

Queen Elizabeth II High School



January 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2022!

This term we welcome back Miss Graham and Miss Wainwright from their Maternity Leave and we say thank you and farewell to Miss Coates who has provided cover during this time. We also welcome Miss Burgess who has joined the team with Support for Learning.

We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, details of which can be found under 'Important Dates' on the final page of this Newsletter. We are hopeful at this stage that none of them will be subject to any changes.

The full School Calendar can be found on our 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.

Please also remember to follow the School on Facebook – www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

As a general reminder, 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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14 - 19 Information Evening

Tuesday 8th March

Year 9 – arrive at 5.50pm for 6.00pm start

Year 11 – arrive at 6.20pm for 6.30pm start

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.

More information regarding the format of the evening will shortly be sent to parents of students in Years 9 and 11.

This Information Evening is always a huge success and we hope to see 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 -



Student Council News

The Student Council are very grateful to those who donated unwanted uniform to be sold at the Christmas Fayre.

They raised a fantastic total of £100 which was donated to Peel charity shops!



LOST PROPERTY

Each term we accumulate a very large amount of 'lost property'!

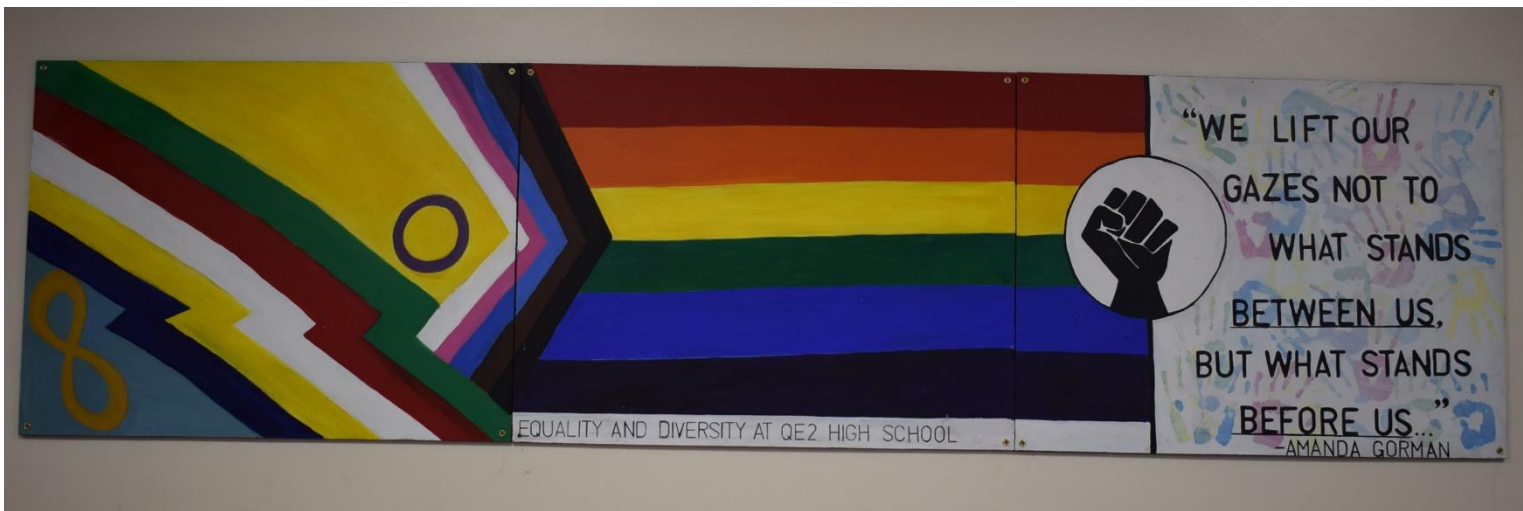
Please can we ask that you take a few minutes to make sure that your child's property is clearly labelled. That way, anything that does get found/handed in can be returned to them. Thank you.

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.

Please also remember to advise the School as early as possible of any absences by telephone or email.



QEII High School Equality and Diversity Mural

We have a fabulous new mural, designed and made by Art Teacher, Miss White, together with members of the Key Stage 3 Rainbow Club. It can be found on the wall outside the Dining Room.

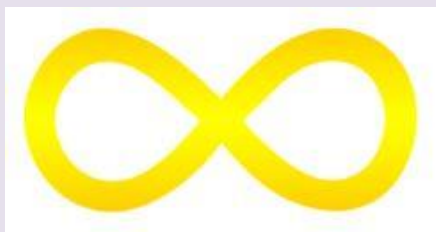
What does it all mean?



The Progress Pride Flag was developed in 2018 by non-binary American artist and designer Daniel Quasar (who uses xe/xyr pronouns). Based on the iconic rainbow flag from 1978, the redesign celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQ community and calls for a more inclusive society. The flag was updated in 2021 to include the intersex community, represented by the purple circle on a yellow background.



The raised fist logo represents unity or solidarity, generally with oppressed peoples, often people of colour. The black fist is a logo generally associated with Black Nationalism, Black Pride, solidarity and socialism. The fist symbol was heavily used during the BLM protests in 2020.



The use of the infinity symbol came from the growing popularity of it in spectrum colours to promote Neurodiversity. The idea of endless possibilities and untapped potential resonate through this symbol, providing a simple and recognisable concept in one.



The Disability Pride Flag was created to encompass all disabilities and was designed by Ann Magill, member of the disability community. The black background represents the suffering of the disability community from violence and also serves as a colour of rebellion and protest.

