

5th September 2025

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to welcome our students back into school this week and we are grateful for your support in securing very good attendance for the first few days of term. As we all know, excellent attendance (i.e. 97% or above) often leads to excellent outcomes for students.

At Queensbridge we have pride in our uniform and equipment standards which are the result of strong cooperation between parents/carers, students and the school.

We are firm believers in a school uniform that is worn properly and consistently. We believe that this helps students to develop a real pride in themselves and their school. Uniform helps to define our school community and create a real sense of belonging. It sets a standard of high expectations for both work and behaviour, helping to maintain the right environment for learning.

Uniform and Appearance

Standards of uniform are excellent among most of our pupils, and we are grateful to families for the time, money and effort it takes to ensure all pupils have all the essential items. We ask if families need support with meeting standards of uniform and equipment to contact the relevant Head of Year through: enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

I would like to emphasise that trousers should be worn on the waist and appropriate for an academic environment. Skirts should be no more than 5cm above the knee.

This year, we want to see a reduction in jewellery worn by students. This is to reduce the risk of valuable items getting lost in school or causing harm as students navigate our busy corridors. The school permits:

- Flat rings, stud earrings or small hoops that are flush to the ear are permitted, providing they are safe for all school activity. In certain subjects, students will be asked to remove or cover jewellery (e.g. PE, Dance, DT and Food Technology).
- Nose studs are permitted but hoops in the nose are not.
- A small number of bracelets are permitted (no more than three on each arm) but these must be removed for any lessons where this would pose a safety risk.

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Equipment

All students should come to school fully equipped and ready for the school day. Please ensure your child comes to school with the following:

- School bag – suitable to carry A4 folders/books.
- Pencil case – containing blue, black and green pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser and ruler, glue stick and highlighters.
- Scientific calculator.
- Reading book. This can be borrowed from the library but must be always carried in your child's school bag.

For further information please view [Queensbridge- Uniform](#)

Punctuality to School

Punctuality is monitored daily, and we set high standards for punctuality in our school. Strong habits of punctuality learnt at school supports our students moving into further education and the workplace later in life. It also ensures students have no missed learning and can receive the necessary support from their tutor during morning registration. We expect students to be in morning registration no later than 8.45am.

If a student is late to school, they will be expected to attend a late detention at break time in the main hall. This will be to discuss the reasons for the lateness and what support is needed to prevent a reoccurrence.

Mobile Phones (including headphones)

Why do we prohibit the use of mobile phones on our school site?

From a safeguarding perspective, we cannot effectively monitor, or control content accessed via mobile phones during the school day. This poses risks including exposure to inappropriate material, child-on-child abuse, cyberbullying, and data protection breaches.

School Expectations and Procedures

- Queensbridge School is always a strictly mobile phone-free site.
- If a student brings a phone for use after school hours (e.g. for travel), it must be turned off and stored out of sight until they have left the school site.
- If a student cannot store their phone safely, it should be handed in to their Head of Year at the start of the day.
- The school is not liable for any loss, damage, or theft of mobile phones.

Consequences for Non-Compliance

If a student is seen or heard with a phone on school premises:

- The phone will be confiscated immediately and stored securely.

- A 30-minute detention will be issued by the Head of Year for that day (where applicable).
- The phone will be returned to the student on completion of the detention (please note that this is an amendment to our mobile phone policy and procedures),

Contacting Home or School in Emergencies

- If your child needs to contact you, they can do so through the Pastoral Office using a school phone during break or lunch.
- If you need to reach your child urgently, please contact the main office, and we will ensure your message is passed on promptly.

Thank you in advance for your support in maintaining these valuable routines and standards. Maintaining excellent standards allows teachers time to focus on learning which, in turn leads to stronger outcomes for our learners.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ian Horgan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mr I Horgan

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