



ARE YOU  
QE READY?

YEARS 10 AND 11

# WELCOME

## from the Head of Student Wellbeing

A very warm welcome to QE, we are all looking forward to your son/daughter joining our boarding community. We hope that they are ready to join a diverse and happy community where they will have many opportunities to not only study but get involved in a wide range of activities, try new experiences, take on leadership roles and most importantly make lifelong friends!

To help us ensure your son/daughter has the best possible experience please take the time to complete the questionnaire below so that our house parents can prepare fully for their arrival.

<https://forms.office.com/e/w9LD1DqXre>

Below you will find additional information that is important to help ensure your son/daughter has everything they need ready for their arrival.



# WELCOME from the House Master/Mistress

## Redmire Years 10 to 11 girls



My name is Ms Holman and I am the Housemistress for Redmire house. I have been at QE for 3 years but have also worked in other boarding schools across the country. I have an BSc in Psychology in Education and an MSc in Child and Adolescent Mental Wellbeing. I enjoy getting outdoors, both in my free time and when we

can run activities outside for the students including walks in the local countryside and hosting outdoor cinema events. I have also been known to get involved in a water fight or two in the summer months.

Redmire house is home to students from across the world and we pride ourselves on our inclusive and international community. We are situated in the Brontë building which is at the centre of the campus.

In our house we hold our boarders to a high standard and our students are often commended as setting an excellent standard across the Collegiate for their house pride, loyalty and their dedication to a task. We expect our boarders to be honest and respectful and aim to foster this by modelling these characteristics ourselves, and by treating them as young adults who are on a journey to becoming well rounded, global citizens.

Our staff team is made up of people from across the world who are each able to bring something unique to your child's experience. We are all here to answer any questions you may have both before, and during your child's stay with us.

If you are unsure about anything please do not hesitate to reach out so we can answer your questions, calm your worries or simply get to know one another.





## Bainbridge Years 10 to 11 girls



My name is Miss Lillie and I am the House Mistress for Bainbridge house. I was born in Australia and moved to the UK when I was 18, so I have first-hand experience of the sense of uncertainty, excitement and self-growth that comes with moving to new country and can empathise with the wide range of emotions that your daughter may experience whilst at Boarding School. I first joined QE in 2017 as a 'Gap Student', and later returned as a House Parent for four years, before becoming House Mistress for Year 10 and 11 Girls. Outside of Boarding, I am a keen home cook with a love for live music and travelling.



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## Malham Years 10 to 11 boys



My Name is Damian Erbetta, and I am the House Master of Malham house. I have been working at QE for over 5 years now. We strive to make everyone feel welcome and settle into the boarding house. Our utmost priority is crafting an environment where everyone experiences a profound sense of belonging, finding a genuine home away from home. Our mission revolves around fostering unwavering support and instilling pride in every individual who calls Malham House their own.



## Kisdon Years 10 to 11 boys



My name is Mr Smith, and I am the House Master for Kisdon house, the year 10 & 11 boys boarding house here at Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate. I have extensive experience in both academic and pastoral care, working with various summer schools and managing my own Maths and Economics tutoring business.

We have a fantastic team of houseparent's here in Kisdon, providing fantastic support for the students during their time here away from home. Our team are all passionate and expertly trained in delivering outstanding pastoral care to our students. With GCSEs around the corner, and at such a developmental point in your child's life, we will support your child above and beyond to ensure they reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming you to Kisdon house and the QE boarding community. I'm sure that your child will have a great time!



# What to bring for your stay in boarding with us

It is important that your child brings items that will make their stay in boarding a comfortable and homely experience. It is recommended students will only need a maximum of two normal size suitcases worth of clothing for a half term; this should comfortably fit in the storage space provided.



## Please find below a useful list of items to bring

- Full school uniform (All property needs to be clearly labelled with the student's full name)
- Stationary for school
- Casual clothes (Including underwear, sportswear, pyjamas, dressing gown, swimwear)
- A couple of smart outfits for social events during the year
- Comfortable trainers, slippers or sliders (to be always worn in and around the house)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, roll on deodorant, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush)
- Photographs and posters (to personalise your room)
- Own bedding (to personalise your room, but this is also provided for you)
- Electronic Devices
- Tuck (dry foods only such as crisps, chocolate and sweets).

