

## Important Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the academic year comes to an end, I wanted to keep all of our parents and carers updated of some of the new exciting changes that will be happening at Queensway school from now to the end of term, in September and onwards so that you and your child, are fully aware of any school developments and our expectations.

As you already may be aware, we have exciting new subjects on offer in our exciting new curriculum. We want to ensure we have relevant offer for our young people which will help them into the appropriate workplace or further educational setting. These subjects include, music, drama, photography, motor vehicle, hair and beauty Duke of Edinburgh, Forest Schools and performing arts.

We will be adapting our uniform for September which will mean that both of our sites will have the same uniform which reinforces our 'one school' ethos. All students will now wear a grey polo shirt and a grey sweatshirt will be replacing the former blue fleece. We will also have a new PE kit (which is optional) and, at the request of the School Councillors, we will also be introducing the option of a blazer.

A shirt and tie option will be available in the Autumn Term. All items will be available to order from Baker and Sons by the end of July ([www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.bakerandsonschoolwear.co.uk)). Please find attached to this letter an outline of our uniform expectations.



Please ensure that you read them carefully in order to avoid yourself any additional expense. Our uniform has been carefully considered taking into account students' sensory needs. All main supermarkets now stock 'sensory friendly' standard uniform items such as trousers.

In what was a very challenging year due to Covid, we made some changes to our school day and staggered arrival and finish times to maximise the safety of our students. This has proven to be a great success as we have had very few transmissions of Covid within the school environment. We also feel that this has made a significant impact on the smooth running of the school and in reinforcing a calm and positive learning environment. Therefore,

we will be running a very similar system into the new academic year. (Please see times overleaf). We have notified pupils services for all students who arrive by taxi.

Unfortunately, due to the recent rapid increase of the Covid Indian variant across the borough we were directed by Telford and Wrekin Council not to proceed with our Transition week plans for our new students. Therefore, in order to try to still ensure they have the best chance of a positive transition into Queensway, the return to school will be staggered over two days; Lower School and Year 11s will return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and the remainder of students will return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are still hoping that our Summer school will be able to take place in August as this will be an ideal opportunity for our new students to get to know each and familiarise themselves with their surroundings. All new parents will be receiving all relevant information regarding this. We also have some possible activities planned over summer with our school counsellor and we will continue to liaise with agencies to support parents and families where we can.

I am delighted to say that there have been lots of students deserving of rewards this term for good behaviour, good attendance and students who have made significant progress in areas of their academic and social and emotional development. These trips include the West Midlands Safari Park, a trip to Huggle Pets and a trip to London for students who have achieved over 95% attendance for the year. Unfortunately, due to closure of the North site this last week, we have had to postpone the London trip and a few activities in school until the new academic year but we will ensure that these go ahead. We feel that it is extremely important to give our students incentives to work towards that make all their hard work worthwhile!

Another new exciting development in the school; we are currently training two therapy dogs to become part of our Queensway community. I am hoping that they will be a great source of comfort and happiness for our students when they need it most.

I would like to thank you as parents for your on-going support and I look forward to getting to know more of you over the forthcoming year.

Have a lovely restful Summer and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Julie Bravo  
Headteacher

### Times of the Day September 2021-22

	Mon - Thurs	Fri
Groups 1 & 2	Start	8.45
	Finish	1.30
Groups 3 & 4 (North)	Start	9.00
	Finish	1.30
Groups 3, 4 & 5 (South)		
Year 10	Start	9.15
	Finish	1.20
Year 11	Start	9.15
	Finish	1.20

### Uniform and Appearance

Queensway believes that the pride our students take in their appearance is a reflection of their attitude to their studies and our school community. Our uniform has been carefully considered taking into account students' sensory needs. All main supermarkets now stock 'sensory friendly' standard uniform items such as trousers.

There will be no exceptions unless previously agreed by the Headteacher.

We would ask that you, bear this in mind, in order to avoid yourself any additional expense. Please read carefully our expectations as outlined below:

**Uniform** - *School uniform should not be confused with current 'fashion'!*

Student should travel to and from school in full uniform i.e.

- Grey jumper with Queensway logo (ordered through Bakers & Sons)
- Grey polo shirt with Queensway logo (ordered through Bakers & Sons)
- Black trousers for boys or girls OR black skirt (KNEE LENGTH)
- Black shoes – preferably leather upper or black trainers (no colour or logo). These must be lightweight. **NO BOOTS OF ANY SORT**

## **PE Kit**

- New PE kit with logo, blue/grey (to be purchased/ordered through Bakers & Sons)
- Socks
- Trainers

## **We DO NOT allow the following:**

- Short skirts
- Jeans, joggers, and leggings are NOT permitted
- Extra-wide flares
- Coloured Trainers (other than for PE)
- Wide belts
- Minimal jewellery (this will be at the Headteachers discretion), no facial piercings.
- No boots

## **Appearance**

Again we would ask you to ensure that students arrive at school looking smart.

We do not allow the following:

- Excessive make up (at the discretion of the Headteacher)
- Body piercings
- Earrings (one pair of stud earrings is allowed)
- Tattoo / Henna
- Hoodies (If any child choses to wear a hoody as an outer layer for the journey to school they MUST remove it immediately on entering school)

## **NO Smoking**

Categorically, no smoking will be tolerated on School site. Parents need to ensure their child does not bring cigarettes or lighters/matches to school.

## **SCHOOL Uniform**

School uniform **MUST** be worn. Failure to comply may result in your child being sent home. Any non-compliant items must be handed in to staff on arrival for collection at home time.

We reserve the right to isolate any student breaking these rules or to send any persistent offenders home.

If you would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support.



Julie Bravo  
Headteacher  
Queensway