

Queen Elizabeth II High School



May 2018 Newsletter

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Information

This term we say farewell and thank you to Miss Cooil and Mrs Harding who are leaving the P.E. and Geography Departments. Miss Cooil joined the School in 2007 and Mrs Harding in 2009. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We also introduce Amy Anderson and Nathan Harmer who will be our new Head Girl and Head Boy for the forthcoming year.



Please remember to look at our School website -

<https://qe2.sch.im/>

The website is updated daily and you will find lots of useful information which may be relevant to your child.

Also, remember to follow the School on Facebook –

www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

We would be grateful if you could ensure that you inform the School of any changes to your address or contact details. It is vital that we have up-to-date information at all times in case of an emergency. Thank you.



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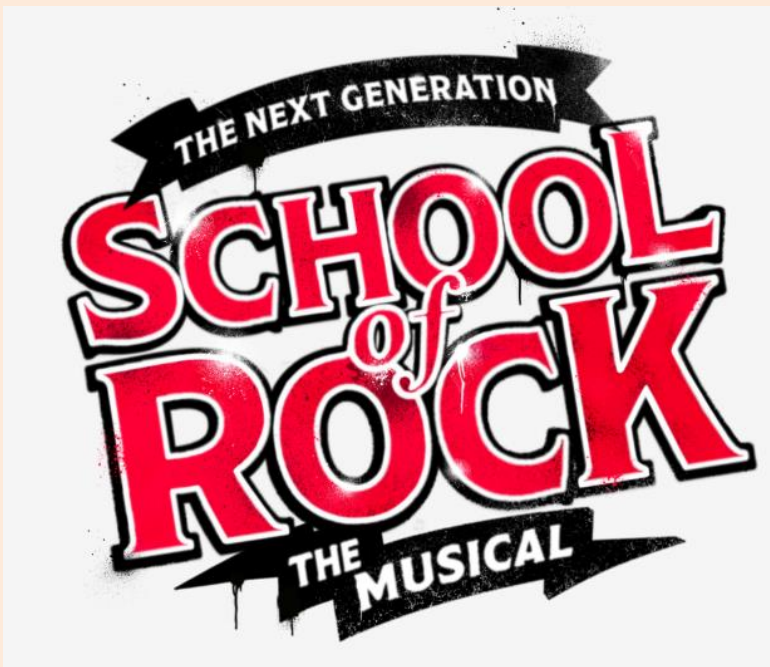
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July 3rd, 4th and 6th

Please see below rehearsal times for the forthcoming School production 'School of Rock' which will be performed over three evenings on 3rd, 4th and 6th July.

As we move closer to the performance dates we have planned some extra weekend rehearsals outside of our normal lunchtime and after school rehearsals. These are as follows -

Sunday 20th May – 1pm – 4pm

TT WEEK

Sunday 17th June – 1pm – 5pm

Sunday 24th June – 1pm – 5pm

Wednesday 27th June – 6.30pm – 8pm (Sing through with Band)

Sunday 1st July – 12pm – 6pm (Full run through in costumes with Band)

SHOW WEEK

Monday 2nd July – SCHOOL DAY OFF TIMETABLE (Dress and technical run)

Tuesday 3rd July – Evening Performance, start time 7.15pm

Wednesday 4th July – Evening Performance, start time 7.15pm

Tynwald Day – Rest Day

Friday 6th July – Afternoon Primary Performance

Friday 6th July – Last Evening Performance, start time 7.15pm

It is absolutely essential that every member of the cast and crew attend all if not most of the rehearsals listed above. It is so difficult to get the entire cast to every lunchtime rehearsal due to commitments in other areas.

Tickets will be available to purchase after TT week from the School Reception and we look forward to welcoming you to the show.

Year 9 students join Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme

Twenty-five of our Year 9 students have just enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

They spent the day on Saturday 28th April at Ardwhallan Outdoor Pursuits Centre with Mr Barker, Miss Courmont, Mr Jones and Mrs Sleight, learning how to plan expeditions, navigate, put up tents and how to cook on camping stoves.

They will now start on the planning of their practice expedition to take place in September and on the Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections of the Award.

Good luck to you all!



Creative Arts Evening

**Thursday 21st June
6.30pm**

The next opportunity to see work and performances by our students will be on Thursday 21st June, when we welcome everyone to come along to our annual Creative Arts Evening.

Students will present both GCSE and A Level music and drama pieces and there will be art work on display by students from all Key Stages, as well as projects by technology students.

