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Dear Parent and Carers

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## Start of Academic Year Letter– Academic Year 24/25

### Welcome to our New Staff

As our school population grows, we are excited to welcome 115 new Year 7 students to QE in September. To better support the pupils in Years 7, 9, and 10, we will be moving from three to four Forms. To accommodate more pupils, we welcome the following new members of staff to Queen Elizabeth High School in September:

- Mrs Hopwood English Teacher
- Mrs Fisher English/Drama Teacher
- Mrs Pearce Spanish Teacher
- Mrs Lazano Spanish Teacher
- Ms Dean Maths Teacher
- Mr Allen RE Teacher
- Mr Brooks PE HLTA
- Miss Cross TA
- Mrs Wilson TA

### Senior Leadership Team Structure

Role	Staff Member
Head of School	Mr Seneque
Deputy Head Teacher – Culture of QE	Mr Lake
Assistant Head Teacher - Data & Reporting	Mrs Watkiss
Assistant Head Teacher - Attendance & Pastoral	Mr Racic
Assistant Head Teacher - DSL SENDCO	Mrs Davies
Director of STEM	Mr Langley

### The School Day

<b>Start of School:</b>	08:30
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	08:35 - 09:40
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	09:40 - 10:45
<b>Breaktime:</b>	10:45 - 11:05
<b>Lesson 3:</b>	11:05 - 12:10
<b>Lesson 4:</b>	12:10 - 13:15
<b>Lunch Time:</b>	13:15 - 13:50
<b>Form Time:</b>	13:50 – 14:10
<b>Lesson 5:</b>	14:10 - 15:15
<b>End of School:</b>	15:15

To optimise learning time, we have moved from a 6-period day to a 5-period day, with each lesson extended from 55 minutes to 65 minutes. Pupils no longer receive double lessons. Additionally, pupils will no longer attend Form Time for the first 20 minutes of the day but will go straight into their first lesson at 8:35 AM.

## Uniform Expectations

Our school uniform policy is designed to be practical and comfortable while providing some choices for parents and pupils. We ask for your support in ensuring that all pupils adhere to the following guidelines:

### Uniform Options:

- Option 1:
  - Navy blazer with QE branded badge
  - Formal black school trousers, shorts, or skirt
  - Formal white collared shirt or blouse
  - QE school tie
- Option 2:
  - Navy QE polo shirt
  - Navy QE sweatshirt
  - Formal black school trousers, shorts, or skirt

### Additional Uniform Requirements:

- Plain black formal school shoes or black trainer-type shoes with no visible logos.
- Black tights: additional socks with tights should be plain black.
- School trousers must be formal (no denim, skinny-style, leggings, jeggings, tracksuit bottoms, jogging bottoms, or cargo styles).
- Skirts should be a decent, dignified, and reasonable length (no Lycra/stretchy/tight skirts).
- Only QE branded shorts or formal tailored black or grey shorts are permitted (no PE shorts or other styles).
- Any belts worn should be plain black.
- Pupils should have a waterproof coat for cold/wet days. This should not be worn inside the school buildings.

### Hair, Nails, Make-up, and Jewellery:

- Hair must be a natural colour with no tramlines, patterns, or dyes.
- Eyebrows and eyelashes should remain natural (no patterns, dyes, or fake additions).
- Nails should be natural with only clear nail varnish allowed and no false nails.
- Make-up should be subtle as determined by staff; excessive make-up will need to be removed.
- Jewellery is not allowed (including necklaces, bracelets, and rings) except for earrings and watches.
- A plain, clear nose stud worn flush with the skin is permissible temporarily following a recent nose piercing. No other facial piercings are allowed.

### Term Dates and Important Events for your Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Starts
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Summer Pre-Public Exam Results (Mocks)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographs (Year 7, 9 & 11)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	QE Open Evening
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 4pm - 6pm	Year 7 Meet the Form Teacher
7 <sup>th</sup> October – 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 CAT4 Testing
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
25 <sup>th</sup> November – 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (Mocks)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends

Yours sincerely



Mr Seneque  
Head of School

