



Queen Elizabeth II High School



Spring 2023 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2023!

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. The full School Calendar can also 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.

Also, if your child/ward is ill, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. If necessary, seek medical advice and do not send them 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. If by email, please include your child's full name so that they can be easily identified. Thank you.



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14 - 19 Information Evening

Tuesday 7th March

Year 9 – arrive at 4.50pm for 5.00pm start

Year 11 – arrive at 5.50pm for 6.00pm 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 -



Christmas Hampers 2022

The Year 10 ASDAN class were once again responsible for the organisation and delivery of the Christmas gift hampers to residents of Mylchreest Court and St Patrick Court. The students organised several stalls at the Christmas Fayre and ran sweet sales across break times to raise money to purchase gifts for the hampers. This was alongside the kind donations of items from students and parents of the school. The students were then responsible for wrapping the boxes, sorting through the gifts and distributing to the 100+ residents across the two sites.

As always, the hampers were very gratefully received - a BIG WELL DONE to everyone involved in the project!



Praise and Reward Strategy Update

Thank you to the many parents and carers who took the time to complete the Reward and Achievement Survey sent out by Ms Edwards at the end of last term. The results indicate that some view the current system as unfair and ineffective. This was further supported by the students own results and also correlates with educational research around motivation.

A full report of the findings will be available shortly, however, work is already underway to improve the reward system and ensure that all students are recognised for their hard work and exhibiting CARE values.

This work includes:

- Nominations for Head Teacher Commendation have been received and a celebratory event is planned in the next few weeks.
- Our Golden Ticket scheme – where students are instantly recognised for their success is being launched this term.
- Year 11's will have the opportunity to win their prom ticket – details will be released shortly.
- Working parties of KS3 and KS4 students are about to begin – students will help shape the new system and decide on the type of rewards given.

Thank you also to those who provided contact details for sponsoring or contributing to the Reward System. If, as a business, you feel that you may be able to help by donating a prize/voucher or sponsoring a reward, please contact Ms Edwards via qc2enquiries@sch.im

You said.

We did.

Thanks to all those parents/carers who responded to our Year 7 Survey.

You said:	We did:
The amount of homework and the time taken to complete it is variable.	For September 2023, there will be a homework transition period, working up to 20-30 minutes per subject per week. The Key Stage 3 Team will liaise with all staff about this.
More opportunities are needed to make friends.	The Key Stage 3 Team are going to build 'making friends' into the PSHE and tutor scheme of learning. More students will be encouraged to attend clubs to make new friends. We are looking into a potential residential trip for Year 7 students.
There needs to be an increase in awareness of learning expectations.	Partner primaries and QEII High School are sharing behaviour policies to ensure clarity of expectations. Selected primary students will be invited in to school to visit specific lessons to ensure greater transition provision. The Key Stage Team will continue to visit partner primary schools to share our learning expectations.



kooth

Free online counselling support for young people!

Mental health is important to us!

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous mental health website, and is the only digital mental health service accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

It can be accessed via www.Kooth.com on any internet device, without the need for a formal referral and without needing to reach any thresholds. Once signed up, young people can access text based counselling with trained counsellors, moderated peer-to-peer support through forums and articles, as well as self-help tools such as online journaling, goal-setting and Kooth activities.



As part of their Charity Challenge, a group of our Sixth Form students are organising a **Dress Down Day** on **Friday 17th February**.

They are supporting and advocating for the 'Mustard Seed Project' which is a small UK based charity helping the community in Mombasa, Kenya. They own a school and provide quality education free to those who need it. They currently run a school called 'Miche Bora' (meaning 'precious roots') and rely on donations to afford supplies and keep the school running.

Anyone who wishes to join in should make a donation of £1.00 which will be collected during Tutor time.

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 £53.00 which was donated to Peel Charity Shop!



Race Equality Week

6th – 12th February 2023



All members of QEII will be participating in Race Equality Week by following a 5-day challenge set by Race Equality Matters.

Miss Wainwright, alongside key speaker Tiana and performers Jessica, Kitty and Sofia, have delivered assemblies on racial inequality.

It is important to educate students on these issues to promote positive change within our school community.



Congratulations to Tiana (Year 12) for having the courage to lead whole school assemblies on Anti-Racism.

Tiana is pictured above signing the Headteacher's book.



Congratulations also to Jessica, Kitty and Sofia (all Year 12) for performing a dance routine in whole school assemblies on Anti-Racism.

The girls are pictured here signing the Headteacher's book.



Congratulations to our very own 'Rocket Man', Year 12 student David Sargent, who has won ManSat's annual essay competition and gained a place at the NASA International Space School. It is an extremely prestigious event with only two students from each country across the globe being granted a place to work together in Houston.

Needless to say, we are extremely proud of David and his achievements (and not at all jealous)!

Celebrating success.....



Congratulations to Erin, Year 7, who competed in the 2022 Archery GB National Indoor Championships in Warwickshire. She performed amazingly, shooting 1 below her PB for 530, resulting in her winning her age category and claiming the title of U14 Women's Indoor National Champion.

Well done Erin, we are really proud of you.

Congratulations also to Aalin Mayers (Year 10) and Kate Doran (Year 11) who have both been selected for the Under 17 Manx Rams Netball team for the Europe Netball Under 17 European Championships in Belfast early next year.

Olivia Martin (Year 7) has recently finished in the top 10 in an English Cross Country Championships and has been invited to represent the Isle of Man in the English National Championships. Well done Olivia.

Very well done also to Year 13 students, Carl Hartmann and Jacob Butler, who have been selected by Isle of Man Cricket for the six match T20I bilateral series against Spain. The matches will take place from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February at the La Manga Resort in Murcia. Good luck lads.



