QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

To foster a spirit of adventure and discovery











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INTRODUCTION

The Enrichment Programme at Queen Ethelburga's provides students with a diverse range of exciting opportunities and enriching experiences which are designed to support and promote **personal growth, skill development, and cultural exploration**. Through active participation, students are encouraged to broaden their horizons, **foster a spirit of adventure and discovery**, and contribute positively to the QE community. The programme offers students opportunities to explore new interests, develop existing talents, and build valuable transferable skills through sustained participation, which are all essential attributes for future success.

The Enrichment Programme encompasses all of the activities that take place before school, at lunch times, after school and at weekends. It includes our programme of trips, educational visits, a range of internal and external competitions, careers activities and visiting speaker events. These activities are sometimes referred to as extra-curriculars.

Our programme is structured around five key strands:

- **Civic engagement**: Activities which include volunteering, Collegiate democracy and community engagement. These activities develop initiative, responsibility and service. They prepare students to lead with confidence and integrity.
- **Arts and culture:** Creative activities which include attending and participating in performing and other creative arts, including music and visits to museums and galleries. These activities offer opportunities for artistic expression and innovation through music, drama, visual arts, and design.
- **Nature, outdoor and adventure**: Activities which include spending time outdoors, climate education and sustainability projects, gardening, residentials and camps.
- **Sport and physical activities**: Physical and competitive pursuits that promote resilience, teamwork, and excellence, including participating in individual and team sports, physical activities like dance, fitness activities or cycling. Representing the Collegiate and attending live events.
- **Developing wider life skills**: Activities which involve skill development including cooking, debating, managing finances and coding.

Our programme of activities also includes those defined as **Academic Super-Curricular** which are designed as activities which enhance and extend the academic curriculum, encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and subject enrichment.

How to sign up to Enrichment Activities

Enrichment Fair

Held at the start of the academic year, the Enrichment Fair showcases the wide range of activities available to students. It provides an opportunity to meet activity leaders, learn key details, and explore new opportunities.

Activity Charges

Most activities are free to attend and require no sign-up or registration. Chargeable activities are clearly identified in the Enrichment Programme. Some activities may also have limited places, auditions or selection requirements.

myEvolve

Parents and guardians can view available enrichment activities, see their child's activity timetable, and view updates on any changes or cancellations by registering for the myEvolve APP.
Access is available only to QE parents and guardians.

DO THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE EVERY YEAR/EVERY TERM?

While most activities run weekly, the Enrichment Programme is dynamic and evolves throughout the year, offering a broad and stimulating range of opportunities and experiences for all students. The Enrichment Programme may change from one year to the next to reflect the diverse interest of students at QE and ensure that provision of enrichment activities are led by student demand. A revised programme is shared each term.

ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PRE-SIGN UP

CHARGEABLE ACTIVITIES

- Fencing
- Golf
- Instrumental & Vocal Lessons
- King's Academy for Performing Arts
- Tennis
- LAMDA
- Esports Strategy & Skill Development Club

The above activities have a termly cost as they involve more advanced technical coaching or require external venues and instructors. We therefore must receive parent/guardian consent before a student can start a chargeable activity. If students would like to sign up for one of these opportunities then parents/guardians need to log into the the Parent Portal and then complete one of the following Annex forms:

Annex G - Instrumental/Vocal Tuition form.
Annex H - Chargeable Enrichment Activities form.



Please note that all activities are subject to availability.

COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

Year 7 (age 12) upwards. Students can ask further questions at the Enrichment Fair or visit the first CCF parade for more information. Letters will be sent to parents/guardians of students who register their interest with further details as well as a consent form. See further information on page 9.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DOFE)

Year 10 upwards. Students will be required to complete an application form if they wish to apply for a place on the DofE. Places on the Award are limited and students are encouraged to attend the Welcome Talks at the start of the academic year to find out more information. Students will be able to collect an application form from the Enrichment Fair and from Connors, Wimbledon at the start of the academic year and specific information regarding DofE costs and expedition dates and commitment requirements are shared to parents/guardians at the start of the academic year. See further information on page 10.

ACTIVITIES MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK*

Activities marked with an Asterisk* may involve students going offsite, have limited spaces available, or may have a small enrolment fee charge due to being associated with a course or qualification. Students can register their interest in these activities, but parental/guardian consent may be required to allow students to participate.

