

# Queens High School for the Sciences at York College



## Club Guide

### Fall 2021

### Greetings QHSSers!

For the first week of clubs this year, you will be sampling the respective clubs on their assigned days. Each club will have a short interest meeting for any interested students to learn more about the club and what they do.

We will have Club Sampler Week during the **week of October 18 after 9th period!** A schedule of the days that certain clubs will be having an interest meeting is attached to the email in which you received this club guide. Please look over the schedule!

You will visit a club for approximately **15 minutes** to learn about that club. After the 15-minute session, an announcement will be made over the school's PA system and you will proceed to visit another club. If you wish to visit multiple clubs, please wait until the PA announcement before doing so. **Please DO NOT proceed to visit the next club until you hear the PA announcement!** You can visit up to 3 different clubs to learn about them. Once you have visited all the clubs of your interest, you can go home!

Please consult this **Club Guide** to help you choose which club you would like to sample and possibly join. The day of the week and club advisors are included with each club's description. Please note that a club's location and existence are subject to change based on its enrollment.

After Club Sampler Week, you will be emailed a link from the SGO to sign up for clubs. If you do not get this email, please stop by the SGO office. You will be asked to submit your top three choices in the survey. This survey should take less than one minute to fill out. **As always, membership in any club is on a "first-come, first-serve basis," so make sure you submit your preferences as soon as possible!**

**Happy Clubbing! <3**

**1000 For Yemen QHSS** (TUESDAYS, Ms. Minaya, Room 230): 1000 for Yemen QHSS is the QHSS branch of a larger student organization, 1000 for Yemen. 1000 for Yemen is an organization that aims to spread awareness and fundraise regarding the ongoing Yemen crisis. 1000 for Yemen QHSS will help host both fun and informative events throughout the school year while working closely with its mother organization to help further its mission, educating people about the Yemen crisis and raising money on its behalf.

IG: @1000fyQHSS

**American Red Cross** (THURSDAYS, Mr. Ascher, Room 203): The American Red Cross Club's goal is fundraising for humanitarian services while helping educate our school community. This club is a great way to earn ARISTA hours while helping your community and hanging out with your friends simultaneously.

Past events include the PTC Bake Sale, Ghoul Grams to treat your friends with chocolate, and many fundraising competitions for a chance to earn prizes. Future events include Movie Nights, virtual escape rooms, and free CPR training.

We are a non-Friday club and do not meet weekly, leaving members a chance to express their interests in other clubs as well!

We hope you will join us to serve the Red Cross' humanitarian mission!

IG: @qhssredcrossclub

**Esports Club** (THURSDAYS, Mr. Mondestin, Room 222): In a world filled with technology, the eSports community has rapidly become the face of video gaming. Being an organized way to participate in multiplayer video game competitions, our club provides a platform for students to express their talents in various video games and allows them to meet new students with similar interests. We are able to connect and play via Discord and Zoom, enabling us to easily interact with all members. Partaking in games like Minecraft, League of Legends, Fortnite, Valorant, etc. We have tournaments and weekly winners to stimulate friendly competition. Enlist in eSports, Play Limitless.

IG: @qhssesports

**Asian American Association** (TUESDAYS, Mr. Su, Room 203): Curious about the intersections of your socio-political identity? Want to create campaigns? Network? Watch dramas featuring people of Asian descent? Embrace pan-Asianism?

Have trips to institutions highlighting Asian Americans' stories? Then join the Asian American Association (AAA) today! The AAA is an activist club, we create a safe space to explore activism, race, and weave solidarity. Ever wonder why social anxiety and mental health stigma are common in our communities? Why is poverty rampant even though the media capitalized on the Model Minority Myth? And how war and immigration uniquely affected us to this day? Or, just confused, and want to learn WHY? The AAA has interesting trips to help you learn more about Asian Americans as well as volunteering events so that you can contribute to the Asian American community. The AAA plans to meet after ninth period (3:45 pm ~ 4:30 pm) every other week on Tuesdays.

IG: @qhssaaa

**Veritas Literary Magazine** (FRIDAYS, Ms. Keeley, Room 203): The QHSS Veritas Literary Magazine publishes a yearly, schoolwide magazine made up of images, poems, stories & essays from students. As the oldest club in QHSS, Veritas has a rich history in our school and is the perfect outlet for creative students to express themselves. Veritas also offers opportunities to earn extra credit, & is a fantastic boost for your resume.

