



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Y9 at Queen Elizabeth High School

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to high school in the autumn. Queen Elizabeth High School is an excellent school. Your child will have the opportunity to grow and thrive in an ambitious environment where we have high expectations of all. The school ethos of respect, engage and aspire is lived and breathed by the whole community. The curriculum is extensive and challenging. There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer ranging from sport to music to debating.

It is very important that we get the transition to high school right. To help facilitate the move from middle to high, your child will have the chance to meet their new Head of Year. They will also visit the high school on **Tuesday 12 July for Transfer Day**. If your child has any SEN or pastoral needs, this information will be shared between schools and enhanced transitions will be put in place. We also want to give you the opportunity to visit the high school and meet key staff on **Thursday 26 May** at 6pm.

In Y9 your child will continue to follow the national curriculum and all students will follow the same curriculum. This will guarantee they have a breadth of experiences and are well placed to make informed decisions about their curriculum choices for Key Stage 4.

Nearly all students will continue with the study of a modern foreign language into Key Stage 4. The only students who will not study a modern language are those who require additional support with English and mathematics. To ensure the best possible outcomes at GCSE, most students will study French in Y9 and continue with this into Y10 and Y11. However, we acknowledge that some students may wish to study a different language and will be able to opt for Spanish in Y9. However, if students choose Spanish in Y9 this will need to be the language they continue with to GCSE instead. There will be opportunities next half term to have a 'taster' of Spanish to help inform this choice. We will provide more information at our parents' evening on the 26 May.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to the high school.

Yours faithfully,

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