

Queen Elizabeth II High School



July 2019 Newsletter

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Farewell and good luck!

Once again we have had a very busy summer term!

A number of staff will shortly be leaving us and we would like to say thank you and farewell to Miss Beck, Mr Beardwood, Mrs Bethune, Mrs Holmes, Mr Jones, Miss Libreri, Mr Lynch, Miss Sykes, Mrs Fernandes and Mr Scarlett. Particular thanks to the latter three (who joined us in 1982, 1996 and 2002 respectively) for their commitment to the School over so many years.

To all students and staff who are leaving, thank you for the contribution you have made and we wish you all the best for the future!

Don't forget our School motto –

'Always strive to do your best'



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A Midsummer Night's Dream



Firstly, a big thank you to the talented students here at QEII for showing commitment and great talent in bringing to life Shakespeare's classic 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Students acted, controlled lights and sound, worked back stage and made props and costumes. It certainly was highly comical and enthralling, from the dim witted mechanicals, feckless lovers to the warring fairies. We would also like to thank staff who helped out in front of house, helping to make the evenings run smoothly and enjoyably!

Audiences were delighted and entertained by the show which was set in the mid-twentieth century. The students wore a range of fun and colourful costumes, organised and customised by Ms Clucas. The play tried to be environmentally minded and we used resources that we already had, which is good for the School and the environment. The students were astounding in their learning of vast scripts and interpreting them with such insight and performing them with such flair. It was an honour to work with such amazing students!

Well done everyone!

Written by Mrs Greenlees



Year 10 Work Experience

17th - 28th June



Gillian Sheard Optometrists



Isle of Man Orthodontics



Charlotte's Doggy Daycare

Students from Year 10 have just spent two weeks on work experience at a variety of local businesses.

Staff went out and about visiting the students in their work places and gathered some fantastic feedback from both the employers and students.

It has been a wonderful experience for them and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the employers who have welcomed our students and put together some great programmes of work to keep them busy.



Barclays Overseas



The Isle Gallery



Isle of Man Post Office



Swagelok



3FM Radio Station

Enrichment

This last week of term will again see a huge range of activities taking place for students.

There are trips out all week to Wales (sports trip and surfing trip), Liverpool (to see the Netball World Cup) as well as two-day trips to Alton Towers and Chill Factore.

Tuesday 16th July is based in Year Groups -

Year 7 are off to the Wildlife Park where they will focus on variation, adaptation and classification of animals.

Year 8 have a 'Multi-cultural' day in School with a range of activities delivered by staff and visitors.

Year 9 are walking to a beach where they will take part in environmental activities in conjunction with Beach Buddies.

Year 10 are taking part in a team building day.

Year 12 are taking part in a treasure hunt and having a barbeque.

On Wednesday and Thursday (17th and 18th July) students will take part in the activity that they opted for earlier in the year. There are many different activities in addition to the trips away, ranging from Manx Master Chef to Paddlesports, Performing Arts to Golf.

We hope that everyone has a fabulous week of enrichment!



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 two of our students who received awards -

Shellan Leeming (Year 11) received the award for 'Outstanding achievement in Manx Music' and Tosh Teare (Year 13) received the award for 'Manx Language'.

Very well done to you!

Fundraising for Peel RNLI



On Monday 17th June we were delighted to welcome Stuart Blackley, Branch Chairman and Paul Cain, Mechanic Coxswain, who accepted a cheque for just over £1,000 on behalf of the Peel Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The cheque was presented by student, Lydia Okell, and teacher Mrs McCambridge. Our students raised the funds by holding a non-uniform day together with various cake sales and sponsored activities.

Well done to everyone involved in this fundraising initiative!

Visit from HM Band of the Grenadier Guards



On Wednesday 3rd July the School Band joined other young musicians from the Island's other secondary schools to participate in a workshop with HM Band of the Grenadier Guards, which had been organised by Mr Kinley from QEII and Mr Wright from the Music Service.

Major Michael Smith from the Guards Band led the combined ensemble of around 100 musicians through a rehearsal and a concert which featured the pieces 'Marching Marines', 'Ellan Vannin Suite' and 'Soul Bossa Nova', with Major Smith commending the young players on how well they had performed together.

