

Queen Elizabeth II High School



September 2016 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 Samson joins us from Cumbria as a new Assistant Head and Mr Winrow joins us as our new Head of PE. Miss Ashworth, Mr Lynch and Mr Perkins join the Science Department. Mr Davies, Miss Dunne, Miss Riley and Mr Watt join the PE Department, Mr Manson joins Maths and Miss Thompson joins Languages.

As part of our collaboration with Ramsey Grammar School and Castle Rushen High School, we have appointed two teachers, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Miles to share the A Level Psychology teaching across the three schools.

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 for completing the various data collection forms. Please remember to let us know if you change your address or contact details as it is vital that we have up to date information at all times.



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Senior Prize Giving

On Monday 12th 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, Mrs Clare Christian, retired Madam President of Tynwald, to present the prizes.

Ms Moore thanked the sponsors, without whose generosity there would be no prizes and was proud to share that this year we are once again a significant strength for attainment and for achievement or progress. On every measure we are above the Isle of Man average.

At GCSE, 51 students attained at least one A* or A grade and 17 managed over five. 83% of the year attained a grade C or above in their Maths, while nearly 80% attained C or above in English. Almost two thirds of the year attained five or more top grades including English and Maths. The pass rate overall was almost 100%.

At A Level, nearly 43% of grades were A* - B, while the overall pass rate was 99%.

We are sure that you will agree that this is comprehensive education at its best and we would like to wish all the students good luck in their future careers!

‘Always strive to do your best’





Extra-curricular Activities

Enrichment Clubs

Students have been issued with a list of 80 different opportunities to take part in, including sports, music and drama and a huge range of other clubs offered by staff at lunchtime and after school. The list is also available on the School website and on the notice board in the Entrance Hall. **Every student can find at least one club or other activity to join!**

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

33 students have gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award through School this year and most of them attended the annual awards ceremony at The Gaiety Theatre on Tuesday 20th September. A number of other QEII students gained their Bronze Award through other organisations and three were awarded Silver.

Sixteen students are presently being assessed for Silver expeditions at the weekends. Once this is completed we will be launching the Bronze Award training for students in Years 9 and 10.

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.

Get involved!

Enrichment Week

After the amazing success of Enrichment Week in 2016, planning is already underway for July 2017. As before, we will be trying to offer as wide a range of physical activities and arts and crafts as we possibly can. If there are any parents who have a specialism that they are willing to share, and either lead or help out on 19th and 20th July, we would be very keen to hear from you. **Please get in touch with Mr Barker at the School if you can help.**



**Congratulations to our
Bronze Award winners!**



Please remember.....

You will find a lot of useful information on our School website. Please take time to visit us on the address below –

www2.sch.im/groups/qe2highschool/



www.facebook.com/QE2IOM



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.



Year 13 Important dates

Those students aiming to study at Oxford or Cambridge or studying Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science or Architecture need to see Miss Caley to organise the tests needed **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Please note the following deadlines -

Friday 30th September is the deadline for the submission of their Personal Statements.

Thursday 13th October is the deadline for draft Personal Statements to be with tutors for all students intending to apply to UCAS this year.

Thursday 20th October is the deadline for completion of Personal Statements.

School Association News and Events

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

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment. Through money raised at discos, jazz evenings, quizzes, Christmas Fayres, and so on, funds have been available to buy many additional items that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Our School Association has also registered the School with **Easy Fundraising** and **Easy Search**. Through Easy Fundraising our supporters have so far raised a magnificent **£3,457.88** (as at 13/09/16) and you could help increase this further! Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs where you will find a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores. Just use the links on the Easy Fundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, the School will receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple! It is completely FREE to register and you won't pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the Easy Fundraising site. In fact you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers offer discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to Easy Fundraising. If you shop online anyway, then why not raise valuable extra funds for our School by using this fantastic scheme!

Easy Search - <http://qe2hs.easysearch.org.uk/> is a search engine which allows you to raise funds for the School simply by surfing the web. By making just ten searches per day with Easy Search, instead of Google or any other search engine, you could generate over £20.00 per year for our School.

Please use these sites and help raise funds for our School.....every penny counts!

Dates for your diary.....

Monday 7th November - our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6.30pm 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.

Wednesday 30th 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 3rd March 2017 - a **Family Quiz Night** will be held between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Main School Hall. More information will be available nearer the time.

Friday 14th October

Joint concert with the

Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 14th 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!



Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running!

Go to - <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/queen-elizabeth-ii-im5> to browse the latest books and order online.

For every **£1.00** you spend on this month's Book Club, our School will earn **20 pence** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order **online** by **30th October 2016**.

Thank you for your support!

Important dates.....

October

Tuesday 11th October – Parent/Tutor Evening for Years 7, 12 and 13

Friday 14th October – Joint Concert with QEII Wind Orchestra and Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, 7.30pm in the Main School Hall

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Berlin Trip

November

Thursday 3rd November – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 7th November – School Association AGM followed by the Ordinary Meeting, 6.30pm in the School Library

Tuesday 8th November – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 30th November – School Association Christmas Fayre, 6.00pm until 9.00pm in the Main School Hall

December

Monday 5th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Concert

Monday 19th December –
Monday 2nd January 2017 – Christmas Holidays

January

Thursday 12th January – Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 children and parents

Tuesday 31st January – Year 8 Parents' Evening

February

Sunday 12th – Wednesday 15th February – A2 Geography Trip to Manchester

Saturday 18th – Saturday 25th February – Ski Trip to Italy

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February – Half Term

March

Friday 3rd March – School Association Family Quiz Night

Tuesday 7th March – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 21st March – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

April

Wednesday 5th April – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 10th – Friday 21st April – Easter Holidays

May

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 31st May – Heats Day

June

Friday 2nd June – Inset Day – School closed to students

Monday 5th – Friday 9th June – Half Term

Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th June – New Intake Days

Monday 19th June – Friday 30th June – Year 10 Work Experience

July

Tuesday 4th July – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Monday 10th July – New Year 7 Tutor Evening

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th July – Sixth Form University Trip

Friday 14th July – Junior and Intermediate Prize Givings

Monday 17th – Friday 21st July – Geography Field Work Trip

Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th July – Enrichment

Friday 21st July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 17th August – GCE Results Day

Thursday 24th August – GCSE Results Day