

Queen Elizabeth II High School



February 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to the Spring Term.

This term we welcome one new member of staff – Miss Pate joins us as Deputy Head of the P.E. Department.

We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks. Please see the 'Important Dates' on the final page of this newsletter. The full School Calendar can also be found on our School 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.

Also, remember to follow the School on Facebook –

www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

As always there are a wide range of **School Clubs** on offer and there should be something for everyone to enjoy!

Students have been issued with their own leaflet of clubs available during the Spring Term and this information can also be found on the School website and on the notice board in the Entrance Hall.

Plans are also well underway for Enrichment Week in July. More information on the opportunities available will be issued shortly.



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14 - 19 Information Evening

Wednesday 14th March
6.15pm until 9.00pm

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.

There will be information about what will be studied in each subject area in a series of 15 minute subject presentations run by specialist staff.

This Information Evening is always a huge success and we hope to see you there.

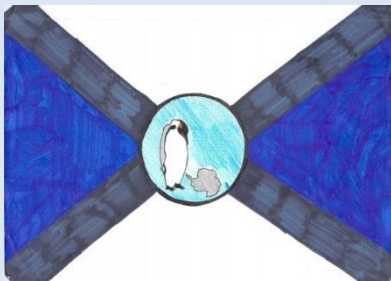
'Design a flag for Antarctica' Competition

As part of the Environmental Geography unit of work in Year 9, Geography students study Antarctica.

This year we were invited to take part in a worldwide contest, the details of which are below -

'This year, we are working with the UK Polar Network (UKPN), Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) and the Foundation for Good Governance of International Spaces (Our Spaces) on running a variety of Antarctica Day events, the biggest of which is our Flags initiative. For this, we ask schools to run a lesson (or incorporate into relevant class plans) the Antarctic and the importance of international co-operation of an essential continent which isn't 'owned' by any particular country--thus is the largest land mass in the world that doesn't have a flag or a symbol that represents ownership or sovereignty. You can either get all students to design flags, and then choose your 'top five' or you could design a couple of flags as a whole class/year group. Digital pictures of the flags are sent to us, and we then print off these pictures in A4 and send them down to the Antarctic with polar scientists and engineers from all over the world in November or December. A picture of your flags will then be taken within the Antarctic as proof that they made the journey down south. The students/classes will then receive a certificate to say where their flag was displayed and who was your flag carrier'.

The following five flags were selected to enter the competition. It was a very difficult choice as the standard was very high. Very well done to all the students and especially the winners!



Erynn Rainey



Fae Quayle



Ethan Hopper



Joshua Manfield



Eliana Kneen

8Lsl Charity Challenge



Students in 8Lsl have raised more than £200.00 for the Manx Charity 'Wish Upon a Dream'. They decided to undertake several 'One Mile Challenges' which saw six students journey by canoe and kayak and fourteen walk and swim up a river. Others decided to run, horse ride and swim. All the students ensured that they really challenged themselves!

It had been raining for most of the week and, in the river, students had to cope with fast flowing water and a series of natural weirs. The group had to swim sections and teamwork was essential. The group had to negotiate a boulder strewn rapid and climb over the branch of a tree. They showed great resilience in the cold and testing conditions.

In the kayaking challenge, teamwork was again important as they had to paddle together in the double kayaks without clashing paddles. It was hard work but again the students were resilient and kept going!

Everybody enjoyed the challenge and agreed it was a fun way to raise money for a very worthy charity. Well done everyone!



Christmas Shoeboxes 2017

Once again our annual Christmas shoebox appeal, which supports the elderly members of our community, was a huge success.

Year 11 students undertaking the ASDAN CoPE course made and delivered nearly 140 Christmas boxes for senior residents in Peel. The project was undertaken for their Unit 'Working with Others'. The students raised money by holding a non-uniform day. Student, Harry Gell, also offered a grass cutting service which helped raise funds. Craft Club members, along with Year 7 students, helped make Christmas cards to accompany the boxes.

The students worked hard in lesson time, lunchtimes and after school to ensure the boxes were completed in time. The School community helped by raising money and donating food items as well as shoe boxes and wrapping paper.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in the project!



Dance Showcase



We are very excited to tell you about the School's first ever Dance Showcase!

