

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## July 2021 Newsletter

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## Farewell and Good Luck!

Following a challenging start to the year, we have once again had a very busy summer term and have successfully crammed a lot into the last few weeks!

A number of staff will shortly be leaving us and we would like to say thank you and farewell to Miss Allan, Mrs Allan, Mr Buchanan, Mrs Burgess, Mr Dunn, Mrs Kelly, Miss Lamarsaude, Mrs Makin, Mrs Quine and Mr Whiting.

To all students and staff who are leaving, thank you for the contribution you have made and we wish you all the best for the future!

**Don't forget our School motto –**

***'gleck dty share dy kinjagh'***

***'always strive to do your best'***



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# Tynwald Day Parade

Thank you and well done to all the students who represented the School at the Tynwald Day Parade - you were a credit to the School!



## Fundraising for the Isle of Man Foodbank

Our Student Council chose the Isle of Man Foodbank as their chosen charity for this term. To raise awareness, Neal Mellon from the Foodbank came to QEII to give an interesting and informative talk about what the charity does, and how they help people in a variety of ways. A non-uniform day raised £380 and food donations were collected and given to the charity. Staff have also had the opportunity to donate money in exchange for beautiful M&S flowers. A 'pasta swap' is next on the Student Council's agenda to support the charity further.



Each year NAMA presents awards to under 25-year-olds who are nominated for their creativity, language skills and community involvement. The tradition dates back to 1979, the millennium of Tynwald, when NAMA established the awards.

Congratulations to four of our students who received awards as follows –

- Ealish Ayres (Year 9) - 'Most Progress in Manx'
- Roo Hyett (Year 9) - 'Outstanding achievement in Manx Music'
- Maeve Callister-Wafer (Year 12) – 'Outstanding contribution to Manx Culture by a student under 18'
- Sophia Taylor (Year 13) - 'Manx Language'

**Very well done to you all!**



# Year 10 Work Experience



Swagelok Limited

Students from Year 10 have recently spent one week on work experience at a variety of local businesses.

Staff went out and about visiting the students in their work places and gathered some fantastic feedback from both the employers and students.

It has been a wonderful experience for them and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the employers who have welcomed our students and put together some great programmes of work to keep them busy, especially during these extremely challenging times.



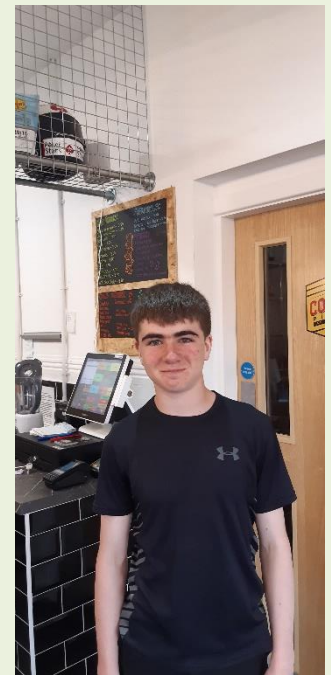
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Conrod's Cafe



Bailey's Garage



Conrod's Pizzeria



The Private Jet Company



Ballashamrock Farm

# QEII PRIDE

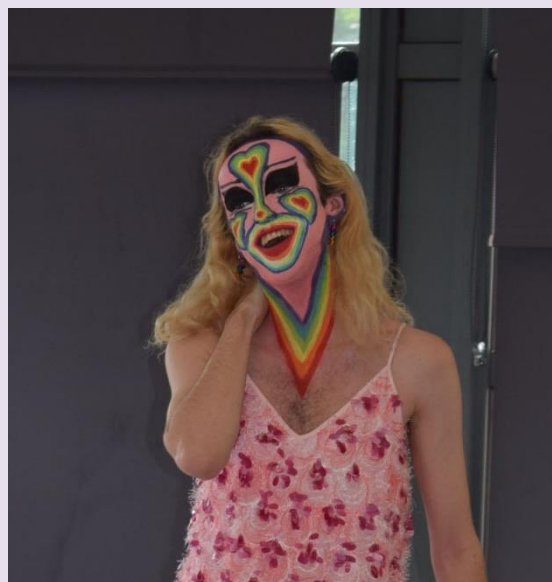


On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, QEII celebrated its first Pride event in the Atrium during lunchtime.

