

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## July 2018 Newsletter

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## Farewell and good luck!

Once again we have had a very busy summer term!

A number of staff will shortly be leaving us and we would like to say thank you and farewell to Mr Cain, Miss Thompson, Mr Manson, Mrs Miles, Mrs Booth and Mrs Sleight. Particular thanks to the latter two (who joined us in 2002 and 2003 respectively) for their commitment over many years and for all the extra trips and experiences they have offered to students on and off-island.

To all students and staff who are leaving, thank you for the contribution you have made and we wish you all the best for the future!

**Don't forget our School motto –**

***'Always strive to do your best'***



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# SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL



Over three evenings last week our Performing Arts Department presented '**School of Rock**' the Musical. Based on the hit film, the show included all the original songs from the movie, together with 14 new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The show featured students from across the School years, for many of whom this was their first musical performance. Well done to each and every one of you for your dedication over recent months and for putting on such AMAZING performances!

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Minister and the Director of Education were all in attendance for the final performance and all commented on the professionalism and talent of the young cast who performed.

The cast and crew would also like to thank the many people who assisted with the show for their time, talent, support and patience.

## Well done everyone!



# Year 10 Work Experience

## 18<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June



Isle of Man Transport



Platinum Beauty



BlueWave Communications



Knockaloe Beg Farm

Students from Year 10 have just spent two weeks on work experience at a variety of local businesses.

Staff went out and about visiting the students in their work places and gathered some fantastic feedback from both the employers and students.



Isle of Man Airport

It has been a wonderful experience for them and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the employers who have welcomed our students and put together some great programmes of work to keep them busy.



Clear Pharmacy



Adult Learning Disability Services



Sure Mobile



The Signature Room



RBSI/IOM Bank

# Enrichment

The last week of term will again see a huge range of activities taking place for students.

There are trips out all week to Berlin, Wales and the Lake District, as well as two-day trips to Alton Towers and Chill Factore.

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July is based in Year Groups -

Year 7 are off to the Wildlife Park where they will focus on variation, adaptation and classification of animals.

Year 8 have a 'Get Active' day in School with a range of activities delivered by staff and visitors.

Year 9 are walking to a beach where they will take part in environmental activities.

Year 10 are taking part in a team building day, as are Year 12.

On Wednesday and Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July) students will take part in the activity that they opted for earlier in the year. There are 15 different activities in addition to the trips away, ranging from Manx Master Chef to Mountain Biking, Performing Arts to Boxing.

Some of these activities are free but others incur a cost due to us having to employ instructors, for transport, materials and hire of facilities. Thank you to all who have paid for these in full. **If you haven't yet paid could you please do so as a matter of urgency.** If there are any problems with this please get in touch with Mr Barker.

Have a great week of enrichment!



Each year NAMA presents awards to under 25-year-olds who are nominated for their creativity, language skills and community involvement. The tradition dates back to 1979, the millennium of Tynwald, when NAMA established the awards.

Congratulations to three of our students who received awards -

Rachel Sheppard is the winner of most progress in Manx, Feeagh Joughin, best in Manx Language and Jack McLean is the winner of the Music Award.

**Very well done to you all!**

## LGBT+



Shaun Dellenty, a London based educator, presenter and multi-award winning advocate for LGBT+ and inclusion in education and communities, recently gave an inspiring talk to all students.

He spoke about inclusion for all and the prevention of homophobic bullying. Shaun gave our students and staff the opportunity to engage in questions and dialogue whilst meeting with the Student Council to promote Inclusion for all at QEII.

Shaun will be returning to the School on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm to deliver a presentation, after which he will be available to listen, offer and signpost support and advice to parents, carers and professionals working with young people in this area. There will be an opportunity to engage in questions and dialogue whilst meeting with others in a similar situation.

**Parents/carers are welcome to attend, no RSVP is necessary.**



# Year 9 Science Fair

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

We had some fantastic projects on display for our annual Year 9 Science Fair!