Civic Engagement

Activities which include volunteering, Collegiate democracy and community engagement. These activities develop initiative, responsibility and service. They prepare students to lead with confidence and integrity.

Volunteer at Local Care Homes*
Make a positive difference in the local community by volunteering weekly at a local care home. Spend time engaging with care home residents, building connections and developing valuable communication, empathy and interpersonal skills.

Charity & Volunteer Leaders
Take an active role in supporting and shaping charity and volunteering across QE. Students will help lead initiatives, promote opportunities and encourage others to get involved, while developing their own leadership, teamwork and organisational skills.

Guides*
Take part in the Girlguiding programme through activities that build confidence, independence and practical skills. Enjoy new challenges, work towards badges and make a positive contribution to the wider community.

Level 1 Leadership & Management (Super-Curricular)*
Develop the foundations of effective leadership through practical activities and challenges. Build confidence in communication, teamwork, organisation and decision-making while exploring the skills and qualities needed to become a successful leader.

Level 2 Leadership & Management (Super-Curricular)*
Take your leadership skills further through more advanced activities, responsibilities and challenges. Develop your ability to communicate, organise, motivate others and work effectively as part of a team, gaining valuable skills that will support future study, employment and leadership opportunities.

QE Connect Outreach

Through our QE Connect Outreach programme, students have opportunities to engage and connect with peers from local state schools through a range of shared enrichment events across the year. Students may participate in events alongside visiting pupils or volunteer as QE Connect Leaders, helping to support QE Connect events whilst developing valuable leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

Charity Fundraising

Students can support a variety of local and national causes through fundraising initiatives organised throughout the year by our Charity and Volunteer Student Leaders. Opportunities include non-uniform days, bake sales, and awareness events, including participation in our annual Race for Life. These activities encourage students to make a positive contribution to their community whilst developing compassion, responsibility and a spirit of service.

Arts and Culture

Creative activities which include attending and participating in performing and other creative arts, including music and visits to museums and galleries.
These activities offer opportunities for artistic expression and innovation through music, drama, visual arts, and design.

Arts Award
Explore and develop artistic skills across a range of mediums.

Academy of Dramatic Arts (ADA)
ADA is a recognised Performing Arts pathway for students wanting to develop their performance skills further. ADA offers training for students wanting to perform and those wanting to develop skills in Backstage Crew.

Film Club
An opportunity to analyse films, supporting students studying Media.

Fashion Club
Discover the exciting world of fashion through creative, hands-on projects. Experiment with design, materials and techniques while developing your own ideas and personal style.

Oil Painting
Explore the techniques of oil painting while experimenting with colour, texture and composition. Develop your artistic confidence and create your own finished pieces in a relaxed, creative environment.

King's Magna Choir & Band
An opportunity for students in KM to come together and sing and perform.

QE Pantomime and Musical Rehearsals
Students can audition at the start of the academic year to be part of the cast of the annual QE Pantomime or Musical! No prior dance, acting or singing experience is necessary. Previous shows have included; Bugsy Malone, High School Musical, Shakespeare in Love, Grease, Sister Act and The Wiz.

National Theatre New Views
Explore your creativity through playwriting as part of the National Theatre's New Views programme. Develop your ideas, characters and storytelling skills while working towards creating an original piece of theatre.

Creative Portfolio Development
Develop and refine your creative portfolio through independent projects, experimentation and personalised guidance. An ideal opportunity to strengthen your work, explore new ideas and prepare for future Art and Design pathways.

Sketchbook Development
Take your sketchbook skills to the next level by experimenting with different techniques, materials and approaches. Build confidence in developing and presenting ideas while creating a more personal and creative body of work.

Arts and Culture

GCSE Dance
Enhance your GCSE Dance studies through additional opportunities to develop performance, choreography and analytical skills. Build confidence, refine technique and deepen your understanding of dance.

Senior Jazz
Develop your jazz dance technique, musicality and performance skills through energetic choreography. A great opportunity to build confidence, improve technique and enjoy dancing as part of a group.

Session Band
Come together with other musicians to rehearse and perform a range of contemporary music. Develop your ensemble skills, musicianship and confidence while experiencing what it is like to play as part of a band.

