

Queen Elizabeth II High School



February 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new year following the circuit-breaker lockdown! Thank you so much for all the support you have given to your children in helping them cope with their education while at home.

This term we have welcomed several new members of staff –

Ms Davies and Mrs Lovekin have joined the team in Support for Learning, Mrs McElroy and Mrs Thomas have joined the Catering Team and Mrs Makin is providing maternity cover for Ms Thompson in our Special Educational Provision Unit. Miss Coates will join us in Performing Arts after half term to provide maternity cover for Miss Wainwright.

On that subject, we would like to say a huge congratulations to Ms Thompson on the birth of her son and to Miss Wainwright on the birth of her daughter ☺

We have a number of dates which have been rearranged over the coming 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



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14 - 19 Information Evening

Wednesday 3rd March

Year 9 – arrive at 5.50pm for 6.00pm start

Year 11 – arrive at 6.20pm for 6.30pm start

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.

More information regarding the format of the evening has been sent to parents of students in Years 9 and 11 and can also be found on the School website.

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

Anti-Bullying

Queen Elizabeth II High School is committed to creating and sustaining a safe, positive and inclusive environment for all students, staff and parents/carers.

More information about our Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on our School website –

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/100/Anti-Bullying>

Our online Bullying Report Form can also be found on this page or by scanning the QR Code below with your mobile device -



Student Council News

The Student Council worked exceptionally hard prior to the Christmas holidays, organising a Christmas Jumper Day, putting together Christmas parcels, making Christmas cards (with the help of Miss White's Craft Club) and delivering them all to the elderly members of our community.

They also delivered cheques to both Peel charity shops with funds raised from the sale of second hand uniform at the Christmas Fayre. Our thanks goes out to all those who donated unwanted uniform. Any unsold uniform was given to Peel Youth Club for them to distribute.

Members of the Student Council also surveyed students of the School, seeking their views on lockers. The information collated has been valuable and will determine the type of lockers purchased in the near future.



A reminder of the expected uniform standards at Queen Elizabeth II High School

Uniform Top Tips



Tracksuit style trousers or jeans



Open-necked shirts



Short / bodycon skirts



Black trainers / converse – not polishable.



Obvious coloured branding



Shirt buttoned up & tie worn correctly



Skirts below fingertip length.



Grey or black smart trousers.



Brown or black shoes capable of being polished.



News from the French Department

Bonjour! We are delighted to tell you about an exciting and hugely helpful new resource!

Our students here at QEII now benefit from the state of the art facilities provided by **ActiveLearn**, incorporating the newest technology, ideas and features for independent MFL learning.

All students studying French in KS3 and KS4 have now been allocated a username and a password to access mini interactive practice exercises, short interactive homework assignments, as well as a digital copy of their School textbook* with all sound files attached.

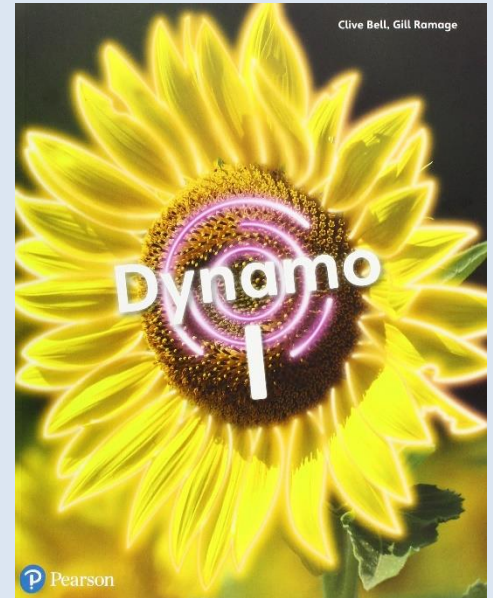
We are so fortunate to be able to address blended learning in this revolutionary way to support our students in their learning of French.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's French teacher or myself if they have problems logging in to their account or if they forget their username and password.

Ms Beales
Head of French

*Pop-up blockers will need turning off for this website:

<https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Home>



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Last term we achieved the first module of the Rainbow Flag Award, the Skilled Teacher, which we can now proudly display! This was evidenced through the external training of two members of staff and the delivery of an inset training on 6th October to cascade this learning to the rest of the staff.

This term we are working towards two other modules: Pastoral Support and Supportive Governors and Parents. If you would like to get involved and show your support, please contact the School.

Rainbow Club has started an art project that will hopefully grow into a painted mural for the School. Meetings are on Mondays at 1.30pm in Room 9. Anyone from Years 7 - 9 are welcome.

Alliance held an election at the end of December and now has a president (a Year 10 student), vice president (a Year 13 student), and secretary (a Year 10 student). They will be responsible for suggesting themes for sessions and keep the RFA noticeboard up-to-date with information about our sessions. Meetings are on Thursdays after school in Room 9. Anyone from Years 10 - 13 are welcome.

Year 10 Work Experience

All being well, this year, Year 10 students will take part in one week of work experience from **Monday 21st June until Friday 25th June**.

The Work Experience Programme will be launched to students during an assembly on **Thursday 4th March** in conjunction with a representative from employed.im (employed.im is an employability and skills platform which promotes jobs, apprenticeships, training and skills development opportunities in the Isle of Man).

The Programme offers 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.

With the knock-on effect from Covid-19, many companies are operating differently and may not be able to offer placements to our students. We therefore suggest that students use contacts of family and friends in order to self-place.

For those students who do not manage to secure a self-placement, the work experience database will be available to them from **Monday 15th March** and it is hoped that some local companies will be still in a position to offer placements, although we anticipate that there may be less than in previous years.

Further information about the Programme will be issued after the launch, however, if you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the School and ask for Mrs Ferns (Work Experience Coordinator) or Miss Riley (Director of Work Based Learning).



