme of study.



LEVEL 2 PROGRAMMES

These are one year programmes designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to progress to Level 3 study or employment. You will have the opportunity to re-take English Language and Mathematics GCSE if these have not been obtained at grade 4 or above. You will have the opportunity to gain employability skills alongside the course and to take part in Work Experience and social enterprise projects.

LEVEL 1 & ENTRY LEVEL COURSES

These courses offer accredited units on a range of subjects, with a focus on developing employability skills. You will also study English and Maths at an appropriate level.

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Making the most of your QMC journey!

If you want to study...

- ✓ 3 A Levels **or** a mix of A Levels and Diplomas (equivalent to 1 A Level) **or**
- ✓ A L3 Extended Diploma course (equivalent to 3 Advanced Level courses)
- ✓ + Enrichment courses to meet individual needs and interests. All L3 Extended Diploma courses include work experience

Up to 4 Advanced Level courses (to include facilitating subjects) plus Enrichment courses such as:

- ✓ Science/Maths Olympiad
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Extended Project Qualification

**Note: if you have a 3 or below in English Language or Maths you will need to re-sit.*

GCSE COURSES

We offer GCSEs in Maths and English and they are available to students who need to pass. GCSEs are 100% examined.

If you are expecting...

- ✓ GCSEs at grade 2-3
- ✓ GCSEs at grade 1-2

You will need...

5 or more GCSEs, graded 4/5 or above including English and, ideally, Maths*

At least 6 GCSEs (to include English and Maths), with the majority being 7-9 grades



Key Facts:

Extended Diplomas are equivalent to three A Levels

Double Diplomas are equivalent to two A levels

Extended Certificates and Single Diplomas are equivalent to one A Level

You can combine A Levels with Extended Certificates/Single Diplomas

A Diploma D* grade has the same points score for university as an A* grade at A Level

Student Example programmes...

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	FUTURE
Student 1	Biology A Level Chemistry A Level Maths A Level Perspectives on Science EPQ Work Experience	Biology A Level Chemistry A Level Maths A Level Learning to Support Enrichment Work Experience	To study Medicine at university
Student 2	English Literature A Level Applied Law Level 3 Single Politics A Level Mock Trial Enrichment	English Literature A Level Applied Law Level 3 Single Diploma Politics A Level Creative Writing Enrichment	To study Journalism at university
Student 3	Level 3 Diploma in Sport A level Psychology National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Fitness Instructor's Certificate Level 2	To study Sport at university or through a higher level apprenticeship
Student 4	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Singing lessons Connections Theatre Project	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Singing lessons Playwriting enrichment	To study Musical Theatre at University or a conservatoire
Student 5	Level 2 Diploma in Media English GCSE Film-making Enrichment Work Experience	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Media Work experience Design and Development of Video Games	To study Media & Communication at university or through a higher level apprenticeship

Art & Design



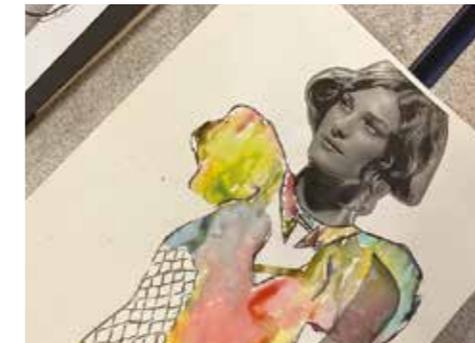
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The creative arts are at the forefront of British economic growth. The understanding engendered through studying art, design and photography at QMC equips young people with a visual literacy which enriches their lives and their cognition, whilst the skills they learn prepare them for higher level study or employment.

COURSE	A Level	Applied General Single	Applied General Double	Applied General Extended	Level 2
Art, Craft and Design	✓				
Art and Design				✓	
Fine Art (Painting & Drawing)	✓				
Graphic Communication	✓				
Photography	✓				
Textiles	✓				



“QMC is a place where you can be yourself and thrive along with other students with similar interests to you. The College has great facilities and amazing teachers with industry connections. They encouraged me to push myself to do well and I have now secured a place at the Westminster University studying Fashion Design.”

JOSH DEMPSEY
Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School

Enrich your Study:

- LIFE DRAWING • PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ART CURATION AND EXHIBITIONS)
- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION • FASHION PRODUCTION
- ART - UNWIND YOUR MIND • MORE - SEE PG 16





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Business Education

Every day you will come into contact with the business world, for example, when buying your lunch or working part-time. Business Studies will help you understand this world by looking at how businesses are created, develop, grow, survive crises and perhaps eventually decline. It focuses on people whose skills affect this process and uses theory to analyse the cause and effects of different management approaches.

