

14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: End of the Academic year – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 1.30pm finish time**

As we reach the close of another extraordinary academic year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for making this year such a success. Your dedication, resilience and unwavering support have been pivotal in creating a vibrant and nurturing school community.

**A Big Thank You to Our Community**

- **Parents and Carers:**

Your trust, involvement, and encouragement have been invaluable. Whether cheering at events, supporting students with homework or simply being our biggest champions – you have made a real difference. Thank you for partnering with us every step of the way.

- **Staff:**

To our brilliant Teachers, support staff and Administrators; we are grateful for your passion, professionalism and commitment. You have inspired curiosity, championed growth and fostered kindness within our students. It is your energy and creativity that continue to uplift our school culture.

- **Students:**

To each student: you inspire us daily! Thank you for your curiosity, your courage to learn and your kindness to one another. From mastering new concepts and participating in clubs, sports, to showing genuine care for your peers – you make our school a remarkable place.

I would also like to thank the Local Governing Body, Trust Board and Central Trust Team for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school, their efforts to ensure students have a safe and stable environment and for making Queensbury the wonderful school that it is today.

**Queensbury News**

Please note, the last day of term is **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025** with a finish time of **1.30pm**.

This term we welcomed new staff members;

- Emma Driscoll – Teacher
- Shabeena Saleem – Administrative Assistant

We are thrilled that they joined us, and they are a valuable asset to our team.

Congratulations to 3 members of Queensbury staff for their recent promotions:

- Jess Seager – Director of Learning – SENCO
- Molly Williams – Head of Faculty for English
- James Clewes – Level 3 Teaching Assistant

We will also be welcoming some excellent new staff to Queensbury in September 2025;

- Siobhan Ballinger – Director of Learning for Inclusion
- Jordon Brown - Teacher
- Francesca Edwards – Teaching Assistant
- Andre Berthineau – Teaching Assistant
- Aein Ghorbanighashghaeinejad – Teaching Assistant
- Anntoinette Djalo - Teaching Assistant
- Mia Holloway - Teaching Assistant
- Rahima Begum – Lunchtime Supervisor
- Emily O'Donnell – Lunchtime Supervisor

We are excited about the year to come and look forward to the expertise, creativity and energy they will provide to our students.

We say goodbye to Kalsoom Amin (Teacher), Anam Ayaz (Teaching Assistant), Maryam Frej (Teaching Assistant), Harpreet Kaur (Teaching Assistant) and Julie Jones (Lunchtime Supervisor). We wish them well in their new endeavours.

### Examination Results

Results will be available to you on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025, 9.00am – 12.00pm at;**

**Reception  
New Horizons  
Osbourne Centre  
Station Road  
Erdington  
Birmingham  
B23 6UB**

Any results not collected will be held in school and will be available for collection in September. Results will not be given via email or telephone. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Officer, Mrs Wolverson.

**Looking Ahead: Academic Year 2025-2026 dates****Start of Autumn Term 2025**

At the start of the Autumn Term, there will be **two** Staff Training Days – **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.**

Additionally, there will be a Transition Day held at Queensbury School on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025** solely for our **new Year 7** students **only** and at New Horizons for **Year 12** students **only** to allow them to meet staff and familiarise themselves with their new school environment. Other students do not need to be in School.

The first day of term for **Year 8 through to Year 14** therefore, is **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**; a timetable for classes will be published on our online timetable off the website and students will get a copy on their first day. <https://queensbury.edupage.org/timetable/>

To help you plan and prepare, here are the key dates for the upcoming school year:

- **October half term**; Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- **Christmas break**; Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026
- **February half term**; Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Easter break**; Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- **May half term**; Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- **Last day of school**; Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Good Friday**; Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**May Bank Holiday**; Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Additionally, please take note of the following staff development days which will be communicated again closer to the time;

**Staff Training Days (no students in school);**

- Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school is committed to a formal uniform and expects students to be smart in appearance at all times. Our school uniform supplier is:

- Trutex Erdington
- 73 The High Street, Erdington, B23 6SA
- Tel: 0121 350 8444.

By accessing;

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk> you can choose the school emblem. We ask that students wear the following:

### UNIFORM Year 7 to Year 11

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White or navy polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Black shoes or black trainers

Coloured trainers (white or multi-coloured) are not considered suitable footwear.



### PE KIT

- White T-shirt with school logo
- Shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Suitable sports footwear, e.g. football boots

### SIXTH FORM UNIFORM

Sixth form students will no longer be required to wear school uniform on a daily basis, this is to prepare them for adulthood. We want students to be able to show that they can make appropriate choices in terms of clothing. The dress code will be smart casual.

When going out on community access and or other events students **will be** required to wear a teal coloured hoodie or polo shirt with the Queensbury Logo. Both will be available to purchase from Trutex Erdington (73 high Street).

**MAKEUP AND JEWELLERY**

- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of an inexpensive watch (NOT a 'Smart watch'), ring and a small plain earring (stud) in each ear. Students will be required to remove items of jewellery for some practical lessons
- Other forms of piercing are not allowed and students will be asked to remove them
- Students wearing excessive makeup or colourful nail varnish/false/acrylic/fibre glass/gel nails will be asked to remove it/them

**INAPPROPRIATE UNIFORM** – students wearing inappropriate uniform are expected to rectify it immediately. If this is not possible, the school will provide an alternative in the short term whilst the issue is resolved and a text will be sent home. If the student continues to wear inappropriate uniform, then a note will be sent home with the student reminding parents/carers of the appropriate school wear.

**Mobile Phones**

In line with the new Department for Education guidelines on mobile phones in school, our policy can be found at;

[www.queensbury.com/policies](http://www.queensbury.com/policies)

The school operates a;

- Never used
- Never seen
- Never heard

If a student brings a phone/device into school, we have designated class lockers for them to be turned off and secured until the end of the day, by staff.

The school accepts no liability for theft, loss or damage and advises not to bring devices into school.

**Attendance Reminder**

Thank you to those parents who follow the School's procedure and telephone the School to notify us about absence. Where parents choose to use this method, written communication afterwards will not be necessary.

**Stationary and Pencil cases**

We encourage our students to be as independent as possible and therefore expect them to be suitably equipped for lessons, bringing with them a pen, pencil and ruler.

**School Meals**

Please be aware that the price of a school meal remains the same at **£2.95** per day.

As much as we look forward to the upcoming year, we also hope that every one of you enjoys a restful and rejuvenating summer. It is a time to relax, recharge, enjoy quality time with loved ones and pursue adventures, big or small.

Please keep an eye on your email and our school website this summer for any important updates.

Over the summer holidays we have some more exciting building work to continue to improve the school;

**New Horizons;**

- New canopy for outside social space at New Horizons
- New sensory play equipment
- New fitness & sports equipment on MUGA

**Queensbury;**

- Room 6 & 11 refurbished
- New sensory play equipment on Discovery & Quest playground
- Foyer – new floors, lighting and ceilings

Thank you for another wonderful year. Your partnership and spirit are what make our school truly special. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for what promises to be an engaging and inspiring 2025 – 2026 year.

Warmest wishes



**Mr Chris Wilson**

Executive Head Teacher