Pit Band (Invitation Only)
Experience the excitement of performing as part of a live theatre band. Work with fellow musicians to rehearse musical theatre repertoire and develop ensemble, sight-reading and performance skills.

String Group
Join fellow string players to rehearse and perform a varied selection of music. Develop your ensemble playing, listening skills and musicianship in an enjoyable and collaborative setting.

Orchestra
Bring your instrument and become part of the QE Orchestra! Rehearse and perform exciting music while building your confidence, musicianship and ability to work as an ensemble.

Sewing Club
Learn and develop practical sewing skills through a variety of creative projects. From mastering essential techniques to producing your own handmade pieces, this is a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to get creative.

Crochet Society | STUDENT LED
Whether you are a complete beginner or already confident with a crochet hook, come along to learn new skills and create your own projects. Enjoy a relaxing, sociable environment while developing your creativity and crochet techniques.

African and Caribbean Society | STUDENT LED
Celebrate the rich cultures, histories, and traditions of Africa and the Caribbean in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Through discussions, cultural activities, music, food, current affairs, and celebrations of key events, students will deepen their understanding of diverse communities and global perspectives. The society provides an opportunity to share experiences, build connections, and promote cultural awareness and appreciation across the school community.

QE Nepali Society | STUDENT LED
Celebrate and explore the rich culture, traditions, and heritage of Nepal. Students will have the opportunity to learn about Nepali festivals, language, food, music, and history, while sharing cultural experiences with others. The society provides a welcoming space to promote cultural awareness, build friendships, and gain a deeper understanding of Nepal's unique identity and global influence.

ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS, CLIMATE EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS, GARDENING, RESIDENTIALS AND CAMPS.

COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)*

Queen Ethelburga's CCF has an Army Section (Yorkshire Regiment) and a Royal Air Force Section. Students training in the Army Section will focus on soldiering skills such as weapon handling, patrolling, navigation at night and learning to operate outside overnight. Whereas RAF cadets will have the option to study the principles of flight, communicate via radios and learn how to fly.

Many of the activities offered by the CCF are focused on developing personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline through a broad range of challenging, adventurous and educational activities outside of the classroom. Becoming a cadet gives students life skills in first aid and navigation, as well as improving their teamwork, confidence, leadership and self-reliance skills.

Students involved in the CCF have opportunities to attend Training weekends, which are often one of the highlights for our Cadets. Staying at a camp gives them the chance to make new friends, complete training qualifications and to try exciting activities in a safe environment.







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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DOFE)





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)*

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a personal programme of activities that students can complete at three levels. Queen Ethelburga's offers the award at all three levels:

- Bronze (for students aged 14 and older – Year 10 and above)
- Silver (for students aged 15 and older – Year 11 and above)
- Gold (for students aged 16 and older – Year 12)

Students can progress through each award or commence the Silver award as direct entrants. Students achieve the Bronze and Silver Awards by completing a four-section activity programme, whereas the Gold Award requires students to complete five sections.

The sections are:

- Volunteering: Students give their time to support the school or wider community, e.g. visiting a care home or helping out at sports day with the younger children.
- Skill: Students broaden their knowledge and skills, e.g. learning to play a new musical instrument.
- Physical: Students carry out a physical activity, e.g. football, swimming, tennis, netball, hockey, gymnastics.
- Expedition: Students plan and complete a two or four-day walking expedition where they carry their equipment, cook meals and camp overnight for one-three nights.
- Residential (Gold only): Students spend a minimum of four days away from home to carry out physical or volunteering activities with people they have not met before.

Sport and Physical activities

Physical and competitive pursuits that promote resilience, teamwork, and excellence, including participating in individual and team sports, physical activities like dance, fitness activities or cycling. Representing the Collegiate and attending live events.

Our sports programme offers a wide range of weekly team training and recreational sessions for boys and girls, providing opportunities for students of all abilities to get active, develop their skills and enjoy being part of the QE sporting community.



Football
Develop your football skills, fitness and teamwork through regular training and recreational sessions, with opportunities to enjoy the game alongside other students.

Hockey
Develop your stick skills, movement and tactical awareness through regular hockey sessions. A great opportunity to improve your game, stay active and enjoy playing as part of a team.

