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5 GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE QUEEN MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Year on year our students achieve of their very best, ably supported by staff whose focus is enabling them to demonstrate their understanding and ability. Teaching concentrates on meeting the needs of each individual as we recognise the uniqueness of each one of our students. We adapt our lessons to ensure that learning is both effective and enjoyable.

Queen Mary's High School regularly features highly in the league tables. We are proud of our students' achievements, but our national standing is merely a by product of the success of individuals who are reaching their personal goals and in doing so, opening up avenues of progression for their future careers.

We take pride in the achievement of each student and celebrate with them in their success.









# EXCEPTIONAL CARE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL





#### **According to Ofsted:**

'Students receive extensive personal support'

'Students are strongly guided and supported by the well structured academic support and pastoral care system'

We take the individual needs of our students very seriously, both in their academic work and also in a variety of other ways.

Lessons are designed to ensure that each student is challenged at the appropriate level as well as to provide opportunities for developing teamwork, leadership, cooperation, listening and a variety of other transferrable skills. The key element for success is enjoyment and you would see plenty of that at Queen Mary's High School.

Individual needs are also provided for through the support of our Pastoral Support Coordinators who work closely with our Personal Achievement Managers in ensuring that students have access to a range of opportunities to obtain academic or other support either through school provision or a range of external providers.

### A WIDE RANGING EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

'All work and no play make Jane a dull girl' is a deviation from the original saying but is certainly not applicable to the life of students at Queen Mary's High School.

The variety of trips and visits is extensive and enables our students to develop a wide range of transferrable skills which will equip them for their lifelong pursuit of learning and success.

There are many additional activities on offer which are linked to the curriculum, these include theatre trips, lectures at local universities, study trips (for example to Auschwitz), fieldwork in geography and biology as well as the opportunity to perform with the choirs and orchestra. There are a number of trips abroad which have a subject focus; these have included Iceland, Sicily and the Battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. In addition our annual ski trip is a popular feature on the calendar which always attracts great interest from students from all year groups.

Sixth form students engage with school sports teams, become involved with drama productions and take the lead in our House Dance Competition, which is a major highlight of the year. The opportunities to take on leadership roles are extensive throughout the school and students are encouraged to be involved with the life of the school









### HIGH QUALITY AND COMMITTED STAFF

Our staff are highly talented and have the ability to ensure that our students can excel. We have a blend of experience and innovation which makes sure that the learning experiences are not only creative but also focussed on the various assessment processes that are in place.

Both teaching and support staff are committed to ensuring that our students are assisted in achieving of their very best, as well as maintaining excellent communication systems and ensuring that all students' needs are met.

We ensure that staff skills remain at the forefront of innovative educational practice so that our students can gain greatest benefit from their classroom experience.

Our extensive extra-curricular programme is a testament to the commitment of staff who are keen to extend their provision well beyond their teaching role. We are grateful to them as they continue to give above and beyond expectations and to enrich the experience of our students.





# A FAMILY ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT

Queen Mary's High School is a unique and very special learning environment which should not be taken for granted. Visitors and newcomers to the school comment on it's friendly, family atmosphere. Students achieve well here because they have formed great relationships with their teachers, other adults, friends and other students. Staff are able to see their students grow and flourish and enjoy celebrating with them when they achieve success.

Families have their own expectations of behaviour and the Queen Mary's family is no exception. The standards we expect in terms of dress and behaviour are high and designed to maintain our focus on providing a positive learning environment as well as maintaining the historical reputation of Queen Mary's High School as a leading provider of girls' education in the locality.





