Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School
Educating Women of the Future
Founded in 1888

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back to school this week following our **first two-week October half-term break**. I hope that all our families enjoyed the opportunity for some rest and relaxation. I would also like to wish our **Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck** for their internal exams.

As the two week half term is a new arrangement for QE Girls, we would very much welcome your feedback on the extended break and would be grateful if you could take a few moments to **complete our short survey by Thursday 12th November.** Your views will help inform our evaluation of the change.

This has also been a week where I have stepped on stage to present an award for teacher training on behalf of the **National Association of Initial Teacher Training, where I am a Trustee**. It was an enormous honour to attend their annual awards last night, and to help recognise the sector on this unique occasion. I look forward to ensuring Queen Elizabeth's Girls' continue to be at the forefront of teacher training going forward.





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I am also excited to share that work on our **new school website** is progressing well, and this week we captured some stunning drone footage of our school site, alongside photographs and filming of the many exciting activities taking place in classrooms. We are looking forward to soon sharing a website that truly reflects the energy, ambition and character of QE Girls.



Barnet SEND Inspection - An Opportunity to Share Your Views

We have been asked to share an important opportunity for families to contribute to the forthcoming inspection of local Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision in Barnet. Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are inspecting the effectiveness of education, health and care services for children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND across the borough. As part of this process, inspectors are keen to hear directly from parents, carers and young people about their experiences of the support available to them.

If this is relevant to your family, we would encourage you to take part. All responses will be treated confidentially and will help inspectors build a clearer picture of SEND provision locally. **The online survey closes at 9.00am on Tuesday 10 November 2026.** Complete the online survey. Alternatively, Word versions of completed responses can be emailed to: **data.areasend@ofsted.gov.uk** by 3pm on Monday 9 November 2026.

Looking Ahead to the Queen Elizabeth's Guild Centenary, 2027

This Wednesday, I was delighted to attend the Queen Elizabeth's Guild Annual General Meeting, as preparations gather pace for the Guild's centenary in March 2027. This significant milestone offers a wonderful opportunity not only to celebrate the school's rich history, but also to look towards the future. I am particularly keen that the centenary should mark the beginning of a renewed and flourishing relationship between QE Girls and its alumnae.

There is enormous potential to strengthen these connections through careers education, mentoring, professional networks, enrichment opportunities and the many ways in which former students can inspire and support the next generation of QE Girls students. I look forward to sharing more about these exciting possibilities as our plans develop. **If you are a former student of QE Girls, or know anyone who is, and would be interested in continuing the valuable work of the Guild, please do get in touch with me via head@qegschool.org.uk.**

Safeguarding

Keeping our students safe is our top priority, and we believe prevention through education is key to helping young people make healthy choices. We work closely with external partners, including our local policing team, who recently provided resources on knife crime prevention. These materials are endorsed by The Ben Kinsella Trust, a leading UK anti-knife crime charity dedicated to educating youth on the dangers of weapon carrying and legal consequences. Please take a few moments to review these vital safety resources with your child.

- Fearless (the youth arm of Crimestoppers) - https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/what-is-fearless
- Parent resources via school - https://benkinsella.org.uk/knife-crime-training-for-parents-and-carers/

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend,

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