

Queen Elizabeth II High School



May 2019 Newsletter

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Information

This term we welcome Rachel Thompson as Head of our SEN Unit following the promotion of Caryl Anstead to her new advisory role. Congratulations and very best wishes to you both.

We would like to introduce Daniella Bettridge and Tom Hughes who will be our new Head Girl and Head Boy for the forthcoming year. We are certain that they will represent the School admirably.



This summer marks the fortieth anniversary of when Her Majesty the Queen officially opened Queen Elizabeth II High School on Tynwald Day of 1979.

To commemorate the occasion, the School will be holding an Anniversary Ball on Friday 21st June at the Best Western Palace Hotel and Casino. The evening will get underway at 7.30pm in the Cushag Suite. Tickets, priced at £45.00 per person, are available from the School Office.

We would be delighted to welcome former members of staff and students to join in with the celebrations. Anyone who would still like to attend is asked to contact the School Office as we will shortly need to finalise numbers for the evening.



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Enrichment 16th – 18th July

Enrichment activities take place from Tuesday until Thursday during the last week of term.

On Tuesday the activities are based in year groups and on Wednesday and Thursday a fantastic range of options have been selected by the students.

Please note that for students who have selected an activity which incurs a cost, full payment was due by **Friday 3rd May**.

If there are any problems with this, please speak to Mr Barker.

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 17th June until Friday 28th 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.

As the deadline for returning ALL forms has now passed, it is vital that any outstanding Self-Placement Forms and Agreement Forms are brought in to Mrs Ferns as a matter of urgency.



Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro'

Saturday 15th June
8pm at Peel Centenary Centre

We are delighted to be able to offer tickets for the annual Peel Centenary Centre 'narropera' performance which will take place on Saturday 15th June.

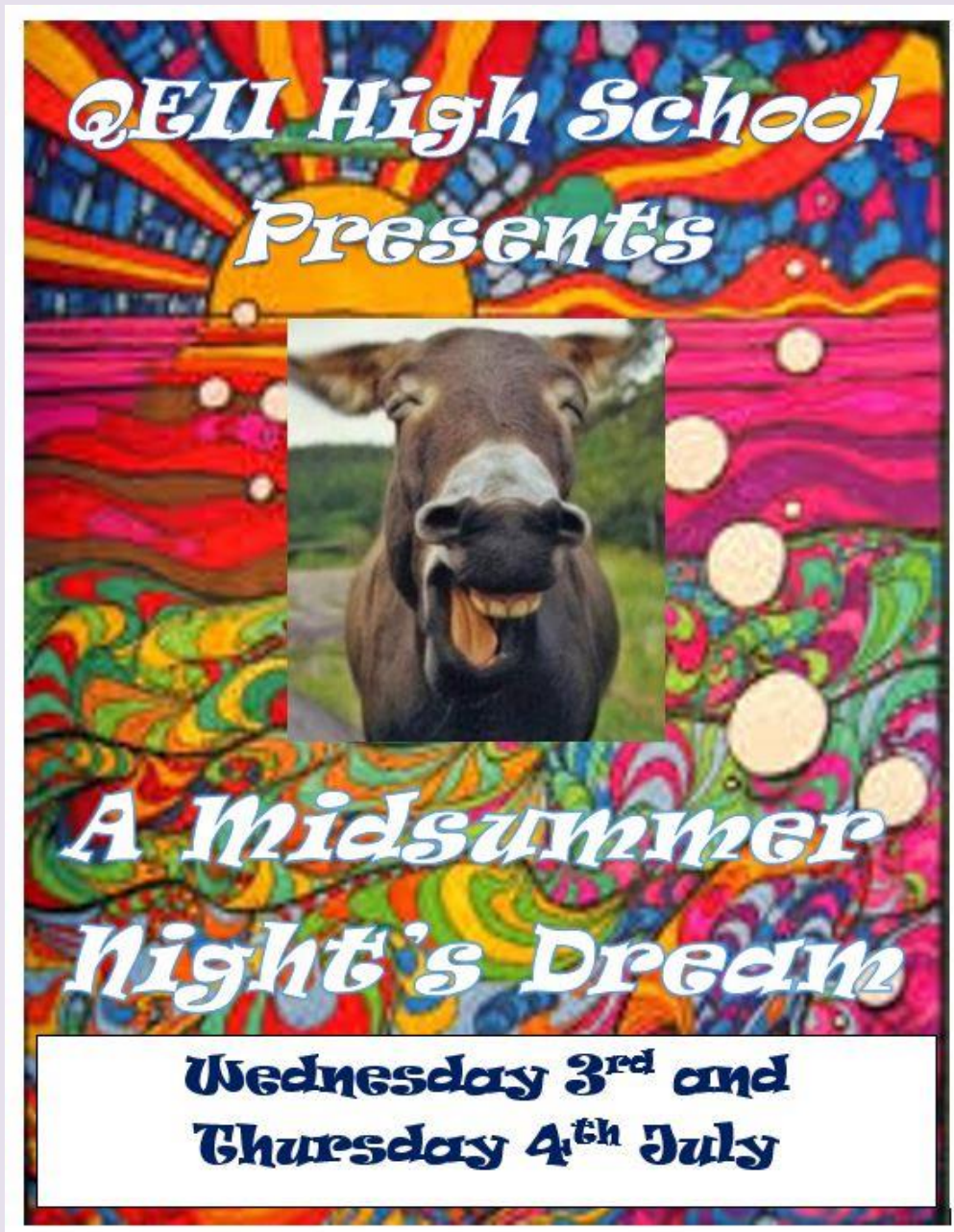
Mozart's Figaro opera is one of the most beautiful in the whole opera repertoire, with an entertaining story and wonderful music. Narropera fascinates by drawing the listener into a 'tale for grown-ups, told in speech and song'. The performers in 'The Narropera Trio' are German soprano, Dorothee Jansen; French violinist, Floriane Peycelon and Kiwi pianist/narrator, Haydn Rawstron.

