

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## February 2019 Newsletter

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## Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to the Spring Term.

We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks. Please see the 'Important Dates' on the final page of this newsletter. The full School Calendar can also be found on our School website by visiting -

<https://qe2.sch.im/>

The website is updated daily so please do take time to visit it as 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)

As always there are a wide range of **School Clubs** on offer and there should be something for everyone to enjoy! The full brochure can be found on our website by following the 'About' link to the 'Co-Curricular' page.

Plans are well underway for **Enrichment** which takes place during the last week of term in July. There are some fantastic opportunities available and the full programme can be found on our website, either on the 'Blog' or under the 'News' section. Please note that the deadline for returning booking forms is **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

There are currently 9 places available for the Surf Trip. If anyone is interested, they should speak to Miss Courmont as soon as possible.



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# Open Evening



Our annual Open Evening, which was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, was once again a great success.

A huge number of children and their families enjoyed tours of the School and engaged in lots of fun and exciting learning experiences.

Special thanks to everyone who helped out and made it such an enjoyable evening!



## Passport Competition Winner

The winner of the Open Evening 'Passport Competition' was Neve Madden from Ballaugh School.

The prize was presented by Ms Moore and Ms Creasey, the organiser of the evening.

Well done Neve!



## 14 - 19 Information Evening

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**6.15pm until 9.00pm**

Students in Years 9 and 11 have to make important decisions about option choices this year.

The 14 - 19 Information Evening is designed to provide you with information to help your child make their choices for Key Stage 4 and Post-16 courses. It is also an opportunity to explain recent developments in 14 - 19 education.

There will be information about what will be studied in each subject area in a series of 15 minute subject presentations run by specialist staff.

This Information Evening is always a huge success and we hope to see you there.

# Maths Olympiad

The Maths Department recently held their annual 'Western Olympiad' where students from our Partner Primary Schools compete against each other in various activities for the trophy. All of the activities required a high level of mathematical understanding, as well as requiring logical thinking skills.

Scores were tight throughout with there only being one point between some of the teams at the end of the four rounds!

The eventual winners were Ballaugh, with St Johns as the runners up. Marown Team 1 took third place. All of the winners were awarded Amazon vouchers.

Thank you to all of the teams and staff involved. All of the students had a great afternoon.



# Dance Showcase



Following on from the success of last year, we would like to invite you to our annual Dance Showcase on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Tickets are now available at Reception, priced at £3 per adult and £2 per child. There are only a few tickets remaining so don't delay or you may be disappointed!

The evening will showcase a range of dance styles, from contemporary and lyrical to rock and roll. The students have been working hard in their BTEC level 2 and 3 classes, as well as dance clubs, to ensure that this is a spectacular show.

Definitely an evening not to be missed!

## Dance Group win Roots and Shoots Award!

We are very excited to announce that the QEII Dance Group, who performed the ECO dance piece on Peel Beach to promote awareness of our use of plastic, have won one of the prestigious Jane Goodall 'Roots and Shoots Awards'!

Roots and Shoots encourages children to implement practical positive change for people, animals and the environment. Miss Wainwright has had the difficult task of selecting ten of the most committed Dance students to represent the School in a performance of their work at the Barbican in London this March.

We are very excited to have won the award and have this amazing experience to look forward to!



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 28<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.

The most successful and meaningful placements are those that students have taken the initiative to arrange for themselves. Therefore, we encourage everyone to consider carefully their future career aspirations and then contact a suitable company to arrange a self-placement.

Should your son/daughter fail to secure a self-placement they are able to access a database of placement providers. Every attempt will be made to offer each student who uses the database a placement that matches his or her aspirations, however, no guarantee can be made that every first choice placement will be available.

**\*\*Please note that students MUST check the database before contacting any employer to arrange a self-placement as a position may have already been offered.**

This year's programme was launched to students on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January and introduction letters and the Work Experience Guide were handed out during tutor time the following day.

## **Please note the following important dates and deadlines -**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - students able to access Placement Database

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - deadline for Database selections

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - deadline for Self-Placements

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - deadline for returning Agreement Forms

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 Work Experience placements

**More information can also be found on our School website.  
Follow the 'About' link to the Work Experience page.**



Textiles club, Xmas workshop  
Festive pencil toppers, button trees.

## Textiles Club

A photograph from last term.

