

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## April 2016 Newsletter

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## Information

We wish to say farewell to Mr Caldwell and Mr Rimmington who left at Easter. Farewell also to Mr Earner who retired in February – Mr Earner had been at the School since 1993 and was Head of Languages for many years. We wish them all well for the future.

We welcome Dr Cox to the Science and Maths Departments for this term. Miss Thompson has joined the Languages Team.

Students have once again been issued with their own booklet giving information about the clubs available during the Summer Term.

Information on all of the clubs can be found on the School website and also on the notice board in the Entrance Hall.

We are planning to make a minor change to the School day from September 2016. Full details are on the website and have been sent to all parents.

We want to start the day 10 minutes later and finish at the same time. This will not affect bus times. The consultation ends on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Responses can be sent by email to [qe2enquiries@sch.im](mailto:qe2enquiries@sch.im) or on paper to the School Office.

Please remember that you will find a lot of useful information on our School website. Please take time to visit us at the address below and also follow us on Facebook.



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# Performing Arts Department Spring Showcase

The School opened its doors last Thursday evening (21st April) for its inaugural Performing Arts Department Spring Showcase. More than fifty students performed live to a large audience of parents, friends and family.

The evening included a number of excellent performances from the School's Wind Band, Vocal Ensemble and Flute Choir and the School's newly formed Ukulele Ensemble had the audience singing along to their arrangement of Country Road.

Throughout the evening there were a variety of solo pieces including singing, violin, guitar and flute recitals.

A guest performance by the Peel Cathedral Choristers, led by Dr Litman, was enjoyed by all and forged closer links between the School and the community.

A fantastic evening was rounded off by QEII's traditional Manx Music Ensemble 'Club Kiaull' led by Mr Paul Rogers. The School would like to congratulate the students for their hard work and effort leading up to the showcase and thank all those who attended for their support.



## Band Trip to the Guild



On Tuesday, 26th April the School band travelled to the Villa Marina to compete in the Year 7 to Year 13 Schools' Music Making Class at the Manx Music Festival or 'Guild'. Under the direction of Mr Kinley, the band performed a wide variety of music in their 15 minute programme including 'Irish Tune from County Derry', Queen's 'We Will Rock You' and the Meghan Trainor's 'All About That Bass'.

They were awarded a 'Distinction' of 87 marks and the first prize of The Lymm Plate, the adjudicator being highly impressed by the band's sense of ensemble, dynamics and musical shaping. He also commented on the choice and variety of music performed and singled out Chloe Irving (percussion) and Barton Beaumont (cornet) for special praise within the band's performance. The band finished to a huge and prolonged round of applause from the audience and received many wonderful comments from the public about, not only the band's musical prowess, but also how they looked and conducted themselves on stage.

The School's Year 8/9 string group also appeared in the instrumental ensemble class under the direction of Mr Field from the Music Service and came second in their class with a highly commended score of 84.

Many thanks to the students in the band for all their hard work in preparing for the event, to parents for their support in helping students attend rehearsals (particularly the after school ones), to Ms Moore for accompanying the students to the event on the day and to the School Association for providing funds to pay for the coach to and from the event.

## Sports News

Congratulations to Caitlin Maginn and Katie Roberts who have been selected to represent the Island Schools' Football team in the UK where they will play local and county teams.

Well done also to Beth Colgan and Sara Watterson who represented the Island Schools' Netball team earlier in the month. They won two out of their six very tough matches against Cheshire and Merseyside!

# 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, 20<sup>th</sup> June until Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

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.

Any students who are still organising a self-placement must bring these in to Mrs Ferns as a matter of urgency.

For those who have used the employed.im database, they will have been given Agreement Forms which must be signed and returned to the School as soon as possible.



## Junior Achievement Success!

Congratulations to Team Opus on becoming the Junior Achievement Isle of Man Company of the Year 2016!

The team devised a range of Caeco-branded cable protectors to take the title and will go on to represent the Isle of Man in Lucerne, Switzerland at the end of July. There they will compete against 39 other teams from across Europe.

Congratulations and we wish them the very best of luck!