As a special offer to the students, parents and supporters of Queen Elizabeth II High School, we have a limited number of tickets available and can offer tickets for one adult and up to two children for a total of just £5.00.

These tickets are now available from School Reception and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. At the performers' request, the proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be donated to Hospice Isle of Man.

Any additional tickets can be purchased from the Centenary Centre website.

Make the 3rd or 4th July a date for your diary!



Talented QEII performers are putting on the comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which promises to be a riot of fun and comical mishaps!

The creative cast are combining acting, dance, music and design to bring to life this loveable classic. We aim to bring a smile to your faces, and more than a few laughs, in Shakespeare's epic tale of unrequited love, marital disputes and magical meddling. The show is for the whole family and as Robbie almost says -

“Let us entertain you!”

Tickets will be available to purchase after TT week from School Reception. We look forward to welcoming you to the show!

Record of Achievement Ceremony



Just a few photographs from our Record of Achievement Ceremony which took place on Wednesday 8th May.

Our Guest of Honour was Elissa Morris, Ecosystems Manager of the Barclays Eagle Lab and a former student at QEII. She gave an inspiring address to our students, sharing with them stories from her life and career journey so far.

We wish everyone good luck in their forthcoming exams and every success for the future!

More photographs can be found on our School website by following the link below –

<https://qe2.sch.im/>



Lost Property



Once again we have a considerable amount of lost property!

Please claim from the Lost Property table near the Entrance Hall. Please also ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Creative Arts Evening

**Thursday 20th June
6.30pm**

The next opportunity to see work and performances by our students will be on Thursday 20th June, when we welcome everyone to come along to our annual Creative Arts Evening.

Students will present both GCSE and A Level music and drama pieces and there will be art work on display by students from all Key Stages, as well as projects by technology students.

Please do come along!

Sports News



The Year 7 Rugby team had a fantastic tour of the North West of England in the final weekend of March. The boys had two tough games against Liverpool College and Wilmslow High School, and despite two defeats, the boys learned a lot, impressed all weekend and did themselves and the School proud. Players of the tour went to Freddie O' D and Ryan C. Well done everyone!

Earlier this month, a Year 7 team hosted Henry Bloom Noble and Ballakermeen High School for a fun, friendly Basketball Festival. Each team played one another and the standard of basketball was very high for such a young age category. The festival was played in great spirit with everyone getting lots of game time and the teams really enjoying the sport. We look forward to hosting more of these events in the future.



Year 8 Football Champions!



QEII won every game to get to the final of the Year 8 School Shield and played at The Bowl against St Ninian's High School in a repeat of the 2018 final.

After some excellent football, Conylt showed superb composure, taking a touch and finishing across the keeper into the bottom corner with a crisp finish to send us into a lead. QEII continued their momentum and got themselves a second before half time thanks to an own goal.

