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# Beyond the Sixth Form Curriculum

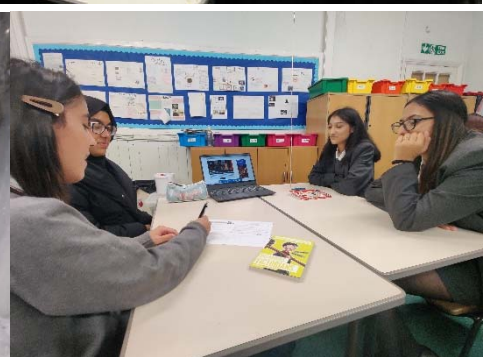
*Our outstanding academic curriculum is complemented by an enrichment programme which helps students learn and develop knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes which will serve them beyond the classroom and will be relevant to them throughout their futures.*

*We provide opportunities to support and enhance the learning experiences gained by the students through theatre and music performances, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, residential courses, educational visits, and work in the community.*

*Students are supported to explore career pathways, including traditional degree routes, degree-apprenticeships and meaningful gap years, through input from academics, outreach teams, and professionals from the world of work, alongside our own experienced sixth form team of tutors and pastoral support staff.*

*The enrichment programme helps to develop students' identities, informs them about the different cultures within our school and the wider community, and celebrates the diverse groups within QMHS.*

*We offer additional qualifications that will enhance UCAS applications to HE institutions, whilst also building soft skills which develop resilience, resourcefulness, teamwork and communication.*



*Beyond the trips, visits and co-curricular offer organised by academic departments, such as visiting speakers, lectures, field work, and theatre visits, Queen Mary's High School offers a rich and varied enrichment programme in the Sixth Form which includes a range of activities and events:*

- Sixth Form Induction programme to support the academic, pastoral and social transition of students from Year 11 to Year 12
- All students have a timetabled Enrichment session every fortnight, and activities and opportunities include
  - LAMDA training in public speaking and the opportunity to gain a qualification
  - UK Parliamentary Debating
  - Oxfam Ambassadors
  - British Sign Language
  - National Creative Writing Competition
  - Important life message from the KS5 PSHCE curriculum delivered by visiting experts
  - UCAS and Higher Education Preparation alongside university and careers advice through the curriculum and independent careers advice
  - Finance Education run by Econominds
  - History Media Project
  - Visiting speakers from industry and universities
- Study Skills to support students with sixth form and university-level study, with the option to complete an individual Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and earn another qualification
- OpenLearn to complete Open University certified courses in areas of the students' own interest
- Optional weekly PE sessions
- Sixth Form Panto
- Opportunity to direct the Junior Show
- Numerous clubs in which students can participate and help run: MedSoc and DentSoc are for Sixth Form students considering university applications to Medicine and Dentistry.
- Just Like Us
- Higher Education Conference visit in Year 12 to introduce university and apprenticeships
- Work experience week in Year 12
- HSK 4 Chinese Proficiency Exam
- National competitions, including the Biology and Chemistry Olympiads, and the Senior Maths Challenge
- Engineering Education Scheme
- Duke of Edinburgh (Silver and Gold)
- Youth Peer Mentoring with formal training to support younger students
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Musical opportunities in choir, orchestra, wind band and other ensembles
- Engaging with, and leading, regular charity events and fundraising for the sixth form and whole school to support the school's selected charity
- Sixth form student-led social events
- Leading the school's Fairtrade Foundation programme
- Sport teams, including netball, and involvement in Sports Day and its running
- Leading, choreographing, and participating in the House Dance Competition
- Involvement in the Primary Outreach Programme to introduce QMHS to local primary schools
- Contributing to the promotion of the sixth form to local schools through outreach events
- Participating in trips abroad, which have included visits to Auschwitz, the battlefield sites in northern France and Belgium, and Iceland, alongside the annual skiing trip.