Basketball
Improve your shooting, passing, movement and game skills in enjoyable basketball sessions. Develop fitness and teamwork while playing this exciting, fast-paced sport.



Netball
Develop your passing, movement, shooting and tactical skills through regular netball sessions. Build confidence, fitness and teamwork in a supportive sporting environment.

Swimming
Develop your swimming technique, fitness and confidence in the pool. Sessions provide an opportunity to improve performance, build endurance and enjoy swimming as part of the wider sports programme.

Athletics
Challenge yourself across a variety of running, jumping and throwing disciplines. Develop your technique, fitness and personal performance while exploring different areas of athletics.

Running
Improve your fitness, stamina and running technique through regular group sessions. Whether you are an experienced runner or simply want to become more active, come along and enjoy running with others.

Rugby
Build your rugby skills, fitness and confidence through engaging training sessions. Develop teamwork, communication and game awareness while enjoying this fast-paced team sport.




















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Sport and Physical activities

Table Tennis
Improve your coordination, reactions and tactical skills through fast-paced table tennis sessions. Enjoy friendly competition while developing your technique and confidence.

Trampolining
Develop your balance, coordination and body control while learning and refining a range of trampolining skills. Build confidence and technique in a fun and active environment.

Cricket
Develop your batting, bowling and fielding skills through regular cricket sessions. Build confidence, teamwork and game awareness while enjoying opportunities to practise and play with others.

Cricket One-to-Ones
Benefit from focused, individual cricket coaching tailored to your development. Work on specific areas of your game, refine your technique and build confidence through personalised guidance and feedback.



Wicket Keepers Club
Develop the specialist skills needed to become a confident wicket keeper. Improve your catching, movement, reactions and technique through focused practice and specialist coaching.

Volleyball
Develop your serving, passing, setting and attacking skills through fun and energetic volleyball sessions. Improve your fitness, communication and teamwork while enjoying this fast-paced team sport.

Bowling Club
Develop your bowling skills and enjoy friendly competition in a relaxed and sociable environment. Improve your technique, accuracy and consistency while having fun alongside other students.

Badminton
Develop your racket skills, coordination and tactical awareness through enjoyable badminton sessions. Suitable for students looking to improve their game while staying active and having fun.

Gymnastics & Acro
Develop strength, flexibility, balance and coordination through gymnastics and acrobatic skills. Work on individual and group techniques while building confidence and creativity.

Gym and Dance Studio Sessions
Develop your performance skills through practical sessions in QE's gym and dance studios. Explore movement, choreography and technique while building confidence, creativity and physical awareness.

Developing wider life skills

Activities which involve skill development including cooking, debating, managing finances and coding.



STEM Club (Super-Curricular)
Develop your scientific knowledge through experiments and competitions.

Esports
Immerse yourself in the thrilling world of esports, participating in competitive gaming tournaments governed by British Esports, teamwork exercises, and strategic gameplay analysis. Various sessions for different year groups are available as well as competition nights for students selected to represent QE.

Medicine & Veterinary (Super-Curricular)
Develop a knowledge of careers in the medical field and understand the NHS. Explore medicine and veterinary science through hands-on experiments, guest lectures, and discussions, igniting your passion for healthcare.

Coding Club (Super-Curricular)
Explore the world of coding through practical challenges and creative projects. Develop your programming, problem-solving and computational thinking skills while experimenting with different ways to bring your ideas to life.

Japanese Puzzles
Challenge your brain with a variety of Japanese logic and number puzzles. Develop problem-solving, logical thinking and perseverance while discovering new and engaging ways to put your reasoning skills to the test.

Geography Film Club
Explore fascinating geographical themes and global issues through film. Watch, discuss and reflect on a range of topics, helping you to broaden your geographical knowledge and see the world from different perspectives.

3D Club
Bring your ideas to life in three dimensions through creative design and making. Experiment with 3D techniques and processes while developing your creativity, problem-solving skills and confidence in turning concepts into finished outcomes.

British Sign Language (Super-Curricular) *
Learn the fundamentals of British Sign Language in a fun, supportive, and interactive environment. Students will develop practical communication skills while gaining an understanding of Deaf culture and the importance of inclusive communication. Open to complete beginners and those with some prior experience, the club offers a rewarding opportunity to learn a new language and connect with a wider community.

