



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back Newsletter | September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful summer break. I am delighted to write to you for the first time as Head of School at Queen's Park High School.



Having served within our trust community for nearly ten years and most recently as Deputy Head at Queen's Park, I feel incredibly privileged to lead a school built on ambition, care and opportunity. What makes Queen's Park special is its people: our remarkable students, dedicated staff and supportive families. I look forward to working with you as we build on our recent successes and ensure every child feels known, valued, supported and inspired to fulfil their potential.

Our vision remains clear: **Inspiring Individuals. Empowering Minds. Defining Futures.**

This year, our whole-school theme is **Excellence Through Consistency**. We know that success is built through the habits, routines and expectations we maintain every day. By working together, we will ensure every student experiences high standards, strong support and a genuine sense of belonging. Our improvement work this year will focus on five key priorities:

- Inclusion - Every student is known, understood and supported to succeed.
- Teaching, Learning and Curriculum for all - consistently high-quality teaching
- Literacy and Numeracy - Essential skills to unlock learning and future success.
- Culture and Belonging - where everyone feels valued, respected and inspired to achieve.
- Leadership - accountability, consistency and continuous improvement.

These priorities will help ensure that every decision we make has a positive impact on students and their future success.

We are also very proud to celebrate some of the strongest examination outcomes in the school's history this summer, including our best-ever A Level results and very strong GCSE outcomes which you can read about here - <https://www.qphs.co.uk/news/?pid=17&nid=3>

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Mrs Katrina Brown
Head of School



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Start of Term Arrangements - Reminder

Students return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**. On this day Year 7 will start at the regular start time of 8.40am - heading to the canteen, Year 12 should arrive at 9.30am heading straight to the hall and years 8-11 and 13 will start at 9.40am - heading directly to their tutor rooms. The regular timetable will commence from Period 3 onwards.

During the first day, students will:

- Meet with tutors, receive their timetable and key information about the year ahead
- Receive their personal Yondr phone pouch and training on expectations and routine
- Revisit school expectations and routines
- Receive information regarding enrichment opportunities and wider school life

We ask all students to arrive fully equipped, in full uniform and ready to make a positive start.

Behaviour, Attendance and Standards

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards that help make Queen's Park High School a calm, purposeful and successful learning environment.



At Queen's Park High School, our expectations are built around three key values:

Prepared • Engaged • Respectful

Everything we ask students to do aligns with these values and helps create a culture where every student can learn, thrive and be successful.

Uniform - Students are expected to attend school every day in full school uniform.

From September the regular school uniform is expected and here is a reminder that:

- The [school website](#) clearly outlines our uniform expectations
- Blazers are compulsory.
- Trousers/Skirts must be smart (no tracksuits/leggings/stretch fit)
- Shoes must be completely black, including logos and soles.
- Coats should not be worn indoors.
- Jewellery is limited to a watch and one stud earring in each ear.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance remains one of the most important factors in academic success. This year we continue to promote our message: ***Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow***

We ask all students to strive for at least **95% attendance** and to arrive punctually every day. Students arriving late without a valid reason will receive a same-day 30-minute detention. Regular lessons commence at 8.40am each day with tutor time during the middle of the day - any lateness or absence means lost learning time.

Mobile Phones and Phone Pouches

Our phone-free school approach continues with an added layer of support. All students are expected to:

- Bring their personal Yondr phone pouch to school each morning.
- Switch their phone off and place into the pouch under direct supervision as they enter the school building.
- Keep the pouch secured throughout the school day.
- Open the pouch only when leaving the school site at the end of the day.

The phone pouch system will help reduce distractions, improve engagement and support positive social interaction across the school. We appreciate your ongoing support in reinforcing these expectations.

Students who do not follow the phone pouch procedures will be subject to our behaviour systems and sanctioned as outlined in the school's behaviour policy which can be found on our website.

Working Together

Students will spend time during the opening weeks revisiting routines, standards and expectations so that everyone understands what is required for a successful year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every student starts the year positively and has every opportunity to succeed.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jill Cutler

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