

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## September 2018 Newsletter

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## Welcome!

With the new School year, we not only welcome new students, but we also introduce several new members of staff.

Mr Kelly joins us as the new Head of the Geography Department and Mr Carine also joins the Geography Department. Miss Beck and Mr Jones join the Maths Department, Ms Jennings joins the German Department and Mr McQuarrie joins the History Department.

We welcome all new members of the School community and hope that their time here will be happy and successful!

For those of you who are new to the School, our newsletters are normally published in September, January, May and July.

Both our **School website** and **Facebook** page are updated regularly with important information. Please ensure that you visit these sites, the details of which are below, as they may have important information which is relevant to your child.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the various data collection forms. If you haven't already returned them can you please do so **as soon as possible**. Please also remember to let us know if you change your address or contact details during the year as it is vital that we have up to date information at all times.



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# Senior Prize Giving

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual Senior Prize Giving to celebrate the success of students in Years 11 and 13.

We were delighted to welcome our Guest of Honour for the evening, Chief Minister, Howard Quayle MHK, to present the prizes.

Ms Moore thanked the sponsors, without whose generosity there would be no prizes, and was proud to share that once again we beat the Isle of Man average on every measure for attainment and for achievement. She congratulated all of the prize winners and also those who have achieved external qualifications.

Our GCSE results were once again outstanding! Over two thirds of our students in Year 11 gained 5 or more level 2 passes at grade C or above including English and Maths – 10% higher than the Island average. The English team excelled with 82% of students gaining a C or above, while Maths topped the tables with 75%. 18 students attained at least one A\* grade and 11 students gained 5 or more A\*/A grades!

A Level results were as expected, with over 98% of entries gaining a pass grade. A special mention goes to Alex Bell, Tom Callister, Molly Evans and Chloe Irving who all achieved at least 3 A\* or A grades!

**We would like to wish all the students success and fulfilment in their future careers!**

Don't forget our School motto -

*'Always strive to do your best'*







# Extra-Curricular Activities

## Enrichment Clubs

We offer a fantastic range of opportunities for students to take part in, both at lunchtime and after school. **Every student can find at least one club or other activity to join!** The full range can be found on our School website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/23/Co-Curricular>

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September the annual Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Ceremony took place at The Gaiety Theatre.

Eleven of our students were presented with their certificates, having gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award whilst in Years 10 and 11. The students worked together as a team and had many great experiences along the way. Most of them now intend to continue on to their Silver Award with the School's Duke of Edinburgh Unit.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme delivers a huge range of skills and experiences which students will never forget and are ideal for writing about on CVs and in UCAS Personal Statements.



**Congratulations to our  
Bronze Award winners!**

## Enrichment Week

Once again Enrichment Week, which was held during the last week of the Summer Term, was a huge success and planning is already well underway for July 2019. A variety of photographs are now available to view on the School website.



# Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

## Joint concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October for the School Wind Orchestra together with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the Main School Hall and will include a wide variety of music, from rock to jazz to classical. It will end with a performance of both bands playing together.

Tickets are now available from the School Reception priced at £5.00 for adults and FREE for children.

**\*\*Please note that children will require a ticket as numbers are restricted\*\***

We look forward to seeing you there!



Queen Elizabeth II High School has new links with a school in Japan – Tokamachi Senior High School.

Students in Years 11 to 13 who wish to join this initiative, and be in contact with a Japanese student through email etc, should speak to either Mr Teare or Ms Moore.

Please note that no knowledge of Japanese is required at this stage.

## DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS

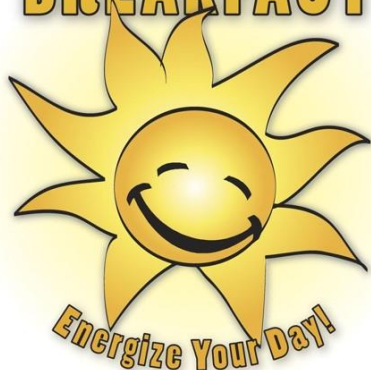
We urge parents dropping off or collecting children from School to do so **before 8.30am in the morning or after 4.00pm in the afternoon.**

There are a number of parents driving in while the buses are there, or just before, and then trying to drive out which blocks the main road as well as putting children at risk.

**PLEASE ALSO OBSERVE THE LINES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LANE.**



## BREAKFAST



Breakfast is served in our Dining Room each morning between 8.15am and 8.45am

Full details of our School menus and price lists can be found on our website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/75/School%20Meals>



# School Association News and Events

A very big **THANK YOU** to all our loyal School Association supporters!

The School Association is a registered charity and is run by enthusiastic volunteers who arrange fundraising events throughout the year. If you have a little spare time and feel you could help in any way the committee would be delighted to welcome you. **The next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in the School Library.**



We are delighted that the local Co-op Food Store continues to support our School Association as part of their 'Local Community Fund'. Every time you use your Membership Card and purchase Co-op branded products, a portion of the value of your goods will be donated to our cause.

