

Queen Elizabeth II High School



Autumn 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome!

What a brilliant start to the new academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the QEII staff, students and governors over the last few weeks and I look forward to meeting more of our parents and carers in the near future. It has been wonderful to welcome new students and their families to the School community. Our Year 7 students have settled in very well and our new students in other year groups have also had a very positive start to the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on changes to staff roles and to introduce several new members of staff –

Mr Winrow is the new Director of Key Stage 3, having taken over from Miss Franklin who is now Director of Key Stage 4. Mr Callister has taken over as the Head of PE and Games and Mrs Miller joins us as the new Deputy Head of PE and Games. Mr Cartney and Mr O'Connor-Challis join the Science Department, Miss Horsell and Mrs Watkinson join the English Department, Ms Lamarsaude joins Modern Foreign Languages and Mrs Bradley is our new Food Technology Teacher. We also welcome Mrs Venezia as our new Exams Officer, Mr Mooney and Mr Murphy join the team in Support for Learning, Mrs Clench joins the Specialist Provision Centre and Mr Horbury is our new PE Coach and Technician.

We have also appointed Ms Edwards and Mr Slack to the posts of Associate Assistant Headteacher. These positions provide staff with the opportunity to lead a whole school strategy and to experience senior leadership. Ms Edwards will strategically lead developments for Praise and Reward and Mr Slack for Data, Assessment and Reporting.

As mentioned in my recent letter, we have introduced four core values which we refer to as our CARE values: **Courage, Aspiration, Respect and Endeavour**. Over the next term, we plan to review our Praise and Reward system and look forward to recognising students for upholding our School values. Thank you to our Student Council members (pictured) who produced and led a fantastic assembly this week based on our value of endeavour.

Wishing you all the very best for the forthcoming year.

Mrs Clarke



Our School Vision - *'Always strive to do your utmost'*

- We will strive for excellence, be a forward thinking, inclusive and nurturing school which enables our students to achieve well, enriching their lives.
- We believe that high quality teaching, learning and leadership are fundamental to our success. We will create a culture of learning, collaboration, evidence informed practice and innovation.
- We will embed ambition in our students to enable them to lead a balanced life as adults, capable of contributing to society.

Communications

For those of you who are new to the School, our newsletters will be published each term, however, you can receive regular updates via our School Facebook page and website. Please ensure that you visit these sites as they may have important information which is relevant to your child.

School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>

Facebook – www.facebook.com/QE2IOM



You can also scan our QR code with your mobile device to take you directly to our website –

Please send student-related emails to either 7054003@sims-communications.co.uk or to our general email address qe2enquiries@sch.im

Our postal address is Queen Elizabeth II High School, Douglas Road, Peel, Isle of Man IM5 1RD.

The School telephone number is **01624 841000**.

Our new Headteacher, Mrs Clarke, meeting with Head Students, Natasha Arevalo and Katie Lovelady.



Data Collection Forms

Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned the Data Collection Forms. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you could return them as soon as possible.

We would also 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.

Please remember to include your child's full name in any communications with the School so that they can be easily identified by the Admin Team. Thank you.

Lunch Passes

We are aware that a number of students are leaving School at lunchtime without permission.

If you have not completed an application form since we returned to School at the beginning of September, and would like to give permission for your child to leave School during lunchtime, please ask your child to collect an application form from the School Reception. We require the application form to be completed each academic year - lunch passes do not automatically get renewed from one year to the next. If any children leave School during lunchtime without permission, it will be viewed as a serious safeguarding concern and will warrant further consequences.

GCSE and A Level Exams Summer 2023

Whilst many exam boards have yet to release their provisional dates for Summer 2023 exams, there is a contingency exam date of **Thursday 29th June 2023**.

This date is the latest date which exam boards can timetable Summer 2023 exams.

All students should be available to be present for exams until this date has passed.

Friday 14th October

Joint concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 14th October for the School Wind Band together with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the Main Hall and will include a wide variety of music, from rock to jazz to classical. It will end with a performance of both bands playing together.

Tickets are now available from the School Reception priced at £5.00 for adults and FREE for children.

****Please note that children will require a ticket as numbers are restricted****

We look forward to seeing 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 –



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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.



QEII Wildlife Pond



The end of the summer term saw the completion of our brand new QEII Wildlife Pond.

It was created by staff and students as part of the School's plan to develop its outdoor environmental education curriculum. The aim of the pond is to extend the biodiversity on the School site and encourage the indigenous flora and fauna to flourish. It is hoped that studying the biodiversity of the pond area will educate our students and give them a deeper understanding of the local environment. The pond is situated on a piece of land across the road from the main school building, adjacent to the greenhouse.

We would like to say a big thank you to Jamie and Rob at Lynden Nurseries for all their help and advice with the supply and planting of aquatic and non-aquatic plants in and around the pond. These will help to oxygenate the water and attract a wide range of wildlife to the area.