Please do come along!



Enrichment 17th – 19th July

Enrichment activities take place from Tuesday until Thursday during the last week of term.

On Tuesday the activities are based in year groups and on Wednesday and Thursday a fantastic range of options have been selected by the students.

Please note that for students who have selected an activity which incurs a cost, full payments are due by no later than **Friday 25th May**.

If there are any problems with this, please speak to Mr Barker.

Year 7 students win letter-writing competition



Congratulations to Blake and Charlotte who have won first and second prizes respectively in an island-wide letter-writing competition run by the Isle of Man Post Office, as part of '2018 Year of Our Island'.

The School will receive £150.00 prize money in total and Blake and Charlotte will each receive 100 stamps and postcards for their own use.

Blake's winning letter has been chosen to represent the Isle of Man in the Universal Postal Union's International Writing Competition, to be judged in Europe later this month.

A fabulous performance at The Guild!

Congratulations to our School Wind Band who put on a fantastic performance at The Guild recently.

They played superbly and the adjudicator was highly complementary, awarding them a mark of 87 which is a distinction. Whilst they were the only ones in their class, there were many similar classes running all morning and their mark was the joint highest awarded to any ensemble made up entirely of students.

Well done to you all - you were a credit to yourselves and the School!



Year 10 Work Experience

As part of the School curriculum a two-week work experience placement is being organised for every student in Year 10. This will run from **Monday 18th June until Friday 29th June.**

This is an extremely valuable and exciting opportunity, designed to give each student a greater understanding of the world of work and the opportunity to work with adults other than teachers.

Students who used the employed.im database have been given Agreement Forms which must be signed and returned to the School. As the deadline has now passed, it is vital that these are returned to Mrs Ferns as a matter of urgency.



Record of Achievement Ceremony



Just a few photographs from our Record of Achievement Ceremony which took place on Monday 30th April.

Our Guest of Honour was Mr Miles Pettit, a former student at QEII and owner of local bakery and café 'Noa Bakehouse'. He gave an inspiring address to our students, sharing with them stories from his life and work experiences.

We wish everyone good luck in their forthcoming exams and every success for the future!

More photographs can be found on our School website by following the link below –

<https://qe2.sch.im/>



Students perform 'Eco Dance'



To help educate the School and local community about plastic waste, the Eco Committee came up with an idea of students performing a dance around the theme of plastic. Thirty-three students rose to the challenge and with help from dance teacher, Miss Wainwright, they performed their 'Plastic Waste' themed dance on Peel Beach in front of an audience and watched by Minister for Department of Environment , Food and Agriculture, Mr Geoffrey Boot MHK. The dance was filmed and will be used in assemblies and uploaded on eco-school education platforms to highlight the problems of plastic waste to the environment.

Throughout the School, we have made efforts to reduce our use of plastic. This includes changing from plastic to metal cutlery and from one-use polystyrene plates to reusable plastic ones and paper plates. We have been collecting plastic bottles to be recycled with new bins placed around the School.

MTTV also came along to film the dance and this can be viewed at <http://manx.net/>



Visit by Olympic Rugby Star, James Rodwell, on Wednesday 23rd May

We are excited to announce that the School has won a visit from Olympic Rugby Sevens star, James Rodwell, on Wednesday 23rd May!

This is due to the great work put in by Tutor Group 8LSL on 'Get Set Values Awards'. These courses are designed to help young people understand, live and share the Olympic Values of friendship, excellence and respect and the Paralympic Values of inspiration, determination, courage and equality. The Tutor Group also shared their story of getting active to raise money for Charity.

In order to celebrate sport and James' visit to the School, students and staff are welcome to wear their own sports club kit on the day in order to show the diversity of sports played by our community. Kits can be your club, Youth Games, QEII sports tours or Island or England representation. If you do not belong to a sports club you may wear School PE kit or uniform. It will be fantastic opportunity to talk to each other and James about our sports!



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Well done Aimee!

Congratulations to Aimee who was the overall 'pink jersey' winner at this year's 'Cyclefest' event, winning the Women's Championship!

A fantastic achievement, well done!





Year 7

Junior Achievement Enterprise Challenge

We were delighted to welcome the Junior Achievement Team in to School recently to enable our Year 7 students to take part in the 'Enterprise Challenge'. In this programme the students were split into teams and allocated a business volunteer. They then learnt what it takes to plan and organise a pop concert.

