

Orientation Programme 2023



Queen Margaret's
School for Girls

Escrick Park, York

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Queen Margaret's Orientation Programme is the perfect way to gently ease into life in our British boarding school. Our girls' health and happiness are at the heart of everything we do, and we can ensure they settle into their new home from home from the moment they step off the plane.

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At a glance:

- This programme is for international students joining QM in September 2023
- Dates: Monday 28th August - Saturday 2nd September 2023
- Cost: £1,250 (£250 non-refundable deposit required upon booking, full balance due by Monday 14th August).

At Queen Margaret's we have welcomed and nurtured international students for many years. Being part of our community has helped them to prepare for their next steps, many choose to continue their studies with us, and then go on to study at prestigious British universities.

We know that leaving home to come to a new country and a new school is a huge step for girls who are joining QM from overseas. Our Orientation Programme is specially designed to make the transition as easy as possible. The week-long programme takes place immediately before the start of term. It helps girls to get settled in to their new home so that, when the new term begins, they feel prepared and ready to begin their learning journey with us.

The Orientation Programme is filled with lessons and activities that will help to forge friendships, reduce any culture shock and overcome any language barriers. Girls will be given intensive English as an Additional Language (EAL) lessons, they'll get the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our beautiful campus, and they'll have chance to explore York and the local area. We'll be here for your daughter from the moment she steps off the plane, making sure she feels that she is a supported and valued member of the QM Family.

Staying at QM

QM is set in 75 acres of stunning parkland yet is only six miles from the cultural and historic City of York. Previous winner of the Sunday Times 'Best Place to Live in Britain' and voted European Tourism City of the Year, this historic city is packed full of attractions, museums, theatres and independent shops.

During our Orientation Programme, your daughter will have the use of our impressive grounds and facilities. She will stay in one of our boarding houses and have plenty of time to become accustomed to her new surroundings before all other students arrive for the start of the new term. She will board with other international girls on the Orientation Programme, so friendships will form from the very first day.

Our residential house staff are on hand to provide pastoral care to girls on the Orientation Programme, ensuring any homesickness and worries are outweighed by a wonderful fun-filled week in their new home.

What's Included?

- Girls travelling independently will be met by QM staff at Manchester Airport on Monday 28th August
- Accommodation in one of our homely boarding houses
- Meals provided by our award-winning Catering Team, as well as meals out at local restaurants favoured by our girls
- Fun activities on site which are specially designed to help girls get to know each other and familiarise them with the campus
- 16.5 hours of expert EAL tuition
- Educational excursions to museums and popular tourist attractions
- Recreational trips including Designer Outlet shopping, bowling and the cinema.

(Please note there will be an additional charge for the transfer from the airport and this may vary depending on the number of girls travelling).

*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.
~ Parents of an overseas student.*



Example Itinerary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08:15 - 08:45	Airport Collections*	Breakfast				
09:00 - 10:30		IT Set Up	EAL	EAL	EAL at the Seaside	Move to Boarding house
10:30 - 11:00		Break				
11:00 - 12:30		EAL	EAL	EAL	EAL at the Seaside	Village Walk
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch					
13:30 - 15:00	Unpack and settle in	EAL at York Castle Museum	EAL at the Jorvik Viking Museum	EAL	EAL at the Seaside	Trip to Selby Abbey
15:00 - 18:00	Treasure Hunt	York Walk	Mindlock and Clifford's Tower	Designer Outlet Shopping	Return, pack for dorm move	Shopping
18:00 - 19:00	Takeaway Meal - in house	Meal out then Ten-pin Bowling	Meal out then Film Night	Meal out then Quiet Night	Takeaway Meal - in house	Meal out then settle into new houses

* A member of QM staff will be at Manchester Airport all day on Monday 28th August to meet girls who are travelling independently and arrange their transfer to school. Please inform us of your daughter's expected arrival time using the [Orientation Programme Booking Form](#). If you intend to travel with your daughter, please aim to arrive at school between 12:00 and 14:30 - refreshments will be available and we will be pleased to give you a tour of the school.

To secure a place on QM's Orientation Programme please complete the [Orientation Programme Booking Form](#) and return it to admissions@queenmargarets.com by Monday 5th June. Your deposit payment of £250 should be made using the bank details provided on the Booking Form and the full balance is due by Monday 14th August.



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