

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## October 2020 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 Cooil and Mr Thurley join the Science Department, Ms Lamarsaude joins the French Department, Mr McCormack joins the English Department and Miss White joins us as a trainee teacher in the Art 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.

You can also scan our QR code with your mobile device to take you directly to our website -



We would be grateful if you could 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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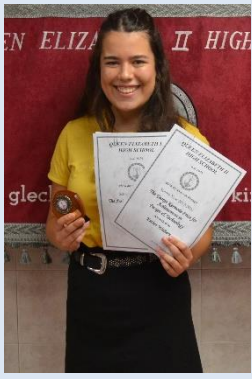
*Student-related email – 7054003@capita-intouch.co.uk*

*General email – [qe2enquiries@sch.im](mailto:qe2enquiries@sch.im)*

*School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>*

*Facebook – [www.facebook.com/QE2IOM](https://www.facebook.com/QE2IOM)*

*Head – Ms S.M.Moore, B.A., M.B.A.*



# Prize Giving

This year our annual Prize Giving celebrated the success of students from last year's Year 7 through to Year 13.

The evening, held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, was a wonderful event and we were delighted to welcome our Guest of Honour for the evening, Chief Constable Gary Roberts, to present the prizes.

In what has been the most challenging year, Ms Moore thanked the sponsors, without whose generosity there would be no prizes, and congratulated all of the prize winners. After reflecting on the difficulties faced over recent months, Ms Moore was happy to say that the students did finally receive the results that they deserved and can be genuinely proud of their success after all their years of hard work.

And it has been a very successful year! Nearly 80% of Year 11 achieved 5 or more level 2 passes including English and Maths. Nearly 30% of grades were A/A\* and the pass rate was over 99%. 23 students achieved at least 5 A\*/A grades, which is outstanding!

A Level results were also excellent. Nearly half of the grades were B or above. 82% achieved C or above and 90% of students achieved at least 80 UCAS points.

Whatever they go on to do, we would like to wish all the students success and fulfilment in their future careers!

Remember our School motto -

*'gleck dty share dy kinjagh'*

*'always strive to do your best'*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.**

We have also recently been notified by our neighbours at Mylchreest Court that students have been using their property as a shortcut when the School gate is locked.

Please note that Mylchreest Court is PRIVATE PROPERTY and should not be used as a shortcut. A group of students have also been caught attempting to climb their electronic gate and hedge at the rear of their premises. They have told us that the gate has already been repaired once and is expensive to fix. They will take action for any damages caused in the future as they have full CCTV in operation.

They are also having parents drive into their premises to drop off or collect children. Please DO NOT use their car park for this purpose.

In addition to this, we have been notified that the gate in The Links estate is now locked and will be for the foreseeable future. This means that there is no longer a shortcut to the School via The Links. Students MUST NOT climb over the hedges as this will cause upset to the residents.



## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### Joint concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Anti-Bullying

Queen Elizabeth II High School is committed to creating and sustaining a safe, positive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and parents/carers.

More information about our Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on our School website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/100/Anti-Bullying>

Our online Bullying Report Form can also be found on this page or by scanning the QR Code below with your mobile device –







# SAFER SCHOOLS



Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Whether you're a mum, dad, carer, auntie, uncle, granny, grandpa or even an auntie who's-not-really-an-auntie-but-you're-mum's-best-friend-so-we-call-you-auntie anyway, it's important for you to understand what children are doing online, so you can help make them safer. We are delighted to invite you to download our new App; 'Safer Schools' provided by our insurance provider Zurich Municipal.

**Step 1:**

Download the app for free by searching for 'Safer Schools' in the Apple App Store or on Google play. (You can download it on more than one device!)

**Step 2:**

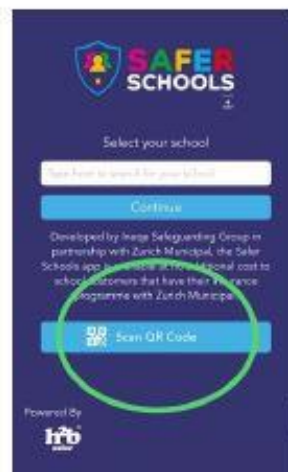
Enter 'Queen Elizabeth II High School'

**Step 3:**

Enter the code '7675'

Or:

Once you have the App installed simply press the QR button on the front screen and scan this QR code you will be logged in straight away.



Parent/Carer - Secondary  
Queen Elizabeth II High School

**About the App**

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their access, children can seek information that is relevant to them and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

## Biology Week 2020



### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Biology Week is coming up and the Science Department will be celebrating around the School all week. There will be lots going on, including events and talks by visiting speakers from the Manx Wildlife Trust, Nobles Hospital Biomedical Science Department and The Manx Whale and Dolphin Watch. There will be activities in lesson and tutor times, as well as sessions in the Department at lunchtime. Students should also keep their eyes peeled around the School corridors for the Biology Treasure Hunt, in which they can win prizes. Speak to Mrs Saunders or Mr Buchanan for more information.

# If your child is ill.....

If your child is ill, please keep him/her at home until they are feeling better.

If necessary, seek medical advice and do not send your child back to School until symptoms have passed and/or any exclusion times have elapsed.

