

# Queen Elizabeth II High School



## July 2022 Newsletter

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### Farewell and Good Luck!

Miss Caley, the Examinations Officer, has left to take up a different job. She has done amazing work in her 13 years here, most recently helping us to navigate the challenges presented by the pandemic. I know many students and colleagues are grateful to her for her advice, patience and support. Her replacement, Mrs Venezia, will take up post on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Miss Murphy and Miss Davies are leaving to work elsewhere after spending a year with us. Mr McCormack is leaving after two years. Miss Jennings and Miss Pate are both leaving after 4 years here. Miss Arthur has been promoted to Assistant Head at RGS. Mr Samson is leaving to take up Deputy Headship at a large school in Cumbria. Mrs Kishore is leaving after 15 years here to teach at SNHS. Mr Barker, former Head of Science and Enrichment co-ordinator, who joined the school in 2002, is retiring from teaching to pursue other interests. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them all for their contribution to the school and our community and wishing them all the best for the future.

In addition to this - to all of the students who are leaving us this year, we wish you all the best for the future in whatever you go on to do! Always remember our school motto -

*'gleck dty share dy kinjagh'*

*'always strive to do your best'*



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# Farewell from the Head

After 24 years of leading this wonderful school, it is time for me to move on and hand over to someone new. I am delighted that Mrs Clarke, a former student, well-known to many of you, has been appointed and I am sure you will support her just as much as you have supported me over the years. I would like to thank you all for that support. QEII is such a special place and I have been privileged to have been a part of its journey, building on the legacy of Mr Forster and Mr Galbraith. I frequently say that it is the people who make a school what it is. Our students are talented and fun to be with, my colleagues have been second to none and the community of the West of the Island is unique. Thank you for making me welcome and for your continued interest in the school.



Former students joining us as colleagues, meeting parents at parents' evening who were themselves students here and still feel that loyalty to the school, demonstrate that it truly is part of the community and long may that continue. I am sure the school will go from strength to strength and wish you all the best for the future. West is definitely best!

# 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!





# GCSE changes for September 2022

As many of you will be aware from recent articles in the local media, all Island secondary schools are moving to new specifications for GCSE Science and History, which are graded on a 9 to 1 scale.

Teaching for these new qualifications will begin for next school year's Year 10 in September (next year's Year 11 are unaffected). For information on these changes, please see the recent government press release which can be accessed [here](#).

We are also pleased to report that for next year's Year 10 at QEII, we will be moving to a new English Literature GCSE which is offered by the EDUQAS exam board and is also graded 9 to 1. This new specification will allow more students to access GCSE English Literature through a variety of engaging and exciting set of texts. It will also allow more students to gain an extra GCSE in English alongside iGCSE English Language.

Similarly, Music GCSE will be moving to the WJEC specification from September, which will allow those who have opted to study it a broader selection of musical genres, and will allow students more opportunities to develop their composition and performance skills.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Edwards (Head of English) or Miss Withey (Head of Performing Arts) via [qe2enquiries@sch.im](mailto:qe2enquiries@sch.im)



Some of our Year 10 and Year 12 Biology students took part in the British Biology Olympiad this term.

This was the first time that students from QEII have entered this prestigious International competition and our results were outstanding. Over 41,000 students from 550 schools worldwide took part in the competition this year. Some of our students achieved Silver and Bronze Awards which placed them in the top 25% of competitors worldwide.

All students who competed were awarded a certificate and free membership to the Royal Society of Biology, which includes subscription to their magazine (amongst other things). Students should see Mrs Saunders, who arranged the competition within school, for more information on how to claim. A huge well done to everyone who took part, you have done yourselves and the school proud!



## Congratulations Isaac!



We were delighted to receive the following update regarding our Year 11 student, Isaac, who has recently joined Lincoln City FC. Congratulations and best wishes from all at QEII!

Isaac started his 2yr full-time "professional development phase" u18's scholar contract with League 1 Lincoln City FC on 27 June, being allocated Lincoln City FC squad number 42. He has joined the club with six other first year scholars and those continuing into their second years. Pre-season training has started, he trains 6 days per week and Isaac spends time at the First Team men's training ground, training with the First Team men's professional goalkeepers. He has a busy month of pre-season fixtures lined up against a mix of Premier League academies, Championship academies and semi-professional men's teams in the local Lincolnshire leagues.

# The bee-auty of nature.....

We recently had a large bees nest in one of the trees at the front of school.

Former Assistant Head, Mr Scarlett, came to the rescue and the bees have now been safely re-homed!



## Sports Day

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July we held our annual Sports Day. After competing on Heats Day, House Captains selected their teams and the endeavour and athleticism on show was excellent. In the end, Shirragh took home the trophy with some excellent relay performances, particularly from the Year 8 boys. It was great to see Ms Moore compete in the relay on her final Sports Day, beating the 6<sup>th</sup> Form teams with ease!



Please remember that 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)





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 three of our students who received awards. Very well done to you all!

Outstanding achievement in Manx Music – Frank Joughin  
Manx Language – Fiona Pierce  
Most progress in Manx – Cara Leadley



## QEII High School Wind Band 'Open Rehearsal'

The school band has continued to be busy this term and were delighted to recently perform at a concert with the Glenfaba Chorale at St Andrews Church in Douglas, in aid of Sight Matters.

The band's last performance of the academic year will be an Open Rehearsal on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July in D10 (the Drama Studio) at 4:15pm.**

Admission is free and everyone is very welcome. Anyone who wishes to attend should check in at school reception and a member of staff will direct you to the Drama Studio. The short performance will give parents/carers/supporters a chance to see what the band have been working on since their last concert and should conclude no later than 4:45pm.

# 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/QEII Peel>

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.....

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - our next **Meeting** will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - **Family Quiz Night** between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Main Hall. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people. Cost £3.00 for adults and 50 pence for children. Please bring your own refreshments.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - **Christmas Fayre** – more information will be available at the start of next term.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023** - our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

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# Important dates .....

## July

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – School Wind Band ‘Open Rehearsal’, 4.15pm in the Drama Studio

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School closes for Summer Term

## August

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August** – CAIE A Level Results Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – CAIE IGCSE Results Day  
JCQ A Level/L3 Results Day

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – JCQ GCSE/L2 Results Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Sixth Form Interview Day

## September

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Prize Giving – all years

## Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** in the Main School Hall.

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

## Summer 2022 Results Days

CAIE A Level results are available online for students with a log in on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**. Details of how to log in will be posted out during the last week of term.

School will be open on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** for all A Level results. IGCSE results are available online for students with a log in.

School will be open on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August** for all GCSE and SQA results.

**Results will be available from 9.00am in the Main School Hall.**

Due to work on the building, students coming in to school for their results will need to use the main entrance. **PLEASE NOTE**, no results will be emailed or given out over the phone. Students who are unable to collect their own results can give written authorisation for another named person to collect them on their behalf, or provide a stamped addressed envelope for the results to be posted.

## Lockers & Lost Property

Students are reminded to ensure that all padlocks are removed from lockers and items taken home by the end of term.

Any lost property found will be displayed in the Entrance Hall until **Friday 12<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.

## Please help.....

We would be very grateful to receive **SCHOOL TIES** from any students who have left and no longer need them.

Also, please ensure that all **TEXT BOOKS** are returned to the School Reception as soon as possible.

Finally, please ensure that **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** are returned to the School Library before the end of term.

Thank you 😊