



Queen Elizabeth II High School



July 2023 Newsletter

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Thank you and farewell

In what has been an incredibly busy year, a number of staff will shortly be leaving us. We would like to say thank you and farewell to Miss Boyle, Miss Helliwell, Mrs Hopwood and Mr O'Connor-Challis. 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 –

'gleck dty share dy kinjagh'

'always strive to do your best'

The school calendar for the next academic year can now be viewed on our website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>. Important updates will also be added to our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

You can also scan our QR code with your mobile device to take you directly to our website –



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Tynwald Day Parade



Congratulations to all of our students who were involved in Tynwald Day. Our Senior Prefects and Student Council members carried our school banner through St John's as part of the parade. Other QEII students were represented in Cadets and in the traditional Manx dance troupe, Perree Bane.



Each year the North American Manx Association presents awards to under 25-year-olds who are nominated for their creativity, language skills and community involvement. The tradition dates back to 1979, the millennium of Tynwald, when NAMA established the awards.

Congratulations to five of our students who have received awards as follows –

Fraser McKenna (Year 9) was recognised for Manx Music due to his award-winning talent for dance, piano and cello. He has won numerous first prizes as a soloist at the Manx Folk Awards and The Guild.

Lizzie Radcliffe (Year 11) who is preparing to take her Manx GCSE, was recognised for her linguistic skills.

Meri Wade and Matilda Watson (both Year 9) picked up the Manx Culture Group Award for their involvement with a group who co-ordinate opportunities for young Manx speakers outside school.

Naiya Myrie (Year 9) received an award for the most progress in Manx this academic year.



Celebration Afternoon Tea

A number of students and their parents joined us for Afternoon Tea last week. These students were nominated for a Head Teacher Commendation for exceptional contribution in one of our CARE (courage, aspiration, respect and endeavour) values. From extraordinary pieces of Art, commitment to the community, to displaying extraordinary courage in learning – all these students are fantastic role models for our school. Well done!

Individual photographs from these events will shortly be available to view on our school website.



Parent/Tutor Evening dates for the next academic year

Tuesday 26th September – Year 12 & 13 Tutor Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Tuesday 10th October – Year 7 Tutor Evening & Pastoral Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Tuesday 17th October – Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Thursday 7th December – Year 11 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Thursday 14th December – Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 – Year 7 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Tuesday 6th February 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4.00pm until 6.00pm.

Changes to our Reporting System

Our reporting system will be reinvigorated next year following feedback from parents and a great deal of research and hard work from our staff.

All students will receive three progress reports during the year that detail current attainment, a subject teacher judgement of the relative progress of the student, as well as information regarding behaviour and engagement in learning. Two of the reports will include a holistic overview of the student given by their tutor and one will be attached to the subject specific Parents' Evening.

We trust this new system will give parents, students, tutors and subject teachers the ability to have focused, high quality discussions about attitude and progress.

IMPORTANT

Just a polite reminder that the neighbouring car park belonging to Mylchreest Court should not be used for dropping off and collecting students.

Thank you.

Wind Band Concert in Port Erin

Thursday 20th July

The school wind band, conducted by Mr Kinley, will be completing another busy year by performing at St Catherine's Church in Port Erin as part of the prestigious Rushen Parish series of concerts. The concert is from 7.45pm until approximately 8.45pm and admission is free with a retiring collection which will be split between the Church and the band.

The band is very grateful to QEII High School Association for providing funds for them to travel to Port Erin by coach so that they can rehearse in the concert venue during the afternoon, and for also funding an evening meal for them before they play.

The band will perform a wide range of music at the concert, composed by or made famous by artists such as John Williams, Queen and Taylor Swift. Everyone is very welcome to attend and we hope as many parents and friends of the school will come along to support our young musicians, some of whom in Year 13 will be making their final performance with the band after being a member for 7 years.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Congratulations to the 2021 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group who managed to complete their **Gold Award** despite Covid restrictions.

Reuben, Sophia and Daniel recently went to Buckingham Palace to receive their Awards.

We would like to celebrate the success of this fantastic group who worked really hard as a team – amazing, well done!

Silver Expedition

A great performance recently from our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award group: George Hartley, Aidan Kelly, Joseph Kelly, Daniel Parslow, Matthew Rice and Oliver Spencer.

They completed their qualifying expedition in perfect timing and kept up great spirits during their three days of walking and two nights camp.



School Production - 'A Christmas Carol'

We are getting underway with our rehearsals for 'A Christmas Carol'. A big thank you to all of the enthusiastic students who have auditioned or have offered help with the design and technology aspects of the production. Together with music, drama, dance and art we are hoping to make an early Christmas present for our audiences and give you all a good dose of Christmas spirit!

We aim to show the production on **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December**. Students will be expected to attend rehearsals after school and there will also be a couple of weekend rehearsals. We aim to make them fun and fulfilling. Here goes – see you hopefully in December!

Parental Help

If any parents can offer help with costume making for the production we would be very grateful. Please drop me a line through qe2enquiries@sch.im if you can help. Many thanks, Mrs Greenlees.

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.

Finally, please ensure that **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** are returned to the School Library before the end of term.

Thank you

Celebrating Success

We are always delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students, both current and former. If you would like your child's success to be included on our Facebook page, or in our next Newsletter, please do keep us informed via qe2enquiries@sch.im

Below are just a few recent accomplishments –



Well done to Alex (Year 8) and Sam (Year 9) who recently represented the Island Junior Team in the British Crown Green Bowling Association six-a-side Championship in St Helens.

Alex was also the runner up in the Junior Manx Championship 2023 held at the end of May.

Congratulations to Eve (Year 11) and Tayla (Year 9) who recently competed in Lancaster with the Pony Club. A superb performance by both girls, well done!



