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## QEH JUNIOR SCHOOL: AN EDUCATION BUILT ON VALUES





I hope that this Further Information booklet, which partners our Prospectus, will provide answers to any specific questions you may have.

You may also find it helpful to browse our website to understand the ethos of the Junior School and what it offers.

Even better, come and visit us to see for yourself the life and activities that go on in both the Junior and Senior schools.

I look forward to meeting you.

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David Kendall Junior School Headmaster







# **QEH JUNIOR SCHOOL**

#### **School Policies**

All School policies are available from the School Office, or from the School's website, and include:

Admissions Anti-bullying Behaviour Management Complaints Procedure (including the number of formal complaints in the last 12 months) Curriculum Health & Safety on activities outside School Safeguarding

In some cases there are separate Junior School policies.

#### Staff List

Headmaster Mr David Kendall MA and BA Hons History

Assistant Head & DSL Mr Robert Leighton BEd Hons Geography

Head of Teaching and Learning Mr Richard N Hall BA Hons Mathematics, ICT and Assessment

Head of QE Award Mr Henry Burlingham BSc Hons Outdoor Pursuits, Science & DT

Head of Performing Arts Mrs Sarah Hall BMus Hons Music and Drama

**Special Needs Co-ordinator** Ms Nicola Roberts BA

Classroom Teacher Mrs Lucy Taylor BSC Hons English and Art Head of Sport Mr Philip Thomas BEd Hons PE, Sport and RE

School Secretary/PA to Headmaster Mrs Roberta Macleod

Teaching Assistant/Drama Assistant Ms Carrie Russell British Dyslexia Association Level 3

HLTA/Librarian Ms Maria Ruffino BA Hons

Teaching Assistant/Sports Coach Mrs Charlotte Beaufort

Teaching Assistant Mrs Kim Colley O.A.Dip (Counselling Children & Adolescents)

Junior School Admissions Registrar Mrs T Rayment

**Chairman of Governors** Mr P A Keen, c/o QEH, Berkeley Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1JX





#### The School Day

The day consists of seven periods, each lasting 45 minutes. On two afternoons each week, the pupils take part in Activities or Games.

Our Games lessons take place at Failand, on Mondays for Years 3 and 4 with Activities on Thursday. On Wednesday and Friday, Year 5 and 6 go to Failand.

To accommodate busy parents' working hours, the School is open from 7.45am to 6.00pm. Between 7.45am – 8.30am each morning there is a supervised Breakfast Club club (for which there is no charge), and hot and cold breakfast items are available to buy from 7.45am.

After-school care runs from the end of School until 6.00pm (5.30pm on Friday). There is no extra charge for after-school care up to 5.00pm. Between 5.00pm and 6.00pm there is a small fixed charge which includes light refreshments (see Fees page).

#### Lunches

Lunches are available for all pupils. The cafeteria lunch is of an excellent standard and freshly prepared on the premises. Each day there is a choice of at least two hot main courses, as well as a vegetarian and salad option. There is also a choice of hot and cold sweets or fruit. A sample menu is available on our website.

#### Typical Timetable 2021-22\*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
8.45	Assembly	Form Period	Pastoral or Singing Assembly	Form Period	Celebration assembly
9.00	English	Maths	English	English	Maths
9.50	Maths	English	Science	Maths	RS
10.40	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.00	French	Торіс	Maths	Science	English
11.50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.50	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
13.00	Reading	Guided reading	Games for Years 5&6	Golden Time	Games for Years 5&6
13.30	Games for		at Failand	Games/Activities	at Failand
13.50	Years 3&4 at Failand	Swimming	ICT	Years 3&4 at Failand	Art
14.40	Years 5&6 have		Break	Years 5&6 have	Break
15.00	normal lessons	DT	Music	normal lessons	Торіс
15.50	Dismissal year 3&4	Dismissal year 3&4	Dismissal year 3&4	Dismissal year 3&4	Dismissal year 3&4
16.00	Dismissal year 5&6	Dismissal year 5&6	Dismissal year 5&6	Dismissal year 5&6	Dismissal year 5&6

\*This is not an accurate timetable. It is just intended to give an impression of the boys' week.

# **QEH JUNIOR SCHOOL**

#### Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum. Some units of work are taught discreetly with specialist teaching in Years 5 and 6. Others are taught through a topic-based approach, especially in Years 3 & 4.

The curriculum is active, practical and participatory, aimed at the learning needs of boys. Literacy and numeracy lessons are daily, supplemented by regular science and humanities lessons, PSHE, creative and performing arts sessions, guided reading and topic work in Year 3 and 4. In Year 5 and 6, the boys have lessons in history, geography, RS and PSHE, as well as guided reading sessions.

