

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## May 2017 Newsletter

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## Information

This term we welcome two new members of staff to the Science Department. Mr Beardwood now joins us as a permanent member of staff and Mrs Saunders also joins the Science Department.

Please remember to take a look at our new-look 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](http://www.facebook.com/QE2IOM)

Our Dining Room is now serving breakfast each morning between 8.15am and 8.45am. Students can choose from sausage baps, bacon baps or toast and a selection of cold drinks.

Our clubs list has once again been updated for the Summer Term. Students have been issued with their own leaflet showing them what is available and as always there are a wide range of clubs on offer. There should be something for everyone to enjoy! This information can also be found on the School website and on the notice board in the Entrance Hall.



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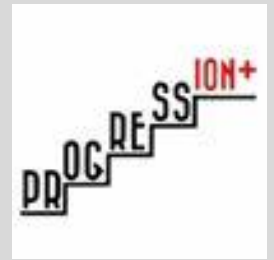
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# Junior Achievement hat-trick!



For the third year in a row, one of our Sixth-Form teams have won the Junior Achievement Company of the Year Award!

This year the title went to Team **'Progression+'** for their sleep product 'Wakeeze', which is designed to wake the wearer with a gentle vibration. Congratulations to Alex, Chloe, Chloe, Kelly and Will for their winning design. They also picked up awards for 'Best Design and Branding', 'Best Trade Stand' and 'Best Promotional Video'.

They will head off to Brussels for the European Final between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July, where over 30 teams will meet and compete for the overall title. We wish you the very best of luck!

For more information about the company, or to purchase the product for yourself, visit them at their website -

<http://progression-plus.co.uk/>

You can also follow them on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/progressionplusiom/>



## 'Freedom' Showcase

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

This year the Performing Arts Department are putting on a summer showcase entirely based around 'freedom'. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been thinking about what freedom means to them and how they can express it through music, drama or dance. They have come up with a wide range of creative ideas and have put together some fantastic performances for your enjoyment!

The showcase will feature performances from the Junior and Senior Choirs, the Drama Group, Club Kiaull, Dance Group, ensembles and solo performances. Their performances will take place in the Main Hall over two evenings.

Tickets will be available shortly from the School Reception.

## Creative Arts Evening

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
6.30pm

The next opportunity to see work and performances by our students will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

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

## A fabulous performance at The Guild!

On Tuesday 25th April, the Wind Band travelled to the Royal Hall of the Villa Marina to represent the School in the Manx Music Festival, or 'Guild' as it is more commonly known. The group consisted of 35 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 and were conducted by Mr Kinley. The fifteen minute programme which they performed contained a wide variety of music ranging from John Williams' themes for 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' and 'Jurassic Park' to Katy Perry's 'Firework'.

The Band's performance was excellent and the highly enthusiastic audience were very complimentary about both the standard of the group's music making and the way in which they conducted themselves both on and off the stage, making them excellent ambassadors for the School. The highly experienced adjudicator, Kay Tucker, was also very complimentary about the performance and awarded the Band a mark of 88 which is classed as a 'distinction' in the festival, with the percussion, brass and clarinet sections all meriting individual praise from the adjudicator. Whilst the Band were the only group in their class, there were many similar instrumental classes running all morning and QEII's mark was the highest awarded to any ensemble made up entirely of students.

Congratulations to the Wind Band both for their performance at the Guild and for all the hard work they put in rehearsing for the event (including attending a rehearsal in the Easter holidays). Many thanks as well to those parents/family members who supported the Band, both in the build up to the event and who came along to listen on the day. We hope to be able to let you know about your next opportunity to hear them play soon!



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Cash Loaders

You will be aware that there is an ongoing issue with the cash loaders accepting the new Manx £20 note. Government Technical Services have been pushing the company hard to resolve this, however, we have been informed this may take them up 6 weeks to achieve!

In light of this, we advise students and parents not to try putting Manx £20 notes through the cash loaders.

We can only apologise for this situation, please rest assured we are chasing very hard to try and deliver a fix as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

If you would like to apply for the online payments system 'ParentPay' as an alternative, please contact the School Office.

## Textiles Club



Textiles Club - Easter bunny pouches



Pyramid beanie chicken - Textiles Club



Textiles Club meets each Friday lunchtime between 1.15pm and 2.00pm.

The workshops run in 5 to 6 week sessions where students undertake a variety of mini projects.

Last term the students made some adorable Easter bunny pouches and pyramid beanie chickens.

