



Queen's College Preparatory School

Patron: HM The Queen



## The Best of Both Worlds

### Thank you for your interest in Queen's College Preparatory School.

We believe that girls at QCPS get the best of both worlds in two important ways. First, QCPS is a separate, independent prep school with its own staff and headmistress, which sits under the umbrella of a larger, long-established senior school with an unparalleled history and tradition. QCPS girls can learn from older pupils, enjoy the facilities of Queen's College, London and share in its events and initiatives, whilst being educated and nurtured in a separate premises with its own specialist, dedicated teaching staff.

By choosing QCPS, you are also opening up a range of choice for secondary education. When the time comes, you can be assured that Laura and her team will provide expert guidance and careful preparation to ensure your daughter joins the right senior school for her. This may well mean an easy transition to the College, to which most QCPS pupils receive automatic offers and thereby avoid the need to take 11+ exams, but

QCPS also expertly prepares many of our pupils every year for successful 11+ entry to other leading day and boarding schools across the UK.

The philosophies of QCPS and QCL are exactly aligned; we believe that, whatever her age, a girl learns best when she is known, respected and supported. Kindness matters. It is this overarching ethos that gives Queen's its unique atmosphere, and enables our pupils to leave for the next stage of their education as happy, well-rounded, ambitious young women.

We do hope you will visit QCPS and see for yourself what makes this school so special.

Mr Richard Tillett  
Principal  
Queen's College, London

## A Very Warm Welcome

### Welcome to Queen's College Preparatory School, a leading independent day school for girls aged 4 to 11 in central London.

Our ethos is characterised by kindness. Our pupils thrive in an environment where everyone has high expectations for themselves and those around them, where compassion prevails and where every effort is celebrated. This ethos ensures that every QCPS pupil develops a lifelong love of learning and achieves the highest possible academic outcomes - while having great fun along the way!

At the end of her journey with us, bound for her chosen senior school, your daughter will emerge exceptionally well equipped for the next phase of her education. She will be a confident and independent thinker, naturally ambitious and resilient in approach. She will demonstrate intellectual curiosity, creativity and excellent communication skills, as well as

empathy for those less fortunate than herself. Perhaps most importantly of all, she will have discovered and developed her own individual talents and interests, ready to achieve her ultimate potential at senior school and beyond.

We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss your aspirations for your daughter and to show you QCPS 'in action'. Please do get in touch with our Registrar to arrange a visit; you can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Mrs Laura Hall  
Headmistress  
Queen's College Preparatory School







# An Extraordinary History, An Inspiring Environment



Queen's College is a remarkable school with an extraordinary history. Founded in 1848 and awarded a Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1853, Queen's became the first school in the UK to award academic qualifications to young women. Following this early royal patronage by Queen Victoria, our Patron has always been a queen; our current Patron is Her Majesty The Queen.

We are proud of our inspiring alumnae, including some of the pioneering female doctors, lawyers, diplomats, teachers and scientists who helped open up these careers to women in this country for the first time. Building on this long and distinguished history, QCPS is an inspirational and empowering school, which is proud to remain right at the forefront of education for girls.

While our building on Portland Place looks rather grand from the outside, it is warm and friendly inside - as well as deceptively spacious. Classrooms are very well-equipped and specialist facilities are constantly being enhanced. For instance, we recently added a new science and technology hub and a beautiful dance studio, while also making substantial further investments in IT provision.

Our pupils enjoy access to a lovely green outside space in the large private garden at the end of Portland Place. Every pupil plays outside each day and participates fully in our wide-ranging physical education programme.





## A First Class Education

Our pupils access a rich, broad and balanced curriculum that is both academically rigorous and creatively stimulating. We also provide a bespoke enrichment programme that allows every girls' individual talents and interests to emerge and be celebrated.

Above all, at QCPS we believe that learning should be fun. Our committed and talented teaching staff work tirelessly to create an enjoyable, inspiring and nurturing environment where every girl loves to learn.

Metacognitive strategies are weaved throughout the curriculum, to ensure that all pupils are able to think for themselves, be ambitious, resilient and resourceful. Like you, we want your daughter to be happy and reach the highest academic standards. We will both challenge her academically and support her pastorally to achieve this.

Exceptional specialist teaching, first class facilities and high quality pastoral care all combine to ensure our girls grow into confident, intellectually curious and academically accomplished young women who display emotional intelligence and kindness in their interactions with others.