Ms Moore gave a few words of welcome while students gathered amidst music and rainbow-themed crafts. They then enjoyed the music of Artie Bawden-Elstrop, Year 13, the poetry of drag king Vincent Finery and the dancing of drag queen Fenella Beach.

The School Canteen, together with students and parents, provided rainbow-themed cookies and other baked goods, and the event ended with a moment of remembrance and reflection.

Approximately eighty students attended and it was a joyous and fun-filled occasion!



# PE Department News

Just a reminder to please return any borrowed kit to the PE department **as soon as possible** and before the end of term. Thank you.

The PE Department has its own Facebook page celebrating sporting successes and giving useful fixture information. Be sure to follow them -

[https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/?fref=pb&hc\\_location=profile\\_browser](https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser)

## Athletics Champions!

Many students from Years 7-10 have represented the School at the IOMSSSA Athletics meets this summer, with some fantastic personal and team performances throughout. The Year 9 & 10 boys won the championships for QEII. Stand out performances include Callum Flowers (Year 9) winning the 100m and 200m and Kazu Senior (Year 10) with 11.8 in the 100m meaning that he now holds all Year 10 QEII sprint records!

Well done to all students who have represented the School with pride!



## Year 9 Rounders Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 9 girls who won the IOM Inter Schools Rounders Championships at the end of June. They were undefeated throughout the whole tournament with Kate Doran winning 'Player of the Tournament'.

Very well done to all girls involved in the Rounders fixtures this season!



# Heats Day 2021

Students enjoyed a day off timetable for Heats Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The day was a wonderful event, with all students enjoying 16 different events in the sunshine in their houses.



## Senior Games Kayaking



Our Year 12 students have been enjoying their Senior Games kayaking sessions, 'surfing' at Fenella Beach, practising rescues in Peel Bay and having a fantastic paddle around Niarbyl Bay.



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Our Year 9 students recently enjoyed a successful training day in readiness for starting their Bronze Awards 😊



We have received information from Top 2 Toe that the Peel store is currently operating on reduced hours and that QEII uniform will only be available in the Peel store up until **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

After that, the full range of uniform will be available to purchase from their Ramsey store, or online with delivery to your door or collection from store.

<https://www.top2toe.im/>

If you have any queries regarding this, please direct them to Top 2 Toe on 812787.

## QEII High School Association

The QEII High School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment and **every penny raised** directly benefits our students. We therefore appeal for help in supporting us at future events in any way that you can.

We also have a '**100 Club**' with CASH PRIZES every month. If you are interested in joining, the form is available on the School website or from School Reception.

### Dates for your diary.....

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – our next **Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm in the School Library.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – third time lucky for our evening with **Retrospect!** Doors will open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Please note that this event is **SOLD OUT**. All previously sold tickets will remain valid. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments and comfy shoes for dancing!

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre** – more information will be available at the start of next term.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022** - our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

# Important dates . . . . .

## July

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – School Band Informal Concert, 4.00pm to 4.30pm in the Main Hall (FREE)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** –  
Year 7 – trip to the Wildlife Park  
Year 8 – beach clean with Beach Buddies in Kirk Michael and walk back to School  
Year 9 – ‘Love Life’ programme (in School)  
Year 10 – Team Building (around Peel)

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

## August

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – A Level Results Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – GCSE Results Day

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

## September

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – Prize Giving – all years

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – QEII High School Association Meeting, 5.30pm in the School Library

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – An Evening with Retrospect – SOLD OUT

## Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August** in the Forster Building.

Please attend GCSE Results Day or phone ahead to book an appointment.

## School Band Informal Concert

The School Band will give a short concert on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, between 4:00pm and 4:30pm in the School Hall, to both showcase the new music they have been rehearsing this term, and to say ‘farewell’ to the students who are leaving us this term. The concert will feature music by ‘Europe’ and ‘Adele’, amongst others, and will also feature a ‘premiere’ of a brand new arrangement by Scottish composer, Alan Fernie, which has been specially commissioned for the QEII Band.

Admission is FREE – please sign in at Reception and someone will direct you to the Hall.

## Lost Property

This will be on display in the corridor by the Entrance Hall until **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August**. Anything not claimed by then will be donated to charity.

The School will be open between 9.00am and 4.00pm during the summer holidays.

## Summer 2021 Results Days

**A Level Results - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**GCSE Results - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Results are available from 9.00am in the Sixth Form Block.**

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.**