



Queens' House



## INTRODUCTION

Queens' is named after Queen Mary I, Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II. During the reign of each queen, Gresham's School made significant strides towards the establishment it is today.

In the reign of Queen Mary Gresham's was founded (1555), in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, Gresham's admitted its first pupils (1562), and in the reign of Elizabeth II Gresham's first admitted female pupils (1971). Its predecessor, Britten House, first opened its doors to boarders in 1996, becoming Queens' House in 2016. The identity of the House has now been established by the girls who have lived and worked here during the first two years of Queens' House, and we hope that every girl that passes through here will leave their mark on the place.

Queens' House has a very special and beautiful location on the North East edge of the campus, backing onto the School woods and overlooking the playing fields, Chapel, the Britten Building, and the Auden Theatre. It has a particularly colourful and cheerful interior and a new Upper Sixth Form wing. It has a unique warmth and vibrancy and is currently home to 70 girls, including boarders and day girls.

## RESIDENTIAL STAFF

The Housemistress is Mrs Virginia Seldon.

She lives in the House with her husband, Mr Mark Seldon.

Telephone 01263 714564



The Housemistress takes overall responsibility for the well-being of the pupils.

Vi arrived at Gresham's 11 years ago as a Spanish Assistant, having studied English and Spanish at the University of Valladolid, her hometown, and did her PGCE at Buckingham University.

She was a resident tutor in Britten House for two years before becoming Head of Spanish. She is married to Mark, who is the Director of Studies at Gresham's. They have a son, Oliver, and a daughter, Mia they both attend Gresham's Pre-Prep School. Mark has an older son, Harry, who attends Gresham's Prep School.

The Assistant Housemistress is **Miss Anne Untereiner**

Telephone **01263 714565**



Miss Untereiner is Queens' Assistant Housemistress and a teacher in French and a library assistant.

She has worked and been a resident at Gresham's School for the past three years as a French assistant and then has a teacher trainee. She has previously worked in schools in Bristol, around Norwich, and at the University of East Anglia teaching French.

She enjoys cooking and baking (mostly the latter though!), travelling, and the arts.

Miss Untereiner is excited to be living and working in Queens' to support the girls in all their endeavours at school and making sure they have a great time in house.

The Resident member of staff is **Ms Lynne Roberts**

Telephone **01263 714584**



Ms Lynne Roberts is the new resident member of staff in Queens' since January 2020.

She has worked at Gresham's as the Director of Music in Prep School, and is involved in many concert and musical events. She has previously been Assistant Housemistress in Edinburgh, hence she has a lot of experience in boarding!

She enjoys music, taking care of her plants, and having a chat when she is on duty! She helps the team on weekends, and is on duty one day a week.

The House Matrons are **Mrs Natalie Farrell** and **Mrs Katy Robinson**

Telephone **01263 711437 / 714582**

Matrons are the first person to go to if you are in the house and feeling unwell, and will help with all health matters. They will also arrange and take you to appointments, and help you manage your laundry. They will always be there for you if you need a chat, and is good at problem solving and finding lost items!



**Natalie** has worked in the boarding environment for twelve years within two other schools Oundle and Kimbolton. Her three children, one son and two daughters, are grown up now. Her eldest daughter has been living in France for the last five years. She is called Nanny Natalie to her granddaughter Bella. She is interested in a wide range of pursuits... one of them being baking so she particularly loves baking cakes.



**Katy** and her family are resident at Tallis House and she is excited to be working with the girls in Queens' as part time matron. She enjoys most sports, being in nature and loves to be creative, with a particular passion for design and illustration.

## **Miranda Starling, Emma Cooper and Christine Craske**

We are very lucky with our domestic team, who spend every morning looking after Queens' House and making everything feel like home.

## **HOUSE TEAM**

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL DUTY STAFF**

- Mrs Anna Watt - Head of languages
- Mr Simon Kinder - Head of History, Head of Learning and Teaching
- Miss Sarah Pink - Teacher of Art
- Ms Melissa Masters - Teacher of English as a Second Language
- Mrs Sizer -Teacher of Learning Support and Assistant SENCO
- Ms Emma Whittle - Head of Psychology
- Mrs Esther Philpott - Teacher of Biology
- Mrs Helene Buckingham - Director of Netball
- Mr Tom Wight - Teacher of Biology

## **PREFECTS 2022-2023**

The house has a team of prefects who help to organise the smooth running of things. They carry authority but they are also there to help you!

