

Queen Elizabeth II High School



September 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome!

With the new School year, we not only welcome new students, but we also announce some changing roles and introduce several new members of staff.

Mrs Steriopulos takes on her new role as Assistant Head. Miss Franklin is the new Director of Key Stage 3, and will be joined in November by Mrs Sille as Deputy. Miss Arthur is the new Director of Key Stage 4, with Mr Carine as Deputy. Miss Chen, Mr Crumpton and Mr Whiting join the Maths Department, Mr Dunn and Miss Kelsey join the Science Department and Miss Riley joins us as Director of Work Related Learning.

We welcome all new members of the School community and hope that their time here will be happy and successful!

Our new Mobile Phone Policy has been introduced and is working really well so far - thank you to everyone for your support.

For those of you who are new to the School, our newsletters are normally published in September, January, May and July.

Both our **School website** and **Facebook** page are updated regularly with important information. Please ensure that you visit these sites, the details of which are below, as they may have important information which is relevant to your child.

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.



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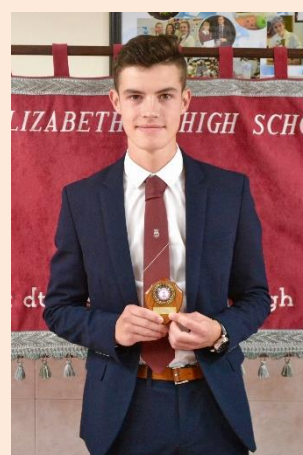
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Senior Prize Giving

On Thursday 12th September we held our annual Senior Prize Giving to celebrate the success of students in Years 11 and 13.

In our 40th anniversary year, we were delighted to welcome our Guest of Honour for the evening, His Excellency Sir Richard Gozney, KCMG, CVO, The Lieutenant Governor, to present the prizes.

Ms Moore thanked the sponsors, without whose generosity there would be no prizes, and was proud to share that this year has once again been hugely successful, both in terms of examination results and in the wider aspects of education. She congratulated all of the prize winners and also those who have achieved external qualifications.

This year around $\frac{3}{4}$ of GCSE examinations taken were awarded a grade C or above, with $\frac{1}{4}$ gaining top A*/A grades. 64% of students gained 5 Cs or above including Maths and English. 80% of students achieved their C or above in Maths and 78% in English. 23 students achieved at least 5 A*/A grades, which is outstanding!

A Level results were also excellent, with 99.2% of entries gaining a pass grade. A special mention goes to Nathan Harmer, Amy Anderson, Rhys Owen and Kyle Short who all achieved exceptional results!

We would like to wish all the students success and fulfilment in their future careers!

Don't forget our School motto -

‘Always strive to do your best’





Extra-Curricular Activities

Enrichment Clubs

We offer a fantastic range of opportunities for students to take part in, both at lunchtime and after school. **Every student can find at least one club or other activity to join!** The full range can be found on our School website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/23/Co-Curricular>

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

On Tuesday 17th September the annual Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Ceremony took place at The Gaiety Theatre.

Eight of our students were presented with their certificates, having gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award whilst in Years 10 and 11. The students worked together as a team and had many great experiences along the way. Many of them now intend to continue on to their Silver Award with the School's Duke of Edinburgh Unit.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme delivers a huge range of skills and experiences which students will never forget and are ideal for writing about on CVs and in UCAS Personal Statements.



**Congratulations to our
Bronze Award winners!**

Enrichment Week

Once again Enrichment Week, which was held during the last week of the Summer Term, was a huge success! A variety of photographs are available to view on the School website.



Friday 11th October

Joint concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 11th October for the School Wind Orchestra together with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the Main School 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!

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS

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.



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.

Anti-Bullying Awareness Walk

On the first day back at School our students took part in a whole school walk. This was, as part of The Diana Award Charity, to raise awareness of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors at QEII.

Everyone who took part in the walk took a pledge to stand up to bullying and received a band which has #STANDUPTOBULLYING and the School logo.



Reminder of revised early May Bank Holiday date 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.

School Association News and Events

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

The School Association is a registered charity and is run by enthusiastic volunteers who arrange fundraising events throughout the year. If you have a little spare time and feel you could help in any way the committee would be delighted to welcome you. **The next meeting will take place on Monday 30th September at 6.00pm in the School Library.**



We are delighted that the local Co-op Food Store continues to support our School Association as part of their 'Local Community Fund'. Every time you use your Membership Card and purchase Co-op branded products, a portion of the value of your goods will be donated to our cause.

If you aren't already a member, please be sure to pick up a leaflet in store. Alternatively, you can join the scheme by visiting the Co-op website.