Well done to Troy, Year 8, who won the World Cup group stage predictor challenge - scoring 75 points!

Students were enticed by the prospect of getting a World Cup shirt of their choice if they won, and paid the £1 fee for entry into the competition.

Troy decided to pick the Brazil away shirt.



Senior Games – Rock Climbing

As part of the variety of sports on offer for Year 11 and Sixth Form students, we have once again had a group going out Rock Climbing.

We have a good mix of abilities amongst the group, with some simply trying something different and some using the sport as part of their GCSE PE marks. With the aid of Dave from the Venture Centre, we have worked on the basics of safely gearing up and belaying others, climbed at Alderick at the Calf Sound, at Scarlett and we also completed the 100ft abseil off Maughold Head.

Many of the students have signed up for another block of sessions this term, where we will explore the various climbing areas of the Chasms.

SPRING TERM CLUBS LIST 2023

Day	Club	Time (pm)	Venue	Staff
Monday	Duke of Edinburgh	1:00-1:30	Room 6	CCO
	Dodgeball	1:00-1:30	Small Gym	HHR
	Handball	1:00-1:30	Sports Hall	HHR
	Girls Fitness Suite	1:00-1:30	Fitness Suite	
	Computer Club	1:00-1:30	Room 46	MLO
	KS3 Common room & quiet room	1:20-2:00	Room 52 & 53 (quiet room)	MNI
	Dance Year 11 rehearsal	1.30-2:00	D16	EWA
	Girls Rugby Years 7-10	3:45-5:00	PE area	CHO
	Music Theory	4:00-4:30	D13	JWT
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh	1:00-1:30	Room 6	CCO
	Fitness Suite	1:00-1:30	Fitness Suite	
	Computer Club	1:00-1:30	Room 46	ASI
	Girls Football	1:00-1:30	Sports Hall	CPO
	Boys Football	1:00-1:30	Astro	HHR
	KS3 Common room & quiet room	1:20-2:00	Room 52 & 53 (quiet room)	MNI
	QEII Choir	1:25-1:55	D13	JWT
	Maths Revision - Year 11 only	1:30-2:00	Room 43	BLA/XCH
	Dance Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	1:30-2:00	D16	EWA
	Year 7 Boys Football	3:45-4:45	Astro	DWI
	Year 7 Girls Netball	3:45-4:45	Sports Hall	HHR
Wednesday	Dance Year 10	1:00-1:30	D16	EWA
	Fitness Suite	1:00-1:30	Fitness Suite	
	Computer Club	1:00-1:30	Room 46	MLO
	Badminton	1:00-1:30	Sports Hall	HHR
	History Club	1:05-1:55	Room 55	CPO
	GCSE German drop-in	1.10-1.45	Room 7	HKE
	Boxing	1:30-2:00	Small Gym	DWI
Thursday	Duke of Edinburgh	1:00-1:30	Room 6	CCO/CPO
	Fitness Suite	1:00-1:30	Fitness Suite	
	Computer Club	1:00-1:30	Room 46	MLO
	Basketball	1:00-2:00	Sports Hall	HHR
	MFL Club	1:00-1:30	Room 10	AHE
	KS3 Common room & quiet room	1:20-2:00	Room 52 & 53 (quiet room)	MNI
	Dance Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	1:30-2:00	D16	EWA
Friday	Dance Years 10 & 11	1:00-2:00	D16	EWA
	Computer Club	1:00-1:30	Room 46	MLO
	Year 7 Boys Football	1:00-1:30	Astro	DWI
	Year 7 Girls Netball	1:00-1:30	Sports Hall	HHR
	Fitness Suite	1:00-1:30	Fitness Suite	
	KS3 Common room & quiet room	1:20-2:00	Room 52 & 53 (quiet room)	MNI
	Chemistry Club (Revision) - Y10 & Y11	1:25-2:55	Room 37	AKL
	Wind Band	3:45-4:45	Hall	JKI

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!

We hope to announce some new fundraising events shortly, so please keep an eye on our **Facebook** page -

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

In the meantime, dates to note are -

Wednesday 3rd May – our next Meeting will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library.

Wednesday 29th November – SAVE THE DATE for our 2023 Christmas Fayre! More details to follow.....

Are you a member of our 100 Club?

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

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores. By selecting Queen Elizabeth II High School as your chosen cause, whenever you shop online, and at no extra cost to you, the charity will receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make.

Please sign up via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs/> or scan the following QR code to take you directly to our link-



Important dates...

February

Monday 13th February – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 14th February – Dance Showcase - 5pm - tickets on sale at School Reception

Friday 17th February – Dress Down Day in support of 'The Mustard Seed Project'

Friday 17th – Sunday 26th February – Ski Trip to Italy

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February – Half Term

March

Wednesday 1st March – Year 10 Parents' Evening

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

Friday 10th – Saturday 11th March – Dance Trip to Liverpool

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

April

Wednesday 5th April – Spring Showcase

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

Monday 24th April – Start of Summer Term

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

May

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd May – QEII High School Association Meeting, from 5.30pm in the School Library

Wednesday 10th May – Year 11 Leavers' Day

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 12th May – Year 13 Leavers' Day

Monday 29th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th May – Thursday 1st June – Key Stage 3 Exams

Wednesday 31st May – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 students

June

Friday 2nd June – Inset Day

Monday 5th – Friday 9th June – Half Term

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

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

Thursday 22nd June – New Intake Open Evening

July

Monday 3rd July – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Thursday 6th July – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 10th July – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 21st 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.



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.