Students across all year groups have been working extremely hard to learn choreography to share with their friends, family and the community. We invite you to come along on **Thursday 1st March, starting at 6.30pm**, to enjoy an evening of spectacular dancing, in different styles with music for everyone.

The Showcase has been created through Dance Clubs as well as newly formed Dance within PE/Games lessons. The dances showcase not only the talent of QEII students, but also the dedication, teamwork, effort and commitment of the students.

Tickets are now available from the School Reception and are selling fast! They are priced at £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. We hope that you will come along and support our 'Dance family', as that really is what has been created here at QEII #TeamDance!

Science News

Year 10 CREST Club has started and will be running on Tuesday lunchtimes from 1.30pm. This is open to all students in Year 10.



Revision Sessions

The Science Department is running lunchtime revision sessions for **Year 11 IGCSE Science students**, which are open to all Combined, Co-ordinated and Triple/Separates students. (The timetable was emailed to parents on Tuesday 23rd January).

These will continue until study leave begins. The aim of the sessions is to help with any gaps in the students' knowledge and understanding, as well as focus on examination technique and past-paper practice.

Booking of these sessions is not required and students can just turn up. However, places will be limited and if groups are too big latecomers may not be permitted.

Year 10 Work Experience

As part of the School curriculum a two-week work experience placement is being organised for every student in Year 10. This will run from **Monday 18th June until Friday 29th June**.

This is an extremely valuable and exciting opportunity, designed to give each student a greater understanding of the world of work and the opportunity to work with adults other than teachers.

The most successful and meaningful placements are those that students have taken the initiative to arrange for themselves. Therefore, we encourage everyone to consider carefully their future career aspirations and then contact a suitable company to arrange a self-placement.

Should your son/daughter fail to secure a self-placement they are able to access a database of placement providers. Every attempt will be made to offer each student who uses the database a placement that matches his or her aspirations, however, no guarantee can be made that every first choice placement will be available.

****Please note that students MUST check the database before contacting any employer to arrange a self-placement as a position may have already been offered.**

This year's programme was launched to students on Wednesday 17th January and introduction letters and the Work Experience Guide were handed out during tutor time the following day.

Please note the following important dates and deadlines -

Thursday 18th January - students able to access Placement Database

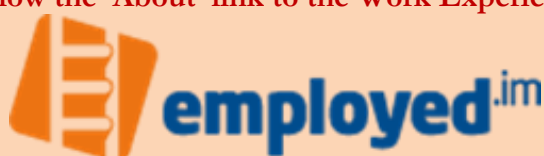
Friday 9th March - deadline for Database selections

Wednesday 18th April - deadline for Self-Placements

Monday 14th May - deadline for returning Agreement Forms

Monday 18th June - Friday 29th June - Year 10 Work Experience placements

**More information can also be found on our School website.
Follow the 'About' link to the Work Experience page.**



School Association News and Events

Once again a very big **THANK YOU** to all our loyal School Association supporters!

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



Last Friday (26th January) the School Association hosted popular local band **'Retrospect'** for the second time. Their music and singing was again absolutely FANTASTIC and the School Hall rocked all night! The evening was a sell-out and everyone who came along had a fabulous time. We sincerely hope that this is an event that we will be able to repeat in the future, WATCH THIS SPACE.....

Can you help?

We need a new Chairperson for the School Association. Can you spare time to attend four meetings annually? The Chairperson will provide leadership, ensuring the committee functions effectively, and is the representative of the charity. This position can be undertaken by anyone and you don't need to have children at the School. Friends and family are all suitable candidates. Please contact Sue Ferns on 841000 if you would like more information on the role. Thank you.

Further dates for your diary.....

Monday 19th February - our **School Association 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!

Friday 20th April - a **Family Quiz Night** will be held between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Main School Hall. Teams should be a maximum of 6 people. Cost £3.00 per adult and 50 pence per child. All ages welcome. Bring your own refreshments.

Tuesday 29th May - **Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow**

You may have missed out on getting tickets to see Gary Barlow at The Villa Marina in May, but don't worry!! For a fraction of the price, the School Association and Peel Centenary Centre bring you the number 1 Gary Barlow tribute artist, Dan Hadfield. We're sure you will agree that he certainly looks like the real thing!!

This is a fun fundraiser with all profits being split equally between charities QEII High School Association and The Centenary Centre.

