

Short-Stay Immersion Programme



Queen Margaret's
School for Girls

Escrick Park, York

An
experience
like
no other

Queen Margaret's Short-Stay Immersion Programme enables students to experience a vibrant all-girls British boarding school. We have welcomed and nurtured international students for many years. Being part of our community helps international students to prepare for their next steps; they improve their English language skills, share academic and cultural experiences with friends, and live in a busy boarding house supported by caring, dedicated housestaff.

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At a Glance:

- This programme is for: Girls in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12
- Course dates: Year-round (flexible start dates)
- Recommended duration: 3 - 4 weeks
- Cost: £1,590 per week (£750 non-refundable deposit required on booking) plus a £175 Registration Fee.



QM Key Facts

201
Students

11-18
Age of Students

14
Nationalities

46%
Full Boarders

65%
UK Students



2024 Finalist:
International
Student
Experience

Our Location

Queen Margaret's is easily accessible for our overseas students and perfectly placed to explore the UK. We are approximately a one hour drive from Leeds Bradford International Airport and 1.5 hours from Manchester Airport. As the school is so close to York, it is also easy to reach us by rail - the high speed train journey to London is under 2 hours and Edinburgh is 2.5 hours away.

QM is set in 75 acres of stunning parkland, yet is only six miles from the cultural and historic riches of York. Previous winner of the Sunday Times 'Best Place to Live in Britain' and voted European Tourism City of the Year, the historic City of York is packed full of attractions, museums, theatres and independent shops, and will play an important part in the cultural experience of students on our Short-Stay Immersion Programme.



“Although my stay at QM was not long, the experience was unique and unforgettable. The staff were dedicated, my classmates were nothing short of amazing and I felt at home.”

~ Hazel, Year 9

What's Included?

English Academic Experience

- A full timetable of academic lessons, including traditional core subjects (English, Science, Mathematics) and a selection of QM's huge range of optional subjects such as Drama, Art, Music, Business, and Geography.
- A keen focus on improving English Language skills, when QM students study Modern Foreign Languages and Latin, (for example) our Short-Stay Immersion Programme students will receive English as an Additional Language (EAL) tuition.



Unique Cultural Experience

- The area surrounding QM is steeped in British history and provides a unique cultural experience. Students on the Short-Stay Immersion Programme participate in our exciting schedule of boarding activities; activities include shopping trips to York, watersports at Allertorpe Lake, pottery painting, a traditional Ceilidh, go-karting, ten-pin bowling, and cinema trips, not to mention our regular Community Weekends where special activities are arranged by each House.



The Shambles, York. Photo from visityork.org

Enrichment Opportunities:

- There is daily scheduled enrichment time for a wide range of clubs including Gardening, Painting, Dancing, Photography, Film and Science Club, plus many Music and Sports clubs.
- Short-stay students will have the opportunity to participate in competitive sports. They will also join one of our six competitive Houses so they can join fun House meetings and help to earn House points in events such as Fun Song and Cookery competitions.

What's Included?

School Facilities

Girls on our Short-Stay Immersion Programme have full use of our incredible school facilities including:

- 75 acres of stunning Yorkshire parkland
- Purpose-built Theatre, Dance and Art Studios
- Exceptional sporting facilities, including a 25m indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, AstroTurf and our onsite Horse Riding School.



Outstanding 'Home from Home' Accommodation and Catering

- Short-Stay students will be welcomed into one of our homely boarding houses with other QM students. They receive 24 hour supervision and our Housestaff will help girls to settle quickly and feel at home during their stay.
- All meals are provided by our Tatler award-winning in-house Catering Team
- We have a Health and Wellbeing Centre on site, staffed by a team of dedicated nurses. Our Housestaff are also first-aid trained.

Meet our Housestaff



Jill Roe, Warwick House
(Years 7 - 9)



Clarisse Bale, Winnie's
(Years 10 & 11)



Lorraine Taylor, Cloisters & Cottages
(Sixth Form)

Optional Extras

QM will gladly arrange transfers for students to/from the airport with our preferred transport provider. Students who arrive on the same flight or on flights that land at a similar time may be able to share transport.

Airport Transfers to/from QM

Manchester Airport: £155 (approximate) Leeds Bradford Airport: £71 (approximate)

Horse Riding Lessons

Individual (30 minutes) / Pair (40 minutes) / Group (50 minutes): £35 per lesson

Tennis and Squash Lessons

Individual: £46 per hour / Pair: £35 per hour / Group: £29 per hour

Music/Singing Lessons

£55.90 (60 minutes) / £39.20 (40 minutes)

Dance Lessons

Individual: £30 (45 minutes) / Pair: £22 (45 minutes) / Group: £14.40 (45 minutes)

“It is never easy to send a child abroad, even if you think that the experience will be an enriching and rewarding one. However, we realised from very early on that our daughter was enjoying every minute. She made friends instantly and was perfectly integrated in the school.” ~ **Overseas Parents**

Our International Coordinator

Tracy Gong

Tracy Gong is QM's International Coordinator. We understand what a big step it is for girls to travel overseas for their education and, whilst all of the QM staff will provide a warm welcome and the support your daughter needs, Tracy is specifically on hand to make sure our international girls settle in and gain confidence. Tracy is a key link between school and home and will help with any language barriers and cultural differences that overseas students may experience during their stay.



Useful Information

Visas

All international students need a Visitor Visa. Additional visas might also be necessary so please check the requirements prior to booking the Short-Stay Immersion Programme.

Education Guardians

Students must have an Education Guardian for the duration of their stay at QM. This can either be a family member/close friend or a reputable educational guardianship organisation that is accredited by AEGIS (the Association of Educational Guardians for International Students) or is a BSA Certified Guardian under the Scheme operated by the Boarding Schools' Association. The Education Guardian should be based within a two hour travel time of the school. You can read our Educational Guardian Policy [here](#).

Uniform

Parents are asked to send their daughters' clothes sizes to the Admissions Team so that they can see what uniform is available to borrow from the Pre-Loved Uniform shop. As we cannot guarantee having all sizes, all students are asked to bring with them smart white shirts, plain grey trousers and smart black shoes, as well as black leggings and trainers which can be worn for sport.



How to Book

To book a place on our Short-Stay Immersion Programme please complete the Registration Form available [here](#) (indicating your preferred dates of stay) and return it together with the £175 registration fee, a colour copy of the student's passport and their latest school report to admissions@queenmargarets.com. Applicants will be required to complete the school's entrance assessments and have a short interview before an offer is made.



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