The Grenadier Guards Band then treated the assembled audience of various dignitaries (including His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor) and Year 7 students to a fabulous display of professional musicianship, performing music made famous by Abba and Queen amongst others.

The Guards Band were on the Island to participate in the Tynwald Day Ceremony. QEII High School and the Music Service are very grateful to the Isle of Man Arts Council who provided funding to enable the Band to come to the Island for an extra day to lead this inspiring workshop for the Isle of Man's young wind, brass and percussion players.

More photographs from this event can be found on our School website - <https://qe2.sch.im>



Year 9 Science Fair

Thursday 11th July

We had some fantastic projects on display for our annual Year 9 Science Fair!

Students had two weeks to work independently in groups and create a project for the Fair. The theme this year was **'Oceans'** and all projects had to demonstrate use of their PLTS and present a scientific link to the ocean. The students were competing for three prizes.



The Isle of Man Engineering Group Award was won by Olivia, Sammie and Natasha for their project

'Underwater Volcanoes and Tsunamis'



The Headteacher's Award was won by Grace, Heather, Rachael and Thomas for their project

'Plastic In The Ocean'

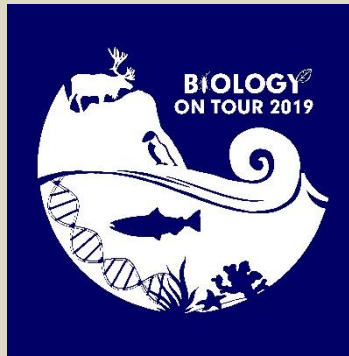


The People's Choice Award was won by Ben for his project

'Why Our Oceans Are Changing'



More photographs from the Fair will shortly be on our School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>



Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of June saw the A-level Biology students out and about in the north of the Island taking part in field studies activities. This was a joint venture organised by QEII and involving Ramsey Grammar School and the Manx Wildlife Trust. Students had a busy two days visiting the Ayres, Ballaglass Glen and Port Mooar. They undertook a number of activities including: stream kick sampling investigating the effects of pools and riffles on invertebrate distribution; survey of banded snails in the dunes investigating effects of climate change; and investigating limpet and seaweed distribution in the tidal zones of a rocky shore.

We were also lucky enough to have talks from a bird conservation specialist and a rocky shore expert. The trip involved an overnight stay at the Venture Centre in Maughold, where students set overnight mammal traps and collected data on the prevalence of hedgehogs and small rodents in the area.

This was a fantastic trip in which students furthered their understanding of course material and learnt about Biology in the real world. A big thank you to the Manx Wildlife Trust for their expertise and help in organising this trip.



Visit from World War 2 Veteran, Hector Duff

The School was fortunate to have a special visitor on Monday 1st July.

Hector Duff, World War 2 veteran, came in to School to talk to Years 7 and 8 students about his experience during World War 2. The students had prepared questions for Mr Duff and were able to hear first-hand about his experiences. Mr Duff shared his experience of fighting in the desert in Egypt and Libya in the early part of the War and went on to tell the students about the D-Day landings and his role.

The talked ended with a discussion with students about how we should continue to remember those who had fought in both World War 1 and World War 2. The students asked some very interesting questions and were keen to know what Mr Duff's advice would be to current world leaders.



Sports News



On Thursday 11th July the inaugural **QEII Sports Awards** were held in the Main Assembly Hall at School, where we reviewed and celebrated our year of sport. Mark Robinson (former All Black) joined us for the evening to present the awards and entertained us with stories of growing up in New Zealand and his career as a professional rugby player. School Endeavour prizes were awarded to those students whose efforts and commitment have been notably brilliant this year and School Colours ties were awarded to those students who have performed extremely well for the School in at least three different sports, as well as showing significant dedication and effort in training. The trophies for the Awards were very kindly funded by the QEII High School Association.

QEII has lots to celebrate this year and all of the prize winners, along with all other students who have represented the School in any way, should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done to everyone for a great year of sport, we are already looking forward to next year!