IG: @qhssveritas

**Green Team** (THURSDAYS, Mr. Rivilli, Room 207): The club will have small presentations or videos talking about environmental issues. The club will focus on educating members about critical environmental issues around the world. Everyone knows about the more mainstream issues such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, and deforestation. But there are many other topics such as food waste, and plastic pollution that will be discussed. Most of these problems can be alleviated if we really took the time to think of the consequences of our choices and educate ourselves on these critical issues and whatever we can do to help.

**Make a Wish Club** (THURSDAYS, Ms. Dillworth, Room 231): Make a Wish Club is a fundraising club with the primary objective of raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation. The Make a Wish Foundation helps children battling illness by granting their wishes. Our club holds multiple fundraising events throughout the school

and community. Though in the past we had events like bake sales, can drives, and cookie sales, we are planning virtual events this year. We raise awareness for children fighting diseases at a young age, stimulate creativity and compassion, and inspire members to do more for others. Club members may receive ARISTA hours (based on circumstance) for any service they perform for the club. Members that show commitment and leadership will be considered for board next year.

*IG: @qhssmakeawish*

**Chess Club** (TUESDAYS, *Mr. Mondestin*, Room 210): Chess club is focused on teaching chess and improving our chess tactics. We will be mostly playing tournaments within the club, learning openings, practicing puzzles and chess tactics, and mistakes from the tournament.

*IG: @qhsschess*

**QHSS Alchemists: Media Team** (FRIDAYS, *Ms. Ascher*, Room 236): QHSS Alchemists is the creative team behind QHSS's official social media accounts! We run the student life page (@qhssyc.life), where we make content featuring the students, faculty, and administration in comedic (mostly) videos! We need video producers, directors, and graphic designers to continue creating content! Our goal is to show the more fun and lighthearted QHSS, and by working with us and each other, you'll gain many new skills, friends, and experiences. We also run (@qhssyc), and are planning to rebrand these pages. For more insight, take a look at our pages and enjoy our content! If you'd like to join, please put us as your first choice on your club selection form. We want hard workers and dedicated creative makers! No worries if you don't know how to edit or design graphics, we'll teach you! Just join us with a positive mindset and enthusiasm.

*IG: @qhssyc.life*

**Gender Sexuality Alliance** (THURSDAYS, *Ms. Keeley*, Room 228): The GSA is a space for LGBTQ+ students and allies to come together and form a sort of support, network, and community. We host events every month that all students are welcome to attend.

*IG: @qhssgsa*

**Kpop Club** (FRIDAYS, *Ms. Zhao*, Room 218): Hello QHSS! We are the infamous (emphasis on the famous) K-Pop club of QHSS! Our club does performances for most, if not all, of the events that take place in the school, and we do our best to entertain the student body, and have been for many years now! Each and every member will have the opportunity to perform in an event and you most definitely do NOT have to be the best dancer in the world as we are practicing in a judge-free environment, and performing purely for fun. But that's not all the club is for... Alongside preparing for performances, members of the K-Pop club will be able to create new friendships amongst new people regardless of grade, and are able to bond through multiple facets whether it be dancing, classes, or the obvious, K-POP! We're almost certain that there are many students in our school that listen to and admire K-Pop, and with that being said, our club is the perfect place for you guys to talk about your favorite artists and maybe even put each other on xD. Let's make memorable moments together!!

*IG: @qhsskpop\_*

**Robotics Club** (FRIDAYS, *Ms. Zhu*, Room 219): Are you interested in programming and constructing robots? If so, the Robotics club may be the right place for you. Regardless of your prior experience, you can engage in team-building and development in a creating learning environment. The Robotics club is for students of all levels of experience to explore the world of Robotics. You are provided with the opportunity to join the programming department (Auto, CAD). Working in tandem, the two departments focus on working together to design and build functional robots capable of doing anything. After completing your first year in the club, you will be able to join the official QHSS Robotics team, which goes on tournaments nationwide. Here, you have the opportunity to build something from nothing and make it your own.

*IG: @CardinalRoboticsTeam*

**Model UN** (FRIDAYS, *Ms. Zhao*, Room 218): Model UN is one of the world's most popular civic programs. Our club provides a platform for students to learn about global events and how it impacts our daily lives. You can hone your skills in public speaking, negotiation, diplomacy, writing, and critical thinking. We plan to hold conferences and school events on current issues. The experience you can gain from working with Model UN is valuable for gaining admission to college and finding jobs. The connections you make and the places you go extend beyond high school. Together, we can make your experience worthwhile. Together, we can make a difference.