The reading schemes used are designed specifically for boys, as is the fiction and non – fiction collection of books in the library.

#### Learning in Lockdown

During the lockdown periods we provided a comprehensive and personalised learning for all our pupils. Every year group received daily live lessons in English and Maths, plus support sessions. We supplemented these with all our other subjects, as well as engaging the boys in exciting tasks that brought out their creative side. This included cooking, art and design, music and creating their own versions of a famous masterpiece or film scene.

While we hope it will not be necessary, our online learning and co-curricular programmes remain ready to swing into action again in the event of another lockdown.

#### Homework

Each week, the boys have homework in Maths and English, as well as other subjects. We also expect the boys to read for at least 20 minutes each evening. Our view is that homework is set when it extends the learning. We know the importance of family time and appreciate that many boys have activities outside of school which we are keen to support. We want boys to enhance their own interest and hobbies without being burdened by too much work in the evenings.

#### **Pastoral Care**

Busy parents can have the peace of mind that their son is well cared for before, during and after the school day.

We promote a spirit of curiosity and a love of learning. Each boy's needs are catered for in an individual way so that he can achieve his utmost potential.



Each Form Teacher and year group Teaching Assistant plays a crucial role in ensuring that pupils feel listened to and are encouraged to share any concerns they have. Each week all pupils have a PSHE lesson and our core values of kindness, respect, honesty and determination are revisited in assemblies and lessons.

Important skills, such as decisionmaking, are taught from an early age. We support the development of personal qualities of good manners, reliability, punctuality, caring and respect for others, tolerance and a sense of humour!

Effective communication with parents is a high priority. A positive and valued home-school partnership helps to create an important structure to support a boy in his learning. Regular sharing of information about a boy's progress enables targets to be set, to build on prior achievements. Parents are encouraged to be involved with their son's homework.

We are an accredited AS Tracking School. This is a pupil well-being tracking programme taken twice a year by pupils. The data produced allows staff an insight into any hidden issues affecting a pupil. We then work with parents, placing the child at the centre of all that we do to ensure a good outcome. The school has access to a counsellor and several staff have the Mental Health Champions qualification, enabling them to work with pupils who may need support and guidance.



#### Communication

We communicate through several methods:

Parent Portal, an electronic web based resource which contains all important documentation, letters and school calendars.

Operoo, an app notifying parents of a trip, the dates and any necessary details to allow for an easy and fast response.

Weekly Newsletter containing information about all our activities and forthcoming events. It is available via the SZ app.

Seesaw, the app where homework is posted and allowing pupils and parents to see what has been set. For some subjects, pupils post a response by uploading an image of their work to the app for marking.

The school also has a Facebook and Instagram account which showcases all the work and special events that are pupils are involved in each week.



#### **Performing Arts**

With the input from our Head of Performing Arts and the outstanding facility of the QEH Theatre, drama and music continue to go from strength to strength. Drama Club boys perform in the School Shakespeare Festival to great reviews.

Pupils in Years 3 & 4, and also in Year 6, put on a production each year. The Year 6 production forms part of our Leavers' Course, allowing Year 6 pupils to hone their dramatic skills as well as engaging in other activities.

#### Recent productions include:

The Lion King Year 6 Macbeth Drama Club The Snow Queen Years 3 & 4 Archie Dobson's War Year 6 A Midsummer Night's Dream Drama Club Little Red Riding Hood Years 3 & 4

#### **Clubs & Activities**

Art
Chess
Chamber Choir
Choir
Drama
Fencing
Five-a-side Football
Guitar
Instrumental Ensemble
Judo
Kung Fu
Lego
Model making
Philosophy
Risk
Steel Pans
Sailing
Table Tennis

Other clubs that run at certain times during the year include: athletics, basketball, cricket coaching, golf, indoor hockey, rackets and tennis coaching.

Each term, a range of clubs is offered to the boys from which they can choose a selection which may include some of those listed.

#### **Religious Education**

We welcome those of different faiths and none. Our value are those mirrored by all great religions, to treat each other as we would wish to be treated and to have kindness at the heart of all that we do.

Each boy has a weekly RE lesson which is based on a study of world religions. As well as celebrating Christian events, we also involve the pupils in celebrating those of other religions such as Eid, Diwali and Hanukkah.

### PSHE & Relationship and Sex Education

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is now a statutory part of our PHSE lessons. Each week pupils have a single PSHE lesson and parents are advised in advance when RSE lessons will take place. We take great care to ensure all such lessons are age appropriate.

