



Queen
Elizabeth's
School

FOUNDED IN 1573

CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACK
Teacher of Mathematics





Welcome from the Headmaster

Thank you for considering an application to join us in the **Mathematics department** at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet. We are seeking an exceptional candidate, who relishes the opportunity of playing a significant role in taking our mathematics department forward from its present strong position into an exciting future.

For more than 450 years, boys have benefited from a Queen Elizabeth's School education. We are a selective school with a meritocratic ethos, committed to developing pupils' intellectual abilities and unashamedly celebrating academic accomplishment.

Ofsted has judged the School to be 'Outstanding' in all areas, following an inspection carried out in May 2022 – the sixth consecutive time QE has been awarded the highest grading.

QE is the reigning Sunday Times State Secondary School of the Year for 2026. This was announced in December 2025 when we also won the national awards for Academic Excellence and A-levels. The School places first in the national state school rankings, which combine GCSEs and A-level performance.

Proud as we are of our stellar examination results, there is much more to QE than that, as is made clear in our formal mission "to produce young men who are confident, able and responsible".

We nurture habits of genuine scholarship that take boys well beyond the classroom curriculum. We provide a plethora of exciting and worthwhile extra-curricular activities. And we inculcate a spirit of service, encouraging Elizabethans to give time to causes greater than themselves. QE offers, as the Good Schools Guide report puts it, "an exceptional and rounded education that even private schools would struggle to match".

At Queen Elizabeth's, we aim to provide a state education like no other. If you can help us in this endeavour, I look forward to hearing from you.



Neil Enright
Headmaster





The School

Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet

A highly successful and very well-run grammar school

QE offers a highly rewarding working environment, where staff thrive on teaching and guiding some of the most able young men in the country to fulfil their considerable potential.

Our examination results at GCSE and A-level consistently place QE among the very best schools nationally. Moreover, we encourage boys to pursue their intellectual interests through an extensive academic enrichment programme. QE also offers extra-curricular activities in areas as diverse as music, drama, sport, chess and robotics. All boys are expected to participate in the wider life of the School. Pupils regularly win awards at the national and even international stages of competitions.

The firm foundations underpinning the School's academic and extra-curricular achievements are reflected in its five consecutive "outstandingly successful" Ofsted reports. The School is heavily oversubscribed; large numbers attend our annual open day and sit the entrance examination. There are presently 1,314 boys on the roll, with a full complement at all ages from Year 7 through to Year 13, and a Sixth Form of about 350.

In a typical year, 90% of Year 13 leavers win places at Russell Group universities, while a higher proportion of our pupils go on to Oxford or Cambridge than from any other state school in the country. Despite all the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, QE has continued to flourish. Forty-nine Elizabethans were offered places at Oxford or Cambridge in January 2025, taking the total over the past three years to 157.

In September 2025, we launched a new strategy plan, *Boundless*, setting out where we wish to be by 2030. This school development plan draws inspiration from our rich heritage, while re-imagining our mission for a world that is rapidly changing.

Further information:

- [The School brochure](#)
- [Our mission](#)
- [Boundless](#)
- [School performance](#)
- [Ofsted report \(May 2022\)](#)





“Queen Elizabeth’s is making the top spot in our annual rankings its own and our award this year recognises that sustained excellence.”

Alistair McCall, editor of *The Sunday Times Schools Guide, Parent Power*, announcing QE as State Secondary School of the Year.

 **THE SUNDAY TIMES**

**SCHOOLS GUIDE
2026**

**STATE
SECONDARY SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR**

Thriving from ancient roots

Celebrating our 450th anniversary in 2023

We were keen to celebrate the significant milestone of our 450th anniversary in 2023. The start of the anniversary year was heralded by a royal visit from HRH The Duke of Gloucester in late 2022.

On the day of the anniversary itself, Friday 24th March 2023, a service of thanksgiving took place in Westminster Abbey. Attended by all the boys and by hundreds of others, including staff, governors, alumni and parents, it was a day to remember for the whole Elizabethan community.



Our [professionally produced 450th anniversary video](#) provides a whistlestop tour of our fantastic year. Great memories, and all to the soundtrack of international composer Howard Goodall's anthem, *And Be It Known*, commissioned for the Westminster Abbey thanksgiving service and performed by the Chamber Choir in a special recording session.



