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Queen Margaret's School for Girls

Escrick Park, York

# More than a school

We nurture girls to fulfil their ambitions and realise their potential so they can become the best women they can be. Investing in a QM education for your daughter will give her an amazing start in life.

Our girls achieve academically (outstandingly so), they engage enthusiastically in a range of enrichment opportunities, and they thrive in a supportive and inspirational setting.

# **Our Core Fees**

Boarding Type	Per Term (excluding VAT)	Per Annum (excluding VAT)
Full Boarding:		
UK/EEA	£14,560	£43,680
Non-UK/EEA	£16,435	£49,305
Weekly Boarding	£12,250	£36,750
Flexi Boarding:		
Three nights	£10,655	£31,965
Two nights	£9,995	£29,985
One night	£9,325	£27,975
Day	£8,220	£24,660
Additional overnight stays	£100 per night	

### What's Included?

Included in our core fees are breakfast, lunch and supper (plus breaktime refreshments) for all girls - Day Girls and Flexi Boarders may arrive at school after 07:30 and depart up to 19:30 on full school days to enable them to participate in clubs and activities, and to make busy family life that little bit easier for parents. For non-UK/EEA students at QM, we have made our full boarding fee as all encompassing as possible; the non-UK/EEA full boarding fee includes EAL (English as an Additional Language) support and routine weekend activities. QM offers a comprehensive co-curricular enrichment programme, and many of these activities are also included within the core fees. Charges apply for some enrichment activities and these costs are detailed later in this booklet.

There are some other costs, such as examination entry fees, shuttle bus services and school uniform, which should also be taken into consideration - we do have a well stocked Pre-Loved Uniform Shop onsite. Every term there are many activities and school trips (both as part of the curriculm and extracurricular) which our girls have the opportunity to be involved in. The costs for any such activities are usually added to the termly school bill - your specific consent will be sought for activities with a cost of  $\pounds 30$  or more.

### **Weekly Boarding**

- Weekly Boarders can stay in school as many nights as required from Sunday night to Friday night (inclusive).
- All Saturday nights stayed will be charged at the full additional overnight stay rate and are not included in the core
  fee. However, Weekly Boarders who stay on 3 or more Saturday nights in any term will, instead, be charged the
  difference between the Weekly and Full Boarding fees.
- Weekly Boarders have an allocated bed and dorm.

### Day and Flexible Boarding

- A Flexi Boarder can stay in school as and when needed and the number of nights is not restricted by those included in the fee. Nights stayed need not be on a fixed night or number of nights each week. Similarly, a Day girl can stay as and when needed subject to there being available accommodation.
- The Flexible Boarding fees include an average of one, two or three overnight stays per term week; these nights can be aggregated over a term to enable a girl to stay as and when needed.
- All Flexible Boarding fee options include two additional nights each term for a girl to stay in school at the start of term. Day girls are also welcome to stay, subject to there being available accommodation, and will be charged at the additional overnight stay rate.
- All Saturday nights will be charged at the full additional overnight stay rate and are not included in the core fee.
- Overnight stays not utilised in a term cannot be carried forward to another term and will not be refunded.
- Terms can be of different lengths and hence the number of nights included in each fee will vary term by term.
- All additional nights in excess of those included in the fee are charged at the full additional overnight stay rate.
- Flexi Boarders have an allocated bed and dorm. This may not be the case for Day girls.

# Our Fee Payment Options

### **Option I: Termly Invoice**

School fees are invoiced three times per year, prior to the start of each term (usually in July, December and March). School fees are payable in advance, chargeable extras such as enrichment activities are payable in arrears.

### Option 2: Enhanced Fees in Advance Scheme (EFAS)

EFAS allows parents to pay a lump sum up front for all or part of their daughter's education. Advance payments attract a discount rate which is applied to all fees paid into the scheme and which ensures parents have long-term peace of mind that they have secured the best fee for their daughter whilst mitigating the future risk of above-average fee rises. If you would like further information please contact the Bursar (bursar@queenmargarets.com).

### The Small Print

- Fees are due in cleared funds before the start of each term.
- Unpaid fees may be subject to an interest charge of, currently, 6% above base rate.
- We offer a discount of 5% off the core fees of your eldest daughter when sisters are attending QM together, up to a maximum of 15% discount per family when three or more sisters are in school.
- A full term's notice in writing to the Head is required if a girl is to be withdrawn from the school; if notice is not received a term's fees in lieu of notice will be charged.
- If you wish your daughter's place to change to a fee in a lower tier, notice is required in writing to the Head before the end of the Half Term of the Summer Term preceding the start of the school year for which you wish the change to take place. If notice is not received then fees will be charged at the higher tier for the full year.
- Changes to a fee in a higher tier will take effect from the start of the next term.
- Day and Flexi Boarders may arrive at school after 07:30 and depart up to 19:30 on full school days; there is no charge for breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- Full Boarders have the cost of weekend activities included in the fee.
- The Non-UK/EEA Full Boarding fee includes EAL (English as an Additional Language) support.
- VAT will be applied at 20% to all fees from January 2025.