Textiles Club continues this term with an Easter theme .....watch this space!!

# Fundraising for Joseph

The School recently fundraised towards ex-student Joseph Fleming's charity appeal, to enable him to purchase a new wheelchair. Various events were held including Sixth Form bake sales and non-uniform days, as well as Santa Dash events for all students during their Games lessons.



All of the efforts culminated in a grand total of **£820.00** being put towards a cause close to our hearts.

Well done to everyone involved, especially the Sixth Form and P E Department.



## School Association News and Events

Once again 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.

The next event on our calendar will be an evening with local band '**Retrospect**' which takes place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be the third time that the band have entertained us and it is such a popular evening that the tickets **SOLD OUT** in record time!! If you would like to be placed on a reserve list for tickets, please contact the School Reception on 841000.

The next **School Association meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, from 6pm in the School Library. The committee is made up of a group of 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.

We have also penciled in a date for our annual **Christmas Fayre** – **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This has become a hugely popular evening! More information will follow nearer the time.

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We are delighted that the local Co-op Food Store continues 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>



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)

# PE Department/Sports News

Here are just a few of our successes since the start of this academic year -

## Year 7 Hockey Champions!

Back in November our Year 7 girls were crowned Inter-School Hockey Champions. They were undefeated throughout the tournament, conceding only one goal and scoring some creatively worked team goals. The girls were a credit to the School both in their performance and behaviour, epitomising the School motto fantastically.

**What an amazing start to PE at QEII, well done girls!**



## Junior Basketball

The Junior Basketball team have had a phenomenal season! Through their dedication, enthusiasm and teamwork they made the final of the junior basketball. Unfortunately they were beaten by a strong Castle Rushen High School side, but the skill level of both teams for a junior final was terrific. During the season there have been some nervy moments, as the majority of the matches have been won or lost within a few points.

Special mention has to go to Conylt, who as QEII player of the season, also won the MVP in the final, scoring 31 points in the match.

**Well done everyone!**

## Cross Country

QEII did not disappoint in their cross country performances at the annual Inter-School held in December at Ramsey Grammar School. All students represented the School with pride and determination.

Our Senior Boys won the team event with Will C finishing in 1st place, Rhys O in 3rd and Tom H in 8th. The Intermediate Boys also performed excellently and took the team prize. Special mentions to Corrin L, the race winner, Ieuan O who finished in 2nd and an excellent performance from Year 10 student, Jake R, who finished 4th to ensure that QEII defended their Inters title.

The Intermediate Girls were fantastic, and desperately unlucky to finish the team event in second, with Alice C (2nd place) and Kate C (3rd) leading the team and Robin D with an impressive 6th placed finish.

QEII also won all boys individual events with Will (Seniors), Corrin (Inters), Cian (Year 7 event) and Gethin, who a year younger than most of his competitors, won the Junior Boys event! **Fantastic results everyone, well done!**



# PE Department/Sports News - continued

## Year 9 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby team who reached the final of the Inter-School's Rugby Shield by finishing second in the league table at the end of the regular season. Throughout the season the boys acquitted themselves extremely well, developing as a team and finding some new outstanding talent.

In the final the boys played a very strong Castle Rushen High School side who were unbeaten all season. For much of the first half we looked the more dangerous side, causing the opposition to make numerous handling mistakes though some quick defensive play. However, it was the speed within the oppositions back line which ultimately undid our defence.

The final proved to be a fitting occasion with both sides contributing to a great game. Our opposition on the day knew they had faced their most difficult test of the season but in the end ran out winners. The end score line, however, did not reflect how close the two sides were in many aspects of the game. Our Year 9's take away many positives from the final and look forward to next year.

**Well done to the Year 9 Rugby squad!**

## QEII win Senior Basketball Shield!

The boys put on a dominant display in front of a crowd of encouraging fans on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January to take the shield. They had had a strong season going into the final undefeated, however, this game was always going to be tough. Ballakermeen High School were a force to be reckoned with and were coming out to defend their title. With this being the boy's third final there was extreme pressure to finally take the win they deserved!

Every player stepped onto the court with determination. They were one unit rather than a group of individual players. The boys hustled hard and swung the ball well to create scoring opportunities. Peter B came out strong with numerous three pointers in the first quarter to give QEII the edge over BHS, however, they responded well in the second half closing down the lead QEII had built to within 5 points.