*IG: @qhssmodelunclub*

**QHSS Taalam** (THURSDAYS, *Mr. Rashid*, Room 230): QHSS Taalam is QHSS' South Asian Dance and Cultural Appropriation club. As stated in the name, Taalam aims to host events showcasing the beautiful parts of South Asian culture along with performing at various school events. Experience in dance does NOT MATTER!!! Everybody in the club helps each other. Hate dancing? That's fine! We will also be holding different events throughout the year, and any money we fundraise gets donated to the important cause of our choice. QHSS Taalam is like a family, just ask any member! We hope to see you guys join us this school year <3

IG: @qhsstaalam

**Key Club** (WEDNESDAYS, *Ms. Leung*, Cafeteria): Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership skills. With thousands of clubs in more than 40 countries, the impact of Key Club members can be felt all over the world. High school students of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as clearing up parks, collecting clothing, and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects, and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district, and international levels. Also, QHSS Key Club members will also get to strengthen their college applications, in addition to gaining vital life skills that teach them leadership through service to others.

IG: @qhskeyclub

**More Medics** (FRIDAYS, *Ms. Santiago*, Room 224): Calling all the future doctors! Do you want a future profession in the medical field? Our club can help you get all the necessary information you need to do so! Through games, chart info sessions, and other activities. This club can help you grow not only as a student but also as a person. In short, our brilliant board members will give you crash courses on effective studying habits, what the journey to becoming a medical professional looks like, differences between a fixed and growth mindset, etc... Your first stop as a doctor can start here!

IG: @qhssmoremedics

**Amnesty International** (WEDNESDAYS, *Mr. Majumder-Afzal*, Room 213): Do you want to stand up and make a difference? Join Amnesty International, the

world's largest grassroots human rights organization. We demand human rights for all people around the world and raise awareness to fight injustice. Help us shine a light on human rights!

IG: @qhss.amnesty

**QHSS Music Makers** (MONDAYS, *Ms. Minaya*, Room 214): This club is a group of musicians. All types of musicians are welcomed from singers to people who play instruments! We meet every week on Mondays to decide what pieces we would like to perform.

**USK Art Club** (TUESDAYS *Ms. Peritz*, Room 221): Apart from providing an environment for students to socialize, USK Art club will provide an environment for students to explore the arts and have creative freedom. As everyone transitions back into the school year, we believe that there should be time to relax and adjust to the community. Throughout the school year, we will participate in many school projects to not only spread art around the school but also improve skills and make lasting memories. We will have projects consisting of sketching, arts, and crafts, painting, paper mâché.

**Muslim Student Association** (FRIDAYS, *Mr. Rashid*, Room 210): All are welcome to join our MSA (Muslim Student Association) here at QHSS! We are known for our infamous exciting events, insightful meetings and conversations, cute picnics, charity fundraisers, fun annual competitions (aka MIST), and our extremely gorgeous board! If you are a Muslim student or interested in Islam, please consider joining our club or feel free to stop by and visit us anytime on Fridays after 9th!! PS: You don't have to be Muslim to join the club, everyone is welcome!! Spread the word to your friends and anyone who's interested in making new friends and being a part of our welcoming little community.

IG: @qhssmsa

**Knitting and Crochet Club** (WEDNESDAYS, *Ms. Zhao*, Room 228): Don't miss this opportunity to learn a new hobby! KnitCrochet Club is welcoming you to join. We meet every Wednesday during 9th period. If you are interested, come visit. IT IS OKAY IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO KNIT OR CROCHET!!

**No Place For Hate** (THURSDAYS, *Mr. Kalamaras*, Room 221): No Place for Hate is a club dedicated to spreading tolerance and diversity in QHSS through workshops and presentations. We celebrate our diversity and take pride in our differences, and advocate for a learning environment free of bullying and defamation. The club holds monthly events like Snack and Chats and classroom visits as well as annual events such as Divercity.

IG: @qhssnpfh

**CardinalFOSS** (WEDNESDAY, *Ms. Leung*, Room 001): CardinalFOSS would be a QHSS club for people that want to learn code and build software while also contributing to open source projects. What's open source? It's a way to license your code so it gives freedom to whoever would like to use, look at, or modify it. We will work on our own projects, contribute to already existing ones, and learn/collaborate with peers to grow our skills.