Students attend Isle of Man Government Conference



Four members of our Senior Prefect Team went to the morning session of the Isle of Man Government Conference on Tuesday 20th September.

The event was framed around the new Economic Strategy and explored the current challenges and future solutions to some of these issues. This was extremely relevant to the Island's young people and the significant impact it will have on them, so their engagement with the sessions was really valuable.

Throughout the morning, they observed strategy plans, Q&A panels with a host of professionals, and crafted questions to be discussed.

It was great to see QEII being represented by the most senior students in our School at such a significant event.

Key Stage 3 Fundraising



Last term, Key Stage 3 students were given the challenge of raising money for Hospice as part of the 'Big Splash' campaign. Each tutor group worked together as a team and came up with some innovative ideas about how they could raise funds. This ranged from fancy dress, selling ice pops, football matches, bake sales, car washes and guess the date/sweets. This resulted in £1500 being raised which was presented last week during their assembly to Pippa Salter, the Big Splash Education and Events Executive.

Many thanks to all the students, form tutors and Miss White who supported students and led the design team to produce the QEII Delphine, which was displayed over the summer months at the Manx Museum.

Drama News

National Theatre Performance

Last term several of our students got to perform and have their design work used at the National Theatre.

Felicia Pringle, Eowyn Goldie, Thomas Bell and Daniel Ansara had all taken part in the National Theatre Connections Competition in which theatre groups perform their version of a new play. They won the first round which had taken them to York and then got the amazing opportunity to put their play on at the National Theatre.

Not only that, Xenia Bentley-Garcia and Cici Reed worked on set and costume for the production and got to have their designs used by professional set designers at the National. All in all, an awesome opportunity and great accolade for the talented group!



Daniel Ansara, Year 13, has also just accepted to be represented by a top London acting agency. We are so proud of this achievement and wish him every success on his acting journey! He studies Drama here at QEII and also attends Parker and Snell for acting classes. He also recently performed in one of their shows at the Edinburgh Festival and was chosen to act off island in a short film.

The Sixth Form Drama students will be performing their play at the end of January – date to be confirmed.

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
Lunchtime	GCSE Drama (D10) 1pm – 1.30pm	HGr					Music Composition (D13) 1.15pm – 1.45pm	JWt	GCSE Drama (D10) 1pm – 1.30pm	HGr
			QEII Choir (All welcome incl. staff) (D13) 1.25pm – 1.55pm	JWt	Dance Exam Rehearsals 1pm – 1.30pm (D16)	EWa Yr 10	Dance Exam Rehearsals 1pm – 1.30pm 1.30pm – 2pm (D16)	EWa Yr 11 6 th Form	String Group (All welcome) (D13) 1.25pm – 1.55pm	JWt
After School	GCSE Drama (D10) 3.45pm – 5pm	HGr							Windband (D10) 3.45pm – 4.45pm	JKI
	Music Theory and Composition (D13) 4pm – 4.30pm	JWt	QEII Choir (All welcome incl. staff) (D13) 4pm – 4.45pm	JWt						

QEII Performing Arts Department (Music, Dance and Drama)
Autumn Term 2022: Extra-Curricular Timetable



PROUDLY ACHIEVED



September 2022

We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded The Rainbow Flag Award, which demonstrates our commitment to improve the lives of all of our students, as well as the LGBT+ students in our care, LGBT+ families and staff members.

Throughout the last year, the School has been assessed on its positive whole-school approach to LGBT+ inclusion focusing on six core areas: skilled teacher, supportive governors and parents, effective policies, inclusive curriculum, pastoral support and student voice.

Please follow the link below for more information about The Rainbow Flag Award –

<https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk>

European Day of Languages



Students were invited to bake a cake to celebrate the European Day of Languages which takes place each September. The criteria was to bake something to represent another country/countries.



We were overwhelmed with the creativity, effort and taste of each bake – they were outstanding! The entries were judged by Miss Helliwell, Mrs Clarke and Sixth Form student, Andrew Kneale – we have to admit that we enjoyed tasting them all.



Choosing a winner was incredibly difficult so each entry will receive a treat and a certificate! In joint first place; Evie Cringle-Preston, Grace Poultney and Libby Delooze with their chocolate flag and world cake, along with Emily Rigaux with her French-inspired creation. Joint second place was awarded to Megan White and Rachel Thompson and in joint third place were Poppy Taylor-Smith and Ruby Qualtrough.



Thank you and very well done to all the students who entered!



Celebrating Success

We are always delighted to hear about current and former students successes and below are just two who have recently made the headlines!

Our Year 13 student, Kaytlyn Adshead, made history earlier this summer by not only winning the Clubman Class of the Manx 2 Day Trial, but by becoming the first female to win in the events 67-year history! She also became the youngest rider ever to win the event! The event involved around 80 observed sections and 60 miles of riding mostly on the Manx hills and valleys. Kaytlyn led after day one having not put a single foot down all day. She continued to ride brilliantly despite the heat to take the trial win.