## Pastoral Care, Community & An International Outlook

“Pastoral care is outstanding. Pupils thrive in the established family atmosphere, where mutual courtesy and consideration of the feelings of others is the norm.”

Most recent Independent  
Schools Inspectorate Report

Throughout the school, we foster a strong sense of belonging. Pastoral care is at the heart of everything that we do. The school is a happy, kind and safe place where every girl is an important individual.

Emphasis is placed on concern and respect for others, and on our responsibilities as members of a global community.

Through strong, trusting and mutually respectful relationships with their teachers and each other, pupils develop a wide range of interests and grasp the opportunities available to them. By the end of their time with us, they have grown into compassionate, accomplished and well-rounded young women who appreciate and respect diversity. We believe that initiatives such as our increased bursary provision and regular local community service enrich the experience of all pupils. We are keen that all QCPS pupils avoid existing purely in a bubble of privilege but grow up to be empathetic citizens of the diverse, modern global city where their school is located.







## Creativity, Performance & The Arts




The creative arts are a vital part of the curriculum and the cultural life of the school. Through music, dance, art and drama the girls mature physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively - discovering new talents and reaching high standards.

From their first day in Reception, pupils are expertly taught by specialists who are passionate about their subjects. Our bright and spacious art studio, beautiful dance studio and suite of music rooms provide an inspiring and enriching environment for the girls to explore their creativity. Our pupils develop confidence in performance from Reception onwards, enjoying regular opportunities to participate in festivals, concerts, shows and exhibitions.

The cultural and creative opportunities afforded by our central London location are exploited to the full; pupils regularly visit the host of museums, art galleries, theatres and concert halls on our doorstep to reinforce their learning in school.





“QCPS is a wonderful community that represents the best of London. There is absolute focus on academics but this is balanced with ensuring the girls enjoy sport, art & culture – they want to find and nurture the girls’ talents and make them feel that it is important, whether it be sport, drama or maths.”

Parent’s comment to  
Tatler’s Schools Guide



“Pupils attain high standards and are extremely well educated, fully achieving the school’s aim to enable pupils to know how to think, rather than what to think.”

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Schools Inspectorate Report





# Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

“I love the mix of science, maths and arts, providing well-rounded care and education.”

Parent’s comment to Tatler’s  
Schools Guide

We consider our pupils pioneers of the future, who will lead the innovations of the 21st century – both in occupations which already exist and those that are currently unknown.

We are committed to ensuring that all girls thrive in STEM subjects through the curriculum and via our enrichment programme, enabling them to acquire a set of skills, the natural curiosity and a body of knowledge that will be essential for life, work, pleasure and creativity in the future.

Our specialist teaching staff deliver a rigorous, inquiry-based curriculum that cultivates confidence and academic excellence and is, above all, exciting, memorable and fun. All pupils are taught in our state-of-the-art STEM laboratory each week and have access to a variety of ICT resources to enhance their learning across the curriculum. Science lessons frequently take place outdoors; pupils also experience regular workshops and trips to places of scientific, technological and mathematical interest.







“The variety and scope of QCPS activities in PE have reinforced our daughter’s motivation for the fun and benefits of being physically active and principles such as team work. The QCPS PE programme provides their young athletes with numerous opportunities to grow and develop at age-appropriate levels.”

Current Parent

## Sport & Outdoor Education



At QCPS we firmly believe in the importance of embracing all the outdoors has to offer. This is essential not just for our pupils’ physical health, but also for their emotional and mental wellbeing.

All our pupils lead healthy, active lives. Through our rich and varied physical education programme, girls at QCPS develop competence and confidence in a very broad range of individual and team sports. Through competition, at an individual, team and House level, we build character and embed the values of fairness and respect.

The school is located just a few minutes from Regent’s Park and, together with the large private garden on Portland Place, we are fortunate to have daily access to wonderful outside space with some excellent facilities.

Our commitment to the outdoors, however, extends beyond our wide-ranging sports

programme. We have developed a comprehensive outdoor education programme, which enables our pupils to explore and understand the natural world around them. This programme involves regular trips to ‘Forest School’ and includes a range of hands-on outdoor educational activities which have enabled us to win The Woodland Trust’s prestigious Green Tree Schools Awards (at bronze, silver and now gold level.)

