

Queen Elizabeth II High School



September 2017 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.

Miss Arthur joins us as Deputy Director of Key Stage 4 and also joins the Science Department. Miss Libreri joins us as Deputy Director of Key Stage 3 and joins the Maths Department. Mrs Greenlees and Miss Wainwright join the Performing Arts Department, Mr O'Sullivan joins the Design and Technology Department and Mr Snape joins us as a trainee teacher in the English 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 Wednesday 13th 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, Mr Bill Dale, founder of local community group 'Beach Buddies', 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. She congratulated all of the prize winners and those who have achieved external qualifications.

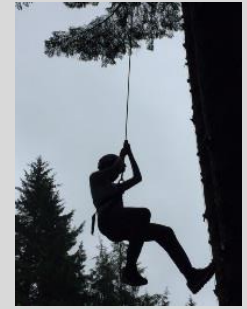
Our GCSE results were once again outstanding! Our Maths and English teams excelled themselves with 85% of students gaining grade C or above in Maths and 73% in English. Overall, over 60% of students gained five or more strong passes including English and Maths.

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

Students have all been issued with a list of 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

On Tuesday 19th September the annual Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Ceremony took place at The Gaiety Theatre.

Thirteen students were presented with their certificates, having gained their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award whilst in Year 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 Gold 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 Silver 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 underway for July 2018. A variety of photographs are now available to view on the School website - <https://qc2.sch.im/>



Sports News

Once again there is so much sporting talent here at QEII that we are unable to mention everyone in our newsletter! Below are just a few of the recent successes –

Cycling

Our students had some incredible results in the End2End Mountain Bike Challenge which took place recently in very challenging conditions!

In the Under 16 category Will Corkill came 1st, Corrin Leeming - 2nd, Aaron Lund - 3rd, Jack Gentry - 9th and Ian Livingstone - 15th. Well done lads!

Also, in the British National Cycling 10 mile Time Trial we had great success, with Shellan Leeming finishing 7th in her category and Matthew Cooil winning the Under 13 category! Will Corkill won the Under 15's and Tosh Teare was 8th in his age category. The British National Team championship was taken by RL360 which was made up of four students, two of which were from QEII, Tosh Teare and Will Corkill. Fantastic results everyone!

Congratulations also to our Year 13 student, Aimee Cringle, who was part of the winning mixed off-road triathlon team at Sunday's 'Granite Man'. It began with a 400m swim in Cringle Reservoir, followed by a 10km cycle and then a 5km run through scenic tracks in the plantation.

Netball

Twenty-one students from Years 8, 9 and 10 recently travelled to Condover Hall in Shropshire to play netball against a variety of school netball teams and club netball teams. The girls played fantastically well throughout the course of the weekend, with the Year 9 and 10 teams both securing themselves places in the main competition.

Players of the tournament were:

Year 8 - Katie Lovelady

Year 9 - Amy Watterson

Year 10 - Megan Watterson

Well done girls!



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.



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, musical evenings, quizzes, Christmas Fayres, and so on, funds have been available to buy many additional items that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Our Science Department have recently been the grateful recipients of funding from the School Association which has allowed them to buy ten new state-of-the-art microscopes. Mr Buchanan, Head of Science, said "Our current microscopes were of a high standard in their day but some of them are nearly as old as the school and we can no longer get parts for them. Without the help of the School Association, making large one off purchases like this is very difficult. These microscopes will serve the school for a minimum of another 20 years which is a great legacy for all those involved in raising the funds. I would like to thank members of the School Association, and those who attend their events, for their help on behalf of the Science Department and the students here at QEII High School".



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 Tuesday 24th October at 6.00pm in the School Library.



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

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 24th October - our next **School Association Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library.

Monday 13th 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 24th November – a **Coffee Morning** will be held at the Centenary Centre, Peel from 10.00am. This is in association with the Peel Co-op 'Local Community Fund' who are currently supporting our School Association.