Linguistics
Discover how languages work and explore the patterns, structures and meanings behind human communication. Tackle engaging language challenges while developing your analytical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Developing wider life skills

Activities which involve skill development including cooking, debating, managing finances and coding.

Chess (Super-Curricular) | STUDENT LED
Develop your strategic thinking, concentration, and problem-solving skills in Chess Club. Open to players of all abilities, from beginners to experienced competitors, the club provides a friendly environment to learn tactics, improve gameplay, and challenge others in regular matches. Whether you are looking to master the basics or refine advanced strategies, Chess Club offers an enjoyable way to build confidence and critical thinking skills.

Robotics (Super-Curricular)
Discover the exciting world of robotics through hands-on design, building, and programming challenges. Students will develop practical STEM skills while working collaboratively to create and test robotic systems. Whether you are new to robotics or already have experience, the club offers opportunities to explore engineering, coding, problem-solving, and innovation in a fun and supportive environment.

Model United Nations (Super-Curricular)
Step into the role of a global diplomat and debate some of the world's most pressing issues. Model United Nations develops public speaking, negotiation, research, and critical thinking skills as students represent different countries and work together to find solutions to international challenges. Ideal for those interested in politics, current affairs, law, or global relations.

Psychology: Thinking about Thinking- Cafe Psychologique (Super-Curricular)
Explore the fascinating world of psychology through discussion, debate, and real-world applications. Inspired by the Café Psychologique format, students will examine how we think, behave, and make decisions, while exploring topics such as memory, perception, personality, and mental wellbeing. Perfect for curious minds who enjoy asking questions and understanding what makes us human.

Bible Study
Explore the Bible through thoughtful discussion and reflection in a welcoming environment. Consider its teachings, ask questions and share different perspectives with others.

Accounting (Super-Curricular)*
Gain an insight into the world of finance, business, and accounting. Students will explore key accounting principles, budgeting, financial decision-making, and real-world business case studies. Whether you are considering a career in accounting, finance, economics, or simply want to develop valuable numeracy and analytical skills, this society provides an engaging introduction to the subject.

CREST Award (Super-Curricular)
Explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics through an independent practical project. Develop valuable research, problem-solving and communication skills while working towards a nationally recognised CREST Award.



ENRICHMENT TRIPS

Students have numerous opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom through a wide variety of enriching trips. These include academic day trips, weekend experiences, and an exciting range of UK and overseas residential trips. Each experience is designed to broaden horizons, deepen subject knowledge, develop essential life skills, and create unforgettable memories.

ACADEMIC DAY TRIPS

Linked to curriculum subjects, students enjoy visits to museums, theatres, and historical sites.
Example trips include:

- **The Royal Armouries –** Business students visit The Royal Armouries for their Unit 1 Exploring Business assignments, allowing them to compare and contrast two different types of business, a publicly funded business and a for profit business.
- **Thackray Medical Museum –** History students visit the Thackray Medical Museum to consolidate their knowledge of the Edexcel GCSE History specification, focusing on Paper 1 which is a thematic study of the history of medicine.

WEEKEND TRIPS

A diverse programme of day trips to local venues or cities, open to boarding and day students. Recent examples of weekend activities include:

- **Flip Out, Leeds –** Enjoy the largest Flip Out venue in the UK. With inflatable obstacle courses, trampolines and the popular slide world experience, there is lots to see and do here!
- **Flamingo Land** - Experience a range of roller-coasters and rides, and see a number of exotic animals.
- **Ice Skating and Christmas Shopping –** Enjoy an ice skating session on the all weather rink at the White Rose centre before visiting the wide range of shops and entertainment venues to complete some christmas shopping.
- **Clip and Climb –** Enjoy a session at the popular clip and climb location, where you will tackle a range of climbing walls during this experience.
- **Shopping: Trafford centre – Manchester –** Visit the third largest shopping centre in the UK, with luxury brands restaurants and entertainment venues, there is something for everyone.