**School Prefect - Hattie Reynolds**

**Head of House - Georgie Morris**

**Deputy Head of House - Alana Eke**

### **House prefects**

Poppy Brady

Libby McCarthy

Esther Breimann

Maya Pies

Millie Clark

Ash Pillesaar

Krista Fitzsimmons

Kim Pollen

Jasmijn Flinterman

Maddie Saunders

Amelia Hill

Alice Stanbridge

Gabby Hippolite

Emma Talumaa

Lucy Isaac

Icy White

All new girls are assigned a 'Big Sister' in the Upper Sixth form. Your Big Sister is mentor, friend and support, particularly in the early weeks.

## **HOW DOES THE HOUSE WORK?**

I live in the house, with my family, in accommodation on the far side of the Common Room. I am there for most of the time in the house and available to help with any matter, school or otherwise. I have a study next to the Common Room.

If I am not there I am probably teaching; you can leave me a note under the door, try me later, or find another member of staff to help. You will always know which member of staff is on duty in the house. During the school day, it will probably be easier to find me in the Library Block in my classroom, which you can find downstairs on the right.

As a House we are committed to meeting the dietary, medical and religious needs of all in our care. Such needs can be made clear to Housemasters and Matrons by parents or the students themselves at any stage during the academic year.

The person on duty in Queens' always carries a mobile phone, and the number is available to you all: **07833 206442**

## **WHAT ABOUT CONTACT WITH HOME?**

Most pupils have their own mobile phones. It should be pointed out, however, that they must not be used during lesson times, prep times or after bedtime.

There is Wi-Fi throughout the house and most girls use email or Skype to keep in contact with home. The six house computers all have internet access and you are free to use them in this way, although priority should always be given to girls who are using the computers for work! You will get a BYOD (bring your own device) code on your first day which will allow you to access Wi-Fi from your own personal devices.

Boarders may go home at the weekends if they wish, or they may go to the home of a friend. If you are going to a friend's house, I will always confirm this arrangement with parents and the parents of the friend

## **WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?**

You must find me, or someone else you are happy to talk to, and who you trust, and your problem can be addressed. Whatever the problem is, it needs to be sorted out and you must never suffer in silence. My door is always open to you. If you prefer, talk to a Prefect, Matron, Ms Untereiner, Mr Seldon or another member of staff. We also have special people who you

may wish to talk to in confidence, called independent listeners. They include the school counsellors, Elliot and Kate who are happy to see you about anything that is worrying you.

You will soon find that we are here to help and that the School is an amazing community in which everyone wants you to be happy and to thrive.

If a student needs to speak to a residential member of staff then he/she must ring the doorbell of their residence and await a response. They must not enter the accommodation uninvited and will be granted access only to the HSM study if they do enter.

## **ALL THE OTHER STUFF**

Lots of activities occur outside the classroom. As well as a wide range of enrichment opportunities that are linked to academic development, there are a huge number of sport, music, art, and drama activities.

There are many inter-house competitions, and many of these occur in the first term. We will start practising for the Inter-House Music Competition very early in the term, and there will also be the Cross Country and Hockey competitions. In the Lent term there is an Art competition, Inter-House Netball and Swimming, with Athletics, and Rounders in the Summer Term. There are matches for those in school teams, plays, concerts, choir and Orchestra. Make sure you make the most of what we have on offer.



## Queens' House – House Rules

### Signing Out

If leaving the house outside of lesson time, pupils should sign out in the exit book, and sign in immediately on return. Destination must always be given, and you should never sign for other people. Seek permission from duty staff before leaving the school grounds at weekends, then sign out in the usual way. Pupils should not leave the house before 7am without staff permission.

Day girls **MUST** sign out at the end of the day when they go home on the Day Girls 'signing out book. All visitors must sign in and out of the house too.