Wednesday 29th 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 26th January 2018 - we are delighted to announce that **Retrospect** will be joining us again for another fabulous evening of music and dancing! Tickets will be on sale shortly.

#BeStrong Day

Students from Key Stages 3 and 4 took part in the #BeStrong Day on Thursday 7th September. The aim of the day was to improve resilience and mental health awareness amongst the students. To help ensure that the day was successful, 35 professionals volunteered to give up their time to deliver 16 workshops. The sessions enabled the students to have informative, first hand experiences of challenges they may face and give them coping mechanisms to help deal with situations should they arise. Information on where to seek help and further advice was a key element in all workshops.

At QEII we want to create happy, positive young people who have coping mechanisms to deal with a variety of situations. Our students make up a large part of the community and for them to be able to cope with difficult situations will benefit not only themselves, but also us all.

Below are some comments from students:

“The sessions were very interactive and filled with information, they made me think twice about choices I make.”

“The workshops gave me information about where to go if something happened to me that I needed to deal with.”

“The drug and alcohol session made me think more responsibly about my choices later in life.”

We are very grateful to everyone who gave their time to ensure the students had a really positive day with practical tips on how to cope in a variety of situations.

Science revision sessions

Year 11 Science revision sessions are being held at lunchtimes between now and the mock exams.

Students should talk to their Form Tutors or Science teachers for more information.

Friday 27th October

Joint concert with the

Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 27th 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!

Saturday 28th October

Theatre trip to Liverpool

A small group will be travelling to Liverpool to watch the Edinburgh Festival transfer of 'Man to Man' before it moves to New York.

If any parents are interested in joining us for the trip, please contact Mrs Walker via qe2enquiries@sch.im. The play is a very intense performance and describes how a woman assumes her dead husband's identity to survive in Nazi Germany. Due to the adult content and theme it is not recommended for anyone under 14 years of age. The premier launched the career of Tilda Swinton and it is rarely performed. It is valuable to our History students who study Nazi Germany and also Drama students as it is an unusual solo performance and the staging is likely to be of interest.

Important dates.....

October

Tuesday 3rd October –
Parent/Tutor Evening for Year 7
Parent/Tutor Evening and UCAS
Advice Evening for Years 12/13

Thursday 12th October – HPV
vaccination 1 for Year 8 girls

Tuesday 24th October –
Year 11 Parents' Evening
School Association Meeting at
6.00pm in the School Library

Friday 27th October – Joint
Concert with QEII Wind
Orchestra and Isle of Man Wind
Orchestra, 7.30pm in the Main
School Hall

**Monday 30th October – Friday
3rd November** – Half Term

November

Monday 13th November –
School Association AGM
followed by the Ordinary Meeting,
6.00pm in the School Library

Wednesday 15th November –
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd November –
Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 29th November –
School Association Christmas
Fayre, 6.00pm until 9.00pm in the
Main School Hall

December

Monday 11th December –
Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19th December –
Christmas Concert

**Monday 25th December –
Friday 5th January 2018** –
Christmas Holidays

January

**Monday 8th – Friday 12th
January** – Year 11 Mock Exams

Tuesday 23rd January – Open
Evening for Year 5 and 6 children
and parents

Friday 26th January – an evening
with 'Retrospect'

February

Thursday 8th February –
Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

**Monday 12th – Friday 16th
February** – Half Term

**Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th
February** – Year 12 History Trip

**Sunday 25th February –
Wednesday 1st March** – A2
Geography Trip to Manchester

March

Wednesday 14th March –
14-19 Information Evening for
Year 9 and Year 11

**Wednesday 14th – Saturday 17th
March** – Year 10 Big Bang Fair in
Birmingham

Thursday 22nd March – Spring
Showcase

**Friday 30th March – Friday 13th
April** – Easter Holidays

April

Tuesday 24th April –
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th April – HPV
vaccination 2 for Year 8 girls

May

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 28th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 30th May – Heats Day

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

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

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