UK AND OVERSEAS RESIDENTIALS

These longer adventures often combine academic enrichment with cultural immersion. These experiences help students grow in confidence, independence, and adaptability - skills that will serve them well in higher education and beyond. Examples of overseas residential trips include:

- **Athens, Greece –** Explore the Acropolis, Parthenon and Agora in this ancient city setting.
- **Berlin, Germany** – A deep dive into history and politics.
- **Claviere By Air, Italy** – Ski trip combining sport, culture, and teamwork.
- **Icelandic Adventure, Iceland** - View stunning landscapes, including glaciers and volcanoes.
- **Lisbon, Portugal** – Portugal football tour.
- **Madrid, Spain** – Language immersion and cultural discovery.
- **New York City, USA** – Exploring global business, art, and culture.
- **Thailand** – Elephant conservation and sustainability projects.





ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We greatly value the contribution that all our students can make both inside and out of our school community and we offer a range of opportunities for students of all ages to develop and demonstrate their leadership capabilities to achieve this. We believe this is vital in helping them to gain life-long skills including improved self-confidence, communication, teamwork, empathy, integrity, organisation, responsibility, commitment and a sense of achievement.

Students can apply for roles of additional responsibility, categorised into the following areas:

- Academic Ambassadors
- Enrichment Ambassadors
- Wellbeing Ambassadors
- Welfare Ambassadors
- Prefects
- Student Councillors
- Peer Mentors

GUEST SPEAKERS

Our guest speaker programme provides students with the opportunity to engage with visiting speakers to enhance their learning across a variety of topics, using the knowledge gained to inspire them and support their critical thinking. Students learn from industry professionals and alumni guest speakers through a series of lectures and seminars, many of which are requested by our students.

Over the last four years we have hosted various guest speakers within Aerospace Engineering, Art, Accounting and Finance, Architecture, Business, Computing, Dentistry, Drama, Economic Sustainability, Human Rights, Languages, Law, Medicine, Politics, Professional Sport (and Life After), and Veterinary Medicine. We also hosted our very first TEDxQueen Ethelburga's Youth event in February 2025.

Students have recently requested to hear from industry professionals and alumni guest speakers representing:

- Biomedical Science
- Medicine
- Coding and AI
- Animation and Editing
- Engineering
- Machine Learning
- Sports Science
- Professional Sport
- Sports Nutrition
- Sports Therapy
- Music Production
- Singing/Acting
- Psychology
- Banking and Accounting
- Law
- Economics
- Design and Graphics
- Digital Marketing
- Architecture
- Statistics

CAREERS

Our **QE Futures Programme** supports students on their personal journey through a range of opportunities designed to help them **Discover, Develop and Prepare** for the future. Students are encouraged to discover their interests, strengths and aspirations, develop key employability skills and experiences, and prepare for their next steps through personalised guidance and support. As students progress through the Collegiate, the programme provides increasingly tailored advice on university, apprenticeships, careers and other post-18 pathways. For Year 13 students, preparation includes expert guidance and dedicated sessions on writing personal statements, choosing the right course, understanding student finance and applying for degree apprenticeships, ensuring they are equipped to make informed decisions about their future.

COMPETITIONS

ON SITE AND OFF SITE

Our competitions programme provides students with exciting opportunities to extend their academic curiosity, deepen subject knowledge, and challenge themselves beyond the classroom. Through both internal and external competitions, students develop independence, resilience, creativity and critical thinking, while benchmarking their skills against peers nationally and internationally.

Students participate in a wide range of respected competitions across a variety of subjects:

Internally, our annual Foundation Essay Competition offers a prestigious challenge for KS4 and KS5.

Externally, students regularly enter the Mathematics Challenges and Olympiads, Science Olympiads, the UK Linguistics Olympiad, and ISA Art & Design competitions and some have won first place in the ISI Young Musician of the Year competition and band competition.

Many also take part in national essay, debating, Ethics and Public Speaking competitions, as well as technology challenges such as BEBRAS, BAFTA Young Game Designer and coding contests. Further opportunities include leading social science competitions such as the Economics Olympiad and the Royal Geographical Society's Young Geographer of the Year.

ESPORTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q-Esports enables students to compete in regional, national and international competitions while developing teamwork, communication, leadership and strategic thinking.



Using industry-standard facilities, students represent QE in a range of competitive gaming titles and gain insight into one of the world's fastest-growing industries. Students have competed at the DAIGON School Esports World Championships in Malta in 2025 and have again qualified for the finals in 2026, where two QE teams will represent QE on the global stage against schools from around the world.

