

Queen Elizabeth II High School



May 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our May Newsletter.

This term we welcome Ms Edwards as our new Head of English.

We would also like to introduce Katie Lovelady and Natasha Arevalo who will be our new Head Students for the forthcoming year. We are certain that they will represent the School admirably.



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



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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 with your mobile device –



‘The Big Splash’

In support of Hospice Isle of Man’s 2022 fundraising initiative, QEII have completed their own fabulous Delphine! Thanks goes to Miss White who worked with a group of Year 10 students on the design.

Key Stage 3 students will now be challenged to raise money over the Summer Term in support of ‘The Big Splash’.



Isle of Man Poetry Trail Winner

Year 9 student, Orson Sayle, was one of the winners of this year’s Isle of Man Poetry Trail for students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The winning poems were printed on posters and displayed in windows around Douglas along the Poetry Trail, which took place recently from Friday 8th April until Wednesday 4th May.

The Poetry Trail for Manx Schools is a recent venture by the Isle of Man Poetry Society and all entered poems will be printed in a booklet which will be for sale.



Pity

Always watching
Always listening
Not quite dying
But still existing

When chaos meets order
When the arrow of time points both ways
When the stars draw their last breath
They have begun; the end of days
When you escape, and your place remains
When the madmen are thought sane.
Pity the one who shatters like glass
Pity the one who is the first,
And pity the one who is last
When destruction meets creation,
And naught can be made anew
Pity the one who watches,
For that one could be you.

- Orson Sayle 10.12.2021

Record of Achievement Ceremony



Just a few photographs from our Record of Achievement Ceremony which took place on Friday 6th May.

Our Guest of Honour for the event was His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who gave an inspiring and thought-provoking address to our students, whilst wishing them every success for the future.



At the end of the Ceremony, ahead of her retirement this summer, Ms Moore received a standing ovation for her dedication to the School over her 24 years as Head Teacher.

We would also like to add our best wishes to all of our students for their forthcoming exams and in whatever they go on to do.



More photographs from the Ceremony can be found on our School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>



A reminder of the expected uniform standards at Queen Elizabeth II High School

QEII Boys' Uniform – Top Tips



Correct uniform



Shoes must be plain black or brown and be polishable



No Jeans/Denim



Incorrect uniform



No Trainers, Canvas, Pumps, Vans, Converse of any type

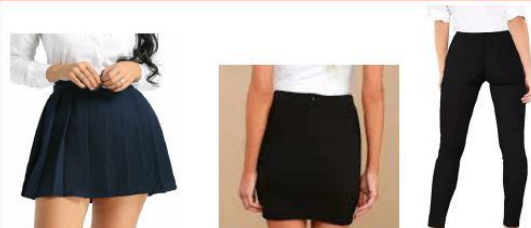
QEII Girls' Uniform – Top Tips



Correct uniform



Shoes must be plain black or brown and be polishable



No Bodycon Skirts, Jeggings or Leggings



Incorrect uniform



No Trainers, Canvas, Pumps, Vans, Converse of any type

Performing Arts News

Recently we had a super trip to see 'Sweeney Todd' at the Gaiety Theatre. It was a first rate performance of the acclaimed musical and was an inspirational show!



Our production of 'Treasure Island' was a real treat and QEII students showed enormous skill, talent and flair in abundance in their rendition of the Robert Louis Stevenson classic.

The show was about a year in the making, but Covid didn't have its way and we managed to pull it off. It was enhanced by beautiful props, a fabulous tech crew and enchanting music; all made by our very own talented students. St John's School were very generous in lending us some costumes and set which enhanced the show greatly.

Mrs Greenlees would again like to thank the students and staff who made the project happen and thank you to everyone who came along to watch the shows and support the students. The teamwork made the dream work!



Spring Showcase

The Spring Showcase was once again fabulous, with the musicians and dance students sharing their great talents. The evening showcased work from the exam groups and long standing musical groups. Awards were given for 'Outstanding Contribution to Music' to our Year 13 students - Maeve Callister-Wafer, Amy Clague, Erin Kelly, Emily Kneen and Lily McKinnon.

QEII Wind Band

The Wind Band recently performed at St Andrew's Church with Glenfaba Chorale to raise money for Sight Matters. They performed in front of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and other dignitaries.

National Theatre Connections Competition

At Easter, Year 9 student, Eowyn Goldie, and Sixth Form students, Daniel Ansara, Thomas Bell and Felicia Pringle went to York to perform in a play called 'Hunt' at the National Theatre Connections Competition, held at the York Theatre Royal. They also got to take part in drama workshops run by the National Theatre. The competition was undertaken by Kensington Arts.

The Guild and Theatre Success

Well done to all of our students who entered The Guild this year in singing, acting, spoken word and music – it is impressive that so many take part. Suzanne Auty also acted marvellously in the charming production of 'The Witches' at the Gaiety Theatre back in March.

After all of the Covid restrictions it is great that the arts are thriving on the island and our young people can take part in a range of performing arts projects!

QEII High School Association News and Events

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.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for information about future events and fundraising initiatives -

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

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

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th July – our next **Meeting** will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library

Wednesday 30th November – **SAVE THE DATE** for our **2022 Christmas Fayre**. More information will follow nearer the time

(Isle of Man Registered Charity Number 799)

Mental Health First Aid Training

We have a group of Year 13 students who are taking part in a two-day Mental Health First Aid training course which is being delivered by 'Minds Matter'. The course is officially accredited by MHFA England and teaches them how to identify, understand, reassure and respond to someone who may be experiencing a crisis or mental health issue, potentially even stopping a crisis from happening.

Some of the students are taking part in the training this month and the remainder next month.

The course is a great addition to their CV's and is preparation for when they leave for further education or for the world of work.

For more information about Minds Matter visit <https://mindsmatter.org.im/>

Junior Fell Running Championships



Saturday 14th May saw the Junior Fell Running Championships take place at Knockaloe Beg Farm.

QEII entered a team into the gruelling Year 7 race – Ben, Ella, Joseph, Lily and Theia.

From the bottom of the farm, the race set off at a blistering pace and climbed to the top of Corrin's Folly and then back down. The team performed brilliantly on a very hot afternoon with some serious competition and Ella took an excellent 3rd position in the girls' race!

Very well done to all the competitors!



Rainbow Club and 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!

Important dates...

May

Tuesday 31st May – Heats Day

June

Wednesday 1st June – Inset Day (School closed to students)

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

Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July – Key Stage 3 Exams

July

Monday 4th July – Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Wednesday 6th July – QEII High School Association Meeting, 5.30pm in the School Library

Friday 8th July – Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 12th July – New Intake Welcome Evening

Friday 22nd July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 11th August – CAIE A Level Results Day

Thursday 18th August – CAIE IGCSE Results Day
JCQ A Level/L3 Results Day

Thursday 25th August – JCQ GCSE/L2 Results Day

Friday 26th August – Sixth Form Interview Day

September

Wednesday 7th September – Start of New School Year
– Autumn Term



We have been asked by Peel AFC to pass on the following message -

Due to ongoing works at the Football Club, we are going to have to ask that parents do not park at the Football Club when collecting children for the foreseeable future (6 months at least). There will be large amounts of deliveries of materials and access will be required at all times.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.



Pre-loved PE kit!

If you have any QEII PE kit which is no longer needed, we would be very grateful if you could please bring it in to the School Reception for the PE Team to distribute.

Thank you very much!