This term they are making cactus pin cushions 😊

# Please help our School Association

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 will shortly be looking for a new Secretary or Treasurer to join the committee and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a little spare time and would 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 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

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

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## Dates for your diary.....

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - 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!

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - '**Prom and Pamper Evening**' from 7.00pm – the evening will include a fashion show, sale of pre-loved prom wear, hair and make-up advice and demonstrations, stall holders including jewellery, shoes etc. The evening is perfect for anyone planning ahead for their Proms!

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - **Christmas Fayre** – more information will be available nearer the time.

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## Easy Fundraising and Easy Search

Our School Association has also registered the School with -

**Easy Fundraising** - Please visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs](http://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!**

# P.E. Department News

There is so much sporting talent here at QEII that it would be difficult to give everyone a mention here in our newsletter!

The P.E. Department now has its own Facebook page which is updated regularly with our students' achievements.



**Please be sure to follow them on –**

<https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/>

Just a couple of mentions – last Thursday, in glorious sunshine, our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Intermediate Athletics Championships at the NSC. Every one of them gave 100% effort and our girls came a phenomenal first place! A fantastic achievement, congratulations to everyone who took part, you were a credit to yourselves and the School!

Also, our Year 7 boys played their first Cricket match last week captained by Carl Hartmann. After an excellent innings with the ball, including bowling figures of 3-12 for James Mitchell and 3-13 for Jacob Butler, King William's College scored 158 in the first innings. QEII then batted well, leaving themselves with 38 runs needed to win off the final three overs, when Jacob Butler and Daniel Ansara came out to bat. After an explosive innings, including several boundaries, our side were left needing a single to win off the final ball, which they managed through a Jacob Butler cover drive. Overall an excellent start from the Year 7's who have committed to extra-curricular sport fantastically throughout the year. We look forward to seeing your progress in the years to come!

## QE2 Extra Curricular Sports Programme - Summer Term

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
<b>Break</b>	Netball/Bball	HRI	Netball/Bball	FDA	Netball/Bball	HRI	Netball/Bball	MCL	Netball/Bball	DWI
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Year 9 + 10 Nets Sportshall	DSW	Year 7 + 8 Nets Sportshall	MCL	Boxing Gym - All years	DSW	Year 9 + 10 Nets Sportshall	NWA	Table Tennis All Years Gym	FDA
	Year 10 Rounders	JST			Year 9 Rounders	HRI			Year 7 + 8 Nets Sportshall	MCL
	Throws and Track	ASC/MCL HRI	Year 7 Rounders	HRI	Year 7 + 8 Boys Hockey	NWA	Year 7 Rounders	HRI	Year 7 + 8 Nets Sportshall	MCL
	Year 7 Football	FDA	Yr 9+10 Football Astro	DSA	Tennis All Years	MCL	Jumps and Track	DWI/FDA	Year 9 + 10 Boys Hockey	NWA
			Year 8 Rounders	JST						
	Fitness Suite 1-1:45		Fitness Suite 1-1:45		Fitness Suite 1-1:45		Fitness Suite 1-1:45		Fitness Suite 1-1:45	
<b>After School</b>	Year 7 Cricket	MCL	All Year Athletics	All Staff	Transition Club	All Staff	Year 8 Cricket	ASC/FDA	<b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	
	Year 9 Cricket	DSW	Yr 7 + 8 Girls Football	FDA	Yr 9 + 10 Girls Football	FDA	Year 10 Cricket	NWA		
	Year 8 Fixtures (Grass)	ASC/FDA JST	Year 10 Fixtures	NWA/JST	Year 7 Fixtures	MCL/HRI				
<b>KEY</b>	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	All Years	Transition				

# Important dates...

## May

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Heats Day

## June

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Inset Day – School closed to students

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake Days

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 Work Experience

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Creative Arts Evening

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – School Association Meeting, 6.00pm

## July

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – School Production ‘Freedom’

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – New Year 7 Tutor Evening

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Sixth Form University Trip

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Junior and Intermediate Prize Givings

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Enrichment Week Trips

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Enrichment Activities

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term

## August

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – Cambridge Results Day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August** – A Level Results Day

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August** – GCSE Results Day

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – Sixth Form Interviews

## September

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

## Summer 2017 Results Days

**A Level – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**GCSE – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Results are available from 9.00am in the Sixth Form Block

**Cambridge International Examination** results can be collected from 11.00am on:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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\***