



ARE YOU
QE READY?

YEARS 12 AND 13

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

Scaleber Year 12 girls



Hello and welcome to Scaleber House. I'm Ms Roberts and I am the House Mistress responsible for our Year 12 girls. I hope that your child has a fantastic experience with us, developing life skills to help prepare them for life beyond their time with us. As a team, we really do enjoy getting to know all the students in our care and we are here to

support your child with their career aspirations.



I believe that your child will get out of boarding what they put in. I would therefore advise your child to get involved in the house activities provided. It really is a great way to make lifelong friendships. We encourage our students to always be positive and aim high – the sky really is their limit, and their future really is in their hands!

Linton Year 12 boys



My name is Mr Barker, and I am the House Master in Linton boarding house at QE. I have been in boarding at for six years and a House Master for last four years working with Y11 to 13. Prior to joining QE I worked in adult education delivering various qualifications from security to management. We have a talented team of



house parents from various backgrounds, and we hope that your child enjoys getting to know us all during their time with us.

We look forward to welcoming your child into Y12, into the sixth form and into boarding in general. We aim to provide you with a “home from home” so we hope your stay in Linton house will be an enjoyable experience as well as a time to concentrate on your final years of study before going off to university or on some big adventure in the world.

Thornton Year 13 girls



Welcome to Thornton House! We hope that you and your daughter are as excited as we are for the academic year!” I am Miss Bridgen, the House Mistress, and I have worked at QE since April 2021. I have worked with children and young adults since I finished College. Previously I worked for a travel company as a Childcare



Supervisor, managing children and teen clubs in hotels around the world. I have gained qualifications in Counselling skills, Children and Young Peoples Mental Health as well as a Foundation Degree in Social Care and Communities Studies. My number one priority is ensuring our students receive well-being support to enable them to be the best they can be. Our aim in Thornton is not to be just a boarding house but a “home away from home”. We will be there to offer support, guidance to enable a smooth transition into adulthood. We will be a place full of memories, tranquillity, and fun! We look forward to meeting you and working together to make sure your child gets the best out of their QE Boarding experience!



Gunnerside Year 13 boys



My name is Kevin Lofthouse and I will be your House Master. This will be my sixth year working at QE; however, this is across two separate periods.

I have many hobbies and passions with most of them involving being outside as this is where I love to spend my spare time. I like to cycle, both mountain and road riding, long walks in the hills, wild camping and genuinely anything that leaves me open

to the elements. I love to travel and have been fortunate over my many years to visit various wonderful countries, but I would say that my favourites so far have been Thailand and Bali. I love to watch football and have followed Leeds United.

Finally, and most importantly, my team work hard to ensure that Gunnerside is not just a house, but a home to our Year 13 boys. We encourage our students to respect each other, enjoy activities and time together, making great memories before leaving us to endeavour on their next adventure.



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.



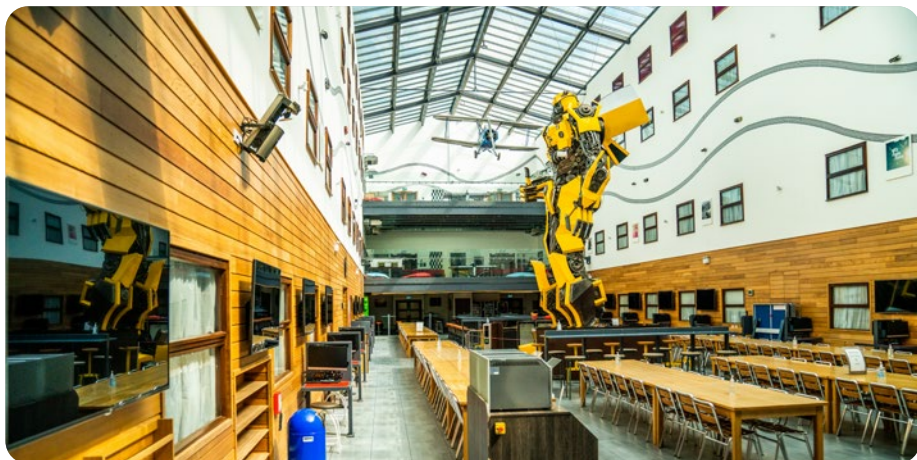
Please find below a useful list of items to bring

- 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 bed 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 Houseparent's. 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. Years 12 and 13 have access to a washing machine in their room, should uniform need to be cleaned.
- 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 10.30pm

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 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 12 and 13 students are permitted to go out from 16:30 on a Friday evening and must return by 9pm. On a Saturday they are allowed to leave campus from 09:00 and must return to campus by 21:00 and on a Sunday they can leave campus from 09:00 and must return to campus by 19:00.

Year 13 students are allowed to leave site Monday to Thursday from 16:30 to 19:00.

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 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.



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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