QCPS is also fully committed to sustainability and reducing our environmental footprint as much as possible. Our student-led Eco Committee and their initiatives to increase recycling, reduce plastic use and improve air quality helped us win the highly respected Eco-Schools’ “Green Flag” Award in 2019.





## Leadership & Responsibility

“Public speaking is an important thing for me and I believe a key asset to success in this high tech world – the importance the school puts on public speaking/confidence impressed me.”

Parent’s comment to Tatler’s School Guide

Our teaching staff ensure that each girl is supported and challenged to reach her full potential in every way. We take great pleasure in celebrating our pupils’ many strengths, talents and achievements. We aim to develop leadership skills in all our pupils, by encouraging them to take on specific responsibilities for aspects of school life from an early age.

Pupil leadership opportunities begin in Form I and continue through to the School Council. Our Form VI girls are all Prefects and provide pupil leadership in a variety of ways, from the traditional House system to taking responsibility for charity fundraising and environmental initiatives around the school.

Our unique Leavers’ Programme provides pupils with further opportunities to develop their leadership skills in preparation for life beyond QCPS.







## Wraparound Care & Clubs

At QCPS we understand the importance of before and after school provision for busy and working parents, which is why we provide an optional Wraparound Care facility from 7.30am each morning (Breakfast Club) until 6.00pm Monday to Thursday (Twilight Club).

Some of our parents use one or both of these clubs regularly, others choose to make use of our Wraparound Care only on an occasional or ad-hoc basis; it is a deliberately flexible arrangement.

Our Wraparound Care facility is fully operated by our own staff, which allows close liaison with Form Teachers and parents. A programme of fun, varied activities ensures pupils attending Wraparound Care can relax and enjoy some free time before and after school. Our breakfast menu reflects our healthy eating policy and all dishes are freshly prepared on site daily.

In addition, we also offer a full programme of more than 30 after school clubs, covering exciting activities as diverse as Mandarin, Robotics, Yoga, Pottery, Art, Coding, Film-making, Nature Club and Chess.