## School Association News and Events

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment.

Our next **School Association Meeting** is arranged for **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June** at 6.30pm 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.

Our next fundraising event is a **Car Boot Sale** which will take place on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00pm until 4.00pm** on the School Car Park. It will be held indoors if wet. The price per pitch is £6.00 which includes one table. To reserve a place, please call Sue Ferns in the School Office on 841000.

Our **School Association** has also registered the School with **Easy Fundraising** and **Easy Search**.

### Easy Fundraising -

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs)

This is 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/>

This 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!**



## Enrichment 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July

All students should now have made their choices and have confirmation of what they will be doing.

The deadline for returning booking forms was Friday, 15th April in order for students to be included in an activity of their choice. As this date has passed, students who haven't yet made their choice will be allocated to an available activity.

Enrichment is always a fantastic opportunity for our students to try new and different activities and meet new people and make new friends, all of which are a key element of our enrichment programme.



Water Sports at Injebreck 2015

## Tall Ship Voyage 2016

Eight students from Year 9 will join the crew of the tall ship 'Stavros S Niarchos' from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May, alongside students from each of the Island's secondary schools.

They are sailing to and from Liverpool but the route will depend on weather and tides. In previous years this amazing adventure has visited the Scottish Islands and Belfast.

On the way students learn how to work as a team in tough conditions, making new friends and having the experience of a lifetime! **Bon voyage!**



## 2016 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year 49 students started their Award and 37 gained an Award. This is a conversion rate of 76% which is excellent for a Unit. We had 4 students gain Gold, 4 gained Silver and 29 Bronze Awards were achieved.

**Congratulations to the following students -**

**Gold** - Breeshey Bond, Peter Daniels, Christian Hardman, Calum Johnson

**Silver** - Thomas Clague, Emily Jones, Lewis Parry, Amy Smith

**Bronze** - Amy Anderson, Augusta Atherton, Arthur Bankes-Jones, Lewis Brew, Jimmy Bostock, Hannah Buttimore, Elle Cain, Beth Colgan, Callum Davies, Emma Draper, Kate Dowling, Emily Edge, Conor Gelling, Hannah Geoghegan, Darcie Gray, Megan Griffiths, Nathan Harmer, Harry Hewson, Lizzie Jones, Harab Khan, Jessica Kneen, Cedric Lucas, Alice Owen, Matthew Shimmin, Emma Sutton, Tara Sutton, Ruby Turner, Phoebe Van Gemeren, Lucy Webber.

A bronze was also gained by Shannon Caren in April but this cannot be counted in the years' statistics.

**A message from Mrs Sleight - We still have 12 Bronze and 4 Silver participants yet to complete their Award. I would be grateful if these could be completed as soon as possible, preferably this term.**



# Important dates...

## May

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Leavers' Day

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

## June

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Heats Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Reserve Heats Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – In-service Day – School closed to students

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 9 Mock Exams

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Creative Arts Evening, 6.30pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – New Intake Days

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 10 Work Experience

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Car Boot Sale, 1.00pm – 4.00pm

## July

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – New Intake Evening

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Sixth Form University Trip

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Reserve Sports Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – School Production

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Junior and Intermediate Prize Givings

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 10 Geography Trip to the Lake District

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 7 Sports Trip to Wales

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 9 History/Science Trip to Belgium

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Enrichment

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term

## August

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August** – Cambridge International Results Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – A Level Results Day

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – GCSE Results Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Sixth Form Interviews

## September

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

## Creative Arts Evening

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
**6.30pm**

The next opportunity to see work and performances by our students will be on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30pm, when all will be welcome to attend the annual Creative Arts Evening, where students will present both GCSE and A Level music and drama pieces.

Also on display will be art work by students from all Key Stages as well as projects by technology students.

Please come along!

## School Production

Our next School production will take place during the evenings of Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**'Our Day Out'** highlights the ups and downs of taking a school trip of an inner city class out to the country. We watch the bully, the romance, the excitement, the teenage drama, the feelings behind it all and the returning to school and life as 'normal'.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Please keep these dates free to come along and support our talented students!