# Financial Assistance

Our girls come from a variety of backgrounds and, with an increasing emphasis on the support available we are proud that we are continuing to make a QM education possible for an increasingly diverse range of girls.

### **Sibling Discount**

We offer a discount of 5% off the core fees of your eldest daughter when sisters are attending QM together, up to a maximum of 15% discount per family when three or more sisters are in school.

### **Forces Families**

We're proud of our long history of welcoming students from <u>families from across the Armed Forces</u>. QM is able to offer generous discounts on boarding fees to supplement the CEA for children of personnel serving in the Armed Forces.

### **S**cholarships

Girls can apply to earn a Scholarship at QM - we offer Academic, Art, Choral, Dance, Drama, Music and Sport Scholarships. Our Scholars benefit from specialist mentoring to set targets, monitor progress and evaluate performance, and they receive specific tuition in their chosen discipline, given by highly dedicated and qualified staff. Our Scholarships may carry a discretionary fee remission of up to 10%.

### **Means-Tested Bursaries**

Our aim is to encourage applications from girls with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible. We welcome bursary applications from any family based in the UK who might, under ordinary circumstances, not consider a QM education for their daughter for financial reasons. Bursaries can take the form of either assisted (partial remission) or transformational (significant or full remission) bursaries.

The value of a bursary is dependant upon factors such as household income, savings, assets, investments and personal financial situation. In common with many other schools, we use the services of Bursary Administration Ltd to assess applications on our behalf. A girl must be registered with QM to apply for a bursary - further information about means-tested bursaries is available from the Admissions Team (admissions@queenmargarets.com). All applications are treated in the strictest of confidence.





# **Enrichment Activities**

Our co-curricular enrichment programme encourages our girls to broaden their perspective, have a go at all the opportunities a QM education presents and enjoy a rewarding, full and enriching day, seven days a week. Fees for some enrichment activities apply and are detailed below, all fees listed are excluding VAT.

### Music

Instrument/Singing Lesson

(60 minutes):£559 per term(40 minutes):£392 per termInstrument Hire:£43 per term

### **Dance**

Individual (45 minutes): £300 per term
Pair (45 minutes): £220 per term
Group (45 minutes): £144 per term

### **LAMDA Performance Examinations**

Individual (30 minutes): £315 per term
Group of up to four girls (30 minutes): £157 per term

Thirty Music, Dance or LAMDA lessons are provided over the whole academic year. As term lengths vary the number of lessons per term will differ. An adjustment will be made at the end of the year should the full number of lessons not be received. Additional lessons will be charged pro rata.

### Tennis and Squash

Individual:£46 per hourPair:£35 per hourGroup:£29 per hour

(The above costs are charged pro rata if a shorter lesson is agreed.)

### Personal Training: (Year III and above)

Individual Basic:£43 per hourIndividual Intensive:£50 per hourPair:£32 per hourTrio:£28 per hour

### **Horse Riding**

The Queen Margaret's Riding School is ideally located on our campus. The Riding School offers lessons to girls of all standards and is able to take students' horses on full or working livery during term time. The Riding School is a separate legal entity from the school, however for convenience, the cost of lessons is added to your termly account by QM on behalf of the Riding School. Please contact Sarah Robinson, Proprietor of the Riding School on 07763940237 / riding-school@queenmargarets.com for further information. Costs for lessons and livery are:

30 minute ridden lesson: £35 I hour horse husbandry (non ridden): £30

Full livery: £150 per week
Working livery: £80 per week

### English as an Additional Language (EAL)

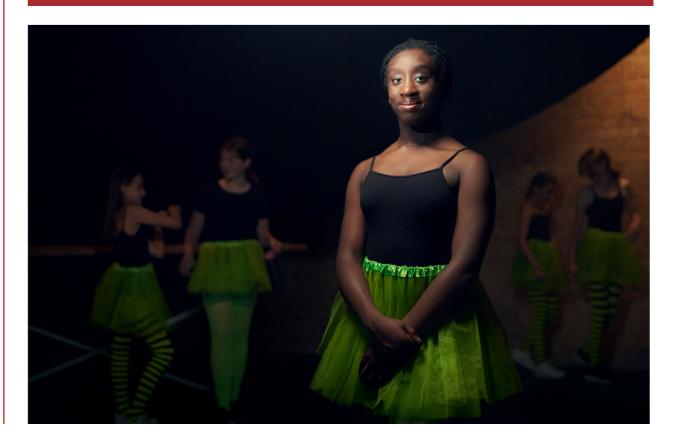
Our non-UK/EEA Full Boarding fee includes EAL (English as an Additional Language) support. EAL lessons for EEA girls are billed per term in arrears and the cost varies according to whether they are taken individually or as part of a group. Some girls may take two or three EAL lessons per week as required, the cost per lesson is as follows:

Individual:£49 per hourPair:£40 per hourSmall Group:£29 per hourLarge Group:£23 per hour

Other activities may be offered from time to time where the costs will be dependent on the number of girls taking part.

A full term's notice in writing is required if any chargeable activity is to be changed, paused (excluding study leave for public or internal academic examinations) or cancelled. If notice is not received then an additional term's charge will be made. Lessons missed without 48 hours notice will be charged for, unless this is because of an approved school activity.

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