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To everyone joining us in September 2020

A message from Mrs Reeves...

Once again welcome to QB!

My team are working really hard to make sure that you feel at ease and ready to hit the ground running when you join us in Year 7. You are joining a very special school and we are really looking forward to meeting you; we hope that you are excited too. There is a lot to do: getting your new uniform, organising all your equipment and preparing for all those exciting subjects that await.

What is most important is that you know we are here to help and support. No question is a silly one and, if you need to ask it, please just email school and we will do our best to help. Please email pastoral@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk and state the subject as 'Year 6/7 Transition.'

If you do one thing between now and your first day try and read a book, or two even. Whatever you are doing in these unusual times, reading is without a doubt the most exciting activity of all. Escape to a new world, indulge in the adventures of different characters and, most of all, expand your own imagination... Thinking creatively, telling stories and using your imagination is what school is all about - Go for it...read...read....read, it's the only way!!!

Welcome from Mr Spicer

I am delighted to be able to further extend our welcome to all parents/carers and pupils who will be joining the Queensbridge community in September. I hope that you have all now had your induction packs, had a chat with a member of my Lower School team and had a chance to take a look at our welcome video, our school website and our Twitter feed. In this newsletter is a welcome from a number of our current Year 7; they talk about their experiences since joining us and share many of the exciting things they have been involved in, including showcasing some of their recent creations from the Lower School daily challenges! Enjoy reading through and please keep visiting the school website and Twitter feed as we continue to provide information and updates prior to your start with us. See you soon! Mr Spicer



A Welcome from Year 10

What's it been like for me? A message from the Head Boy...

Every day I have to be stuck indoors, doing the same routine and it gets very repetitive but it's not all bad. I can work at my own pace, so I can do all my work at one time and spend the afternoon relaxing or playing games with my friends - online of course! I cannot go out with my friends or play sports at the park. Not being able to go to the shops whenever I want is very different but it's something I can live without. I decided to make use of my free time by learning how to code in javascript and python and I've learnt how to use a Linux terminal. Working from home on this project can be easier than working at school as when I need help there are many videos all over the internet that can help me with my work and here, I can do my work so it is easily stored and organised without having papers everywhere. Having said all of this, I do miss seeing people in person and having a normal conversation with them and I miss my lessons as the way we learnt in them is a lot more fun than just reading from a screen. This lockdown has made me realise that I should make the most of this time as I won't get all of this free time ever in my life!

Welcome to Queensbridge

Going into year 7 can be very scary, especially if you haven't got lots of your friends from primary coming along with you. But it is important to make new friends too, and not to stick only with people who went to primary with you. Branch out and take this new experience to make some different friends! There are a lot of before and after school clubs and things to take part in. Going to these clubs is a good opportunity to make new friends and socialise with people you maybe wouldn't have before. In Year 8 and Year 10 you get the opportunity to go skiing - I went on it and it was such an amazing experience for people who can and can't ski. I spoke to people who I don't usually talk to and it was my favourite school trip plus, the views were amazing. In school, teachers are not only there to teach you but they are there to support and look out for you. I would know - I have a mentor who I go to when I require some support at school and it always helps. Queensbridge looks like a big, complicated school but, once you've been there a little while, you get the hang of things and you'll be able to find your way around. If you get lost, don't be afraid to ask a teacher or students for directions because they'll be happy to help you. So my advice to you would be to branch out and make new friends, don't be shy to try new things, be yourself and step out of your comfort zone. Good luck, I hope all goes well for you all. Enjoy Queensbridge :)



What Year 7 say

When I first went to Queensbridge school, I was quite nervous that I wouldn't find my way round and it would be confusing and difficult, but after ¾ of a year here, I really enjoy it and the truth is, it's really not that hard at all to navigate! There are so many great things that I can't even fit in here, but first of all, the teachers make you feel at home straight away - they get into teaching like you've always been there. It makes you feel right at home. Also, the library is just an amazing place to hang out with your friends and there are so many choices for what you can do at break time! QB is overall an amazing place and I love it here.