QEII Extra Curricular Sport Timetable Spring Term 2021

	Monday	Staff	Tuesday	Staff	Wednesday	Staff	Thursday	Staff	Friday	Staff
	Senior Netball Breakfast Club 8:00-8:45 RPA				IGCSE Revision 8:00-8:45 RDU				IGCSE Revision 8:00-8:45 DWI	
Break	Sports Hall	MCL	Sports Hall	RDU	Sports Hall	DWI	Sports Hall	RPA	Sports Hall	RPA
Lunchtime (1-1:30)	Yr. 9 Netball & Football RPA/MCL		Badminton Sports Hall RDU		Yr. 8 Netball & Football RPA/MSM/DWI		Dodgeball/Benchball - HRI		Yr. 7 Netball & Football RDU/DWI/MSM	
	Table Tennis – MSM Gym Fitness Suite - DWI		Gym Fitness Suite MSM		Gym Fitness Suite - MCL		Gym Fitness Suite - MSM		Fitness Suite Cycling Gym Workout HSN	
After School (3:45-4:45)	Yr.10 Netball & Yr.10 & Senior Football HRI/MCL		Yr. 7 Netball & Football RDU/MSM/DWI/SMC		Yr. 9 Netball & Football RPA/MCL		Yr. 8 Football DWI		Yr. 8 Netball JST/MSM	
	Gym Fitness Suite RPA				Girls Rugby CHO					
	Year 8 Fixtures	JST/DWI/MSM	Year 10 Fixtures	HRI/MCL	Year 7 Fixtures	RDU/DWI/MSM	Senior Fixtures	RPA/MCL	Year 9 Fixtures	RPA/MCL
KEY										
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	All Years					

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 quizzes, musical evenings, Christmas Fayres, and so on, funds have been available to buy many additional items that wouldn't otherwise be possible.



Recently we were delighted to welcome Patricia and Colin from the local Co-op in to School to see the tropical fish tank, located in Support for Learning, which was funded through the generous donations from the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The tank has been a great success, with students being involved from the beginning. They have set up the tank, selected the fish and taken responsibility for feeding and the upkeep and maintenance of the tank. Other aims of the tank are to provide a calming focus that students (and staff) can look at whilst in the room, and also to provide learning opportunities for all students including Biology, Water Chemistry and Art and Creativity. We have a great range of fish species as well as a Zebra Snail, two Crabs and two Wood Shrimps.

The School Association is very grateful to the Co-op for all their support over recent years!



We are delighted to announce that our **Retrospect** gig has now been rearranged for **Friday 26th March**.

This event sold out in record time at our Christmas Fayre! All tickets will remain valid for the new date, however, if you find that you are no longer able to come along, please contact the School Office as soon as possible to arrange a refund. We also have a long waiting list for tickets!



Are you a member?

If not, please be sure to pick up a leaflet from School Reception or, alternatively, you can find the form on the School Association dedicated website page. For just £12 per year you will have three chances each month to win!

<https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/62/Fundraising>



The School Association 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

Congratulations to Erin and Freya



At the end of last year the John Nicholson Foundation Illuminati, Michael Ingram, came in to School to present former students, Erin Done and Freya Skillicorn, with an award from the Foundation for Excellence in the Visual Arts.

The John Nicholson Foundation was formed in 1991 with the aim of supporting students in the advancement of the visual arts. There is also a bursary for £500 awarded every year to support visual artists. Please see below for further details or visit their Facebook page –

<https://www.facebook.com/John-Nicholson-Foundation/>

JOHN NICHOLSON BURSARY AWARD

(company Limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

Would extra funding help you?



The John Nicholson Foundation is an Island charity managed by the Rotary Club of Rushen and Western Mann. Its remit is to support local artists in the visual arts.

Would the 2021 bursary of £500 help you?

Other awards may also be made at the discretion of the Council. If you think the Foundation can help you in furthering your artistic endeavours please contact the Secretary for full details. Final completed applications must be received by 31.03. 2021.

R G Barrs, Ballakewin Olde Farm, Malew, IM9 3ET. email rgb@manx.net

For more information on the John Nicholson Foundation see <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=803188&ClubID=345>

Important dates...

February

Monday 15th – Friday 19th
February – Half Term

April

Monday 12th April – Start of
Summer Term

June

Wednesday 2nd June – Heats Day

Friday 4th – Friday 11th June –
Half Term

Monday 21st – Friday 25th June –
Year 12 Mock Exams

Monday 21st – Friday 25th June –
Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th June
– New Intake Days

March

Wednesday 3rd March –
14-19 Information Evening for
Year 9 and Year 11

Thursday 11th March –
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 15th March –
Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

Friday 26th March – An Evening
with Retrospect, from 8.00pm

Monday 29th March – Friday 9th
April – Easter Holidays

May

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 14th May – HPV
vaccination 2 for Year 8 students

Monday 31st May – Bank Holiday

July

Monday 5th July – Tynwald Day

Wednesday 7th July – Sports Day

Friday 9th July – Reserve Sports
Day

Wednesday 14th July – New Intake
Tutor Evening

Friday 23rd July – School closes
for Summer Term

IMPORTANT

Dropping off and collecting students

We have been contacted by the residents of Rheast Bridson to ask that parents be considerate when dropping off and collecting their children at the rear of the School. This is a cul-de-sac and the waiting cars are causing inconvenience to the residents when they try to access their properties.

Thank you for your understanding.

As a general reminder, we urge parents dropping off or collecting children from School to do so **before 8.30am in the morning or after 4.00pm in the afternoon**. There are a number of parents driving in while the buses are there, or just before, and then trying to drive out which blocks the main road as well as putting children at risk.

PLEASE ALSO OBSERVE THE LINES IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LANE.