Prize Winners

Junior Sporting Endeavour – John Eames
Senior Sporting Endeavour – Katie Roberts
Junior Team of the Year – Year 8 Football Team
Senior Team of the Year – Senior Boys Basketball Team
House Cup – Shirragh
Year 7 Sportsman of the Year – Freddie O'Donoghue
Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year – Kate Doran
Year 8 Sportsman of the Year – Conylt Dillon
Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year – Grace Burns
Year 9 Sportsman of the Year – Carl Hartmann
Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year – Kaytlyn Adshead
Year 10 Sportsman of the Year – Reece Hall
Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year – Eliana Kneen
Senior Sportsman of the Year – Jack Elliot
Senior Sportswoman of the Year – Gabrielle Divall



More photographs from the evening will shortly be on our School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>

Cricket Tour and Finals

It has been an excellent season of cricket for QEII who have developed individually and as a group throughout many age groups.

The Year 8's had an excellent season in which they got to the IOM Schools final and unfortunately were beaten by a strong KWC side. They also beat a good Queen Mary's team who toured from Walsall earlier in the summer.

The Year 9's managed to win all of their matches on the island to be crowned champions, beating KWC in an excellent nail-biting final at Crosby. QEII lost the toss and were put in to bat with Joe (40) and Carl (65) making a big first wicket partnership. There were valuable contributions down the order from James (who scored two sixes from his first two balls) and Connor. KWC batted extremely well chasing our 169 from 20 overs but wickets from Jacob, Nathan, Tom and three for Joe meant that KWC finished just 14 runs short.



It was pleasing to see so many students work hard on developing their skills at extra-curricular sessions. Their commitment was rewarded with an Under 14's Trip to Rossall School in Fleetwood, where students played four matches against prestigious sporting schools such as Kirkham, Lancaster Grammar, Sedbergh and the hosts Rossall. Their performance and behaviour on this trip was excellent and it was great to see the lads enjoy their cricket and test themselves against strong oppositions. The highlight being a 99 run win over Rossall, which had excellent contributions from the whole team with bat and ball and in the field.

Junior and Intermediate Prize Giving

Friday 12th July

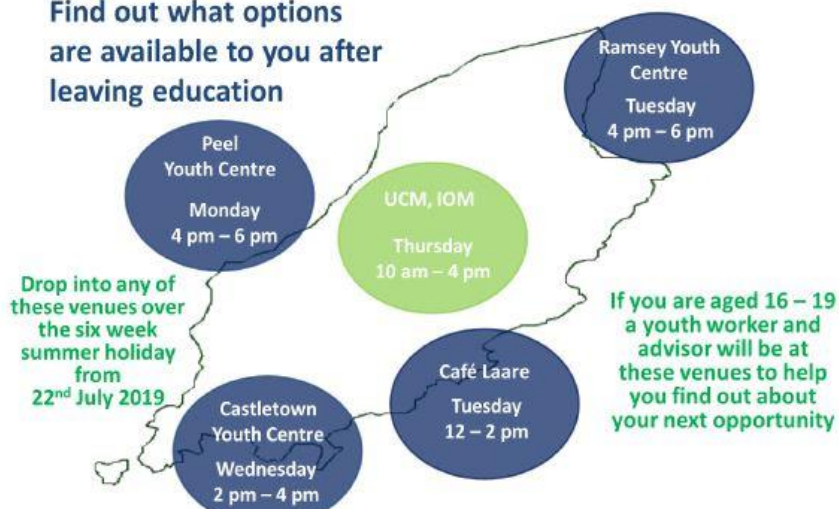
On Friday afternoon we held our Junior and Intermediate Prize Givings to celebrate student successes.

Our Guest of Honour was former student and local artist, Kate Jerry, who gave an inspiring address to our students. Kate was amongst the first group of students to attend QEII when the School first opened in 1979.

Many congratulations to all of the students who received prizes!