## The facilities in each bedroom include:

- A bed with duvet, pillow, bed linen and towels provided.
- An en-suite bathroom with a shower, toilet, shelving units, mirror, sink and toothbrush holder.
- A wardrobe space with hangers provided.
- Storage space to keep items.
- A safe for each student to keep valuables in (All students are strongly encouraged to use the safe provided for all valuables they have possession of)
- Each room is accessible by secure key card system.

All rooms are either two, three or four man and rooming is allocated by the boarding staff at the start of the year. All students are provided with the opportunity of a room change at October Half Term and are encouraged to wait until this time for friendships to be established before changing.



## Cooking at QE

Our students love to cook at QE, sharing family favourites and cultural specialities – we have fully furnished common rooms with up-to-date facilities and so there is no need for your child to bring any cooking equipment onto site. This allows us to ensure all items meet health and safety standards so that our students can enjoy meals together.



### Items that are not allowed in boarding

To ensure the safety of all boarders there are some items that are not allowed to be brought onto site. Please note that this list is not exhaustive:

#### Electrical items:

- Electric Blankets
- Multi-Plug Adaptors
- Kettles
- Electrical Cooking Equipment
- Wax Melts
- Plug-in Air Fresheners

#### Other items not allowed in rooms:

- Chewing Gum
  - Medication
  - Aerosols
  - Nut Products
  - Protein Powder
  - Energy Drinks
  - Gym Supplements
  - Humidifiers and Diffusers
- (If there is a medical reason for this, then it will be considered on an individual basis)



## The day in the life of Boarder

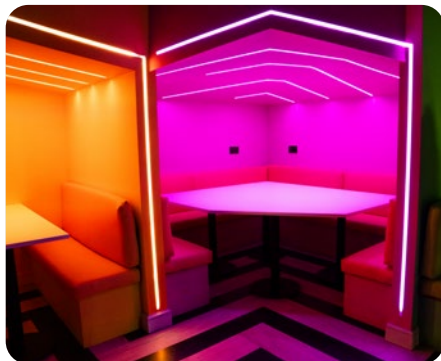
At Queen Ethelburga's we have 12 established houses, which are set up with a House Master or House Mistress along with a team of outstanding houseparents. Each house has a unique house routine which is tailored to the needs of the student for their age.

### School Days – including Sunday night

- Students are woken up for School by a Houseparent.
- Students to attend breakfast in the Undercroft or students can choose to stay in house for breakfast
- Before students attend school
  - Students who take regular medication to seek support from House Parent.
  - Students who hand in electronics to collect after breakfast.
  - Students to tidy their room before leaving house for School.
- Boarding house is locked for the School day from 08:25 until 16:10.
- Students return from School and can hand in uniform to house staff if required. In Years 10 and 11 this is optional, as they do have access to a washing machine in their room.
- Students to attend dinner in the Undercroft or Atrium.
- Curfew for all students at 19:00 - 20:00 to engage in Power Hour.
- Student house meetings are held (Sunday only)
- Toast Time in the common room
- Students to hand in all electronic devices before going to their own rooms
- Own Rooms at 9.30pm and lights out for all students at 10pm

## Friday Night and Weekends

- Students are checked on quietly and the common room and house are unlocked.
- Breakfast is available in the common room.
- Students can collect their electronics from a Houseparent.
- Students who take regular medication can seek support from a House Parent throughout the day.
- Students to attend Brunch in the Undercroft from 11:30.
- All students who are onsite must roll call with a member of staff at 13:00.
- Students can use Muggles, Sports Hall, Gym or any outdoor facilities during the day.
- Students can attend organised house activities or attend offsite trips.
- Students to attend Dinner in the Undercroft from 17:00 until 18:00.
- Students to have free time until their curfew.
- Toast Time in the common room
- Own Rooms at 10pm and lights out for all students at 10.30pm



## Taxis and Day Leave

All students in Year 10 and above are permitted to go on day leave during the weekend using the shuttle busses if parents/guardian complete the Day Pass Form on the Parent Portal giving them permission to do so.