The boys demonstrated good control and possession throughout the game and their patience paid off, with man of the match, Conylt, grabbing the third. An unerring finish, smashed into the near post top corner giving the keeper no chance, Centre Back Joe scored the fourth, and his first of the season, to ensure QEII retained the Guy Smith Trophy with a 4-0 win.

Credit has to go to Mr Kelly and all of the Year 8's who have trained and represented the School throughout the season with pride and shown excellent quality throughout the season.

Congratulations to our students Sammie (Year 9) and Morven (Year 10) who were selected to represent the IOM Schools Under 15 Hockey team recently.

The girls played two fixtures and some great hockey, securing a 4-1 victory against Preston Hockey Club and then a fantastic 8-0 win against Flyde Hockey Club. Well done girls!



QE2 Extra Curricular Sports Programme

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
Break	Sports Hall	MCL	Sports Hall	RDU	Sports Hall	RPA	Sports Hall	DWI	No Sport hall	N/A
Lunchtime	Yr.9 Rounders Yr. 9 & 10 Cricket	RPA MCL	Yr.7&8 Girls Basketball	RDU	Athletics	RPA RDU JST DWI	Yr.7&8 Rounders & Cricket	RPA RDU TKE	Athletics Throwing & High Jump All Years	ASC DWI
	Yr. 7 Dance	EWA					Yr. 10 Dance	EWA	Cricket Nets All Years Sports Hall	MCL
	All Years Boxing	DWI	Yr. 8 Dance	EWA	Yr.9 Dance	EWA				
After School	Yr. 7 Rounders & Cricket	RPA DWI	Yr.8 Rounders	RDU	Yr. 9 Rounders Yr. 9 & 10 Cricket	RPA MCL DWI	Dance	EWA	Yr.10 Rounders	JST
			Yr.8 Cricket	DWI						
	Yr. 8 Fixtures	RDU TKE	Yr. 10 Fixtures	JST MCL	Yr. 7 Fixtures	RPA DWI	Athletics Comps	RPA RDU MCL DWI	Yr. 9 Fixtures	RPA MCL
KEY	Yr.7	Yr.8	Yr.9	Yr.10	Seniors	All Years				

Visit from Syrian Poet

The Syrian poet, Amineh Abou Kerech, was on island before Easter and we were fortunate to be able to host this talented 14 year old who won the John Betjeman Poetry Prize in 2017 for her poem 'Lament for Syria'.

'Lament for Syria' was set to music by the renowned Welsh composer, Sir Karl Jenkins, and was performed in the Villa Marina by the newly formed Mannin Youth Choir, as part of the Isle of Man Choral Society's Easter Concert.

QEII students had the opportunity to interact with Amineh, who read her prize-winning poem and talked about the creativity of poetry and how she used it to deal with the trauma of leaving her home, ravaged by war. The Manx Youth Bard, Holly (Year 11) and runner up, Esther (Year 12) also had poetic discussions with Amineh.





Queen Elizabeth II High School

40th

Anniversary Ball

Friday 21st June

Best Western Palace Hotel and Casino
Cushag Suite, from 7.30pm

Tickets £45.00 each available from the School Office

For more information telephone 841000
or email qe2enquiries@sch.im

Music Tour to Belgium during the last week of term in 2020 Sunday 19th July – Thursday 23rd July

A message from Miss Withey

I am delighted to announce a proposed Music Tour to Belgium during the last week of term in July 2020. This trip will be available to current Year 6 partner primary choir students up to current Year 12 students who participate in any School Choir or Windband. We would also welcome any students who wish to join these music groups. The trip is being organised by Rayburn Tours, who are a leading educational travel company, specialising in Music tours and visits from the UK to mainland Europe.

The cost of the trip is approximately £560.00, dependant on Steam Packet costs, fundraising activities and personal pocket monies. This will include a return boat journey between the Isle of Man and Liverpool and coach and ferry over to Belgium. Every student will need an up-to-date passport. The proposed hotel is the Oude Abdij Hotel Park – a well-appointed, modern hostel in a rural village setting. Most days will include breakfast, packed lunch and dinner provided by the hostel. On certain days we would allow students out of pocket monies to purchase their own lunch. The tour company also provides group travel and musical instrument insurance and a 24 hour emergency contact service with the company. The trip has been costed on the basis of a group of 60 students and 6 members of staff.

During the trip we have provisionally scheduled three concert performances and some cultural activities such as; visiting the city of Brugge, the Chocolate Museum, a sunset river cruise and even a group bowling outing!

