

Queen Elizabeth II High School



July 2016 Newsletter

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Farewell and good luck!

A number of staff are leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Eyres has been promoted to Assistant Head at Ramsey Grammar School, Miss Abbott is moving to Ireland, Miss Goulding is moving to London and Mr Tomlinson is moving to England. We wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Bradbury is retiring having been at the School since 1990. She has made a huge contribution and many students and members of staff have cause to be grateful for her support and advice over the years. She led the Science Department from 1997 until she joined the Senior Leadership Team in 2001. She is an outstanding teacher and colleague and will be sorely missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Sleight has been selected for the GB Archery Team and is taking a year's sabbatical in order to focus her energies on representing our country. We wish her every success and congratulations.

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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Changes to our School Day

Our recent consultation voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed changes.

From September 2016, our School Day will be as follows –

8.55	Bell 1 Registration
9.05	Bell 2 Assembly
9.20	Period 1
10.10	Period 2
11.00 - 11.20	Break
11.20	Period 3
12.10	Period 4
13.00	LUNCH
14.00	End of lunch
14.05	Period 5
14.55	Period 6
15.45	Close

Year 10 Work Experience 20th June – 1st July

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.



PE Department News

Thanks to all the staff and students for their dedication to sport this term. The fixtures started early after the Easter break, with snow on the ground on the mornings of several matches. There have been some stunning performances in athletics this year, with several students enjoying success at the Merseyside Athletics championships in June. Sara Watterson went on to represent Merseyside at the English Schools' Finals in the 300m hurdles.

From September there will be a new Head of Physical Education. Mr Winrow will be joining QEII from KWC as Mr Eyres begins his new job at Ramsey Grammar School. Mr Tomlinson will also be leaving the School as he is moving back to the UK and finally Mrs Sleight is taking a year out to concentrate on her archery. Over the next 12 months Mrs Sleight will be representing Great Britain in a number of competitions all over the world.

Cricket

Year 7 – The boys have enjoyed a great introduction to cricket this year. Everyone has seen significant improvements in their bowling and batting. When playing matches we have enjoyed considerable success with Callum Cochrane, Ethan Burns and Iliam Cowin all showing that a commitment to training makes a huge difference.

Year 9 – The boys have been a pleasure to coach this year. Numbers at training have been high and each week the team sheet has been eagerly anticipated to see whose name appears in the starting line-up. During matches everyone has been more than willing to contribute with the ball, the highlight was a sensational over by Peter Boussougou in the fixture against KWC. Runs have been difficult to come by this season, however, we have collectively set competitive totals in all of our matches. Tom Hughes had a sensational knock against BHS where he carried his bat for the full 20 overs.

Year 10 – The Year 10 cricket team started the season slowly but progressed and impressed as the season continued. Losing the first game in terrible conditions at Ramsey was a setback but the boys rallied and beat St Ninian's in their next game. They finished the season losing the following three games but constantly improved as players, game after game, to post their highest run total and best bowling figures in the final game. Well done boys!

Man of the Season – Walid Anwar

Rounders

Year 7 – The Year 7 girls worked hard all season as different peoples' strengths started to develop. Emily Duckworth and Erin Kelly developed into very strong bowlers as the season progressed. A number of strong rounders players developed towards the end of the season and we are looking forward to a strong season next year.

Year 10 – The girls finished off their season with a great win against KWC. They worked hard and took on a range of different roles throughout the season. Well done girls!

Girls Football

Year 9 and 10 – The Year 9 and 10 girls excelled themselves, producing some fantastic football at the Inter-School Intermediate Football Tournament. Their hard fought victories meant that QEII finished in 1st place. Well done girls!

Athletics Results

	Boys	Girls
Year 7 & 8 TSB	5 th	4 th
Championships		
Year 7	3 rd	3 rd
Year 8	5 th	3 rd
Year 9 & 10 TSB	5 th	4 th
Championships		
Year 9	4 th	3 rd
Year 10	On Work Experience	



Wales 2016

The PE Department are pleased to say that we are returning to Wales for Enrichment this year. After many successful and enjoyable trips to Brecon we are taking 67 Year 7 students to enjoy the outdoor adventure activities that Acorn Adventures provides. Starting with the boat early Monday and not returning until late Friday, the trip allows the students to enjoy numerous activities, as well as some time together with friends to reflect and celebrate completing their first year at QEII.

Mrs Sleight takes a sabbatical

I will be taking a year's sabbatical in order to concentrate on competitive archery.

I am one of the top ranked Lady American Flatbow Archers in the British Isles. I have been British Champion and ranked number one for Archery GB for the past two years. I was lucky to compete for Great Britain last year in the World 3D Championships in Italy and was one of two British archers to making it to the final 16, eventually finishing in 13th position. Competing for England in the International European Field Archery Championship in Sweden I took the Bronze medal. I have been selected for the Great Britain team competing in the European 3D Championships in Slovenia at the end of August.