### Roll Calls

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Late evening</b>
Monday	08:00-08:15	13:00-13:50	17:15-17:30	19:30-20:00 (Curfew night)
Tuesday	08:00-08:15	13:10-13:50	17:15-17:30	19:30-20:00
Wednesday	08:00-08:15	13:00-13:50	17:15-17:30	19:30-20:00
Thursday	08:00-08:15	13:10-13:50	17:15-17:30	19:30-20:00
Friday	08:00-08:15	13:00-13:50		19:30-20:00 (Curfew night)
Saturday	08:00-08:15	-	18:30	21:00
Sunday	10:30	16:30	18:30	21:00

Rolling roll calls will now be the norm. You will need to present to a member of staff, usually the HSM, who will register you. This will be done in controlled fashion ensuring that social distancing is maintained. Be punctual, appropriately attired in the correct and full uniform, and ready for the next event/activity/Prep. If you are late then you will need to locate, apologise and provide good reason, to the member of staff on Duty and then sign in at Reception in the event that it is morning registration. 17:30 roll call will be done in your studies.

## **Prep**

Silence is to be observed, and pupils must remain in their studies until the end of prep. Juniors should remember that senior girls are working during late prep and should be considerate. Music may be played quietly by those in single studies, but not heard outside the room. All other pupils should use headphones. Sixth Form study periods follow the same rules as prep.

## **Television**

The television may be watched in free time, not during study periods, prep or hobbies time. Videos must be approved by duty staff beforehand, and videos may only be watched by pupils from within the appropriate age group.

## **Dress**

Pupils should always be respectable when walking around the house.

Normal school rules regarding dress and jewellery should be observed.

Shoes should be cleaned regularly.

## Laundry

All except for Sixth Formers should put their dirty laundry in the appropriate baskets in the laundry room, each evening before bedtime. Clean clothes should also be collected from the laundry room at this time and put away. Sixth Formers may use the washing machines at times agreed with Matron.

## Food and Drink

Food should not be prepared during lesson times and study periods. You have to use your own crockery, if using kitchen utensils, ask a member of staff and it should be washed and put away immediately by the user and kitchen surfaces wiped clean.

## Meals

It is a school requirement that all meals are attended. You should be in breakfast before 7.40am, and report to the duty prefect. Do not sign in for other people.

### Monday and Wednesday

Lunch		Supper
12.30pm	Year 11 road side	7.05pm
12.45pm	Sixth Form (not with P5) Dyson side	7.15pm
1.00pm	Year 10 CFB road side	7.05pm
1.15pm	Year 9 CFB Dyson side	7.05pm
1.25pm	Sixth Form (with P5) road side	7.15pm

### Tuesday

Lunch		Supper
12.30pm	Year 11 road side	7.05pm
12.45pm	Sixth Form (not with P5) Dyson side	7.15pm
1.15pm	Year 9 road side	7.05pm
1.25pm	Year 10 Dyson side	7.05pm
1.25pm	Sixth Form (with P5) road side	7.15pm

### Thursday

Lunch		Supper
12.30pm	Year 9 road side	7.05pm
12.50pm	Year 10 Dyson side	7.05pm
1.15pm	Sixth Form road side	7.15pm
1.25pm	Year 11 Dyson side	7.05pm

### Friday

Lunch		Supper
12.30pm	Year 10 road side	7.05pm
12.45pm	Sixth Form (not with P5) Dyson side	7.15pm
1.00pm	Year 9 road side	7.05pm
1.15pm	Year 11 Dyson side	7.05pm
1.25pm	Sixth Form (with P5) road side	7.15pm

### Saturday

12.30pm	Sixth Form road side
12.50pm	Year 11 Dyson side
1.00pm	Year 10 road side
1.10pm	Year 9 Dyson side

## Games Kit

Boots should be removed before entering the house. Knock off any loose mud outside away from the entrance before carrying the boots inside.

## Security and Safety

Matches and lighters are not allowed.

Nothing should be placed over bedside lights or touching overhead lights.

Self-closing doors should never be propped open.

## School electrical safety instructions

Plugs should be fitted correctly - Do not do this yourself. Private electrical equipment should not be brought into school (kettles, toasters etc.)

## Valuables

It is not advisable to bring valuables into school. If expensive items are needed for some reason, they should be left with Mrs Seldon. You are advised not to keep large amounts of money in your possession.

## Advice from Y9 (2020)

It's not that bad in year 9, it doesn't take as long as you think to settle in and get to know everyone. My advice would be to chill and have time to chat to fiends in Queens when you can, most of them aren't that scary! Unless you try and take their tuck. Also remember it takes longer from queens to get to some lessons and don't cover up the stink of your games kit with deodorant, it makes it worse.

