



**WHY QEH  
JUNIOR SCHOOL?**

# A LETTER FROM THE HEAD

I take great pleasure in sending you this prospectus, which I hope you will enjoy, and which will give you an idea of what QEH Junior School can offer your son.

You may also like to consider the following points which are key features of the school.

The curriculum is balanced, broad-based and especially appropriate for boys. There is a strong emphasis on learning from first-hand experience in a practical way, and developing creativity, imagination and a sense of enquiry.

Sport, music, art computer science and outdoor education feature heavily within our curriculum. There are a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer both at lunchtimes and after school.

We are a small school of 100 boys. We want to know our boys and their parents well. Pastoral care is a strong feature of QEH Junior School. Much emphasis is placed on helping the individual child.

The School is open from 07.45 to 18.00 (17.30 on Friday). The school day begins at 08.40 and currently finishes at 15.40 for Year 3, 15.45 for Year 4, 15.50 for Year 5 and 16.00 for Year 6. After school care runs from 16.05 - 18.00. There is after-school supervision and clubs until 17.00. Between 17.00 and 18.00 there is late stay and those staying behind have a light tea. There is a charge for this.

We use some of the resources/ buildings in the Senior School such as the Dining Room, Gymnasium, Theatre and specialist rooms such as the science laboratories and art studios. We also use our outstanding grounds at Failand for games.

QEH Junior School has large, light classrooms for teaching. We also have a Library and a drama and music room. We also have rooms available for small group activities.

Current fees are £3,620.00 per term (£10,860.00 per annum). This figure includes a free car-parking permit for the multi-storey car park close by, giving 30 minutes parking in the morning and in the evening - so parking is both safe and easy. Also included in the fees are all trips and visits directly connected to the teaching curriculum together with all books and materials. This includes our residential trips for each year group. Lunches are extra and cost £250 per term.

This prospectus really does only give you a flavour of what life is like at QEH Juniors. Please do contact our Admissions Team on [admissions@qehbristol.co.uk](mailto:admissions@qehbristol.co.uk) to arrange to come and meet us and have a tour to really get a 'feel' for the school. We will also be holding Open Mornings on Saturday 8 October at 10.00, and Thursday 10 November at 10.15 and we ask you to register on our website if you would like to attend either event.

I look forward to meeting you.



**David Kendall**  
Junior School Head



Since joining the school, we have been constantly amazed by the support and kindness given by the teachers, staff and other pupils and, above all, by the injection of fun that infiltrates throughout whether they're playing sport, completing a science project or participating in a school play. No doubt there will be challenges ahead but we're confident the school will provide the support and guidance that has our sons' best interests at heart.

**Michelle, parent**



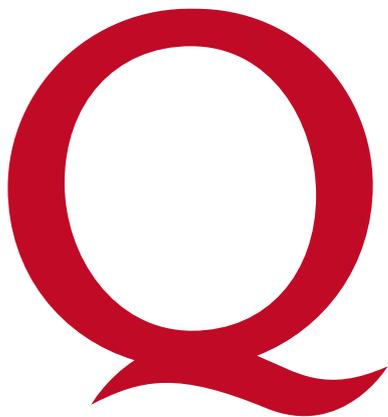
Story-time with Head David Kendall

## WE'LL HELP YOUR SON THRIVE

These four years in a boy's life are crucial. This is when he develops the attitudes, values and ways of thinking that will shape him as an adult. We seize this opportunity to influence, offering pupils an outstanding academic education that also prepares them for life.

We'll follow your sons' passions, helping him realise that learning can be fun. We'll work with you to develop his self-respect and acceptance of others. And we'll open his eyes to the world of imagination, enabling him to discover skills and talents he never dreamt he had.

We'll also make things easier and more affordable for you as a parent, offering all-inclusive fees and wrap around care to make busy working lives simpler.



## HOW DO BOYS LEARN BEST? THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION



QEH Juniors provides a safe, nurturing environment where each pupil is treated as an individual. The results are confident young men who truly believe in themselves. Freddie now has a passion for learning and the confidence to apply it which is due to the school, its understanding of boys and its fantastic staff.

**Lisa, parent**



**Top left:** Tomorrow's composers get creative  
**Middle left:** Problem solving in a maths lesson  
**Below:** Tackling the traverse wall  
**Middle right:** Going for it! Our QE Award is a bespoke junior version of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.  
**Bottom:** Learning with iPads



We understand boys. We know they learn best when they participate actively in lessons – it's one of the reasons why we have an outdoor classroom. We know too that they like solving problems, enjoy a challenge and are usually happy to try something new with a bit of gentle encouragement.

Education at QEH Junior School is boy-centred. Our highly creative, academically enriching curriculum nurtures the potential in every child. It challenges their ability. And it promotes a positive attitude to learning. Classes are always small and, with the help of teaching assistants, are often split into even smaller groups. Boys in Years 3 and 4 are taught mostly by their form teacher. In Years 5 and 6 they are taught mostly by subject teachers, preparing them well for Senior School. Every boy is known to every teacher.



WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN  
BY PERSONAL  
DEVELOPMENT?  
**WE HELP BOYS  
BECOME THEIR  
BEST SELVES**



We have seen Thomas develop into a confident, caring and sociable boy and demonstrate interests and skills we did not even know he had. All this is a direct consequence of the culture of the school and the care and encouragement the staff in all roles show.