## Well done!

Well done to our students who took part in the IOM Junior Fell Running Championships at the weekend.

Year 7 girls: 4<sup>th</sup> Neve Madden and 5<sup>th</sup> May-Saa Smith

Year 7 boys: 6<sup>th</sup> Jet Buchan, 7<sup>th</sup> Noah Harding and 10<sup>th</sup> Rory Turner

## An appeal from our School Library.....

If you are looking to re-home books that are in a good condition, please think of our School Library – we are always willing to take donations!

**Thank you.**

## Matthew goes the extra mile!

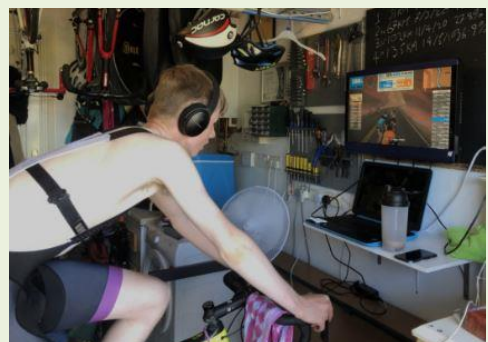
During lockdown, our student Matthew Cooil (now Year 12), took on a tremendous cycling challenge to support local businesses and to show his support for frontline workers. To take on such an incredible virtual journey is incredible and the School is very proud of Matthew's selfless achievement!

Below are Matthew's words –

It is commonly cited that inspiration is a neutral concept in that it holds no bias as to its time of arrival, blind to calamity and prosperity. For me, it was a global tragedy of unimaginable proportion that provoked a spark of proactivity in the face of adversity, and enticed my creativity to eventual positive effect. Say that sentence to me a year ago, I'd have laughed. Of course, the Coronavirus Pandemic which has enveloped our planet with devastating effect is much larger than anything a singular person can ever hope to tackle, however, my main ambition was not to challenge the virus, but to recognise the astounding commitment, courage and bravery shown by the men and women of our health service in the face of a new, lethal enemy.

This fighting spirit is something I strove to emulate during my lockdown challenge, riding 366 km indoors on the virtual cycling platform Zwift, to represent the number of days this year that our health service will be operational, keeping our communities safe and well. This is a statistic I find both inspiring and humbling even as I write this. The effort took me 10hrs 42mins and undoubtedly resides among the hardest rides I have ever undertaken, however, I cannot stress enough how worthwhile the experience proved to be, raising £2200 was beyond what I could've hoped for and I cannot thank everyone who donated enough for their generosity. Having collected the money, I purchased 220 £10 vouchers from two local businesses (Dovecote Tearooms and Bikestyle) who had been seriously hampered by the introduction of lockdown, and proceeded to distribute these vouchers to frontline workers across the DHSC.

I cannot quantify the gratification this gave me, the messages of thanks I received from staff, from Surgeons to Porters, was incredible. I threw myself into the challenge blind, similar to the approach our health service has been forced to adopt, however, I am simply in awe of the determination and selflessness shown by these members of our community, and it was a pleasure to give something back.





# THE RAINBOW FLAG AWARD

This year Queen Elizabeth II High School has made a commitment to achieve the Rainbow Flag Status. The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for primary schools, secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility.

The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBT phobic bullying.

Our Rainbow Club is held every Monday in Room 9 from 1.30pm to 2.00pm and is open to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Please check our website and Facebook for further information and updates.





# School Association News and Events

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

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 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in the School Library.**



## Do you have a Co-op Membership Card?

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>

If you select QEII High School as your chosen cause, 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.

The School Association 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](https://www.facebook.com/QEII-High-School-Association-1749586035344871/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

## Dates for your diary.....

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - a **Family Quiz Night** will be held from 7.00pm until 9.00pm in the Main Hall. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people and all ages are welcome. Please bring your own refreshments.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - our next **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.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - our **Christmas Fayre** will be held in the Main School Hall between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. Stalls are £15.00 each. To reserve a stall call Sue Ferns in the School Office on 841000.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021** -



We are very excited to announce that **Retrospect** will be joining us again on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January for another fabulous evening of music and dancing!

Tickets will go on sale at the Christmas Fayre. They sold out in record time last year so get there in good time or you may be disappointed!!

# Important dates.....

## October

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – School Association Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm until 9.00pm. All ages welcome. Please bring your own refreshments

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Joint Concert with QEII Wind Orchestra and Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, 7.30pm. Tickets now available from School Reception

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Year 11 Mock Exams

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

## November

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – School Association Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 13 Mock Exams

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – School Association Christmas Fayre, 6.00pm until 8.30pm in the Main School Hall  
\*\*£15.00 per stall - bookings now being taken\*\*

## December

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Concert

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – Christmas Holidays

## January

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 children and parents

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – an evening with ‘Retrospect’

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 11 Mock Exams

## February

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 11 Parents’ Evening

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

## March

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Dance Showcase

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 12 and 13 Parents’ Evening

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Spring Concert

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

## April

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 10 Mock Exams

## May

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 students

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

## June

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Heats Day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Provisional dates for Year 10 Work Experience

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 12 Mock Exams

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake Days

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Drama Play

## July

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – New Intake Tutor Evening

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term