# Welcome to the Sixth Form at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School





## Introduction

Welcome to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Sixth Form and congratulations on achieving the results you needed to start studying your chosen A Levels.

After what has been an unprecedented and challenging few years, we hope that you will be able to take every advantage of this wonderful opportunity and look forward to helping you through this critical stage of your education.

This document will help to guide you through the first few days of the new term. On the following pages you will find a variety of useful resources, information and links including;

- First Day Timetable
- School Map
- Who's who of school staff
- Admissions documents

- Extra curricular clubs
- Student top tips
- IT support
- Year 12 calendar

# Getting Prepared

#### Before the first day:

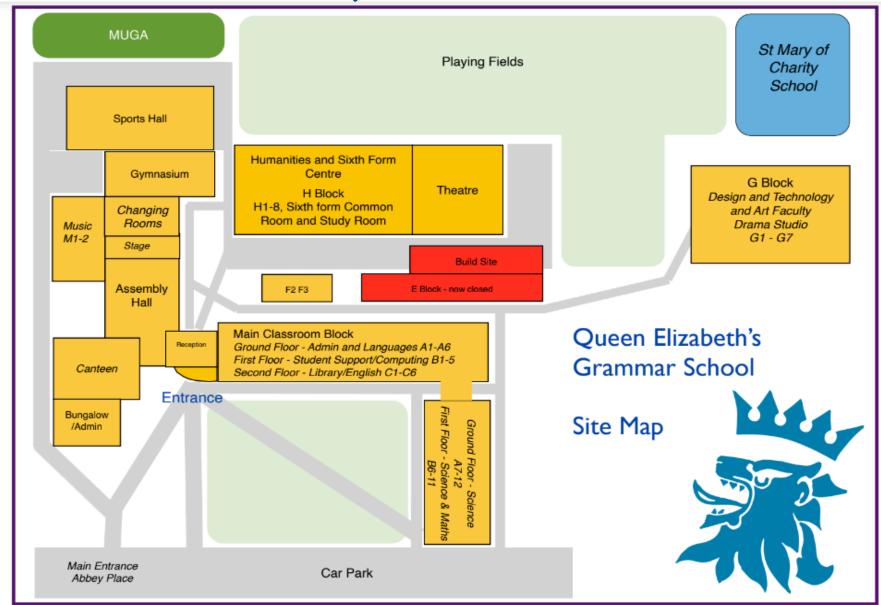
- New students should have completed the enrolment form on Admissions+
- Please complete the <u>Summer Tasks</u> for each subject you are planning to study and bring evidence of completion to your first day of lessons on Monday 5th September.
- Please read through the <u>Sixth Form</u>
   <u>Agreement</u> which can be found in the Sixth Form Section of the school website. Please pay particular attention to the dress code and daily requirements of the Sixth Form students.
- Check the <u>Required Books List</u> for your subjects.



# First Day programme - 4th September

Time	Event	Who for?
8.45 - 8.55	Assembly in theatre	
8.55 - 9.15	Form time - time with your tutors, checking timetables, looking at enrolment forms and discussing future plans	ALL
9.15 - 9.45	Lesson 1	
10.35 - 10.55	Assembly/form time	
10.55 - 15.30	School day as normal	
14.40 - 15.00	IT Set Uρ	New students only

# Map of school



## Year 12 Calendar 2024/2025

Date/Month	Event	Description
August 28th	Enrolment deadline	Successful external applicants to have completed the enrolment form on Admissions+ by this date.
Wednesday 4th September	Term starts	All students
Friday 6th September	Smart Day	Smart day is every Friday.
During 1st week of September	Photo Day	Another smart day for your calendars. The school will be taking photos for the new prospectus.
Friday 19th September	Year 12 Information Evening	An introduction to Sixth Form for all parents.
November	Interim Assessments	First set of progress results - based on classroom tests and submitted work
January	Year 12 Parents Evening	Opportunity for parents to discuss progress with subject teachers. Held via an online portal.

January/ February	Work Experience Days	2 days off timetable for students to gain experience.
March	Interim Assessments	Second set of progress results - based on classroom tests and submitted work
March	Post-18 Options Evening	The Sixth Form Team will present the opportunities available to students after Sixth Form and how the school will support students.
April	School exams	"End of Year" examinations. Results to form part of UCAS Predicted Grades.
May/June	School exam results	Exam results disseminated to students.

### Clubs

 QuEST - Queen Elizabeth's Engineering, Science and



Technology club - a variety of different groups that complete projects.

- MedSoc Medicine Society. For all students looking at a career in healthcare.
- Sports The school runs teams for Football, Athletics and Rugby but gives students the opportunity to create their own teams and have previously done so for Netball, Basketball and Cricket.
- Debate Club run by the Social Sciences department and enters competitions.

# Daily Timetable

Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday/Friday		Thursday
Time	Lesson	Time
8.45	Registration	8.45
8.55	Period 1	8.55
9.45	Period 2	9.40
10.35 / 10.55	Form Time / Break	10.25 / 10.45
11.15	Period 3	11.05
12.05	Period 4	11.50
12.55	Lunch	12.35
1.50	Period 5	1.30
2.40	Period 6	2.15
3.30	End of School Day	3.00

## Who's Who at Queen Elizabeths



Mr Larter - Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 5 & Designated Safeguarding Lead, Head of Year 13



Mr Finn-Kelcey - Joint Head of Sixth Form and Head of Year 12



Miss Slane - Key Stage 5 Learner Support and Careers Advice & Guidance Coordinator



Mr Cowlam - Key Stage 5 Learner Supervisor, Student Administrator and Online Safety Coordinator

## Other Useful Contacts

Mrs McIlroy - Headteacher

Mr Wakefield - Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Percy - Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Mrs Hewitt - Examinations Officer

## School IT

New students are required to complete a Google Form to gain access to the WiFi on a personal device. You can access this form by clicking <u>here</u>.

For IT support queries you can email <a href="icthelpdesk@queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk">icthelpdesk@queenelizabeths.kent.sch.uk</a> or head to the IT office on B-Corridor.

## FAQ's

#### Can I change subjects?

Yes. The first 2-3 weeks of term are available for you to alter your choices.

#### How many study periods do you get?

Most students get about 10 study periods per week, but a bit less if you do 4 A Levels.

#### How hard are A Levels?

The transition from GCSE to A Level is a significant one. The amount of notes you need to take, the number of tests and the further reading required will all go up.

#### Should I take 3 or 4 A Level subjects?

Most Universities will make an offer of 3 Grades which means taking 3 A Levels, plus an Enhancement Subject is usually ideal.

#### What can I wear on a non-smart day?

Students are permitted to wear casual clothing provided it does not breach any rules as set out in the <u>Sixth Form Agreement</u>.

# Top tips

- Find a routine that suits you and try to stick to it.
   Make sure it has room for study, revision and breaks.
- Utilise your study periods. Your timetable has 10 a week which means you have plenty of time to stay up to date with your work.
- Start thinking about your career early. There's no pressure to choose but it helps with finding opportunities and experiences.
- Be actively engaged with your teachers both in- and outside of lessons....they are here to help you!
- If you need any support, just ask.