#### Sport

There is a wide range of sports available, many taking place at QEH Sports Ground at Failand, only a ten-minute coach ride away.

QEH Director of Rugby, Adrian Jarvis, leads our rugby coaching and through the Games programme boys are given expert coaching in rugby, football, cricket, athletics and tennis.

Two afternoons each week are devoted to sport. Our philosophy is sport for all and we encourage the boys to have a go at a selection of sports. We play matches against other schools and our focus is on working as a team and learning to improve our skills rather than a focus on winning.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have two afternoons each week. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 engage in other activities on their Thursday sports afternoon. Forest School is very popular and boys make their own camps, learn about nature and cook on our outside fire. Year 4 pupils undertake activities around the school site or further afield.

#### The main sports played each term are:

Autumn term	Rugby	
Spring term	Football	
Summer term	Cricket, Athletics &	
Tennis		

The after-school clubs include further opportunities for coaching in a variety of sports, and there are weekly lessons in PE for Years 5 and 6 and swimming coaching for Years 3, 4 and 5.





#### **Outdoor Activities & Trips**

Boys have so many advantages being educated in the centre of a thriving city.

On our doorstep is our outside classroom, whether it be stepping out on to Brandon Hill; strolling across the road to the City Museum to study dinosaurs; dropping down the hill to visit We The Curious, the Create Centre, the SS Great Britain or the MShed; going to a production at the Hippodrome or Bristol Old Vic, or crossing the Triangle to study pictures in the Royal West of England Academy.

We believe in the value and importance of pupils being out in nature, understanding the countryside and challenging themselves. All pupils undertake a residential trip each year to a reputable centre.

Year 3 go to Magdalene Farm, an eco-farm on the Somerset and Dorset border, to learn about animals and plants. They even harvest their own vegetables for the meals each day.

Year 4 head to Okehampton Youth hostel for a challenging three day trip on Dartmoor. The focus is very much on team building and personal development. Year 5 go to the Wye Valley, where they canoe along the stunning river and engage in team



building games. Year 6 visit Skern Lodge, a highly respected centre on the north Devon coast where they surf, climb, try coasteering and learn the importance of group work.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 undertake the QE award which is unique to QEH and based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Boys keep a reflective journal, undertake service to the local community such as working with the National Trust, helping local food banks and supporting a homeless charity in Bristol. The boys also undertake an outdoor pursuit element in which they learn to map read, navigating themselves and their team across the Mendip Hills. This culminates in a three day expedition on Exmoor, where the boys walk in small groups from checkpoint to checkpoint, developing self-confidence, determination and resilience.

During the Easter holidays skiing is arranged in Europe (every two years combining with the girls from Redmaids' High Junior School).

#### **Events**

There are many 'set' events throughout the year, including the Carol Service, the Talent Show, the House Music Concert, Sports Day in June, and Prize-giving Day at the end of the Summer term. These events are compulsory for the pupils, and parents are encouraged to support.

Each Year group also has a residential trip during the Summer term, and these trips form part of the topic work for that term and are seen as important for boys' social, physical and academic development.

#### **Friends of QEH Juniors**

The Junior Friends combine with the Senior Friends to form a dynamic committee of parents and teachers who organise and run a variety of events and activities throughout the year, in order to raise funds for extra equipment and projects for the benefit of the boys at the School.

They organise some outstanding social events which are enormously popular and great fun, giving parents, boys and teachers the opportunity to get together and socialise informally.

The Friends' main events of the School year are typically:

Junior Friends' Family		
Quiz Night		
Race Night		
Family Fireworks at		
Failand		
Jingle Jam		
Senior Friends' Family		
Quiz Night		
Battle of the Bands		
Spring Ball (biennial)		
'Lizzies' Film Awards		
Sports Day Junior		
Friends' Cream Tea		

#### Uniform

The basic daily uniform consists of white shirt, dark grey trousers, dark blue blazer, school tie and black shoes of conventional pattern which can be polished.

There are also specific items of sports clothing required.

#### Autumn and Spring Games Kit

Tracksuit top and bottoms, reversible top, shorts, skins and socks.

#### Summer Games Kit

White jumper, white polo shirt, white shorts/long trousers, hat.

#### Swimming

Swim robe (bought from school).

Key items can be purchased from our sole supplier Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists: www.monkouse.com or via the link on the QEH website. There is also a second hand clothing shop run by The Friends of QEH.















# JUNIOR ADMISSIONS

#### **Open Mornings**

Saturday 9 October 2021 Friday 5 November 2021 Friday 4 March 2022

Please see the Admissions section of our website (www.qehbristol.co.uk) for the most up to date information. A virtual tour of QEH can also be viewed here.