 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Business	✓	✓	✓		✓
Economics	✓				



"I have enjoyed being able to push concepts from GCSE further and examine case studies to gain knowledge of UK and global businesses. I had the chance to attend the Surrey University trip for Business which was very enjoyable and gave us the opportunity to develop our presentation skills."

JAY PATEL
The Costello School



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WORK EXPERIENCE • MORE – SEE PG 16



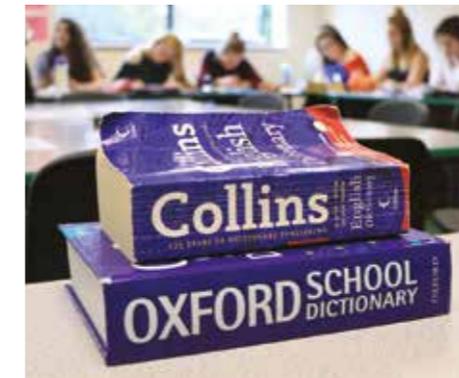
“At QMC my English teacher encouraged me to enter a poem for the Simon Powell Poetry Prize 2020. I was lucky enough to be selected as one of the winners and received an invitation to an online poetry seminar which was an invaluable experience. Winning the prize helped encourage a love for poetry, both reading and writing it and this has been supported by my creative writing enrichment.”

BRIONEY MERRIMAN
Aldworth School



English Language and Literature courses are highly regarded by universities as facilitating subjects and by employers as evidence of high level analytical and creative skills. Our passionate team of dedicated teachers will guide you through a range of contemporary and classic texts, fascinating research and case studies to help you develop expertise and build on your previous success at GCSE.

 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	GCSE
English Language	✓				✓
English Literature	✓				



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English

Enrich your Study:

- FURTHER ENGLISH
- CREATIVE WRITING
- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- LEARNING WITH CHILDREN
- PLAYWRITING
- ELAT PREPARATION GROUP
- READING GROUPS
- MORE – SEE PG 16

Social Sciences



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These distinct and complementary subjects enable you to appreciate the complex nature and diversity of today's modern society. You'll have the opportunity to explore the internal and external forces that shapes our lives and determine our life chances. As part of your studies you'll assess the merits of competing theories and explanations. Your understanding will be enhanced by our links with highly renowned academics and via the additional enrichment activities on offer.

Teachers within the department come from a variety of backgrounds and specialisms, bringing an often unique quality to their teaching. Having high standards and expectations means that each individual in their care is guided to achieve to the best of their ability.

 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Criminology		✓			
Geography	✓				
Law	✓				
Psychology	✓				
Sociology	✓				



"I attended the Psychology trip to Krakow, Poland, Vienna and Austria. On this trip we visited historical and cultural sites such as the Freud museum we were learning in class. I really enjoyed this trip as it not only allowed us to apply what we were learning in Psychology to the real world but also taught us new things about different cultures and historical events."

GRACIE TAYLOR
The Costello School



Enrich your Study:

- LAW & LEGAL ISSUES
- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- LAW MOCK TRIAL
- FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
- MORE – SEE PG 16



Computer Science & IT

Over the next decade, jobs in IT will grow five times faster than the UK average** IT and computing is an innovative, fast-paced and expanding sector. Our course will give you the opportunity to develop your ability with the latest software such as Adobe CS5 suite and MSOffice whilst building on a range of IT related skills. You will also acquire skills for progression to Higher Education and Employment. * Source: Dept for Business, Innovation & Skills.



COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Computer Science	✓				
Computing		✓			
Information Technology		✓			

Key Facts:

Each year QMC IT students secure Higher Apprenticeships with top companies such as Vodafone, Visa, Barracuda and CGI.



“QMC provides a mature learning environment, where you make the leap from a teenager to an adult. Teachers treat you with respect and the environment is relaxed yet motivating. Students around you all share the same motivation to succeed as you.”

BEN TODMAN
Everest Community Academy



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Enrich your Study:

- WORK EXPERIENCE
- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- MINECRAFT
- ESPORTS
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Modern Languages

If you are interested in languages and communication, and enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life, then Modern Foreign Language (MFL) courses could be an enjoyable part of your studies. Similarly, if you are interested in the business world, in travel or tourism, or in journalism and the media, then you are also likely to find the courses appropriate. There are a number of options in the courses where you can choose a topic to suit your interests. Whether you want to use the language for work, further study, training or leisure, these courses will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge. Many of our students study more than one language and a large number continue languages at university.

Every language you learn will open doors to a world of exciting opportunities, allow you to tap into new networks, and enrich your education. All lessons are planned to ensure that you benefit from tuition that focuses on your individual needs and interests, the rewards of which are demonstrated in our outstanding results.



COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
French	✓				
German	✓				
Spanish	✓				
Italian	✓				



“Within the language courses you learn the history of a country, it’s culture, literature and films as well as the language itself. At QMC I enjoy the wide range of topics within each subject and how passionate the teachers are.”

HANNAH BLUNDEN
The Abbey School

Did you know?

YOU CAN ALSO STUDY A BEGINNERS LANGUAGE, INCLUDING GERMAN, ITALIAN, JAPANESE AND SPANISH, VIA THE **ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME**. MORE – SEE PAGE 16



You can listen to QMC Politics' podcast, Pupil Politics on Spotify or Apple. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @pupilpolitics.



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History, Philosophy & Politics

These subjects offer new ways to see, think about, and understand the world. How did our world come to be the way it is? How is the country run, and how should it be run? Can we actually know anything about the world!? How can we test the claims and arguments made by other people?

Whether studying an ancient Roman document, or the very latest developments in Politics, our students become highly skilled in analysing information and making connections. In presenting a case for a particular understanding of a historical period, or a particular ethical position in Philosophy, our students learn to argue intelligently, in essays and in discussion. We help students to ask excellent questions, from Philosophical enquiries into what exists, to thoughts about which sources to trust most in History.



COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Ancient History	✓				
Medieval & Tudor History	✓				
Modern History	✓				
Philosophy	✓				
Politics	✓				



"Studying Philosophy at QMC is an experience I will never forget. The course forced me to develop a new understanding of myself, questioning my own beliefs that I obviously held for my entire life. The support I received from my teachers, both in relation to Philosophy and outside was exceptional, as they genuinely care for their students and the subject they teach."

NATHAN REES
Kampala International School Uganda

Enrich your Study:

- DEBATING SOCIETY
- POLITICS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS: PODCASTING
- WIDER HISTORICAL STUDIES
- BEGINNERS' LATIN
- POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY READING GROUP
- 'THINKERS' PHILOSOPHY GROUP
- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
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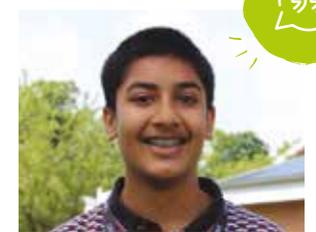
Mathematics

There is no doubt that mathematics is important for its applications in virtually every field of study, whether it be in the sciences, business, sport or medicine, but hopefully you will also enjoy studying mathematics for its own sake and come to appreciate its power and diversity. In order to solve problems in the real world, we often begin by translating the problem into mathematical equations to give us a clearer appreciation of the underlying aspects of the problem. We then solve the problem using mathematics and apply our findings to make predictions of what will happen in different circumstances. Where else can you solve an infinite number of problems in one go?

COURSE	AS Level	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	GCSE
Mathematics		✓				✓
Core Mathematics		✓				
Double (Further) Mathematics		✓				
Further Mathematics	✓					

Celebrating Success

Maths students Will Jones, Lwam Eyob, Heyab Eyob and Ben Lacey emerged as one of the top 20 teams in the country after qualifying for and competing in the National Finals of the ICAEW Base Competition. BASE provides the opportunity to put classroom learning into real-life business scenarios and is a fantastic opportunity for students to boost their employability skills.



"I chose QMC because it offered all of the courses I wanted to do as well as giving me a vast range of extra curricular opportunities such as Olympiads and competitions, as well as enrichments and Work Experience."

The method of teaching is fun and engaging. It's a wonderful place for learning and meeting new people. You'll often find so many like-minded people who you can engage in conversations with."

ARJUN MODI
Brighton Hill Community School

See what our students have to say about their time at College!



Enrich your Study:

- UK SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE
- BRITISH MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD & KANGAROO CHALLENGE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
- STEP & MAT PREPARATION SESSIONS (FOR APPLICATIONS TO OXBIDGE, WARWICK, IMPERIAL)
- DROP-IN CLINICS: THE MATHS WORKSHOP
- ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT (ENGINEERING CHALLENGE)
- MATHS IN ACTION/MATHS INSPIRATION EVENTS
- VOLUNTEERING ROLES: MATHS SYMPLIFIERS (GCSE PEER MENTORING)

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Media & Film



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Media and film both play a vital role in contemporary society. It is essential that young people possess the tools to understand and analyse the role of the (fake) media and the huge impact it has on their thinking, behaviour and other elements of their lives. We are supported by a wealth of technical expertise and industry-standard equipment which enables our students to excel in national competitions. Whether you prefer practical work or theoretical exploration the department has something to offer any individual who is driven to explore the media in greater depth.

COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Creative Media Practice				✓	✓
Film Studies	✓				
Media Studies	✓				



Celebrating Success

2021 SHINE AWARDS

Our students were highly commended in the following categories:

Best Magazine Cover: Caitlin Redpath
Best Cartoon: Lu Minte
Best Photograph: Grace Duerden
Best Magazine: CATs Team

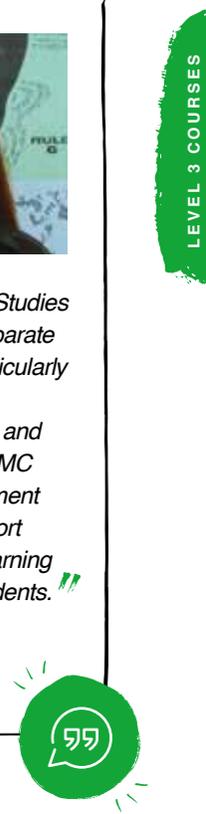
The highly commended students were invited to a gala lunch at the Guildhall.




"In Film and Media Studies we covered many separate subjects in one. I particularly enjoyed film editing, fiction film production and digital media skills. QMC provides good equipment and teaching to support us, making it a fun learning experience for all students."

HALEY KATHERINE MCBRIDE
 John Hanson School

Enrich your Study: SHORT FILM MAKING • FILM CLUB • ESPORTS • EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION
 COLLEGE MARKETING & BRANDING GROUP • MORE – SEE PAGE 16





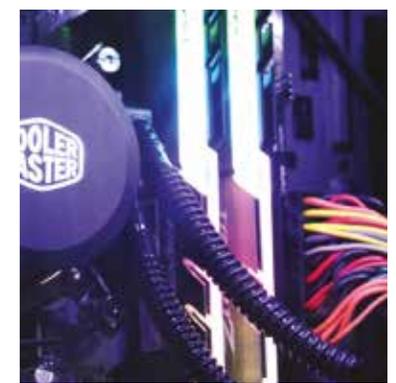
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Esports

The esports industry is a growth industry in the UK and many of the major companies are based in the South of England. This course has been designed to help students acquire the skills and knowledge to progress to university courses or employment in this exciting and engaging area. The rigorous and intensive vocational courses allow students to progress into a variety of esports areas such as creative, production based degrees and theoretical studies in areas such as branding, coaching, strategy and entrepreneurship.

Through our links with industry specialists, students will gain an insight in to the structure of the esports industry, the roles available and how professionals work to produce media texts and branding for YouTube, film and gaming sites. Students will develop a solid grounding in ways to analyse, research, plan and produce esports products.

COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Esports		✓		✓	



Celebrating Success

QMC has a new £330k specialist building for esports. The building was part funded by EM3 and supported by Saracern, YoYoTech and Belong Gaming Arenas who all recognized the potential of esports as both a future careers path for our students but also as recognition for the growing industry now worth in the region of £1.3 billion



“ College is good because I want to have as many choices as possible if I change my mind. I love that I can enjoy what I’m doing and not stress about my options after College, as I have so many available to me. Esports is my passion so I hope to have a career in the growing Esports industry.”

KIRA BLAND
The Willink School

Enrich your Study: STUDENTS COMPETE NATIONALLY EACH WEEK IN THE BRITISH ESPORTS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS AS PART OF THE COMPETITIVE ESPORT ENRICHMENT.



Performing Arts



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We have high expectations of all of our Performing Arts students and aim to challenge them to achieve outstanding results. Excellent facilities and a team of highly dedicated and committed teachers will ensure that you are provided with every chance of succeeding during your time at College. At QMC professional equipment and facilities have been carefully chosen to enhance your learning and help you acquire the skills you will need to work in the performing arts and music industries.

 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Dance		✓			
Drama and Theatre	✓				
Music	✓	✓		✓	
Music Technology	✓				
Performing Arts Practice				✓	
Production Arts Practice		✓			



Celebrating Success

Ex Drama, Music Technology and Photography student Max Harwood has recently played the leading role of Jamie in the film 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'.

"I owe my personal success and growth to QMC's course leaders who guided and pushed me to achieve my potential."



"I've had some unforgettable moments at QMC after long days preparing, everyone pulls together to put on incredible show. Every show puts a smile on my face."

MYLES WAUGH-BACCHUS
Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School

Enrich your Study:

- INSTRUMENTAL & SINGING LESSONS
- PIT BAND FOR MUSICALS
- MUSIC ENSEMBLES
- PLAYWRITING (IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL THEATRE)





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course descriptions*

Health & Social Care and Childcare

Health and Social Care is one of the most popular choices at college. The course is delivered by experienced staff from a broad background of health and social care areas, Social Services, Psychology, Child Care and Biology. Students on the course are offered high quality work placement opportunities and many progress onto high quality apprenticeships or University courses with the aim of pursuing careers in nursing, midwifery, social services and paramedic science.