1573 – 2023



Leadership & Governance



The Governing Body

Queen Elizabeth's Governing Body was established by the Charter of 1573 which founded the School. The Governing Body is ultimately responsible for the performance of the School, setting its overall strategic direction and ensuring that the highest standards of education, safeguarding and financial probity are maintained.

Our experienced and talented Governors bring to bear their considerable professional experience in business, finance, the law, the media, and the civil service, as well as a range of educational institutions, to provide constructive support and challenge to the Headmaster and the senior leadership team.

Further information is available from the [School website](#).



Neil Enright MA (Oxon), MBA, NPQH, FRSA was appointed the 40th **Headmaster** of Queen Elizabeth's School in September 2011. He attended The John Lyon School in Harrow and read Geography at St John's College, Oxford. In September 2002, two years after he started teaching, he came to QE, and has remained here since. His voluntary roles include governorships at schools in the state and independent sectors.



David Ryan BA, MEd, **Deputy Head (Pastoral)**, read English and American Literature at Warwick. After graduating, he took up his first teaching job at QE in 1997. He has remained here ever since, working in various positions of increasing seniority. He is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at QE.



Sarah Westcott BSc, MA, PhD, **Assistant Head (Pupil Progress)**, completed her PhD at the National Institute for Medical Research, before taking a research fellowship with Cancer Research UK. Since joining the School in 2008, she has completed an MA in Educational Leadership and a Postgraduate Diploma in special educational needs leadership.



Anne Macdonald MA, **Deputy Head (Academic)**, read Geography at Cambridge and then worked for The Basic Skills Agency and the Learning and Skills Development Agency. She is responsible for curriculum development, the quality of teaching and learning, and continuing professional development.



Tara O'Reilly BEng, our **Deputy Head (Operations)**, and Company Secretary has many years' experience of managing business teams and leading digital development. Before joining the School in 2020, she spent nearly 16 years with the BBC.



After graduating in Classics from St Andrews, **Crispin Bonham-Carter** MA, NPQSL, **Assistant Head (Pupil Involvement)** spent a decade as a well-known actor and theatre director. Before coming to QE to take up his current position in 2019, he taught for ten years at Alexandra Park School.



James Kane BA, PGCE, NPQSL, NPQH, who joined QE as **Assistant Head (Pupil Destinations)** in September 2022. He took his first degree at the London School of Economics and has remained in the capital since, working in positions of increasing seniority at schools in Lewisham, Newham, Harrow and Stratford.



Michael Noonan, BEd, was appointed **Head of Digital Teaching and Learning** in 2023 to provide leadership capacity to the development of the School's digital education, having served as Head of Technology since 2017. Having created the Digital Literacy course at QE, he is working to ensure digital skills are built right across the School's curriculum.



Having read Chemical Engineering at the University of Nottingham, **Chief Finance Officer Reena Pandya** BEng, ACA, began her career in banking and then went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. Before taking up her current post at QE in April 2022, she was Head of Finance at AIM-listed Safestay Plc.



Matthew Rose MA, **Head of External Relations/Executive Assistant to the Headmaster**, the 2008 School Captain, returned to QE in 2016 after working as a political advisor in local government. His responsibilities include School policies, governance arrangements, marketing & communications, alumni relations and emerging strategic initiatives.



The Mathematics Department at QE

Mathematics at Queen Elizabeth's

“One of the most inspiring learning environments we’ve ever come across”
The Good Schools Guide, 2020

We hope to instil in pupils a sense of wonder at how Mathematics explains phenomena in the real world, while helping them become more confident, resilient, resourceful, creative and collaborative, and better problem-solvers, too.

Each year we receive a new cohort of Year 7 students who have been selected, in part, on the basis of their mathematical ability. They are enthusiastic, confident and used to succeeding in Mathematics. As a department, we see it as our responsibility to ensure that they remain engaged with the subject and continue to excel as they are presented with increasingly demanding challenges.

To do this, we seek to develop confidence and accuracy in their use of mathematical language and techniques to produce solutions to problems. By requiring rigour in such work, we build resilience and resourcefulness. Creativity is nurtured through encouraging boys to find alternative solutions, and we provide opportunities for them to cooperate and work as a team.

In all of this, not only do we aim to inculcate that sense of wonder and an enjoyment of mathematical theorems for their own sake, but also a life-long love of learning Mathematics among all our pupils.