Mr Kendall is always please to meet you individually, talk with you about the School and answer your questions. We are also happy to arrange a video call.

To arrange this, ring our Admissions Registrar on 0117 930 3067.

#### **Entrance Assessments**

- 1 First, you will need to complete an Application Form to sit the Entrance Assessments.
- 2 Boys are then invited to come to the School and complete Assessments in Literacy, Numeracy, Story Writing, Verbal and Nonverbal reasoning. All of these assesments are age appropriate and summer birthdays are taken into account in the marking.
- **3** Don't worry, because the Assessments are informal and your son will be relaxed and enjoy the experience. We try to make them part of the 'Taster Day' where your son will have a buddy to look after him, have lunch at school and spend the rest of the day with pupils of his age.
- 4 There follows an interview with the Headmaster and your son then meets other teachers and boys.
- **5** If your son is successful in his Assessment, you will be invited to formally accept your place.

There are two main points of Entry although places in other Years occasionally become available.

#### Year 3 and 4

Year 3 (7-plus) take their Entrance Assessments in the week 8 – 12 November 2021 for entry in September 2022.

#### Year 5

Year 5 (9-plus) take their Entrance Assessments in the week 15 – 19 November 2021 for entry in September 2022.

Places in other Years occasionally become available so do please enquire.

Also, if you miss the official Assessment days for Year 3, 4 or 5, it is possible that we may still have places and Assessment can be arranged on an individual basis.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Fees

From September 2021, until further notice, the fees will be:

#### Registration fee for Junior School assessment £40 (non-refundable)

Acceptance deposit £400 (non-refundable)

#### Junior School Fees

Tuition Fee £10,260 per year (payable at the start of each term in three instalments of £3,420) including compulsory Accident Insurance, textbooks and essential educational trips.

These fees include before and after school supervision until 5.00pm. Between 5.00pm and 6.00pm there is a fixed charge of £6.80 which includes light refreshments.

Junior fees also include educational trips and week-day, term-time parking provision in the nearby multi-storey car park for a short period both morning and afternoon for the convenience of drop off and collection.

Lunch charge £236 per term (termly in advance).

#### Scholarships

QEH Junior School awards two Scholarships (10% fees) for Year 3 entry. The expectation is that a Year 3 scholarship stays with the pupil for the duration of his four years in the Junior School.

The Scholarships are awarded to the most academically able Year 3 entrants determined by QEH entrance assessment. They are not means-tested and are reviewed annually, though it is our expectation that they will continue throughout a boy's time in the Junior School, ending after Year 6.

The Senior School has a competitive entry into Year 7 and at that stage academic, music and sports scholarships are available for all those taking the entrance examination including boys from QEH Junior School.

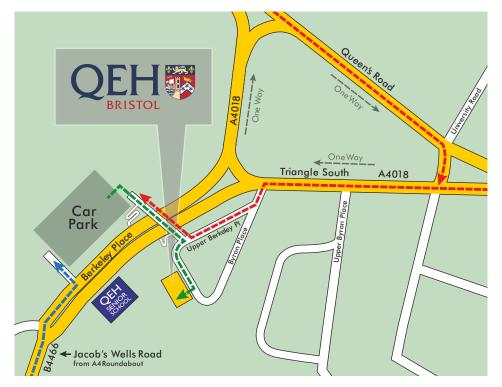
#### Expectations of Academic Scholarship

An Award is granted at the sole discretion of the School and the pupil who is the subject of an Award is required to work hard, to contribute positively to the life of the School, to be a credit to the School and to set a good example to other pupils. The pupil must adhere to the School's required standards of conduct and progress. The full terms and conditions of the award will be set out the School's terms and conditions at the time that the Award is granted.





# HOW TO FIND QEH JUNIORS



### From the South:

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Turn into the B4466 (Jacob's Wells Road). Approximately half a mile up the road you will see the 'West End' NCP Car Park on the left hand side.

From the North and East:

Red arrow on map

Turn into Queen's Road and follow the one way system around the Triangle. You will see the 'West End' NCP Car Park sign which will direct you into Byron Place.

Turn right almost immediately into Upper Berkeley Place and follow signs over the bridge to the car park.

#### Walking from Car Park:

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From the car park take the north exit and walk across the bridge which takes you to Upper Berkeley Place.

The Junior School is on the right hand side at the top of the street.

#### Parking:

Our over-riding concern is the safety of boys attending the Junior School.

Parents of current pupils can park free of charge for half an hour slots to drop boys off each morning and pick them up again in the afternoon. QEH Junior School Upper Berkeley Place, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1JS

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