 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Children's Play, Learning and Development		✓			
Health and Social Care		✓	✓		✓



"I really enjoy Health and Social Care at QMC, it has a good balance of teaching and independent work which is good practice for the future. The staff are really helpful and friendly, and if I need any help then I am always supported. QMC has helped me to find work experience that is related to children's nursing which is fantastic for my CV."

ANNA SOCCARD
The Hurst School

Enrich your Study:

- INFECTION CONTROL
- LEARNING TO SUPPORT
- VOLUNTEERING
- LEARNING WITH CHILDREN
- INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING
- FIRST AID
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Science

Advances in Science and Technology are revolutionising the world in which we live and influence almost every aspect of our lives. With the pace of discovery and development ever increasing, the range of career opportunities for people with the skills that Science qualifications provide are unimaginably diverse and you will always be in demand. Studying Science in our state of the art labs and project spaces will enable you to develop the necessary technical ability and knowledge to play your part. Whatever your talent, at QMC you will find customised support to meet your aspirations and successfully pursue your particular interests and goals.

 COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Biology	✓				
Chemistry	✓				
Electronics	✓				
Physics	✓				
Medical Science		✓			



Did you know?

Queen Mary's College is a recognised centre of excellence in science education.

We are an Associate College of the Royal Society in recognition of our leading work. We offer a generous programme of enrichment activities, with opportunities to work alongside professional scientists and engineers. Strong links also exist with a number of universities, enabling lab visits and other practical projects.



“The Chemistry Department at QMC supply excellent handwritten knowledge packs and corresponding training books with past paper questions. Each training book contains 30-40 pages of past paper questions specifically for the topic being taught, meaning you can go into the exams feeling confident.”

MADDIE REYNOLDS
Sherfield School

Enrich your Study:

- PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE EPQ
- COMPETITIVE BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS
- ROBOTICS TEAM
- STEM SELLERS
- ENGINEERING & OXBRIDGE MENTORING SCHEME WITH AWE
- MEDICS & VETS SUPPORT GROUP
- OPERATING THEATRE LIVE
- WORKSHOPS
- CERN BEAMLINER COMPETITION
- BMAT/UKCAT PREPARATION
- OLYMPIADS TRIPS
- TALKS
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LEVEL 3 COURSES



Sport & PE



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Did you know?

QMC is the only college in the local area where you can qualify as Personal Trainer, Sports Coach and/ or Lifeguard alongside your courses!

QMC has a fantastic reputation for its sporting programme, team successes and outstanding facilities. 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 that are desired by the sports industry.

COURSE	A Level	Vocational single	Vocational Double	Vocational Extended	Level 2
Sport & PE	✓				✓
Sport and Physical Activity			✓		
Sport and Exercise Science		✓	✓		



"The Sport & PE department have great teachers, all with excellent but different teaching styles. All of my teachers brought fun and learning together to make sure we understood everything. I really enjoyed the practicals and how they always related to the course."

ZOE GAWN
Court Moor



Enrich your Study:

- LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING • DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
- LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORTING PE & SCHOOL SPORT
- NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARDING QUALIFICATION (NPLQ) • HIGHER SPORTS LEADER AWARD (HSLA)
- LEVEL 2 FITNESS INSTRUCTORS QUALIFICATION • TEAM GAMES • COACHING • PARTICIPATION SPORTS FOR ALL

Level 2 Courses



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These are one year programmes. You will have the opportunity to re-take English Language and Mathematics GCSE if these have not been obtained at grade 4 or above. These qualifications enable progression onto employment and/ or higher level courses. You will have the opportunity to gain employability skills alongside the course and to take part in Work Experience.

BUSINESS

This course will develop your skills through a range of business-related tasks and assignments. The skills you will develop include working as a member of a team, personal organisation and time management. You will also learn about products, employment, job roles, finance, information technology, retailing and much more. There is the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and educational visits.

MEDIA

This course enables students to develop the technical skills and knowledge relevant to working in the media industry. As such, it provides the ideal starting point for students who intend to work in the media or related industries, or those aiming to go on to study at a higher level. Practical media production work including video, print, photography and advertising form the main focus of the year with additional units in research, communication, audiences and the creative industries completing the portfolio of work. The course is suitable for all students who are enthusiastic about working in the media. Students will be asked to work both independently and in small groups in some units.