Performing Arts News

Treasure Island

Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March

We are full steam ahead with rehearsals for the upcoming production of 'Treasure Island'. The script is hot off the press and students from all years are involved, as actors, musicians and designers. If there are any parents who would like to help us with costumes, we would be most grateful. Or, if you are able to lend us some clothing items that would be great. The style is mid-18th century. **Tickets for the performances will go on sale soon.**



Competition

We would like to have a competition to design the poster for the Treasure Island production. This will be open to students in all years - more details will be announced shortly.

Theatre Trips

Students from Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form are invited to watch 'Sweeney Todd' at the Gaiety Theatre. This will take place on Thursday 10th March and should prove to be an excellent production.

In the Autumn term we went to see 'Romeo and Juliet' by the National Theatre (shown at King William's College) and it was all that it promised to be – par excellence in acting and staging! Even in lockdown theatre companies have been active and we have also watched some brilliant pieces online, such as 'Can I Live' which is a piece to highlight global warming and how in some countries people are killed for their beliefs and activism.

Sports News

Key Stage 3

The Autumn term was a very busy term for students in Key Stage 3!

Years 7 and 8 were IOM Schools Basketball champions! They beat St Ninian's High School in the final, with man of the match, Seb Smith, performing outstandingly along with the rest of his team. This is an excellent achievement as many of the boys have only recently started playing competitively.

The girls came second in their Year 7 Hockey tournament, winning all matches except for one, with Amber Buchanan being named Player of the Tournament.

The Year 8 boys were crowned Rugby champions after a fantastic unbeaten season. They beat King William's College in the final and have shown great commitment and enthusiasm for the sport throughout the term. Man of the match was given to David Haddow who had a fantastic season.

Well done everyone!



Sports News (continued)

Western 6



Students in Year 7 had a fantastic day back in October when they took part in the 'Western 6'.

The students spent the day with local sports clubs and were put through their paces by the local coaches. These clubs have already had a spike in new members from the year group due to the great fun had by everyone on the day.

Thanks to the coaches from Peel AFC, Crosby Cricket Club, IOM Hockey Association, IOM Basketball Association and Western Vikings Rugby Club.



Rainbow Club & Alliance Club



Just a reminder that our Rainbow Club is held every **Monday in Room 9 from 1.30pm until 2.00pm**. This is open to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Alliance Club, for students in Years 10 and above, is held on **Thursdays from 3.45pm until 4.45pm**.

Everyone is welcome!

We will have an LGBT+ History Month display coming soon.

"The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice"
(Martin Luther King)

QEII High School Association News and Events

(Isle of Man Registered Charity Number 799)

Once again a very big **THANK YOU** to all of our loyal supporters!

QEII High School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment. Through money raised at quizzes, musical evenings, Christmas Fayres, and so on, funds have been available to buy many additional items that wouldn't otherwise be possible. Our recent Christmas Fayre raised over £1,300.00 which is fantastic!!!



Are you looking for a fantastic night out this Spring? If so, then look no further.....the next event on our calendar is an evening with popular local band '**Retrospect**'. This will be held on **Friday 1st April** and is always a fabulous evening. We do currently have a limited number of tickets available, so if you would like to join us for a fun evening of music and dancing don't delay as they will sell out quickly!

Tickets are £20.00 each and are available from School Reception. Please note that this is an **ADULT ONLY** event.

For more information please telephone 841000 or email admin@qe2hsa.im

Are you a member?

If not, please be sure to pick up a leaflet from School Reception or, alternatively, you can find the form on the QEII High School Association dedicated website page. For just £12.00 per year you will have three chances each month to win!

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/62/Fundraising>

Please remember to let the charity know if you change your contact details so that we always know where to send your winnings! ☺

Email admin@qe2hsa.im

The School Association has its own Facebook page. For useful information, together with details of forthcoming events, please be sure to follow us –

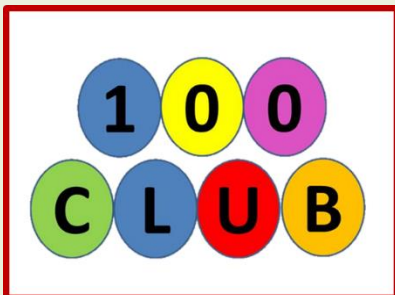
<https://www.facebook.com/QEIIIPeel>

Forthcoming dates

Wednesday 23rd March – our next Meeting will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library.

Friday 1st April – an Evening with Retrospect, from 8pm.

Wednesday 30th November – **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2022 Christmas Fayre! More details to follow.....



Important dates...

February

Monday 14th February – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February – Half Term

March

Tuesday 8th March – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

Thursday 17th March – Roadshow for Year 6 students and parents, from 5.30pm in the Main Hall

Wednesday 23rd March – QEII High School Association Meeting, from 5.30pm in the Library

Thursday 24th March – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March – Treasure Island - evening performances

April

Friday 1st April – An Evening with Retrospect, from 8.00pm

Tuesday 5th April – Spring Showcase

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April – Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April – Start of Summer Term

Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 3rd May – Year 10 Mock Exams

May

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May – Year 10 Mock Exams

Friday 13th May – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 students

Tuesday 31st May – Heats Day

June

Wednesday 1st June – Inset Day

Thursday 2nd – Friday 3rd June – Bank Holidays

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June – Half Term

Monday 20th – Tuesday 21st June – New Intake Days

Monday 20th – Friday 24th June – Year 12 Mock Exams

July

Monday 4th July – Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Tuesday 12th July – New Intake Welcome Evening

Friday 22nd July – School closes for Summer Term

IMPORTANT

Dropping off and collecting students

As a general reminder, 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.

