

Queen Elizabeth II High School



January 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome!

A warm welcome back to this very short Spring Term!

We would like to welcome Mrs Delaney who joins our teaching staff in the ICT Department.

We also say farewell to Mrs Cashen, Mr Dickins and Mrs Elder who left us at Christmas. Mr Earner retires at Half Term after 23 years at the school.

We wish them all the best for the future.

As always, we offer a wide range of **School clubs** for our students to enjoy and these are all now up and running.

Students have been issued with their own booklet giving information about the clubs available during the Spring Term. They receive a new booklet each term.

Information on all of the clubs can be found on the School website and also on the notice board in the Entrance Hall.

<https://www2.sch.im/groups/qe2highschool/wiki/788fc/Extracurricula.html>

Please note that each student in Key Stage 3 must join at least one School club and they will receive club points for attending which will go towards their rewards.



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Validation

The School has recently been validated and the team found that we know ourselves well, student attainment is a significant strength and most students make better than average progress over time.

Relationships between students and between students and teachers are very good.

For full details, please see the School website –

www2.sch.im/groups/qe2highschool/

14 - 19 Information Evening

Tuesday, 15th March 2016
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.

Anti-Bullying Policy Review - Submissions

Every two years we take a look at our policies to see if they need to be altered or improved in any way.

Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy, which can be viewed on our School website.

Part of the review process involves gaining feedback from parents and students about the policy. We therefore invite you to submit your recommendations for consideration.

The reviewed policy will go before our Governors for approval on 14th March, so any submissions must be received by **Friday, 26th February 2016**.

InTouch email messaging

We hope that you are finding our **InTouch** email messaging service to be an effective method of communication.

Please remember to inform the School if you change your email address or mobile telephone number as it is vital that we always hold correct contact details for you.

We would be grateful if you would use this method for contacting the School regarding student absences and other general student-related queries.

The email address is - 7054003@capita-intouch.co.uk

Many thanks.

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, 20th June until Friday, 1st July.**

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 will be granted access to 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 is available.

This year's programme was launched to students on Wednesday, 13th January and introduction letters and self-placement forms were handed out during tutor time the following day.

Please note the following important dates and deadlines -

Wednesday, 17th February - deadline for self-placements

Thursday, 18th February - students able to access Placement Database

Friday, 11th March - deadline for the Database selection

Tuesday, 3rd May - deadline for returning Agreement Forms

Monday, 20th June - Friday, 1st July - Year 10 Work Experience placements

More information can also be found on our School website by following the link below -

https://www2.sch.im/groups/qe2highschool/wiki/d0bc9/Work_Experience.html



School Association News and Events

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment.

Our next fundraising event is a **Family Quiz Night** which is being held on **Friday, 19th February** between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Main School Hall. Entry is just £3.00 for adults or 50 pence for children and teams should be a maximum of 6 persons. All ages are welcome. Bring your own beverages. There will also be a raffle on the night.

Our next **School Association Meeting** is also arranged for **Monday, 18th April** 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 ideas.

We are also planning an **'It's A Knockout'** family fun afternoon on **Sunday, 26th June**, together with a Car Boot Sale. More information on this will be available after the Easter holidays.

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!

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!

Christmas Shoeboxes 2015

Once again we held our annual Christmas shoebox appeal for the elderly members of our community. Needless to say it was a huge success!

The School Council organised a non-uniform day in October to raise funds towards the purchase of treats such as biscuits, juices, sweets and crackers which went into the boxes.

From October until December a group of helpers spent most of their break times, lunchtimes and tutor times wrapping and packing the boxes.

Eventually, with two days to spare, the boxes were finally finished and what a great job they had done!

Whilst delivering the parcels, the students sang carols and wished the recipients a Merry Christmas. The students were delighted to see their faces and the happiness it brought to them.

The School has received many lovely thank you notes in return and we hope this tradition will continue to be a success in the future!



CASH LOADERS

IMPORTANT

Students need to ensure that it is their name on the screen when loading money onto the cash loader.

If the person in front of you hasn't logged out correctly and you put money onto the machine, it will then credit their account. Unless you recognise this immediately, we cannot trace this or have any way of proving this has happened.

Therefore, PLEASE ENSURE THE SCREEN IS LOGGED IN AS YOU AND YOU HAVE LOGGED OUT BEFORE WALKING AWAY!

IMPORTANT

Parking at the front of School

If you are visiting the School for any reason, please can we ask that you do not park by the dropped kerb at the front of the building.

One of our senior students uses a wheelchair and it is vital that this area can be accessed at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.

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/



www.facebook.com/QE2IOM



Important dates...

February

Friday 5th – Saturday 13th February – Ski Trip to Italy

Monday 8th – Friday 12th February – Half Term

Friday 19th February – School Association Family Quiz Night, 7.00pm until 9.00pm

Sunday 21st – Wednesday 24th February – A2 Geography Trip to Manchester

Wednesday 24th February – Year 11 Parents' Evening

March

Tuesday 15th March – 14-19 Information Evening for Year 9 and Year 11

Thursday 17th March – An Evening with the Sixth Form

Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April – Easter Holidays

April

Monday 11th April – Start of New Term

Monday 18th April – School Association Meeting, 6.30pm in the School Library

Tuesday 19th April – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

May

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Monday 9th May – Leavers' Day

Monday 30th May – Bank Holiday

June

Wednesday 1st June – Heats Day

Thursday 2nd June – Reserve Heats Day

Friday 3rd June – In-service Day – School closed to students

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June – Half Term

Monday 20th – Tuesday 21st June – New Intake Days

Monday 20th June – Friday 1st July – Year 10 Work Experience

Sunday 26th June – 'It's A Knock Out' family fun afternoon and Car Boot Sale

July

Monday 4th July – New Intake Evening

Monday 4th – Friday 8th July – Sixth Form University Trip

Tuesday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Wednesday 6th July – Sports Day

Friday 8th July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 15th July – Junior and Intermediate Prize Givings

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July – Year 10 Geography Trip to the Lake District

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July – Year 9 History/Science Trip to Belgium

Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st July – Enrichment

Friday 22nd July – School closes for Summer Term

2016 Results Days

January Results Day – Thursday 3rd March

A Level Results Day – Thursday 18th August

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 25th August