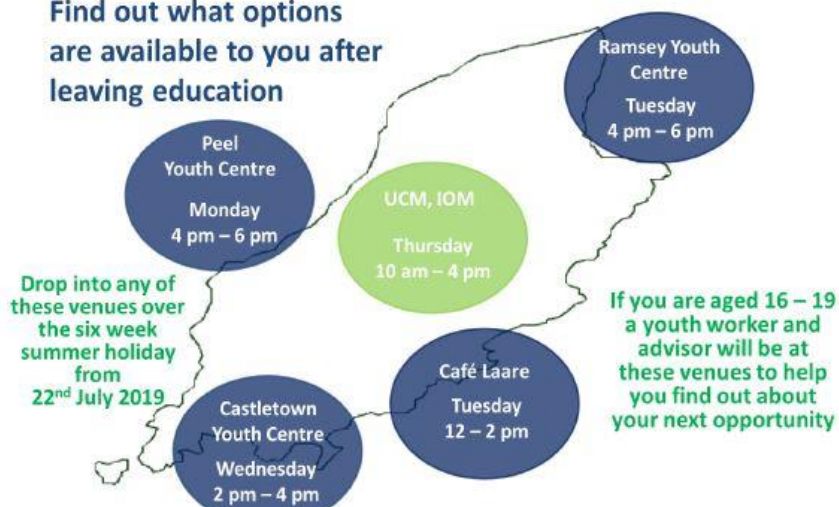
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Summer 'Signposts' Project

This project is running over the six week summer holiday, commencing on 22nd July. A Careers Advisor and Youth Worker will be based in the Youth Centres in Douglas, Peel, Ramsey and Castletown and will provide help for students who are leaving education.

If you are aged 16-19 you can drop in to any of the outreach venues or University College IOM during the session times and an Advisor will be on hand to support you with your next direction.

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An appointment at the Job Centre can be booked by telephoning 687014.

Student Services at University College IOM can be contacted Monday to Friday, 10am – 4pm for course enquiries. Telephone 648254 or email studentservices@ucm.ac.im

Tutor Group 7PCR have produced this poster to be entered into the Southern Agricultural Show competition in order to raise awareness about discouraging single use plastic on our island. This was done in conjunction with their Celtic inspired project in Art class.

Well done and good luck to you!

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.

Thank you



Please help our School Association

We would welcome new members to join our committee and would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a little spare time and be willing to join our friendly team. We meet roughly once every half term to discuss forthcoming events and requests for funding. If you would like to have a say, please get in touch, or come along to our next meeting on **Monday 30th September**.

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment and **every penny raised** directly benefits our students. We therefore appeal for help in supporting us at future events in any way that you can.

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.....

Friday 27th September - Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm – 9.00pm – more information will be available nearer the time.

Monday 30th September - our **School Association Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 6th November - our **School Association Annual General Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday 27th November - Christmas Fayre – more information will be available nearer the time.

Friday 31st January 2020 - local band '**Retrospect**' will join us again for another fabulous evening of music and dancing. Tickets sold out in record time last year so make sure you don't miss out! More details will be announced next term.....**WATCH THIS SPACE!!**



Isle of Man Flute Ensemble
Workshop Weekend 2019



At the end of June, two of our students who play the flute had the opportunity to attend a Flute Workshop weekend held in the Onchan Community Hub. It was organised in collaboration with the Isle of Man Flute Ensemble, which is a subsidiary group of the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra with whom the School annually collaborate. Special thanks to the Arts Council who helped fund the two student places.

The special guest workshop leader for the weekend was Sheena Gordon. Sheena is a Flute tutor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RSAMD) and has performed with all the major Scottish Orchestras and various chamber groups. Her teaching commitments also include Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities and the Music School of Douglas Academy, as well as private students. In addition to taking masterclasses at flute courses in Scotland and Ireland, she is much in demand as flute and wind section coach for all the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland, West of Scotland Symphony Orchestra and Edinburgh Youth Orchestra.

It was an excellent weekend where Shellan and Hannah performed beautifully and learnt so much about their own performance technique. Well done girls!

Revised School Holiday dates for 2020

We have received notification from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture to confirm that the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been changed to Friday 8th May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), matching the change in date recently announced by the UK Government.