Following this I will be representing England in the World International Field Archery Championships in Australia.

I wish everybody success next year and look forward to catching up with all the news on my return!

Please vote for Team Opus!

Good luck to Team Opus when they represent the Isle of Man in Lucerne, Switzerland at the end of July.

The team, who became Junior Achievement Isle of Man Company of the Year 2016, devised a range of Caebro-branded cable protectors to take the title.

In the four stages of the competition, they will compete against 39 other countries from across Europe and will have the opportunity to convince the jury that they are the finest mini-company for 2016!

They also need you help in voting for them to win the social media award.

Please see the link below and then click 'like' once you have opened the link -

<https://www.facebook.com/jaeurope/photos/a.10154297352913374.1073741878.79863788373/10154297354013374/?type=3&theater>

Alternatively, you can access the link through our Facebook page.

Thank you for your support!

Remember...

You will find a lot of useful information on our School website.

Please take time to visit us on the address below –

www2.sch.im/groups/qe2highschool/

and don't forget to like us on Facebook –

www.facebook.com/QE2IOM



School Association News and Events

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment. Through money raised at discos, race nights, jazz evenings, quizzes, Christmas Fayres, and so on, funds have been available to buy many additional items that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Our next School Association Meeting will be held during a **Cheese and Wine Evening** on **Monday 19th September** at 6.30pm in the School Library. Everyone is very welcome to come along and it would be great to have some new members to share your fundraising ideas.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is also scheduled for **Monday 7th November** at 6.30pm in the School Library. Again, everyone is very welcome to come along.

Our School Association has also registered the School with **Easy Fundraising** and **Easy Search**.

Easy Fundraising –

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs

This is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores. Just use the links on the easy fundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, the School will receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple!

It is completely FREE to register and you won't pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the easy fundraising site. In fact you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers offer discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to easy fundraising. If you shop online anyway, then why not raise valuable extra funds for our School by using this fantastic scheme!

So far our supporters have raised a fantastic £3,441.77!

Easy Search –

<http://qe2hs.easysearch.org.uk/>

This is a search engine which allows you to raise funds for the School simply by surfing the web. By making just ten searches per day with easy search, instead of Google or any other search engine, you could generate over £20.00 per year for our School.

Please use these sites and help raise funds for our School.....every penny counts!

'Our Day Out'



This week our Performing Arts Department presented two amazing performances of 'Our Day Out'!

The students and staff have been working hard since March learning their lines and developing their acting abilities.

They should feel very proud of what they achieved and for the terrific level of teamwork which went into each performance.

A video is available on our Facebook page for those who missed the live performances.

Watch this space for the Performing Arts Department's next showcase!



8Abe Fundraising

As part of the Key Stage 3 charity focus this year, Year 8 tutor group 8Abe took on the challenge to raise funds to help the Syrian Refugees, after seeing the turmoil that they face.

They managed to raise **£222.50** in a sponsored silence event. The students recently had the pleasure of meeting Rosemary Walters from Save the Children who explained how the money would help the refugees.

Well done 8Abe!



A message from PC 66 Graham Best from the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team -



Don't neglect your phone security. Make sure your phone needs a PIN to unlock it and that you keep a note of your phone's serial number and IMEI number.

Most phones also have a locating application and these are easy to install.

For an iPhone, do this - go to the App Store; go to Find my iPhone; press Install. (You will need an Apple ID account and password).

For my Samsung, I did this - go to Settings; then to Security; installed Find my Mobile. (I needed to create a Samsung account).

If I can do it, it must be easy!

Important dates.....

July

Friday 15th July – Junior and Intermediate Prize Giving

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July –
Year 7 Sports Trip to Wales
Year 9 Belgium Trip
Year 10 Trip to the Lake District

Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st July – Enrichment

Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st July – Chester Trip

Wednesday 20th – Thursday 21st July – Alton Towers Trip
Liverpool Museums Trip
Chill Factore Trip

Friday 22nd July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 18th August – A Level Results Day

Thursday 25th August – GCSE Results Day

Friday 26th August – Sixth Form Interviews

September

Wednesday 7th September – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

Monday 12th September – Senior Prize Night

Summer 2016 Results Days

A Level – Thursday 18th August

GCSE – Thursday 25th August

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

Cambridge International Examination results can be collected from 11.00am on **Thursday 11th August 2016**.

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 or email under any circumstances.

Lost Property

This will be on display in the corridor by the Entrance Hall until **Friday, 12th August**. Anything not claimed by then will be donated to charity.

The School will be open between **9.00am and 3.30pm** during the summer holidays.

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

Library Books

Please ensure that all **LIBRARY BOOKS** are returned to School Library before the end of term.