Students have had two weeks to work independently in groups and create a project for the Fair. The theme this year was **'2018 Year of Our Island'** and all projects had to demonstrate that they were relevant to the Island in some way. The students were competing for four prizes.

The students have also been working towards Bronze CREST awards. These are accredited by the British Science Association and are a skills-based accreditation scheme in which students demonstrate they have used some key scientific skills and worked towards solving or discussing a real-world problem or issue.



**The Isle of Man Engineering Group Award** was won by Aislinn and Lisa for their project

**'Should we be drinking local milk?'**



**The Headteacher's Award**

was won by

Bradley and Harrison for their project

**'Water pressure in Manx reservoirs'**



**The 2018 Year of our Island Award** was won by Aneurin, Leo, Mackenzie, Matthew and Max (pictured left) for their project

**'Are biofuels right for the Isle of Man?'**

**The People's Choice Award**

was won by Gerard, Lorenz and Timmy (pictured right) for their project



**'Animals in the Isle of Man'**

More photographs from the Fair can also be found on our School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>

# Design and Technology Primary Transition Workshops



We recently welcomed Year 6 students from our partner primary schools for their Design and Technology primary transition sessions.

The students were given a range of activities to get involved in, including wet-felting caterpillar keyrings in Textiles, making wooden animal-themed pencil/pen holders in Product Design and making pizza whirls and oat biscuits in Food and Nutrition.



Some great work everyone, well done!



KS3 Textiles club  
workshop.

Tie dyed beanie frogs.



The logo for the school's alumni section, featuring the word 'alumni' in a colorful, lowercase font. The letters are in various colors: 'a' is yellow, 'l' is green, 'u' is blue, 'm' is red, 'n' is yellow, and 'i' is red with a yellow dot.

If you are a former student of the School and would like to share your career story, we are building an **'Alumni'** section for our website to inspire current students.

If you are interested in being part of this project, please contact Mrs Walker via [qe2enquiries@sch.im](mailto:qe2enquiries@sch.im)

We plan to make a series of short video clips of interviews with former students. This is done quite widely in the UK as part of the 'Inspiring the Futures' project. We aim to film as wide a range as possible to inspire and encourage a wide range of students.

# Sports Day 2018

We witnessed a glorious afternoon of sport on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at our annual Sports Day. The sun shone down on literally hundreds of student spectators and competitors, who battled it out to see who could be crowned House Athletic Champions 2018.

In the morning, competitors were outside for their field events and we all took our places to watch the track in the afternoon. There were some extremely close races and some really outstanding performances on the day with School records broken across all year groups.

Kazu Senior eased his way to the Year 7 boys crown with a record-breaking run of 13.47seconds, and the Cashin twins were on fantastic form again. Both Kate and Alice have broken School records in competition this term and helped Foillan dominate the Year 10 girl's competition.

Two outstanding races of particular note were in the Year 10 boy's competition. The 200m pitted speedsters Alec Ecolango, Liam Kniveton, Owen Parry and Dylan McGeown against each other and the thrilling race saw Kniveton pick up the Year 10 boy's 200m crown with a photo finish, pipping Ecolango by less than 0.2 of a second. Corrin Leeming and Ieuan Owen battled out an exciting finish to the Year 10 boy's 800m, with Owen taking it by 1 second with a time of 2:20. Heidi Gadsby dominated the Year 7 girl's Discus, as did James Mitchell in the Year 8 boy's event. Both have broken QEII Discus records for their respective age groups in previous Inter-School competitions this year.

After the relays, and before the final scores for the afternoon were announced, the Sixth Form put down a challenge to the P.E. Department in the way of a 4x100m relay. Miss Dunne, Mr Callister, Miss Riley and Mr Davies made no mistake and ran home victorious. The Sixth Form will no doubt be training hard for next year's challenge!

After a great afternoon Mr Long announced **Shirragh** as the winners of Sports Day 2018. Congratulations to all students in Shirragh house, I hope you all look forward to defending your title next year!