Practically speaking, we achieve this partly through thorough preparation for examinations and competitions, so that boys experience the enjoyment that comes from being successful. We also expose pupils to interesting and perplexing puzzles that sometimes challenge their preconceptions and understanding about the subject.

At the end of their studies, all boys should have the mathematical skills to pursue further studies and then to enter the world of work, regardless of the nature of their ambitions. For some, this will mean they have a solid understanding of GCSE Mathematics, while others will have acquired the tools required to be competitive in the international world of mathematics in academia.

The subject-specific material of Mathematics equips QE boys for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics. The new A-level concentrates more than ever on the widely applicable mathematical modelling process. Moreover, the general skills gained from logical thinking and problem-solving extend to many other careers, such as Law.

Read more about the School’s curriculum [here](#).





We provide special preparation for STEP (Sixth Term Examination Paper), the Mathematics examination used to test applicants to Cambridge and Warwick universities.

Technology is important in Mathematics lessons. Boys are taught to use calculators, graph-sketching software and geometry software, while IT is also used extensively for numerical methods and statistical analysis.

QE boys participate successfully, and in large numbers, in the various UK individual Maths Challenges and follow-on Olympiad and Kangaroo rounds. Pupils take part in the UK Team Challenges, the Hans Woyda Maths Competition, the Edge Hill Challenge and the Maths Bombe online competition. A very extensive set of extra-curricular opportunities and special events is also provided. These include the: Year 7 Maths Fair; Year 10 lectures; Year 11 Show; Year 12 lectures; maths and élite maths clubs, and the cryptography club.

Read more about our vision for a diverse and inclusive curriculum at Queen Elizabeth's [here](#).



“Pupils flourish at Queen Elizabeth’s School. They love to learn. Pupils are happy and safe. They take great pride in their work. Pupils are determined to succeed in all aspects of their school life and are ambitious for their futures. Leaders ensure that pupils study a broad range of academic subjects. They make sure the highly academic environment of the school is also a nurturing one.”

Ofsted (May 2022). [Read the full report.](#)

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Outstanding
Provider



The Role

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Responsible to the Head of Mathematics, Ms Jessica Steer

We are looking for an able mathematician and an outstanding classroom practitioner who has the ability to motivate and stretch able boys, instilling a genuine enthusiasm for mathematics.

The successful applicant will be expected to teach throughout the age range to A-level. The potential to teach A-level Further Mathematics and to support able boys in their preparation for university entrance will be an advantage.

Mathematics is the most popular option at Advanced Level and very large numbers also study Further Mathematics. Significant numbers progress to Mathematics and related degrees at the country's most selective universities.

Our new Teacher of Mathematics will need to be able to work alongside the existing team to maintain standards whilst ensuring that boys' enthusiasm for the subject is encouraged through stimulating lessons complemented by a wide range of co-curricular activities. All teachers at Queen Elizabeth's are encouraged to play a full part in the wider life of this thriving School.

We welcome applications from experienced teachers, Early Career Teachers and also from those without any formal teaching qualification. Those without QTS will be supported by a comprehensive initial teacher training programme so that they work towards secure the qualification whilst working at the School.





How to apply

Application and Appointment Process

“Staff appreciate the efforts of leaders to support their well-being.” *Ofsted, 2022*

Applications should be submitted online through our dedicated recruitment portal accessed from our website. To apply for this particular post, please [click here](#).

Please note that CVs alone will not be accepted.

Any questions regarding the position or our application and recruitment process should be directed to
recruitment@gebarnet.co.uk.

CLOSING DATE: 9am, Wednesday 11 February 2026.

We are an equal opportunities employer. Queen Elizabeth's is a dynamic school supported by a diverse and enthusiastic community of staff, pupils, parents and alumni. It is important that our staff reflect the diversity of our community, and we therefore welcome and encourage applications from people of all genders and sexual orientation, those from Black, Asian and other minority ethnic backgrounds, and from those with disabilities.

Queen Elizabeth's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure & Barring Service.

Our **new Teacher of Mathematics** will take up post in September 2026.

The role will be remunerated according to the experience and qualifications of the teacher appointed.

On the interview day candidates will be observed teaching a sample lesson. The interview process will also comprise a blend of formal and informal meetings.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate at interview:

- Outstanding subject knowledge.
- Genuine enthusiasm for working with young people.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Excellent administration and organisational skills.
- A commitment to educational excellence and the ethos of the School that will help to ensure our pupils thrive.