With reminders of previous games where the boys had lost an early lead, they went into the third quarter knowing this was when they needed to push and remain calm to keep BHS back, and they did just that. Captain, Matthew C, was a key vocal player on the court encouraging and instructing players through a range of defences, allowing them to show off their versatility which had been brought about through dedication to training. This meant they were able to put pressure on BHS bringing the ball up and allowed them to push ahead going into the fourth quarter 51-32.

Going into the fourth the boys had the confidence that they could seal the deal but knew that BHS would come out fighting. Early points in the quarter from Noah D-B and Oli P meant that QEII pushed ahead even further and settled what nerves they had to finish the game strong. The final score was **QEII 73 - 49 BHS**. Every single player deserved a medal for their dedication, hard work and commitment over the last three seasons.

**A fantastic triumph, well done lads!**



## QE2 Extra Curricular Sports Programme

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
	Senior Netball Breakfast Club 8:00-8:40	RPA	Yr.9&10 Netball Breakfast Club 8:00-8:40	RPA	Yr.8 Netball Breakfast Club 8:00-8:40	RDU	Yr.7 Netball Breakfast Club 8:00-8:40	RPA		
<b>Break</b>	Sports Hall	RPA	Sports Hall	RDU	Sports Hall	EWA	Sports Hall	DWI	Sports Hall	MCL
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Intermediate Yr.9 Netball Yr.9 & 10 Football	RPA DWI MCL	Intermediates & Senior Basketball	RDU	Trampoline	RPA	Junior Yr.7 & 8 Netball & Football	RPA RDU DWI TKE	Table Tennis All Years Gym	ASC
	Yr. 7 Dance	EWA	IGCSE Revision	MCL	Badminton	MCL	Yr. 10 Dance	EWA	Junior Yr.7&8 Basketball	MCL DWI
			Yr. 8 Dance	EWA	Yr.9 Dance	EWA				
<b>After School</b>	Boxing	NAR	Yr.8 Netball	RDU	Yr. 9 Netball Yr. 8 & 9 Football	RPA MCL TKE	Dance	EWA	Intermediates & Seniors Basketball	RDU
	Yr. 7 Netball & Football	RPA DWI					Yr.10 Football	DWI	Yr.10 Netball	JST
	Yr. 8 Fixtures	RDU TKE	Yr. 10 Fixtures	JST DWI			Yr. 7 Fixtures	RPA DWI	Senior Fixtures	RPA RDU MCL ASC
<b>KEY</b>	Yr.7	Yr.8	Yr.9	Yr.10	Seniors	All Years				

Spring Term fixtures can also be found on our School website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/24/School%20Clubs>

## Children's Mental Health Week 2019 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, 'Parent2Parent' have kindly offered to attend QEII High School for a parent drop-in session on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, between 12 noon and 2pm in the Library. Please sign in at Reception and you will be guided to the Library.

Parent2Parent is a local charity founded by parents who have all experienced a range of difficulties within their families. <http://www.parent2parent.im/>

Please feel free to pop in and speak to a member of their team.





# Important dates...

## February

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent2Parent drop in session, 12 noon until 2pm

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Geography AS Field Trip to Manchester

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Dance Showcase, 6.30pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Half Term  
Year 12 and 13 History Trip to London and Paris

## March

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – BTEC National Results Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – an evening with 'Retrospect' (SOLD OUT)

## April

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Spring Showcase – tickets will go on sale shortly

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – Ski Trip to France

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – Performing Arts Dance Trip to Shropshire

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – School Association Meeting, 6pm in the School Library

## May

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Record of Achievement Ceremony

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 11 Study Leave commences

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 girls

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Heats Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Reserve Heats Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Half Term

## June

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake Days

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 Work Experience

## July

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Sports Day  
School Show – 1<sup>st</sup> Night

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Reserve Sports Day  
School Show – 2<sup>nd</sup> Night

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

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – New Year 7 Tutor Evening

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 9 Science Fair

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Enrichment Trips

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Enrichment

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term

## August

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** – Cambridge Exam Results Day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** – GCE Results Day

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** – GCSE Results Day

## Exams Information

Please note that students in Years 11-13 will receive their Statement of Entry, Summer timetable, disclaimer and Exam Guidance Booklets in early February.

The disclaimer and acknowledgement of receipt slip must be returned to School by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you.