This means that School will be closed on Friday 8th May 2020 and open on Monday 4th May 2020.

Below are the up-to-date School Holiday dates for 2019 – 2022.



Dance Trip – a message from Miss Wainwright

Due to the success and popularity of this year's Dance Trip, I am delighted to announce that we will be holding another Performing Arts Dance Residential Trip to Ellesmere College during the next academic year. This trip will be available to current Year 7, 8 and 9 students, with the potential for current Year 6 students dependent on spaces.

During the Performing Arts Dance Residential Trip students will participate in workshops delivered by West End Performers!

To find out more, please contact Miss Wainwright via qe2enquiries@sch.im



Department of Education, Sport and Culture
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School Holiday Dates for the Academic Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

		2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
Autumn Term	<i>In-service Days Closed to pupils</i>	Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 2019	Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 September 2020	Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 September 2021
	Open to pupils	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Wednesday 9 September 2020	Wednesday 8 September 2021
	Half Term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2019	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021
	Close for Christmas	Friday 20 December 2019	Friday 18 December 2020	Friday 17 December 2021
Spring Term	Open to pupils	Monday 6 January 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022
	Half Term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022 <i>Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted</i>
	Close for Easter	Friday 3 April 2020	Friday 26 March 2021	Friday 8 April 2022
Summer Term	Open to pupils	Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 12 April 2021	Monday 25 April 2022
	Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May 2020	Monday 3 May 2021	Monday 2 May 2022
	Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2020	Monday 31 May 2021	Monday 30 May 2022
	<i>In-service Day Closed to pupils</i>	Friday 29 May 2020	Friday 4 June 2021	Friday 3 June 2022
	Half Term (TT)	Monday 1 to Friday 12 June 2020	Monday 7 June to Friday 11 June 2021	Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June 2022
	Tynwald Day	Monday 6 July 2020	Monday 5 July 2021	Tuesday 5 July 2022
	Close for Summer	Friday 24 July 2020	Friday 23 July 2021	Friday 22 July 2022

- In respect of Southern Schools, there may be a deviation in the holiday dates to accommodate the Southern 100 in July.

Important dates.....

July

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July –
Year 7 Sports Trip to Wales
Surf Trip to Pembrokeshire
Netball World Cup Trip to
Liverpool (15th – 18th)

**Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th
July –** Enrichment Activities

**Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th
July –** Alton Towers Trip
Chill Factore Trip

Friday 19th July – School closes
for Summer Term

August

Tuesday 13th August –
Cambridge Results Day

Thursday 15th August – A Level
Results Day

Thursday 22nd August – GCSE
Results Day

Friday 23rd August – Sixth
Form Interviews

September

Wednesday 4th September –
Start of New School Year –
Autumn Term

Friday 27th September –
School Association Family Quiz
Night, 7.00pm in the Main Hall

Monday 30th September –
School Association Meeting,
6.00pm in the School Library,
everyone welcome!

Lost Property

This will be on display in the
corridor by the Entrance Hall
until **Friday, 9th August**.
Anything not claimed by then will
be donated to charity.

The School will be open between
8.00am and 4.00pm during the
summer holidays.

Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews will be held
on Friday 23rd August in the
Forster Building.

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

Summer 2019 Results Days

Cambridge International Examinations – IGCSE and IALEVEL

All students taking Cambridge International examinations have been
issued with a secure username and password to access their examination
results online from **8.01am** on:

Tuesday 13th August 2019

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JCQ A Level Results (AQA, OCR, Pearson, WJEC)

Thursday 15th August 2019

JCQ GCSE Results (AQA, OCR, WJEC)

Thursday 22nd August 2019

Results are available from 9.00am in the Sixth Form Block.

You can only collect your own results. If you are unable to collect your
results in person you may authorise someone else to collect them on
your behalf. This authorisation **MUST** be in writing. Alternatively, if
you leave a large stamped addressed envelope with Miss Caley, we will
post your results to you.

**Please note that results will not be supplied by telephone, fax or
email under any circumstances.**

Library Books

Please ensure that **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** are returned to the School Library before the end of term
Thank you