*“I love the food and we have so many choices.”*

*Pupil's comment to Tatler's School Guide*





# Ready To Fly

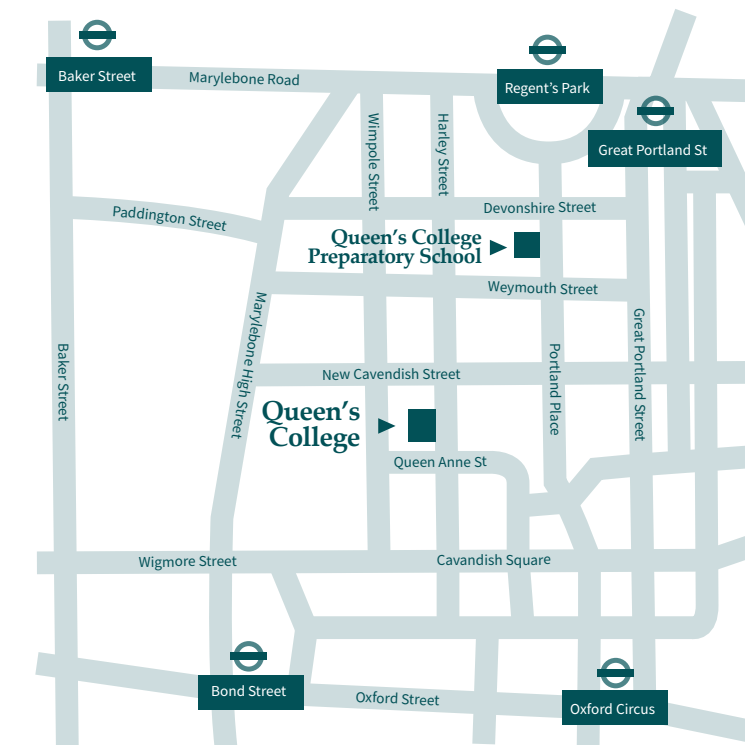
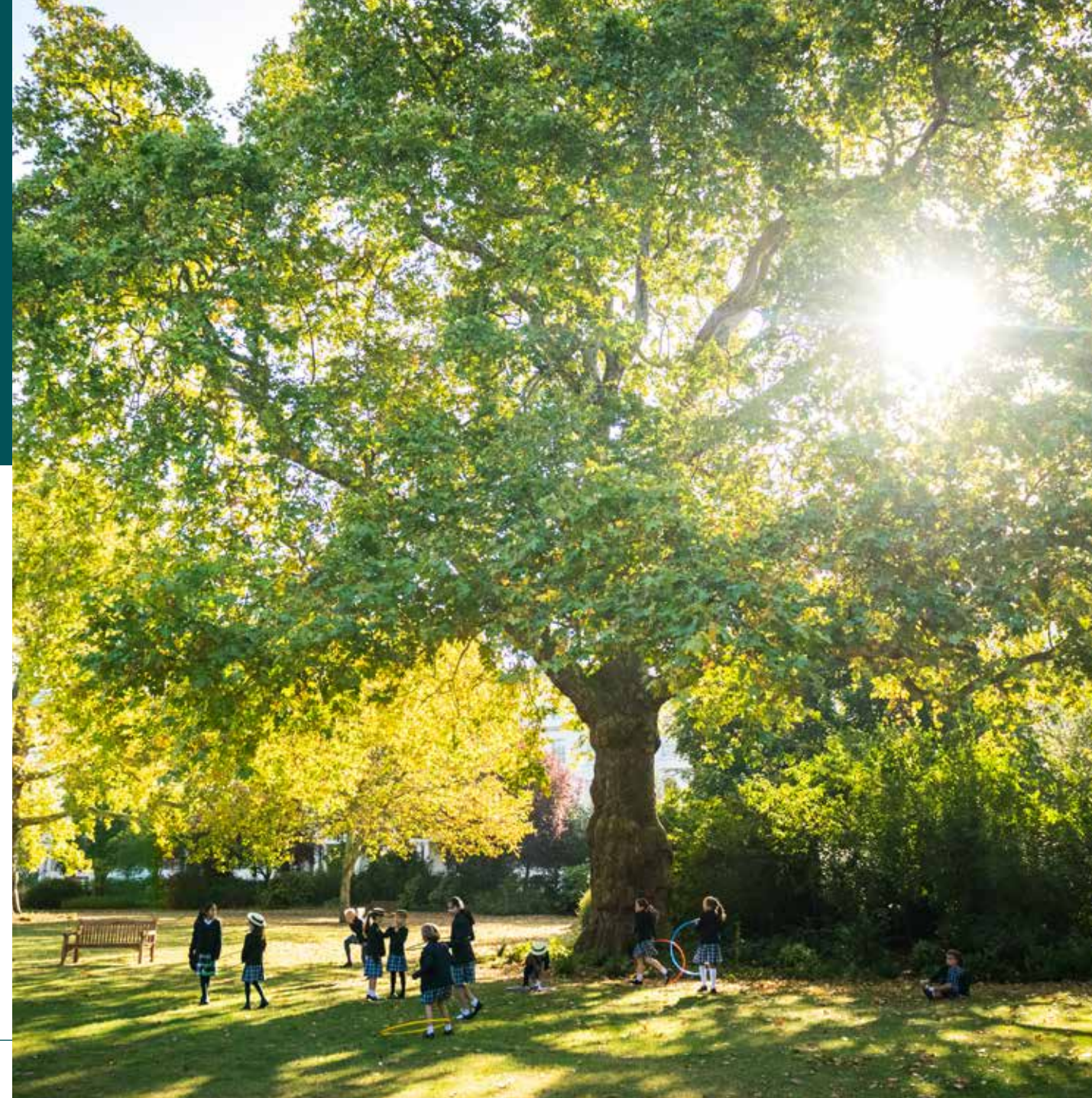
“QCPS has been a fantastic experience for us and we couldn’t make any higher recommendation. We are responsible for several of our friends moving their girls to this school and they haven’t looked back.”

Parent’s comment to Tatler’s School Guide

While many of our pupils choose to continue their education at our own senior school, Queen’s College London, we provide expert advice and guidance to all parents to ensure that every pupil finds the senior school that is truly the best fit for her.

As a result, every year we prepare our pupils for successful entry into a range of leading senior schools, ranging from single-sex day schools to co-educational boarding schools, in London or elsewhere.

When the girls leave us at the end of Form VI, they are sorry to say goodbye but excited about joining their senior schools - which is exactly as it should be!



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