When I first came to Queensbridge, my first thought was 'this school is huge! I'm never going to be able to find my way around!' Don't panic. Once you get used to the school, you'll know it like the back of your hand. Then, when Cycle 2 rolls around, different rooms, but if you don't know the room, don't be afraid to ask a member of staff where the classroom is. Never be afraid to ask a teacher for help.

I felt the same as you. Nervous, excited and scared. I was mostly scared because of all the older children. They're so big and tall and, well, I'm short and small: But if you have the right attitude I can honestly say there's nothing to be scared about. I've found people to be kind and helpful. I really enjoyed Drama in my first cycle as I do want to be an actress but it was my first lesson altogether and it made me feel calm, happy and more relaxed.

Hi Year 6,

Hope you are looking forward to QB. It's a great experience. My favourite aspect of school is all the clubs that QB puts on. I have been involved in: Hockey, Basketball, Table Tennis and Cricket and I know they do other clubs like: Football, Drama, and Art club. It helped me to settle in and make new friends.

Dear Y6, I know how hard it must be for you starting a new school - trust me, I do. I still find it difficult to make friends but making and losing friends is all part of life. At Queensbridge not only are the pupils there your friends but the staff also. They all love a good chat during break or lunch. Kids you've never met come and ask you if you're alright. My personal favourite teacher is Miss Swain. She loves to laugh and have fun. Next year I will try my hardest to make friends with you and make you feel welcome.

Welcome year 6 to Queensbridge!

I am writing to let you know about how magnificent QB is, it includes various trips, polite students and teachers, a huge library with various books to read, a massive cafeteria and lots of clubs you can join. Furthermore, my favourite parts that I've experienced are fun and amazing staff (which help you whenever you need help and make lessons more enjoyable). Secondly, I absolutely LOVE the cafeteria, which has numerous and different foods every day. The cafeteria is humongous with many seats to enjoy your food at.

Thank you for reading this, I wish you the best of luck at Queensbridge!



Since you're not able to finish primary school because of all this craziness that's happening in the world right now, we Year 7s are going to tell you how we settled into secondary School. Be prepared. It is important that you start secondary school with all the tools you need and always make sure you have your stationery and uniform before you start. Meet new people. Everyone is in the same situation as you so you should always try and get to know your new classmates since they might be even more nervous than you are. School will be a lot more fun when you have friends to support you. Stay in touch with your old friends too - just because you might go to different schools doesn't mean you have to forget each other! It will be more exciting when you can talk to each other. I hope these tips will help you on your first day but as of right now stay home, stay safe and hopefully this will all be over soon...



Queensbridge School @qb_sch · 4 May

There have been some fantastic submissions already for "Still(s) in Isolation."
Today we're featuring our favourite student entries.

1. "Isolated" by Sarah, Year 7.

#CreateAtHome #QBArts



Queensbridge School @qb_sch · 4h

This sculpture by Dylan, Y7 has made our week!

"I found some old spoons and asked my mum if I could use them, used a pair of my dad's pliers to bend them into shape and some super glue to hold it all together."

Just amazing!

#QBArts #wellbeingwednesday



Queensbridge School @qb_sch · 11 May

We've also turned over our virtual Art Gallery (on the QB homepage) to some of the brilliant artwork being sent in by students, like this beautiful Mythical Creature design by Bethia Y9. queensbridge.bham.sch.uk ✓

#QBArts



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Queensbridge School @qb_sch · 6 May

Its great to see students embracing creativity in isolation - two brilliant responses to Ms Richardson's Toilet Roll Art challenge!

#wellbeingwednesday



A Challenge from Lower School

Hello Year 6!

The Lower School Team have been running 'daily challenges' for Years 7 and 8 throughout lockdown. We have done lots of different things - from keepy uppy competitions, to drawing rainbows for the NHS and listening to audio books.