I would be grateful if any students who would like to come along could speak to me as soon as possible. Thank you.

QEII win Gold **'Roots and Shoots' Award**

We are delighted to announce that QEII won a Gold Award at the 'Roots and Shoots' Awards Ceremony at the Barbican in March for their work to help the environment and raise awareness of environmental issues!

This is an amazing achievement as only 11 out of 2,000 schools received this award. Many thanks goes to the 2017/2018 Eco Committee for their hard work and for coming up with the idea of exploring the problems of plastic through dance. Year 13 student, Rachel Smith, collected the award on behalf of the School and Eco Committee.

Our dancers were invited to perform their 'plastic awareness dance', choreographed by Miss Wainwright, at the prestigious awards ceremony and were a credit to the School! They were delighted to be able to attend the ceremony and were honoured to be able to speak to and perform in front of Dr Jane Goodall, the founder of the Roots and Shoots Awards.

Our Year 11 student, Reuben Allan, was also shortlisted for the 'Most Outstanding Environmental Photograph' for his incredible photograph 'Circle of Fire', taken in 2018 at Niarbyl.

Very well done to everyone involved!



School Association News and Events

At the end of March, we were delighted to host an evening with **'Retrospect'** for the third consecutive year. It was once again a fabulous evening and we have already penciled in a date for 2020 – **Friday 31st January**. Keep an eye on the School Association Facebook page for further information about this event.

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

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional School resources and equipment and every penny raised directly benefits our students.



A recent purchase has been a water fountain, which can be found in the main corridor near the Dining Room. This had been on the wish list of the Student Council for some time and their request was supported by the student Eco Committee and members of staff and the Senior Team.

At a time when we are all striving to reduce our plastic waste, the School Association was happy to be able to support this initiative, which wouldn't be possible without your continued support. Thank you!

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Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 9th July – our **School Association Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm 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!

Friday 27th September – **Family Quiz Night** – more information to follow

Wednesday 6th November – **Annual General Meeting**, from 6pm in the School Library

Wednesday 27th November – **Christmas Fayre** – more information to follow



If any crafters have bits and bobs to spare, and would be willing to donate them to the School, they would be very gratefully received. Buttons, wool, ribbon or scraps of material are all welcome. We have over 30 students taking part in craft activities during Enrichment and any additional materials would be most welcome.

Please send in to School for the attention of Mrs Walker. Thank you.

There is an island-wide project to knit all the characters from the Bible for use in churches of all denominations. If you are a keen knitter, and would like to contribute, please contact Mrs Walker to be given a pattern. Alternatively, if you have any coloured wool that you would be willing to donate, please drop off to Mrs Walker via the School Office. If you are able to knit a tree or a small animal, Mrs Walker has patterns for these too which are needed for the Garden of Eden.

Important dates...

May

Monday 13th May – Year 11
Study Leave commenced

Thursday 16th May – HPV
vaccination 2 for Year 8 girls

Monday 20th May – Year 13
Study Leave commences

Tuesday 21st May – Heats Day

Thursday 23rd May – Reserve
Heats Day

**Monday 27th May – Friday 7th
June** – Half Term

June

**Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th
June** – New Intake Days

**Monday 17th June – Friday 28th
June** – Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 20th June – Creative
Arts Evening

Friday 21st June – 40th
Anniversary Ball. Tickets on sale
at School Reception

July

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day
School Show – 1st Night

Thursday 4th July – Reserve
Sports Day
School Show – 2nd Night

Friday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Tuesday 9th July – New Year 7
Tutor Evening
School Association Meeting,
5.30pm in the School Library

Thursday 11th July – Year 9
Science Fair
Sports Award Evening

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July –
Enrichment Trips

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th July
– Enrichment

Friday 19th July – School closes for
Summer Term

August

Tuesday 13th August –
Cambridge Exam Results Day

Thursday 15th August – GCE
Results Day

Thursday 22nd August – GCSE
Results Day

Friday 23rd August – Sixth Form
Interviews

September

Wednesday 4th September –
Start of New School Year –
Autumn Term

Friday 27th September – School
Association Family Quiz Night.
More information will follow
nearer the time.

Summer 2019 Results Days

Cambridge International Examination results will be available from
8.00am on **Tuesday 13th August**

Students have received a secure log in to access their results.

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A Level – Thursday 15th August

GCSE – Thursday 22nd August

Results will be available from **9.00am** in the Forster Building.

Please note: 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, fax or email under any circumstances