Celebrating Success

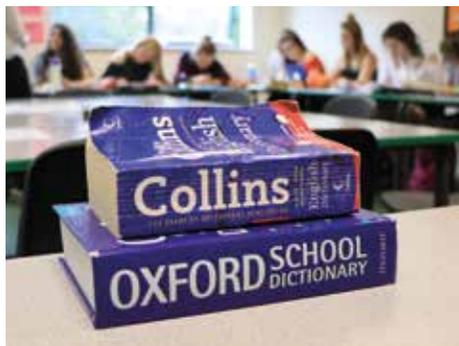
Michael Webb started QMC on a Foundation Learning programme, progressing through to level 2 Media where he secured Distinction*. With Michael's hard work and individual support from teachers he flourished at level 3, leaving with fantastic D*DD grades. Michael is now studying Digital Media Design at Winchester University.

"QMC is by far one of the best places you can learn. They supported me, enriched my life, and guided me onto my next steps."

MICHAEL WEBB
Dove House



Making the most of your QMC journey!



Level 2 Diplomas can be combined with English or Mathematics GCSE if Level 4 or above has not been obtained.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This course will provide you with an introduction to the Health, Social Care and Early Years work sectors. The course will appeal to you if you have a strong interest in those areas and acts as a good basis for developing a career in care settings including residential homes, hospitals, day centres, nurseries and community services. You will learn about the needs and rights of different groups of people who use these services; including children, older people and those with various illnesses and disabilities. You will also learn to plan, organise and produce written work and to develop your study skills and skills in IT and communication. Throughout the year you will grow in confidence and skills allowing you to progress to level 3 courses or into the workplace. The course is 100% coursework.

PERFORMING ARTS

This is a one-year course that aims to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to prepare you for progression onto level 3 courses, employment and/or as a stepping stone for a higher level course. You will be singing, dancing and acting. You will learn by completing projects based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands that would be faced by a modern performer. You will be assessed through a mixture of practical and written work. You will complete units of work that may include: Skills Development, Creative interpretation, Audition and Portfolio process and Preparing and Performing Arts Production. At the end of the course you will take part in a major group production, which will involve all of the skills you have learnt.

SPORT

Are you curious about the body and how it responds to exercise? Are you interested in an athlete's lifestyle and how they cope with the demands of training and competing? Are you keen to develop your leadership skills in a sports capacity? If so, this course could be a great choice for you.

This is an exciting choice of course which will see students gain a valuable skillset ready to progress onto a level 3 programme, further training or directly into employment. Students will gain valuable experience studying a variety of concepts associated with sport as well as developing a range of key skills such as leadership, team work, confidence, literacy and numeracy. This is a rewarding, applied course which is theory and practically based. It requires a good level of organisation and commitment from students. To achieve the qualification students will complete various work based projects and assignments that are based on realistic sporting situations, activities and demands.

GCSEs:

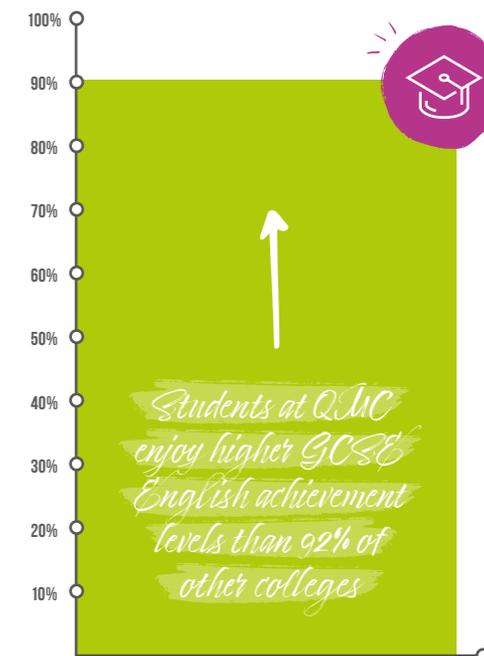
ENGLISH

English Language GCSE aims to develop your skills in critically reading and responding to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty first centuries. To prepare you for the unseen texts in the final examinations, you will study texts covering topics such as: crime and punishment, war and conflict, science and technology and travel and adventure. We aim to develop your enjoyment of reading as well as your analytical skills. The course will also help you to develop your writing skills across a number of genres for different purposes with a particular focus on developing your linguistic accuracy and vocabulary.

MATHEMATICS

If you miss out on a grade 4 at school, we offer a fast-track resit course, with the option to retake the exams in November. Our excellent pass-rate means your future plans won't be disrupted: you can gain that qualification early in the year whilst at the same time getting on with your other chosen courses. Job done!

Our teaching staff are all friendly and supportive subject specialists. Once you see your skills and knowledge improving, your confidence will grow. Whatever your school experience, we aim to make a positive difference, giving you the skills you need to make sense of a world of numbers!