Well done to all students, whether spectating or competing. Everybody did so with pride and passion for their houses and helped to make a fantastic afternoon of sport at the School.

## Record breakers this year

Year 9 Girls 100m	Katie Crook - 13.77s
Year 10 Girls High Jump	Alice Cashin - 1.63m
Year 10 Girls Long Jump	Kate Cashin - 4.51m
Year 10 Girls 300m	Alice Cashin - 43.4s
Year 7 Girls Discus	Heidi Gadsby - 21.14m
Year 7 Boys 100m	Kazu Senior - 13.47m
Year 7 Boys 200m	Kazu Senior - 28.20s
Year 7 Boys 300m	Kazu Senior - 45.8s
Year 8 Boys Discus	James Mitchell - 27.16m
Year 8 Boys High Jump	Lewie Roberts - 1.55m (equalled record)



# Year 8 champions!



Our Year 8 boys recently won the **Stan Foster Trophy** making them the IOM Schools Year 8 Cricket champions!

This success was made possible through a relentless enthusiasm and commitment to training from the boys who have added this trophy to the Football one they received last term. Well done boys!



'GivingNation' helps young people learn about charities, social enterprise and individual giving as part of the School curriculum.

QEII is registered with 'GivingNation' and our Eco Club, Year 8 and Asdan students have been using this to submit G-Blogs about their fundraising campaigns and social enterprise schemes for causes that they feel strongly about.

We currently have six projects featured on the 'GivingNation' website. We have raised more than £2,500.00 for local charities including Rebecca House, Manx Cancer, Wish Upon a Dream, Guide Dogs for the Blind and our Christmas hampers for the elderly. Our plastic campaign project 'Dancing Against the Tide of Plastic' is also featured.

To see the projects go to –

<http://www.g-nation.org.uk/>

## Junior Maths Challenge Success 2018

Congratulations to our students who achieved 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 7 Bronze Certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge!

The Challenge is aimed at students in Years 7 and 8 and is run by the UK Mathematics Trust, supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. Over 260,000 students from across the UK sat the Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a Gold Certificate, 13% Silver and 21% Bronze. Approximately 8,200 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

From QEII, Bronze Certificates were awarded to – Carl Hartmann, Den Mkrtumian, Matthew Curtis, Lana Bell, Gonzalo Del Pino, Ben Barnett and Nathan Kinrade.

Silver Certificates were awarded to – Katie Lovelady, Kazu Senior and Rowan Keating.

And **HUGE congratulations** to David Sargent (Year 7) for Best in Year and Silver Certificate and Finn Murphy (Year 8) for Best in School, Best in Year and Gold Certificate.

**Well done to you all!**



# Please help our School Association

We would welcome new members to join our committee and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a little spare time and be willing to join our friendly team. We meet roughly once every half term to discuss forthcoming events and requests for funding. If you would like to have a say, please get in touch, or come along to our next meeting on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**.

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment and **every penny raised** directly benefits our students. We therefore appeal for help in supporting us at future events in any way that you can.

We also have a '**100 Club**' with CASH PRIZES every month. If you are interested in joining, the form is available on the School website or from School Reception.

## Dates for your diary.....

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - our **School Association Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - **Family Quiz Night**, 7.00pm – 9.00pm – more information will be available nearer the time.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - our **School Association Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting. Everyone welcome!

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - **Christmas Fayre** – more information will be available nearer the time.

We also hope to welcome back '**Retrospect**' early next year! More details will be announced shortly.....**WATCH THIS SPACE!!**



Congratulations to our students Carmen Chang, Daniella Bettridge, Erin Kelly and Jack Shimmin who have been awarded a place on the Isle of Man Police Constabulary Youth Scheme.

There were 16 places available and over 200 applicants! This is a two year scheme in which they will receive training and work experience with the Police, giving them the opportunity to learn and develop new skills.

## Please help.....

We would be very grateful to receive **SCHOOL TIES** from any students who have left and no longer need them.