The Enterprise Challenge encourages teamwork through group discussion and activities. Students decide how to attract an audience to a concert, choose an act and a venue and then prepare a budget to determine the ticket price. At the end of the programme the students had to design an advertising campaign and present their ideas to the rest of the group.

The day was an excellent reminder of the talent and creativity we have in Year 7 with lots of groups using the stage for singing, acting, presenting and dancing.

The winning team from the morning session were; Zak, Harry, Merlyn, Ruby, Sofia, Oliver, Tommy and Jack and a special prize was presented to Sofia for her excellent free-hand drawing of Taylor Swift! The winning team from the afternoon session were; Axel, Ewan, Gethin, Liam, Conor, Izzy and a special prize was presented to David for his brave solo on stage!

About the day, student, Blake Henwood commented "It was fun!" Conor MacRae added "It was fun, enjoyable and a good way to spend an afternoon. Even better that my team won!"

Headstart Plus - West 2018

Headstart is a cross-phase intervention programme aimed at students at risk of not achieving the expected level of attainment in English and Maths at the end of Key Stage 2.

Primary and secondary staff from the West have come together to arrange, plan and deliver English and Maths workshops to a group of students from the start of the Summer Term in Year 6, until the end of the Autumn Term in Year 7.

The programme has got off to a great start, with 30 students from our partner primary schools attending the first numeracy and literacy after school sessions at QEII.

We hope to keep these high numbers as the students transition from Year 6 into Year 7.

Year 8

'MyBnk'

'MyBnk' (Guardian Charity Award Winners 2016) came in to School recently to work with our Year 8 students on "Money Twist" workshops covering practical everyday financial matters.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, saying they were very informative and fun at the same time.

If you would like to find out more about the MyBnk charity organisation please go to the following website -

www.mybnk.org

School Association News and Events

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment. Every penny raised directly benefits our students and we therefore thank you for your continued support.

We are delighted to announce that the local Co-op Food Store are continuing 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>

Dates for your diary.....

Monday 21st May - our **School Association Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library. Everyone is very welcome to come along and it would be great to have some new members to share your ideas!

Tuesday 29th May - **Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow**

It's now less than two weeks until we welcome the number 1 Gary Barlow tribute artist, Dan Hadfield.

Tickets are just £15.00 each and there are a limited number still available. Please see The Centenary Centre website (www.centenarycentre.com) for more details.

The profits from this fundraiser will be split equally between charities QEII High School Association and The Centenary Centre.



Please can you help our Craft Club?

A group of students meet every week on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes to make things.

If you have any craft materials that are surplus to your requirements, for example, buttons, offcuts of fabric, wool etc, they would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off in Room 53 to Mrs Walker who runs the club.

Thank you



Important dates...

May

Monday 21st May – School Association Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

Monday 28th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 29th May – Year 13 Study Leave commences

Tuesday 29th May – Heats Day (amended date)

Tuesday 29th May – Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow, 8.00pm at the Centenary Centre

June

Friday 1st June – Inset Day – School closed to students

Monday 4th – Friday 8th June – Half Term

Monday 18th June – Friday 29th June – Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 21st June – Creative Arts Evening

Monday 25th – Tuesday 26th June – New Intake Days



Some of our Key Stage 4 students have chosen to support The Leprosy Mission charity by collecting used stamps. A collection box is at Reception should you wish to support this charity.

We hope you can help!

July

Tuesday 3rd July – School Show – 1st Night

Wednesday 4th July – Sports Day
School Show – 2nd Night

Thursday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Friday 6th July – School Show – 3rd Night

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th July – Sixth Form University Trip

Tuesday 10th July – Year 9 Science Fair (pm)
New Year 7 Tutor Evening

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th July – Enrichment Trips

Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th July – Enrichment

Friday 20th July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 16th August – A Level Results Day

Thursday 23rd August – GCSE Results Day

Friday 24th August – Sixth Form Interviews

September

Wednesday 5th September – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

Summer 2018 Results Days

Cambridge International Examination results will be available from **6.00am on Tuesday 14th August.**

Students have received a secure log in to access their results.

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A Level – Thursday 16th August

GCSE – Thursday 23rd August

Results are available from 9.00am in the Forster Building.

You can only collect your own results. If you are unable to collect your results in person you may authorise someone else to collect them on your behalf. This authorisation **MUST** be in writing. Alternatively, if you leave a large stamped addressed envelope with Miss Caley, we will post your results to you.

Please note that results will not be supplied by telephone, fax or email under any circumstances