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course descriptions*

Foundation, Entry and Pre-Entry Level Courses

ENTRY PROGRAMME

At QMC you will have a five day personalised programme which is aimed at supporting you on your first steps towards becoming an independent adult. We have a friendly and committed team of staff who provide support and reassurance when you need it and empowerment when you want to do things for yourself. We have our own dedicated classrooms based in the modern Spectrum building and we also make use of the wide range of facilities available in a large mainstream college. This includes excellent sports facilities such as fitness suite, sports hall, swimming pool, pitches. We also have our own theatre. Basingstoke town centre is only ten minutes away, giving us lots of opportunities to participate in the local community.

Your programme will promote independence and enable you to make good progress towards employment, independent living, good health and participating in the community. You will study English and Maths at an appropriate level and will also build up a work experience portfolio. You will study a range of accredited units and these will be part of the suite of entry level qualifications.

After this programme you could progress to our Progression or Pathways to Employment courses, Supported Internships or employment.



“ I came to Queen Mary’s College to explore the opportunities and further my education. In Foundation Learning I enjoyed Cooking, Enterprise, English, Maths and Employability. My next step is to progress to Level 2 Health and Social Care. In the future I would like to work in a nursery for my career. The College has given me more confidence and independence, as I can do a lot for myself and ask the teachers when I need to. I feel good about my achievements and learning new things about life. ”

REBECCA LUFF
Samuel Cody
Sports College





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"I am now in my third year of College and am in the Foundation Learning Pathways course, having progressed from Foundation Learning Progression Level one and two.

During the first couple it was important for me to settle into college and to become comfortable with the new environment. The entire staff and SSAs of Foundation Learning are so supportive and encouraging. They truly strive to provide the very best for each and every student. Their support has really helped me become who I am today, gain confidence and fulfil my potential. Now I feel able to move onto a mainstream sport course in September 2021."

APRIL BROWN
The King's School

PROGRESSION COURSE

The Progression Course is aimed at building the skills and confidence to enable you to move on to mainstream courses or into employment. The course is a one year programme. Units will be part of the BTEC suite at Level 1. You will also study English and Maths at an appropriate level and build up a work experience portfolio.

The programme contains a wide variety of different topics and subjects e.g. Media, Art, Business Studies, Health and Social Care. There will also be an emphasis on study and employability skills which will support you to make the next step in your life.

After this programme you could progress to mainstream courses, Pathways to Employment or into employment or supported internship.



PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

The Pathways to Employment programme is aimed at building the skills and confidence to enable you to move into employment or a Supported Internship. The course includes working towards accredited units in Employability in addition to developing independence, well-being and community participation. You will also study English and Maths at an appropriate level and build up a substantial work experience portfolio.

View full and up to date Course Descriptions: qmc.ac.uk/courses



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"When I came to College I didn't know anyone and I felt a bit nervous getting used to new surroundings and catching the bus. I was a bit out of my comfort zone.

The good things about QMC are being independent and improving on that along with my English and Maths. I have enjoyed swimming lessons and I also enjoy the enrichments such as Website Building and the walking group.

Next year I am moving into the Progression class. I am always up for a challenge!"

GEORGE EVANS
Samuel Cody
Sports College

Making the most of your QMC journey!

Essential Info



APPLYING TO QMC

We would encourage you to start thinking about what you would like to do after school now. It might seem like a long way off but it will come around quickly! Have a think about your options and make the most of all opportunities available to you whether it's visiting colleges, listening to presentations, attending careers fairs or having a careers appointment. Remember, finding out about college does not commit you, but it does keep your options open.

To apply to QMC you will need to complete an online application form at www.qmc.ac.uk

You can register with the online application system by entering your email address and creating a password. Once you have registered and started your application, you can leave and come back to it at your convenience until you are ready to submit it. You will need to enter your personal details, school, qualification details and a personal statement.

The deadline for completing and submitting your online application is **31st December 2021**, however we encourage you to submit it as early as possible so that you do not miss out on interview appointments, information and advice and invitations to exclusive events and subject specific workshops.

If you have any queries about submitting your application you can contact the Admissions Team on **01256 417500** or **email: admissions@qmc.ac.uk**

Apply by 31st December 2021 and keep an eye out for emails to avoid missing out on important information and event invitations.



“ So far all the important decisions about your education will have been made for you, but now you get to decide what you want to do! You get to choose which college you go to and what to study. Think about your options, research different colleges and courses, and talk to teachers, careers advisors, friends and family about your ideas. We're here to help and advise you, so come along to one of our Open Evenings and have a chat with us and current students. This Prospectus will only give you a flavour of QMC so come and get a feel for what it is like to be a student here. ”

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YOUR APPLICATION JOURNEY



Open Evenings: Our Open Evenings are a great opportunity to find out about QMC. You will be able to have a look around the College and its facilities, find out more detailed information about particular subjects and courses that you are interested in, and have the opportunity to talk to teachers and current students. Our Open Evenings will give you a real taste for what it is like to be a student at QMC and we encourage you to attend. You are welcome to bring your family with you.