Tickets are priced at just **£15.00 each** and are available from the following outlets – The Centenary Centre website (www.centenarycentre.com), Queen Elizabeth II High School Reception, Celtic Gold in Peel, Shakti Man in Ramsey, Thompson Travel in Port Erin, G.H. Corlett Jewellers in Douglas and Peter Norris Music in Douglas.



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

Maths Olympiad

The Maths Department recently held their annual 'Western Olympiad' where students from our Partner Primary Schools compete against each other in various activities for the trophy. All of the activities required a high level of mathematical understanding, as well as requiring logical thinking skills.

Scores were tight throughout with both of the Peel Clothworkers teams scoring full marks in the first round! The eventual winners were Kirk Michael 1 (pictured) followed very closely by Peel A. Kirk Michael A took third place.

Thank you to all of the teams and staff involved. All of the students had a great afternoon.



PE Department/Sports News

This term we give a very warm welcome to Miss Pate who joins us as the new Deputy Head of P.E.

We also congratulate the following staff members and student who have been nominated for the 2017 Sports Awards. Miss Riley (Sportswoman), Mrs Sleight (Veteran Sportsperson) and Ana Dawson (U21 Sportswoman). Good luck to you all!

Once again there is so much sporting talent here at QEII that we are unable to mention everyone here in our newsletter. Below are just a few of the recent successes -

Cycling - **Will Corkill** (Year 11) and **Tosh Teare** (Year 12) became 2018 British National 10 mile time trial team champions.

Matthew Cooil (Year 9) and **Corrin Leeming** (Year 10) scored victories and second places in various races at the Velodrome last weekend.

Archery - **Toby Young** (Year 10) won the under 18s Archery tournament in Lancashire at the weekend.

Netball - **Eliana Kneen** (Year 9) recently had the honour of representing England once again as Ball Patrol. She took her courtside seat for Australia v South Africa and the fantastic, tense game England v New Zealand. Eliana has also now completed her 'Pass on the Passion' which saw her complete 400 volunteering hours within Netball in just 16 months. She is the first person ever to complete this on the Isle of Man and will be honoured at this year's Netball 'Goalden Globe' awards.

(Eliana is pictured on the front row, second from the left).



The PE Department has its own Facebook page. Be sure to follow them on –

https://www.facebook.com/Queen-Elizabeth-II-High-School-Sport-139995876459199/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser

You can also find details of our Extra Curricular Sports Programme on our School website -

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

Important dates...

February

Thursday 8th February – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Wednesday 14th – Sunday 18th February – Performing Arts Theatre Trip to London

Monday 19th February – School Association Meeting, 6.00pm in the School Library

Sunday 25th February – Thursday 1st March – A2 Geography Trip to Manchester

March

Thursday 1st March – Dance Showcase

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

Wednesday 14th – Saturday 17th March – Year 10 Big Bang Fair in Birmingham

Thursday 22nd March – Spring Showcase

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April – Easter Holidays

April

Friday 20th April – School Association Family Quiz

Tuesday 24th April – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 30th April – Record of Achievement Ceremony

Week commencing Monday 30th April – Year 10 Mock Exams

May

Wednesday 2nd May – HPV vaccination 2 for Year 8 girls

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May – Year 11 Study Leave commences

Monday 28th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 29th May – Year 13 Study Leave commences

Tuesday 29th May – Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow

Wednesday 30th May – Heats Day

June

Friday 1st June – Inset Day – School closed to students

Monday 4th – Friday 8th June – Half Term

Monday 18th June – Friday 29th June – Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 21st June – Creative Arts Evening

Monday 25th – Tuesday 26th June – New Intake Days

July

Tuesday 3rd July – School Show – 1st Night

Wednesday 4th July – Sports Day
School Show – 2nd Night

Thursday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Friday 6th July – School Show – 3rd Night

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th July – Sixth Form University Trip

Tuesday 10th July – Year 9 Science Fair (pm)
New Year 7 Tutor Evening

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th July – Enrichment Trips

Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th July – Enrichment

Friday 20th July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 16th August – GCE Results Day

Thursday 23rd August – GCSE Results Day

Exams Information

January GCSE External Maths Results

Results Date: Thursday 8th March

Year 11 students will receive their results during their Maths lesson, period 2.