QE MOTORSPORT



QE Motorsport offers students a unique opportunity to experience the world of competitive motorsport through engineering, teamwork, leadership and race operations. As the first school to enter the Student Motorsport competition, students work alongside industry professionals to help prepare and run a CityCar Cup Championship race car while developing valuable technical and transferable skills. The programme has earned national recognition for us, including the prestigious Team Professionalism Award.

CHAPTER HOUSE

The clubs listed below are examples of the exciting activities available to Chapter House students. While some clubs are open to all children, others are designed for specific year groups. This programme evolves each term and is shaped by student voice. Children are invited to share their ideas and interests by completing a short survey during form time. We use this feedback to help plan future club offerings, and where ideas are practical and can be accommodated within the timetable, staff work to bring them to life. This ensures our programme remains varied, engaging and responsive to the interests of our students.

Civic Engagement

Brownies* | Years 3-5 |
Take part in the Girl Guiding programme, working towards various badges and awards that look at; adventure, creativity, skills for life, and community action, all whilst having fun

Arts and Culture

French Skipping Club
French Skipping is a fun and active club where children learn skipping skills, games and routines using an elastic rope, developing coordination, balance, fitness and teamwork.

Art Club
Children work on a creative project over a six-week half term while exploring a range of artistic techniques and mixed media.

Choir
Children develop their singing and ensemble skills while learning a varied repertoire and preparing for performances throughout the year.



Young Voices
Children learn songs and dance routines in preparation for taking part in the annual Young Voices concert.

Drama Club
A fun opportunity for children to develop imagination, confidence and communication skills through drama games, activities and performances.

Drawing Club
Children explore different drawing styles and artists while developing their skills and creating artwork inspired by seasonal themes and celebrations.

Dance
Children develop coordination, confidence and creativity through fun and engaging dance activities and routines.

Gym and Dance Showcase Preparation
Children prepare for the annual Gymnastics and Dance Showcase, developing their performance, gymnastics and dance skills while rehearsing for this exciting event.

Nature, outdoor and adventure



Forest School
Based in our on-site woodland, Forest School offers children the chance to explore, discover and learn through outdoor adventures. From den building and nature hunts to climbing and creative play, sessions encourage confidence, resilience, curiosity and a lifelong love of the natural world

Sport and physical activities

Basketball
Develop basketball skills through fun drills, games and team challenges, building confidence, teamwork and game understanding.

Fencing Club
Learn the exciting sport of fencing through fun games and activities that develop coordination, focus and confidence.

Football Club
Develop football skills through fun games, challenges and match play in a supportive environment.

French Skipping Club
Learn skipping skills, games and routines using an elastic rope while developing coordination, balance, fitness and teamwork.

Hockey
Learn and enjoy the fast-paced game of hockey through fun drills, mini games and skill-based challenges.

Netball
An energetic club where children learn the fundamentals of netball in a fun and supportive environment.

Tag Rugby
Develop core rugby skills, teamwork and confidence through fun activities and game-based learning.



Athletics
Explore running, jumping and throwing through exciting activities that develop speed, coordination and confidence.

Swimming
Develop water confidence and swimming skills through a variety of age-appropriate sessions.

Yoga
A fun introduction to movement, mindfulness and relaxation, supporting wellbeing, balance and focus.

Developing wider life skills

Board Games Club
This club is a fun and friendly opportunity for pupils to enjoy a variety of board games while developing teamwork and strategic thinking skills.

Esports
Dive into the world of Esports, giving students a fantastic way to problem solve in an engaging and creative way. Students will use problem solving, develop teamwork, thinking skills and communication to work together in the world of Minecraft.

Engineering Club
Our Engineering Club provides KS2 children with the opportunity to develop their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills through a range of exciting, hands-on engineering challenges. Students will design, build and test projects such as pneumatic and hydraulic lifts, balance sculptures and other innovative creations, bringing their ideas to life in a fun and engaging environment.

First Aid Club
Become a St John Ambulance KS2 first aider learning basic life support as well as how to treat bites and stings, asthma, bleeding and choking.

Reception Make and Create
A fun, creative club where the activities change each week, from painting and playdough to baking and making, with a focus on working together, sharing ideas and developing children's social skills.























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Celebrating
Adventure and Discovery