Complete your application: The deadline for submitting your application is **31st December 2021**, however we encourage you to start and complete your application as early as possible and to adhere to deadlines set by your school.



Consultations: Once you have submitted your application it will be sent to your school for a reference from your teacher. When we have received your reference we will arrange a consultation with you. This will be an individual appointment with a member of College staff who will chat with you about your course choices and ambitions for the future. Depending on which school you go to you will either be invited in to College for your consultation, or be seen in school.



Your Place: Following your successful consultation you will be offered a place at College. You will be given a Welcome Letter and we ask that you log in to the application system to accept your place as soon as possible.



Enrolment Pack: Your Enrolment pack will be emailed to you in June and will have all the information you need about starting College, including transport forms. Your parents will also be invited, via email, to attend a Parent Information Meeting.



Welcome Day: You will be invited to our Welcome Day which will take place in July. The day will be an informal induction to QMC before you start in September, and an opportunity to meet teachers and other new students. As you are not required to make a final decision about your chosen college until August, we encourage you to keep your application open and attend Welcome Events for each college. This way you will discover which one feels right for you and you will feel more confident about your choice.



GCSE: Whether your results are better than expected, or not as good as you had hoped, we can find the right programme of study to help you achieve your future goals and to reach your full potential.



Enrolment: You will be given an Enrolment appointment which will take place after Results Day in College. Following this you will be ready to start College the following week!

HOW TO FIND US

The College operates a green travel plan and encourages visitors and students to use the most environmentally friendly form of transport to get to the College, which is a short walk (approximately 20 minutes) from Basingstoke town centre, the train station and bus station.



By Train: Direct trains run at frequent intervals into Basingstoke from London Waterloo, Reading, Salisbury, the South West, Southampton, Bournemouth and Weymouth.



By Bus: Stagecoach bus service run frequent buses throughout the local area into Basingstoke. Visitors to the College can visit www.stagecoachbus.com for timetable and ticket information.

Students who will be travelling to College by Stagecoach bus will benefit from a bus pass which is subsidised by the College. The College also operates its own bus service for students from the Andover, Burghfield, Fleet and Newbury areas, at a subsidised cost. For more information about the Stagecoach and College bus services please visit www.qmc.ac.uk/travel



By Car: Basingstoke is easily accessible by road from all directions. The following routes all lead directly onto Basingstoke ring road:

- ✓ M3, leave at junction 6 from London (from the north) and Southampton (from the south)
- ✓ A33, from Reading and beyond
- ✓ A339, from Newbury and beyond
- ✓ A30, from Camberley (from the east) and Winchester (from the west)

Follow the Ring Road South and leave at Hackwood Road roundabout on the A339 following signs to Queen Mary's College. On arrival at College visitors should follow signs to the Visitors Car Park.

Parking at the College is limited for students. Students who are planning on driving to College will need to apply for a parking permit which are issued on a priority basis. For more information about parking permits please visit www.qmc.ac.uk/travel

For detailed information about our Open Evenings visit www.qmc.ac.uk/open-evening

Open Evenings

ARE TAKING PLACE ON:

- ✓ Wednesday 6th October 2021: 5-8pm
- ✓ Thursday 7th October 2021: 5-8pm
- ✓ Thursday 28th April 2022: 5-8pm

If you are driving to our Open Evenings please be aware that parking on site is limited. A free park and ride bus service will be in operation and clearly signposted on your approach to QMC.





“The ambience and staff definitely excelled all expectations. The positive atmosphere definitely makes me want to attend and also recommend to others.”

JESSICA JESUDIAN

Suchitra Academy
International School

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, queries or require further information about Queen Mary's College please get in touch with us. You can contact us on:

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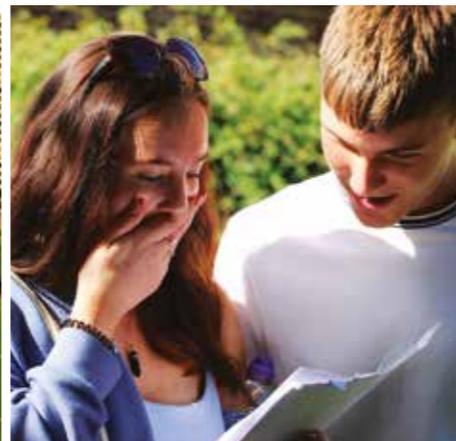
And you can keep up to date with what's going on at QMC via social media:



Follow us!



We look forward to welcoming you to QMC!





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