Also, please ensure that all **TEXT BOOKS** are returned to the School Reception as soon as possible.

**Thank you**

## Library Books

Please ensure that all **LIBRARY BOOKS** are returned to School Library before the end of term.



# Rewards Trip to Onchan Park



On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July the QEII students with the highest Attitude to Learning scores were given the opportunity for a rewards trip to Onchan Park.

They enjoyed a day of sun, sports and recreation playing tennis, golf, mini-golf and even crown green bowls. The highlight of the day was the boating pond, dodgem boats and an attendant falling in!



We would like to thank the School Association for giving us the opportunity to reward over 100 of our hardest working students.



Department of Education, Sport and Culture  
*Rheynn Ynsee, Spoyrt as Cultoor*

## School Holiday Dates for the Academic Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021

		2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Autumn Term	<b><i>In-service Days Closed to pupils</i></b>	<i>Monday 3 &amp; Tuesday 4 September 2018</i>	<i>Monday 2 &amp; Tuesday 3 September 2019</i>	<i>Monday 7 &amp; Tuesday 8 September 2020</i>
	<b>Open to pupils</b>	Wednesday 5 September 2018	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Wednesday 9 September 2020
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2019	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020
	<b>Close for Christmas</b>	Friday 21 December 2018	Friday 20 December 2019	Friday 18 December 2020
Spring Term	<b>Open to pupils</b>	Monday 7 January 2019	Monday 6 January 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilghted</i>	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilghted</i>	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilghted</i>
	<b>Close for Easter</b>	Friday 5 April 2019	Friday 3 April 2020	Friday 26 March 2021
Summer Term	<b>Open to pupils</b>	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 12 April 2021
	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 6 May 2019	Monday 4 May 2020	Monday 3 May 2021
	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 27 May 2019	Monday 25 May 2020	Monday 31 May 2021
	<b><i>In-service Day Closed to pupils</i></b>	<i>Tuesday 28 May 2019</i>	<i>Friday 29 May 2020</i>	<i>Friday 4 June 2021</i>
	<b>Half Term (TT)</b>	Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June 2019	Monday 1 to Friday 12 June 2020	Monday 7 June to Friday 11 June 2021
	<b>Tynwald Day</b>	Friday 5 July 2019	Monday 6 July 2020	Monday 5 July 2021
<b>Close for Summer</b>	Friday 19 July 2019	Friday 24 July 2020	Friday 23 July 2021	

- In respect of Southern Schools, there may be a deviation in the holiday dates to accommodate the Southern 100 in July.

# Important dates.....

## July

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** –  
Year 7 Sports Trip to Wales  
Berlin Trip  
Lake District Trip

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July** – Enrichment Activities

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July** – Alton Towers Trip  
Chill Factore Trip

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes  
for Summer Term

## August

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** –  
Cambridge Results Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August** – A Level  
Results Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** – GCSE  
Results Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August** – Sixth  
Form Interviews

## September

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** –  
Start of New School Year –  
Autumn Term  
Presentation by Shaun Dellenty  
from LGBT+ at 6.00pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** –  
School Association Meeting,  
6.00pm in the School Library,  
everyone welcome!

## Lost Property

This will be on display in the  
corridor by the Entrance Hall  
until **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**.  
Anything not claimed by then will  
be donated to charity.

The School will be open between  
8.00am and 4.00pm during the  
summer holidays.

## Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews will be held  
on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August** in the  
Forster Building.

Please attend GCSE Results Day  
or phone ahead to book an  
appointment.

## Summer 2018 Results Days

### Cambridge International Examinations – IGCSE and IALEVEL

All students taking Cambridge International examinations were issued  
with a secure username and password to access their examination results  
online from 06:01 on:

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**If you have mislaid your letter, please contact Miss Caley so that a  
replacement can be emailed to you.**

**JCQ A Level Results – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**JCQ GCSE Results – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Results are available from 9.00am in the Sixth Form Block.**

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.**