**Ben, parent**





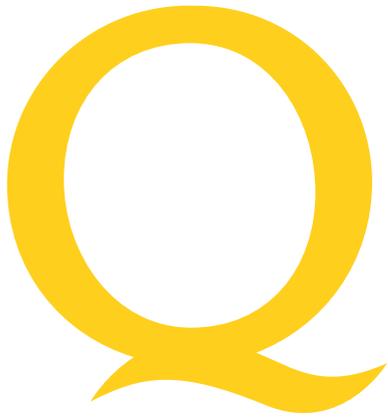
We want all our pupils to develop strong moral values, to understand right from wrong and respect others. This is why we place a lot of emphasis on personal qualities such as good manners, reliability, and caring for others. We do this with a light touch and a sense of humour, working closely with you to create a warm, supportive, homely environment. The result is pupils who have a positive self-image, who feel happy, safe and secure, and who have a growing sensitivity to the needs of others.

**Top left:** Over half our pupils have private instrumental lessons  
**Middle left:** Rugby at our sports ground in Failand  
**Top right:** So what happens next in your story?  
**Middle right:** Sharing insights in the IT suite  
**Bottom:** A drama rehearsal in our purpose-built, 220-seat theatre



We moved our son to QEH Juniors because it looked such a vibrant place, where a child can be themselves and not be made to feel silly if they want to learn and explore new things. Elliot is so much more confident and happy in himself, all thanks to the wonderful staff and the experiences he has had.

**Kelly, parent**



**WHY IS  
ADVENTURE  
SO IMPORTANT?  
IT LEADS TO  
DISCOVERY OF  
ALL KINDS**



Top left: Choosing a book in our dedicated Junior School library

Middle left: An impromptu header in the yard

Middle right: Creating Picasso-inspired art

Bottom: Cricket is one of many sports played

We fire imaginations, both inside and outside the classroom, helping boys develop confidence, an appreciation of the arts, and the ability to work with others. Music, art and drama are an important and integral part of the weekly curriculum. So is sport. Boys enjoy two afternoons of sport at our superb sports ground at Failand as well as weekly PE and swimming lessons.

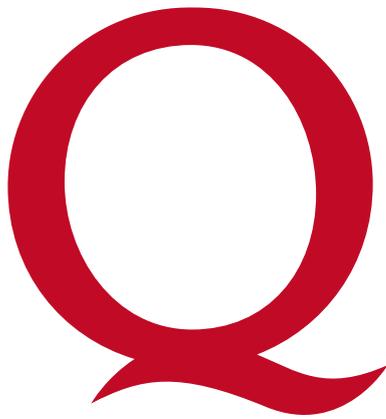
There's also a rich choice of after-school activities including a philosophy club, rock band, and running club. For those that really want to challenge themselves, there's the QE Award, our junior version of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This introduces all sorts of new experiences including bushcraft skills, voluntary work and an overnight camp on Exmoor. By the time they leave us, every boy is happier to step outside his comfort zone and ask 'What happens if...?'



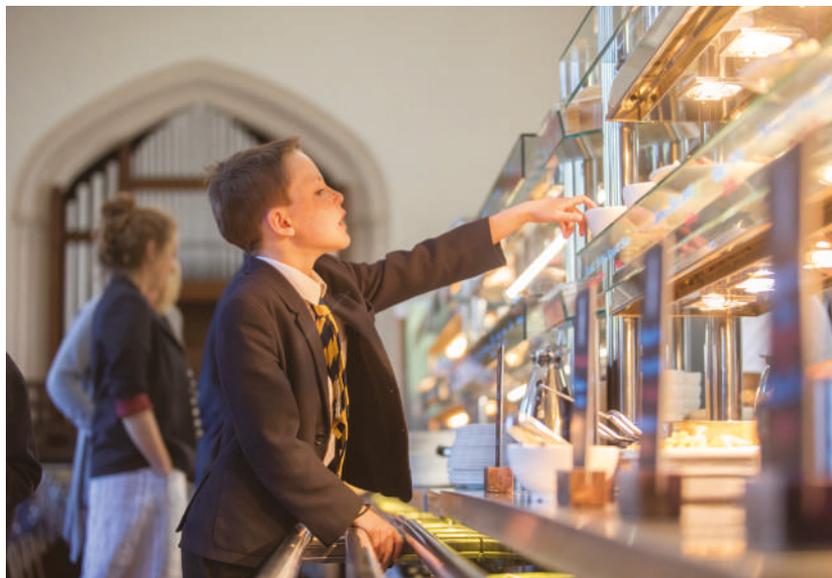


Staff at QEH Juniors really get to know their pupils and what makes them tick. This has resulted in a high level of engagement and success for our son at the school. We're confident that when the time comes for him to move on to the Senior School, he will really fly!

**Jody, parent**



## HOW'S THE TRANSITION TO SENIOR SCHOOL? SEAMLESS



**Top:** And they're off! Runners compete in Sports Day  
**Bottom:** 'I'll have that please!' - lunches are attractive as well as healthy

By the time your son leaves us, he'll have started to develop those all-important decision-making and leadership skills he'll need throughout his life. He'll have learnt self-respect and tolerance for others. And he'll be up for a challenge, happy to try something new even if he doesn't excel at it. In short, he'll have developed the confidence, character and social ease to make a smooth and seamless transition to our Senior School. QEH Juniors is inextricably linked with the Senior School, both physically and emotionally. So he'll quickly feel at home – ready to explore the many exciting opportunities that lie ahead.



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