Sophia C.

Firstly, I advise you just to enjoy year nine as it's the least stressful year out of them all at the senior school even though it doesn't seem like it at times so have fun but also do your prep ;)! Another thing to think about is timing, you'll need to take into consideration that you need more time to leave from house to make it on time to lessons as we're so far away (but you get used to it)!! Another thing is that you need to keep the prep room and dorm tidy or matron will be after you, this is something my year aren't very good at... You will be given prep every day so you have to keep on top of it I suggest doing it pretty much as soon as you get it, but there is time at the end of the day when everyone dose their prep so you can do it then.

Eliza A.

Hello year nines I have a little bit of advice to give you before you come into your first year of senior school.

First, remember when you are in the prep room try to respect each other's things and only put your own belongings on your own desk space and try to keep things organized so you don't lose anything. When in the kitchen, after you have had a snack, always clear up any thing you brought out back in the place you found it and clear up any of your cutlery and bowl that you use. Then, it's nice and tidy for the next people that go in there because it would really please everyone to keep the place tidy! That would be wonderful, thank you. Before school, I would suggest to plan out your day using your timetable so you know what's coming up. You are always welcome to ask questions for directions to your new classes, furthermore, remember to get your walk on because you are going to be traveling around a lot around campus to make sure you're not late. Thank you for taking my advice and I hope you have a wonderful first year.

Anna P-S.

I think the important thing is be nice and kind to each other, cooperate with others to make a thing better. Keep your personal stuff in your own area, otherwise your stuff will get lost easily. Make sure to bring everything you need for the lesson with you, so than the teacher won't get angry with you and won't let you go all the way back to house to get your stuff. The most important thing I think is to bring

your prep diary because if you do not write your prep down in your prep diary, at prep time you might forget what your prep is. Be organized, tidy and stay healthy!

Chloe Z.

Most importantly, try to keep your general life organised as the day is busy and it's easy to get in a fluster when you don't know what you're doing. Make sure to write down every prep into your diary with clear instructions because when it gets to prep time, you might be the only one in your set that is also in Queens' and you need to know what you are doing (check at on the first day who in Queens' is in your set). Also try to keep up to date with preps as much as you can otherwise they soon pile up, it's just easier for you and teachers won't be chasing you for it. Keep your space clean and tidy in the prep room and in the dorm because I did not (life regrets), stuff can get lost, and it is so much easier for Matron and the cleaners. However, apart from that, try to make as many new friends as you can because there will be loads on new people and everyone is a bit nervous. Have fun, ask us anything if you need to!

Tillie C.

Firstly, I would say to bring your own mug for the kitchens as normally they're in the dishwasher and I get used up really quickly. Also to bring your own tuck box with a lock because food can disappear quickly in a form of girls. I would also keep your prep room tidy because otherwise things get lost easily. In addition, to make sure that you are on time for all your lessons, leave five minutes early. At the start, it is easy to get lost and it takes quite a while to get places if you're in Queens'. I would also suggest on your first day using the map on the back of your prep diary or asking one of the older students for advice on how to get places because it can be hard for the first few lesson.

Miranda H-S.

You will have the best time as a year 9 in queens, so enjoy every moment. My only advice to you is to wear a watch and make sure you're on time to all your lessons and roll call. Make sure to leave yourself enough time to walk to lessons.

Charlotte A.

Don't be scared to talk to older people in the house, we all treat each other like family, and everyone will help you if you have a problem. Also, one of the things I was most worried about was chapel and lunch because that's when everyone is together, but I quickly realized that it's not bad and no one is judging you.

Issy S.

# H o u s e   E v e n i n g   R o u t i n e

2022-2023

	Return to house (Devices handed in, showered and sorted for bed)	To rooms	Lights out
Year 9	21:00	21:30	21:45
Year 10	21:15	21:45	22:00
Year 11	21:30	22:00	22:15
Year 12	22:10	22:15	22:30
Year 13	22:20	22:30	22:45

## Medical

When medical attention is needed, see matron before 0800 hrs, or during the day.

When Matron is off duty, please see Mr or Mrs Seldon or Ms Untereiner. In an emergency, or during the night, you may find Mr or Mrs Seldon or Ms Untereiner.

NO medicines may be kept in your possession. Hand them to Matron. NO medicines may ever be shared with anyone else.