IG: @cardinalfoss

**QHSS Holdings\*** (WEDNESDAYS, *Ms. Ames*, Room 213): Other than stocks, we will also be talking about other kinds of investments such as real estate and cryptocurrency. We will be teaching what they are and how one would be able to invest in that specific category. This will give us an understanding of the knowledge that the students have of investing. In addition, we will also teach and talk about financial literacy. We will watch videos to learn about what financial literacy is. We will also hold games and competitions for investing simulations and learning about financial literacy. I feel that this is important for us to learn as we will be graduating next year with some of us living on our own when attending college. The ability to know how to allocate our money to different places and knowing how to budget is a valuable skill to have when living independently. The club positions are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Any member is welcome as long as they are interested and willing to learn.

IG: @qhsshldings

**Web Development Club\*** (WEDNESDAYS, *Ms. Ames*, Room 213): This club will aim to teach students about web development - mainly the front-end aspect of it. We will create and design our own websites using HTML, CSS, Javascript, and possibly other languages/frameworks as well. This club will fit students who are

interested in computer science and would be a great opportunity to explore the non-algorithmic aspect of computer science.

*\*QHSS Holdings and Web Development Club will share a room.*

**Drama Club** (Friday, *Ms. Maureau*, Room 230): Drama club is a space for students to let their creativity out through theatre and the dramatic arts. Whether as an actor, scriptwriter, techie, or prop designer, everyone can play a part in the playmaking process, regardless of prior experience.

IG: @qhssdrama

**Badminton Club\*** (TBD, *Mr. Dima*, York College Gymnasium, **does not meet on Club Sampler Day**): Our badminton club will consist of games of badminton within the York gymnasium between our club members. We will get competitive and host our own tournaments. If we garner enough interest, we will heavily consider forming a badminton team. This means we will have competitions with other high schools, and work our way up the ranks! Of course, if you would like to play just for fun, the QHSS Badminton Club wholeheartedly welcomes you!

IG: @qhssbadminton

**Basketball Club\*** (TBD, *Mr. Dima*, York College Gymnasium, **does not meet on Club Sampler Day**): The QHSS Basketball Club is for students wishing to play basketball with their friends and peers. This club is open to anyone regardless of your experience playing the sport as it is meant to promote recreational activity and having fun.

*\*The Badminton and Basketball Clubs are unconfirmed, as we still have yet to contact York College about using the gymnasium after school. We will update you on the club's status on Google Classroom!*

**Anime Club** (Friday, *Ms. Keeley*, Room 203): Welcome to Anime Club! We are a group of friends that wish to share the enjoyment of anime with the people in QHSS.

Every Friday we will put on an anime to watch and enjoy it with some snacks and drinks. Though we will showcase an anime every week, you don't necessarily have to come to watch. We aim to make this club where people can come and bond, chat, and make new friends! Anime Club shall provide a safe and welcoming space to familiarize yourself with the school more. If you are interested in anime, or just want a place to hang out and enjoy with your friends, give us a visit!

**American Chemical Society** (Wednesday, *Mr. Rashid*, Room 224): The American Chemical Society is a nationwide organization that provides chemistry clubs with digital resources shared across the country. In the QHSS chapter of the ACS, we utilize those resources along with our own to explore the nature of chemistry. We do chemical demonstrations, AP/Regents chem prep, and tutoring help.

IG: @qhssacs

**Sigma Sorority** (Friday, *Ms. Carmona*, Room 234): Hello! Welcome to Sigma Sorority - THE club you want to join! To talk a little bit about us, we are a women empowerment club that focuses on speaking about social topics surrounding feminism! With our sigma sisters, we also talk about self-care, college, and mental health in a safe and friendly environment. This is basically a time where we can come together and really form a great bond with women from freshmen to seniors! Some things that we plan on doing this school year are decorating the girls' bathrooms, having fundraisers, exchanging gifts, and holding fun events for women's history month! We even have some alumni members join our parties and events where they share big girl advice. This is a great opportunity to form new friends and have a better high school experience. you also have a good chance of having a leadership position in this club next year, which would look great on your resume! There are SO many benefits to joining this club and I promise you Sigma Sorority won't be a club you'll regret joining. :)

IG: @qhsssigma