We thought you would like to have a go at one of our challenges too!

ORIGAMI CHALLENGE

This has been one of Lower School's favourite challenges so far. The challenge is to have a go at making some origami!

Some of you may have done this before and for others this might be your first time having a go.



Here is a link to a website with instructions on how to make loads of different things using origami: <https://www.origamiway.com>

There's so much choice on this website - you can make animals, butterflies, paper planes, flowers, birds, characters, cars, boats and lots more. Have a look and see which ones you want to have a go at!

We would love to see your creations too!

Take a picture of your origami masterpiece and email it to either lswain@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk or relkin@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

The Lower School Quiz....

Below is a quick fire quiz to see what you know about Queensbridge already. The answers will be shared on the transition page of our website in a couple of weeks. Use the induction booklet, school website, Twitter feed, welcome video and virtual tour to answer the questions. Please print this out as we will want to see and talk about your answers when you start in September.

1. Who is the Head teacher of Queensbridge?

2. Who is the Head of Lower School?

3. Which room in the school does the image below show?



4. What is the name of the unique curriculum you do in Year 7 and can you name the 8 subjects it includes?

5. Can you name three places in Europe where Queensbridge have travelled to for residential trips?

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6. What time do you have to be in your lesson, ready to start, every morning?

7. What does TFL stand for?

8. Where is the picture below of?



9. Name 5 things that you must have in your equipment required for every lesson.

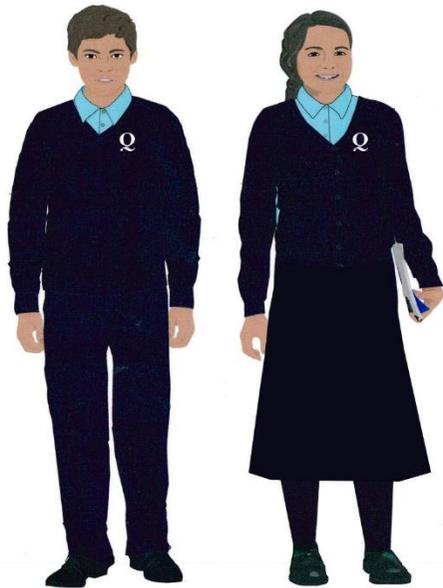
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10. Select your favourite tweet from our feed and tell us why this is your favourite (we will be asking you to share this when you start in September)

11. From everything you have read and watched from all of our platforms, what are you most looking forward to when you start in September?

Uniform

Queensbridge School Uniform 2020



Uniform requirements for all pupils

Dark V-neck knitted jumper with 'Q' logo
Pale blue polo shirt (long or short sleeves) with 'Q' logo
Navy blue formal full length trousers (no lycra or cropped allowed)
Regulation **Henley** pleated skirt from school uniform suppliers, or long navy skirt.
Formal all-black shoes that can be polished, without other colours or logos
If worn with skirts, white, blue or black socks, ankle or just below knee height
Blue or black hair accessories
Hair must be a natural colour
Navy blue head scarf

PE

Akoa PE kit.
a polo top
a choice of plain dark blue tracksuit bottoms or dark blue shorts or skorts
all with Q logo on
dark blue sport socks
sports trainers (appropriate for physical activity)
slide-in shin pads
gum shield (hockey)
Long-sleeved Queensbridge outdoor jumpers and dance leggings are optional.

DT

Navy Blue Apron

Equipment for every lesson



School bag
Pencil case containing blue, black and green pens, pencils, sharpener, ruler and eraser
Calculator
Glue stick and highlighter
(can be purchased from school)

Basic Standards

Mobile phones must not be seen on site
Natural hair colour and natural make up
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All parents and carers can access our services once our stores re-open as per governments guidelines. Your local store manager will then contact the school and get the process rolling.

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2. **Appointment system for all years.**
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