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>



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

https://www.facebook.com/QEII-High-School-Association-1749586035344871/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 27th September - a **Family Quiz Night** will be held from 7.00pm until 9.00pm in the Main Hall. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people and all ages are welcome. Please bring your own refreshments.

Monday 30th September - our next **Meeting** will be held at 6.00pm 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.

Wednesday 6th November - our **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 - our **Christmas Fayre** will be held in the Main School Hall between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. Stalls are £15.00 each. To reserve a stall call Sue Ferns in the School Office on 841000.

Friday 31st January 2020 -



We are very excited to announce that **Retrospect** will be joining us again on 31st January for another fabulous evening of music and dancing!

Tickets sold out in record time last year so keep an eye on our Facebook page for news about when they will go on sale.

It's definitely an evening not to be missed!!

P.E. Department News

Fixture lists for the Autumn Term can be found on the School website by following the link below –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/56/Physical%20Education>

QEII Extra Curricular Sport Timetable Sept 2019

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
Break	Sports Hall		Sports Hall		Sports Hall		Sports Hall		Sports Hall	
Lunchtime	Intermediate Yr.9 & 10 Hockey & Rugby	RPA MSM HRI DWI TKE	Intermediate & Senior Basketball	RDU	Boxing	DWI	Junior Yr.7 & 8 Hockey & Rugby	RPA RDU DWI MCL MSM	Table Tennis	JST
	Year 7 Dance	EWA	Dodgeball	RPA MSM	Year 7 Basketball	MCL			Junior Yr.7&8 Basketball	MCL
	Badminton	MCL			Girls Basketball	RDU			Year 8 & 9 Dance	EWA
	Fitness Suite	1:10-1:45	Fitness Suite	1:10-1:45	Fitness Suite	1:10-1:45	Fitness Suite	1:10-1:45	Fitness Suite	1:10-1:45
After School	Year 7 Rugby & Hockey	DWI RDU MSM	Year 8 Hockey	RPA MSM	Intermediate Year 9 & 10 - Hockey Year 10 - Rugby	HRI RPA DWI			Senior Basketball	RDU
	Senior Hockey	RPA	Year 9 Rugby	TKE	Year 8 Rugby	MCL				
			Senior Rugby	BOS DWI	Intermediate Basketball	RDU				
			Year 7 & 8 Basketball	MCL			Fitness Suite Staff only		Fitness Suite 6th form only	
	Year 8 Fixtures	TKE/RPA	Year 10 Fixtures	DWI/ RPA	Year 7 Fixtures	DWI/ RDU	Senior Fixtures	BOS/DWI RPA/LFR	Year 9 Fixtures	MCL/ HRI
KEY										
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	All Years			

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

Lost Property

Each year we get a **HUGE** amount of 'lost property'!

Please remember to label your child's belongings so that anything that is handed in can be returned to them.

Thank you.

An appeal from the School Library.....

Parents, do you have any 'holiday reads' cluttering your bookshelves?

Our School Library would be very happy to receive any books that you no longer need.

Thank you.

Important dates.....

September

Friday 27th September – HPV vaccination 1 for Year 8 students

Friday 27th September – School Association Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm until 9.00pm

Monday 30th September – Parent/Tutor Evening for Year 7 and Year 12
School Association Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

October

Wednesday 9th October – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 11th October – Joint Concert with QEII Wind Orchestra and Isle of Man Wind Orchestra, 7.30pm

Thursday 24th October – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term

November

Wednesday 6th November – School Association AGM followed by the Ordinary Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

Tuesday 12th November – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27th November – School Association Christmas Fayre, 6.00pm until 9.00pm in the Main School Hall **Bookings now being taken**

December

Wednesday 11th December – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Concert

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2020 – Christmas Holidays

Saturday 28th December – Friday 3rd January 2020 – Ski Trip to France

January

Tuesday 21st January – Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 children and parents

Wednesday 29th January – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 31st January – an evening with 'Retrospect'

February

Thursday 13th February – Dance Showcase

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

March

Wednesday 4th March – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

Thursday 12th March – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

April

Thursday 2nd April – Spring Showcase

Monday 6th – Friday 17th April – Easter Holidays

May

Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 15th May – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 students

Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May – Heats Day

Thursday 28th May – Reserve Heats Day

Friday 29th May – Friday 12th June – Half Term

June

Monday 22nd June – Friday 3rd July – Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th June – New Intake Days

July

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day

Monday 6th July – Tynwald Day

Tuesday 7th July – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July – QEII's Got Talent

Thursday 16th July – New Year 7 Tutor Evening

Friday 24th July – School closes for Summer Term