Year 10 students are permitted to go out on Saturday departing QE at 10:00 or 11:30 and return on the shuttle from York at 17:00. This permission starts from January of the academic year.

Year 11 students are permitted to go out on Saturday and Sunday departing QE at 10:00 or 11:30 and return on the shuttle from York at 17:00.

Students are not permitted to leave site during study periods or lunch breaks



## Setting up a Bank Card for your Child

From September 2024, our campus will operate as an entirely cashless system for all purchases. This means that all transactions, including all food and drink outlets on campus, our school uniform shop, vending machines and boarding sweet shop will be cashless for all purchases. Therefore, it is imperative that your child has access to banking facilities which will enable them to pay by card or via contactless payment whilst on campus.

We would be grateful if you would arrange to set up an account suitable to your and your child's needs before they join us.

**Year 3 – Year 10:** With banks now offering ever increasing services for young people, with accounts including bank cards that parents can control from their mobile phones, for example, Go Henry, Rooster, Monzo, and Revolut cards we are encouraging all parents to look at these services and choose an option suitable to them.

**Year 11 – Year 13:** For students aged 15 and over, we recommend they open a UK bank account with a high street bank. Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate has collaborated with HSBC in York, who subject to an account application process, are able to open your child a bank account. The Collegiate is here to help with this process and can provide a "bank letter" evidencing that the child studies in the UK and provide a record of the child's UK address which the bank requires to open an account.

### What are the benefits?

Adopting a cashless system for pocket money benefits both you and your child. Not only do you have more direct control over your child's pocket money account to oversee their spending, but you will also be able to top up your child's pocket money direct from the comfort of your own home.

## Party Packages

We are pleased to offer parents and guardians the ease of planning for their child's birthday or celebration via a booking form.

We are offering various packages from £20 - £50 which include cake, snacks, decorations and more. We can tailor the packages to suit your requirements and we will try our best to be able to fulfil any special requirements. If you wish to book a party package, please log onto the [Portal](#) and then click on this link [Party Packages](#). All bookings must be made 14 days before the event.

## Boarding Bites!

An initiative that has been successful and we are continuing to use is [Boarding Bites](#) which is a company purely focused on providing healthy snacks and treats in boxes for students at boarding schools. To simplify the process, they have created bespoke tuck boxes your friends and family can send to your loved ones anytime or automatically through the subscription service 4 times a term. Each healthy snack tuck box contains both well-known brands, as well as crafted snacks. Some are vegan or allergen free, but most of all they are a healthier alternative. <https://boardingbites.co.uk/pages/our-boxes>

## Uniform

We take great pride in the appearance of our students and encourage parents/guardians to purchase uniform via our online shop [School Shop \(square.site\)](#) prior to their child's arrival to ensure that they are ready for school right from the very start!

Online school shop orders have never been easier, and we continue to receive lots of positive feedback from our students & their families.

Please see the website for details of what uniform is required for your child.



## Boarding Management Team



**Jemma Holroyd**  
Head of Student  
Wellbeing



**Elizabeth Gibson**  
Enrichment Lead



**Michael Howard**  
Pastoral Lead



**Joseph McAnerney**  
Health and  
Safety Lead



**Natalia Popovics**  
Academic Lead



**Kieran Jones**  
Staff Development  
Lead



**Beth Wilcox**  
Admissions and  
Marketing Lead

We hope you find this information useful and that it helps you and your child prepare for boarding at Queen Ethelburga's. It might seem like a long way off, however your arrival day, the 2nd September, will come around much quicker than you expect! We hope that you have an enjoyable Summer as a family, and we look forward to welcoming you very soon.

If you have any questions about boarding, then please email [studentwellbeing@qe.org](mailto:studentwellbeing@qe.org)