If you aren't already a member, please be sure to pick up a leaflet in store. Alternatively, you can join the scheme by visiting the Co-op website.

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>



The School Association now has its own Facebook page. For useful information please be sure to follow them –

[https://www.facebook.com/QEII-High-School-Association-1749586035344871/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/QEII-High-School-Association-1749586035344871/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

## Dates for your diary.....

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting. Everyone is very welcome to come along and it would be great to have some new members to share your ideas.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - a **Family Quiz Night** will be held between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Main School Hall. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people and all ages are welcome. The cost is £3.00 per adult and 50 pence per child. Please bring your own refreshments.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - our **Christmas Fayre** will be held in the Main School Hall between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. Stalls are £15.00 each. To reserve a stall call Sue Ferns in the School Office on 841000.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019** -



We are very excited to announce that **Retrospect** will be joining us again on 1<sup>st</sup> February for another fabulous evening of music and dancing!

Tickets sold out very quickly last time so keep an eye on our Facebook page for news about when they will go on sale.

It's definitely an evening not to be missed!!

# P.E. Department News

The P.E. Department are amazed and in awe of how fantastic the new Mural is in our gymnasium! It is very fitting that it is of a dancer, with dance becoming an extremely popular activity in P.E. and Games over the last year following the arrival of Miss Wainwright at QEII.

We can now all make excellent use of the space while being overlooked by this outstanding piece of art. James Duggan is an incredible local artist and we are honoured that his work now has a prominent place in our School. It is a piece that has really brightened up our gymnasium and it will no doubt help inspire many young children at the School over the coming years.



## QE2 Extra Curricular Sports Programme

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
<b>Break</b>	Sports Hall	RPA	Sports Hall	RDU	Sports Hall	EWA	Sports Hall	DWI	Sports Hall	MCL
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Intermediate Yr.9 & 10 Hockey & Rugby	RPA BOS MCL	Intermediates & Seniors Basketball	RDU	Senior Hockey & Rugby	RPA DWI	Junior Yr.7 & 8 Hockey & Rugby	RPA RDU DWI MCL	Table Tennis All Years Gym	ASC
	Yr. 7 Dance	EWA	IGCSE Revision Yr. 8 Dance	MCL EWA	Badminton Yr.9 Dance	MCL EWA	Yr. 10 Dance	EWA	Junior Yr.7&8 Basketball	MCL DWI
<b>After School</b>	Senior Hockey & Rugby	RPA DWI	Junior Yr. 7 & 8 Hockey & Rugby	RPA RDU DWI MCL	Intermediate Yr. 9 - Hockey Yr. 9 & 10 - Rugby	RPA BOS ASC	Yr.10 Hockey Dance	JST EWA	Intermediates & Seniors Basketball	RDU/ RPA
	Yr. 8 Fixtures	RDU MCL	Yr. 10 Fixtures	JST BOS	Yr. 7 Fixtures	RPA RDU DWI	Junior Yr.7&8 Basketball Senior Fixtures	MCL DWI All Staff	Yr. 9 Fixtures	RPA ASC MCL
<b>KEY</b>	Juniors	Intermediate	Seniors	All Years						

Fixture lists for the Autumn Term have been emailed to parents and can also be found on the School website by following the link below –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/56/Physical%20Education>

The PE Department has its own Facebook page celebrating sporting successes and giving useful fixture information. Be sure to follow them -

[https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/?fref=pb&hc\\_location=profile\\_browser](https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser)

# Important dates.....

## October

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parent/Tutor Evening for Year 7 and Year 12

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – HPV vaccination 1 for Year 8 girls

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Joint Concert with QEII Wind Orchestra and Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, 7.30pm

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October** –  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 10 WW1 Trip to Belgium

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Half Term

## November

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 8 Parents' Evening

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – School Association AGM followed by the Ordinary Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – School Association Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm until 9.00pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – School Association Christmas Fayre, 6.00pm until 9.00pm in the Main School Hall \*\*Bookings now being taken\*\*

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** –  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Good Food Show Trip

## December

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Concert

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December** – **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – Christmas Holidays

## January

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 children and parents

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

## February

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – an evening with 'Retrospect'

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Geography AS Field Trip to Manchester

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Dance Showcase

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Half Term  
Year 12 and 13 History Trip to London and Paris

## March

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening

## April

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Spring Showcase

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

## May

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Heats Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Reserve Heats Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

## June

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 Work Experience

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake Days

## July

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Sports Day  
School Show – 1<sup>st</sup> Night

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Reserve Sports Day  
School Show – 2<sup>nd</sup> Night

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Tynwald Day

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – New Year 7 Tutor Evening

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Enrichment Trips

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Enrichment

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term