



Queen Elizabeth's *School*



Educating to empower

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a brief history

QE is a school with a proud history of serving Crediton and the surrounding villages that stretches back over four hundred and seventy years, originally as a grammar school, then as a boarding grammar for boys and girls. We are now a fully inclusive comprehensive school for students aged 11 - 18.

We have two separate sites, or campuses. The Barnfield campus, with its beautiful grounds and views right across the hills to Dartmoor, is the former Shelley School and houses years 7 and 8. The smaller scale and the open spaces allow our younger students to flourish in a safe and caring environment.

The Western Road campus houses years 9 to 13 in an eclectic mix of impressive and well-resourced buildings that includes the grade II listed College House, which is now our Sixth Form centre, and the red-brick West Wing originally opened in 1910 as the High School for Girls.





Welcome *from the Principal*

Welcome to Queen Elizabeth's School or QE, as it is often affectionately known.

At QE we care passionately about each student as a unique individual and do our utmost to ensure their wellbeing and happiness, as ultimately this breeds their success.

We are a successful school at the heart of our community. Students make good and outstanding progress here. We understand the importance of excellent exam results and believe that education must deliver secure knowledge, problem solving skills, deep understanding and the ability to think creatively. We believe that education is a holistic enterprise and therefore have a vibrant range of co-curricular activities, from the most fabulous theatre productions, art and music to sporting excellence and an extensive outdoor education programme.

I hope this prospectus gives you an insight into our school and I invite you to come and visit us to find out more.

Rupert Poole



Our ethos, vision and values

QE is a place where all people are empowered. Our curriculum challenges students, inspiring their curiosity and creativity. We develop knowledge and understanding of the world and promote the values of respect, reflection and resilience.

Our vision is to be a place where all people in our community progress and are engaged and fulfilled.

At QE we are empowered by the values of **respect**, **reflection** and **resilience**.

Respect: We are considerate and we help each other. Treating everyone equally and understanding our differences makes our world stronger.

Reflection: We progress by giving careful consideration to what we do. Thinking about our actions in a positive way guides us as we move forward.

Resilience: We overcome difficulties and work on things to get better at them. Embracing challenges helps us to learn.

Each student as a *Unique individual*



We work hard to ensure that each child is treated as an individual and given the support they need to make progress.

Children, indeed all humans, need to be happy in order to make good progress. Our students' happiness is supported by providing a harmonious environment based on the principle of mutual respect. Our approach to learning builds students' confidence and belief that ability is not fixed but can be enhanced through persistence, embracing challenges and effort. We use appropriate praise and feedback to motivate and encourage students to reflect on and understand the way they learn – by teaching how we learn we can improve their ability to learn. We make sure that teachers know their students well and we have excellent relationships between staff and students. Positive relationships with parents and carers are essential to the success of our young people. We work hard to keep you informed about your child's progress and pastoral development at all stages of their school life.





Education is a *holistic enterprise*

Broader experiences create broader minds.

A child's education has to be rich and varied, and we ensure that subjects and activities such as expressive arts and technology are part of our students' diet. Our students have access to a huge range of co-curricular activities and we believe that getting involved in some form of activity outside of normal lessons is an essential ingredient of success. We have genuine excellence in the expressive arts and are famous for our productions. Our students are involved in sport at the highest level. Our extensive outdoor education programme includes preparing students for the gruelling Ten Tors and many of our students participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, with expeditions taking our students to the furthest corners of the earth.



Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is extensive, a benefit of our larger than average size.

Excellent teaching is at the heart of our success. We value the essence of the subjects we teach, their distinctiveness and how they contribute to our understanding of the world and the development of the individual. All our subjects inspire curiosity, critical thinking and an outward looking view in our students; helping them understand the world, their role in it and their role in shaping it for the better. We expand on our students' skills and support them to thrive in the 21st Century – economically and in terms of wellbeing, resilience and a sense of self-worth.





Our Sixth Form

QE has a thriving and successful Sixth Form based in the grade II listed College House.

We maintain the traditional strengths of school Sixth Forms; being able to provide a personal experience to students along with real intellectual challenge in a stimulating and well-resourced environment. We offer excellent teaching that has consistently allowed our students to make outstanding progress and gain access to the best universities. Study programmes are extensive with a wide variety of courses on offer. Co-curricular activities are encouraged and supported, ensuring students develop confidence and independence in preparation for adult life. We have high expectations of our students and this is always underpinned by support from our dedicated Sixth Form Tutors and support team, led by our Head of Sixth Form.





A successful school at the heart of our community

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