Very well done to Izzie, Kayla and MacieBelle (all Year 9) who recently represented the Isle of Man under 15 netball team.



Congratulations to May-Saa (Year 9) who recently took part in the 50 mile Lighthouse Challenge. She cycled the course in an incredible time of 3 hours 58 minutes!



Celebrating Success (continued)

A number of our students represented the Isle of Man at the Island Games in Guernsey –

Lauren Dennett (Year 9) – swimming

Fraser McKenna (Year 9) – gymnastics. Fraser and his team mates won a SILVER medal.

Andrea Ecolango (Year 10) – athletics – competed in the 4 x 100m relay with senior runners, making her the youngest in the group and they won a BRONZE medal.

Gethin Owen (Year 12) – athletics

Kazu Senior (Year 12) – athletics

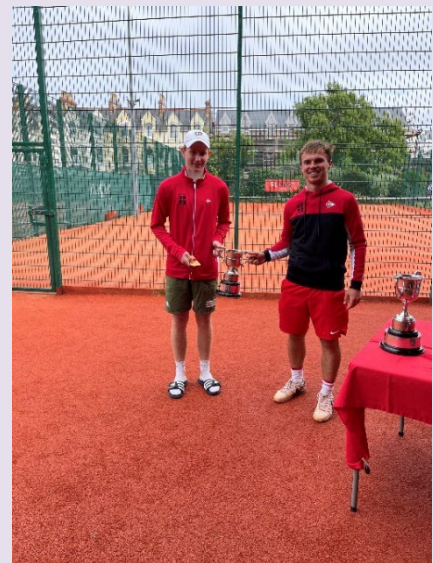
We are very proud of you all – well done!

Former student, Kayleigh Dawson, recently became the Island Ladies Golf Champion, managing to defend her title and win for two years in a row – fabulous, well done Kayleigh!



Two of our former students, Sean Drewry and Orry Farnworth, made it to the final of the Island Men's Tennis Championship, with Sean taking the title over Orry.

They then joined forces to win the men's doubles title – well done!



We are also incredibly proud of former student, Ana Dawson, who, following an impressive junior career, was awarded a golfing scholarship at the University of Memphis.

Having spent 4 years in the U.S. College system, Ana has now turned professional and is competing in the 2023 Ladies European Tour season.

An amazing achievement Ana, well done!



QUEEN ELIZABETH II HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the cost of living rising, the DESC are offering assistance to any families who may benefit from support in purchasing school uniform. Please go to the Education Endowment section of the website for further details:

[Isle of Man Government - Education, Sport and Culture](#)



Tailored Shorts can be worn during the summer term.



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QEII High School Association News and Events

(Isle of Man Registered Charity Number 799)

QEII High 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.

To keep up to date with our fundraising events, please keep an eye on our **Facebook** page -

<https://www.facebook.com/QEIIPeel>

Dates for your diary.....

Wednesday 20th September – our next Meeting will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library.

Friday 13th October – we are delighted to announce that we are hosting another evening with fabulous local band 'Retrospect'. Those of you who have joined us before will know what an amazing evening this is. If you haven't yet seen them perform, this is definitely an evening you won't want to miss.

Tickets for this evening are now available from school Reception priced at £20.00 each. Please note that this is an ADULT ONLY event.



Wednesday 29th November – **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2023 Christmas Fayre. More details will follow in the Autumn term.

Thursday 18th January 2024 – our **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 5.30pm in the school Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

Are you a member of our 100 Club?

If not, please be sure to pick up a leaflet from school Reception or, alternatively, you can find the form on the QEII High School Association dedicated website page. For just £12.00 per year you will have three chances each month to win.

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

Please remember to let the charity know if you change your contact details so that we always know where to send your winnings ☺

Email admin@qe2hsa.im



Important dates...

July

Thursday 20th July – Sports Day

Friday 21st July – School closes for Summer Term

August

Thursday 10th August –
CAIE A-Level Results Day

Wednesday 16th August –
CAIE IGCSE Results Day

Thursday 17th August –
A-Level Results Day (AQA, OCR,
Pearson, WJEC)
AS Level Results Day

Thursday 24th August –
JCQ GCSE Results Day

Friday 25th August –
Sixth Form Interview Day

September

Wednesday 6th September –
Start of New School Year –
Autumn Term

Wednesday 20th September –
QEII High School Association
Meeting, from 5.30pm in the
Library

Tuesday 26th September –
Year 12 & 13 Tutor Evening

Sixth Form Interviews

Sixth Form interviews will be held
on **Friday 25th August** in the Main
School Hall.

Please attend GCSE Results Day
or phone ahead to book an
appointment.

Lockers & Lost Property

Students are reminded to ensure
that all padlocks are removed from
lockers and items taken home by
the end of term.

Any lost property found will be
displayed in the Entrance Hall until
Friday 11th August. Anything not
claimed by then will be donated to
charity.

The school will be open between
9.00am and 4.00pm during the
summer holidays.

Summer 2023 Results Days

Cambridge International – IA-Level and IGCSE

All students taking Cambridge International examinations will have been
issued with a secure username and password to access their examination
results online.

Thursday 10th August 2023 –
A-Level Cambridge – login for results from 8.00am

Wednesday 16th August 2023 –
IGCSE – login for results from 8.00am

Results from all other exam boards (NOT Cambridge)

Thursday 17th August 2023 –
A-Level (AQA, OCR, Pearson, WJEC) - results available from 9.00am
AS Level results from 10.00am

Thursday 24th August –
JCQ GCSE results from 9.00am

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 authorization MUST be in writing. Alternatively, you can send
in a self-addressed envelope for your results to be posted out to you.

If you are unable to collect your results from school on any of the above
days, please contact the school on 841000 to be advised further.