



# Queen Elizabeth II High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on Wednesday, for the start of the new academic year. We offer a warm welcome to Year 7, Sixth Form and new students and families who are joining our school community.

## GCSE/A level results

With a further increase in outcomes at both GCSE and A Level, we are delighted to celebrate the hard work, commitment, and dedication of our students in attaining excellent results again this year, achieving above the IOM average in secondary school attainment measures. We are incredibly proud of our students and their achievements to date. Our students continue to be wonderful members of our school community, and we wish them all every success and happiness in the future, whether that be in further education, apprenticeships or employment and we hope to see them again at **Prize Giving on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

## School Vision

During our two Inset days, our staff have been engaged in training, to ensure that we continue to uphold our school vision, to strive for excellence and to provide an excellent education to our students.

## QEII High School Vision

- *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.*

We encourage our school community to 'strive to do their utmost' and to live our CARE (**Courage, Aspiration, Respect and Endeavour**) values in all aspects of their lives, and these will continue to be promoted at every opportunity throughout the school.

## School Priorities

Over the next academic year, we will be introducing some new initiatives, as we continue to build on the success of the past year. We are committed to creating a positive, fulfilling and enriching environment where our children flourish and learn.

Key focus/priority areas will include:

- Student attendance and organisational skills (Ready to Learn) e.g. punctuality, equipment and uniform;
- Successful implementation of the revised Praise & Reward Strategy and House System;
- Continuing to provide a variety of enrichment activities and house competitions for students.

### Expectations

Our staff team have high expectations for the learning and behaviour of all students across the school, to ensure a positive learning environment for all and a culture of mutual respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the attached document which reinforces the good practice that is expected from all students throughout the academic year.

### Student Safety-Start/End of School Day

You may have noticed that a pedestrian crossing and barrier has been added to the front of school to prioritise student safety when entering and exiting the site. Please be reminded that no vehicles should enter the school site at **peak times, between 8.35-8.45am and 15.00-15.30pm.**

The safety of our students is of paramount importance, therefore if you wish to collect your child from school, please arrive before/after these times and use the rear car park.

### Free School Meals

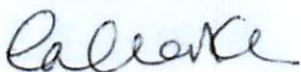
Please find a link for further details and an application for Free School Meals: [Free School Meals \(powerappsportals.com\)](http://powerappsportals.com)

Communication-We have a number of ways that we will keep you informed about school events and notices, such as our school website, termly newsletter and Facebook page. We ask that if you have any queries, that these are raised directly through the [QE2Enquiries@sch.im](mailto:QE2Enquiries@sch.im). Most letters are sent via email, though occasionally some may be sent via post. Please ensure that we have your current email address and contact details to ensure that you receive all communication.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Our team have been busy preparing for the start of another year, and we are determined to do the very best for the students at QEII and they will continue to be at the heart of all the decisions taken moving forwards to ensure that they have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs C Clarke  
Headteacher

## Expectations

**Start of the school day**- All students must arrive on site by 8.40am, so they are settled into their tutor group, ready to begin their session at 8.45am. The Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff on duty will greet students at the entrance each morning.

**Uniform**- We are a uniformed school, and we want to continue to see all of our students wearing their uniform with pride. The QEII uniform is easily identifiable and wearing it demonstrates that we are a community that values good appearance, respect for ourselves and our identity.

We have a variety of second hand uniform items available and we continue to use our hardship fund to purchase uniform items for families. If you have any spare uniform that is no longer used, we'd be grateful if you/your child could please drop this into Reception. Should you require further details about financial support, please contact [QE2Enquiries@sch.im](mailto:QE2Enquiries@sch.im) and your enquiry will be treated with confidentiality and forwarded to me directly. The DESC also provide financial assistance for families to support them with the cost of uniform. Further details can be found here [Isle of Man Government - Education, Sport and Culture](#) .

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all students at Queen Elizabeth II High School. Any student arriving at school in non-uniform clothing will either be provided with uniform, if it is available, or a parent/carer may be asked to bring the correct items to school. Hair colour, style and make-up must be appropriate for school. Hair colour should be a natural colour. E.g. black, brown, blonde. Acrylic / false nails are not permitted.

### **All students**

#### **Years 7 – 11**

- Plain white shirt – short or long sleeves
- School tie
- Grey or black smart trousers (single colour) no jeans, lycra trousers, leggings or flared trousers
- Grey or black practical style school skirt, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee – (no bodycon/lycra skirts)
- Grey or black smart tailored shorts, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee;
- The QEII school jumper and/or QEII blazer
- Black tights of at least 40 denier when wearing a skirt
- Single colour socks (grey or black) with trousers
- Black or dark brown shoes (single colour with matching laces) – must be suitably safe for school. Shoes should be capable of being polished, i.e. not canvas
- Trainers and shoes with a logo are not to be worn
- An appropriate belt if required (plain black or grey)

Jewellery: For safety and security reasons the school would advise that jewellery should not be worn, however in the event that a student chooses to wear jewellery, it should be restricted to:

- One pair of plain ear sleepers or studs;
- A plain ring that can be worn on one hand;

- No facial piercings are allowed and your child will either be asked to remove them or temporarily covered with tape until they can be. All uniform items should have the owner's name marked on them. The school cannot take responsibility for any lost items.
- **Equipment** – All students are expected to come to school ready to learn each day. This means that they must arrive with the equipment they need to be successful learners. This includes a full set of stationery, PE kit and an appropriate school bag (ideally it should be large enough to carry an A4 folder);

Basic equipment:

- A pen;
- A pencil;
- A ruler;
- An eraser;
- A pencil case;
- A student planner;
- A suitable bag;
- Specialised equipment will also be required, for example mathematical instruments, (e.g. scientific calculator and geometry set, which can be purchased from Reception);
- Optional items: highlighters and pencil crayons.

**Travel to and from school-** Our reputation is built upon the attitudes, behaviours and appearance of all students as they travel to and from school, including leaving the school site during their lunch break. Please remind your child to exhibit their best social behaviours. If your child uses public transport, please also remind them to be safe whilst travelling.

**Mobile phones and headphones-** We recognise that mobile phones are important to our students for contacting parents/carers and as a safety precaution that can be used to and from school. We do not allow the use of mobile phones or headphones on the premises, at any time during the school day. Mobile phones will be confiscated if seen or heard, as they should be switched off and in the bottom of the school bag. If you need to contact your child urgently please phone the school Reception on 841000 and the message will be passed on to your child.