Following this, earlier this month, Kaytlyn claimed her first ever World Trial2 victory during international competition in Ponti Di Legno, Italy.

Her recent results move her up to third position in the World Championship standings which is an amazing achievement – well done Kaytlyn!



We are also very proud to hear of the success of our former student, Yasmin Ingham, who earlier this month collected a Gold Medal as the new individual FEI Eventing World Champion in Pratoni del Vivaro in Italy.

On her senior championship debut, Yasmin took the title riding 'Banzai du Loir'!

An absolutely fabulous achievement Yasmin – congratulations from everyone at QEII!

Creative Industries

Creative Industries will be in School during the morning of **Tuesday 4th October** to talk to selected students from Years 10 – 13.

Their focus is to provide young people who are interested in career pathways in the creative industries with the opportunity to explore these further. They will be speaking to students who are studying relevant subjects such as Drama, Performing Arts, Music, Dance, Art, Media, Digital Skills, Design and Technology and English.

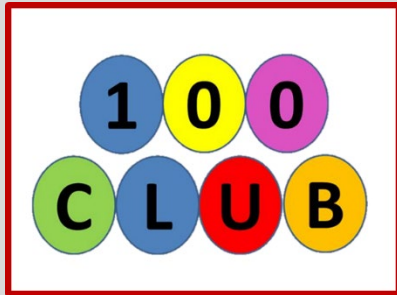
Students who have been selected for this event will have already received an email home.

QEII High School Association

News and Events

A very big **THANK YOU** to all our loyal supporters!

QEII High School Association is a registered charity and is run by enthusiastic volunteers who arrange fundraising events throughout the year. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4th October at 5.30pm** in the School Library.



Are you a member of our '100 Club'?

For just £12.00 per year you can be in with a chance of winning CASH PRIZES every month. If you are interested in joining, the form is available on the School website or from School Reception.

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



The School Association has its own Facebook page. For useful information please be sure to follow us –

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

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 4th October - our next **Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm in the School Library. Everyone is very welcome to come along and it would be great to have some new members to share your ideas.

Friday 7th October - we will be holding a **Family Quiz Night** in the Main Hall between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people and all ages are welcome. Adults are £3.00 and Children 50pence. Please bring your own refreshments.

Wednesday 30th November - our **Christmas Fayre** will be held in the Main Hall between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. Stalls are £15.00 each. To reserve a stall call Sue Ferns in the School Office on 841000.

Thursday 19th January 2023 - our **AGM** will be held at 5.30pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

Raffle Prizes

We will generally hold a Raffle at each of our fundraising events and are always grateful to receive donations of prizes. If you have any suitable items that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the School Reception.

Many thanks.

Important dates.....

October

Tuesday 4th October –
Year 7 and Year 12 Tutor
Evenings

Tuesday 4th October –
QEII High School Association
Meeting, 5.30pm in the School
Library

Friday 7th October – QEII High
School Association Family Quiz
Night, 7.00pm until 9.00pm in the
Main Hall

Friday 14th October – Joint
Concert with QEII Wind Band
and Isle of Man Wind Orchestra,
7.30pm in the Main Hall

Monday 17th October –
Flu Immunisations for Years 7 to
11

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th
October** – Half Term

November

Tuesday 8th November –
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th November –
Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Monday 28th November –
Friday 2nd December** – Year 13
Mock Exams

Wednesday 30th November –
QEII High School Association
Christmas Fayre, 6.00pm until
8.30pm in the Main Hall
****£15.00 per stall - bookings
now being taken****

December

Wednesday 7th December –
Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 19th December –
Annual Prize Giving

Tuesday 20th December –
Christmas Concert

**Friday 23rd December – Friday
6th January 2023 (inclusive)** –
Christmas Holidays

January

Thursday 12th January – Open
Evening for Year 6 children and
parents

**Monday 16th– Friday 20th
January** – Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 19th January – QEII
High School Association AGM,
5.30pm in the School Library

Wednesday 25th January –
Year 7 Parents' Evening

February

Monday 13th February –
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th February –
Dance Showcase

**Monday 20th – Friday 24th
February** – Half Term

March

Tuesday 7th March –
14-19 Information Evening for
Year 9 and Year 11

Thursday 23rd March –
Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

April

Wednesday 5th April – Spring
Showcase

**Friday 7th – Friday 21st April
(inclusive)** – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th April –
Year 10 Mock Exams

May

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th May – Heats Day

June

Friday 2nd – Friday 9th June –
Half Term

**Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th
June** – New Intake Days

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June –
Year 12 Mock Exams

Monday 26th– Friday 30th June –
Key Stage 3 Exams

July

Monday 3rd July – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July – Tynwald
Day

Friday 7th July – Reserve Sports
Day

Tuesday 11th July – New Intake
Tutor Evening

Friday 21st July – School closes
for Summer Term