



Queen Elizabeth II High School



Spring 2024 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2024.

We have a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, details of which can be found under 'Important Dates' on the final page of this Newsletter. The full school Calendar can also be found on our 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.

Please also remember to follow the school on Facebook – www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

As a general reminder, we would be grateful if you could remember to let us know if you change your address or contact details during the year, as it is vital that we have up to date information at all times.

Also, if your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. If necessary, seek medical advice and do not send them back to school until symptoms have passed and/or any exclusion times have elapsed.

Please also remember to advise the school as early as possible of any absences by telephone or email. If by email, please include your child's full name so that they can be easily identified. Thank you.

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Friday 2nd February

Joint concert with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra

We will be holding a joint concert on Friday 2nd February for the school Wind Band together with the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm in the Main Hall and will include a wide variety of music, from rock to jazz to classical. It will end with a performance of both bands playing together.

We still have a few tickets available from the school Reception priced at £5.00 for adults and FREE for children.

****Please note that children will require a ticket as numbers are restricted****

We look forward to seeing you there!

14 - 19 Information Evening

Wednesday 13th March

Year 9 – arrive at 4.50pm for 5.00pm start

Year 11 – arrive at 5.50pm for 6.00pm 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 will shortly be sent to parents of students in Years 9 and 11.

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



Dance showcase

Exam performances
and clubs across all
key stages!

Queen Elizabeth II High School
Main Assembly Hall

Wednesday 14th February
5pm
Tickets: £2 Adults £1 Child
Contact 841000

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 -



You said.

We did.

Year 11 2023 Survey results

Concern	Actions
Carol Concert not at Cathedral this year	The Christmas Carol Service will return to Peel Cathedral once the renovations have taken place
Earlier start time for Parents' Evenings are proving hard for parents to attend, due to work commitments	A review of the Parents' Evening times will be completed at the end of the academic year. However, if you are unable to attend and wish to discuss your child's progress, please contact their Key Stage Team
Students to receive appropriate amounts of homework	A review of homework and action research to be undertaken
Emphasis placed on uniform	We pride ourselves on fostering an ethos based on high standards, our students deserve this. Uniform is just one example of this and we want our students to be proud of their uniform, which reflects our school community and our identity
Email communication errors	To be addressed and resolved

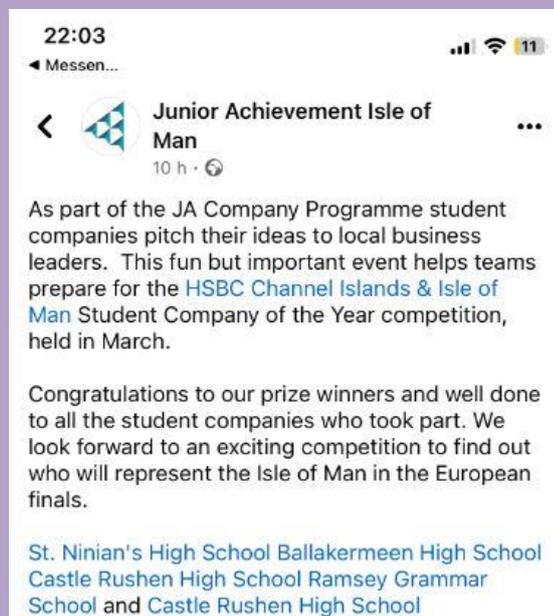
Team 'Clean'

Congratulations to our Junior Achievement team 'Clean' who have designed an app to help young people quit vaping. They won £50 for their presentation at the 'Pitch It' event, led by Junior Achievement and decided by three experienced judges.

The team is made up of four of our Year 12 students – Alexander, Bel, Daniel and Jamie.

The final competition is taking place at the Palace Cinema on Wednesday 13th March, which could result in them making it to the European Final in Sicily in July.

We wish them and all our teams the best of luck!



Enrichment offer for Spring Term

Our clubs list has now been published for the Spring Term, offering a wide range of opportunities both during and after school.

Please see our website for more information - <https://qe2.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/23/Co-Curricular>

Hopefully there should be something for everyone!

QEII Debate Club started in October 2023, open to all year groups, and meets on Thursdays, 12.45 – 13.15 in Room D22.

Aimed at those totally new to debating, who want to try their hand at arguing their case in a structured way, the club have so far tried alley and balloon debate formats on topics as varied as 'boxing is a violent sport and should be banned', which one item in your suitcase you would save in a shipwreck, 'parents should monitor their child's online activity' and 'the best Christmas movie is....?'



The Island's high schools are starting the Manx Inter-School Debate League on 7th February, and QEII hopes to field a team in each of the 6 rounds, debating a different high school team in each round. Teams of 3 from each school will participate, following the World Schools Style of debating, with speeches of 6 minutes per speaker and 3 minutes reply per team. Topics to be debated include assisted dying, AI companions, excessive use of planned obsolescence, and whether the strategy to increase the Island's population to 100,000 will be more detrimental than beneficial.

With around 10 regular members, new members are always welcome, and our hope is to field a different team at each debate competition so that as many students as possible have the opportunity to try this experience. Any students interested in debating should come along to Debate Club or contact Mrs Watkinson or Mr Snape in the English Department.

I am participating, are you?

**Race Equality Week
5-11 February 2024**

RaceEqualityMatters.com



#ListenActChange

QEII is taking part in #RaceEqualityWeek24 – a week where communities unite in activity to address race inequality.

This year's theme is #ListenActChange.

Join us and thousands of other organisations championing diversity and inclusion during this week.

Find out more:

<https://www.raceequalitymatters.com/race-equality-week/>

Annual Prize Giving



On Wednesday 20th December we held our Annual Prize Giving evening.

This was a wonderful event and we were delighted to welcome our Guest of Honour for the evening, Christopher Stott, to present the prizes. Mr Stott is the founder of ManSat, Lonestar Data Holdings, and the International Institute of Space Commerce.



Many congratulations to all of the students who received prizes!

More photographs from this event can now be found on our school website –

<https://qe2.sch.im>



'A Christmas Carol'



A HUGE 'BRAVO' and well done to all the students and staff who helped to make the play before Christmas such a great success!

The students acted and sang their hearts out and delighted our audience. The technical crew were awesome and together the cast and crew worked superbly as a team and created a real spectacle. A big thank you also to staff and parents who helped us make it all possible with costumes and props.

Many thanks from the Performing Arts Team!



QEII High School Association

News and Events

(Isle of Man Registered Charity Number 799)

Once again a very big **THANK YOU** to all of our loyal supporters.

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. Our recent Christmas Fayre raised approximately **£1,100.00** which is fantastic!

We hope to announce some new fundraising events shortly, so please keep an eye on our **Facebook** page –

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

In the meantime, please note the new date of our meetings which had to be postponed recently -

Wednesday 7th February – our rearranged AGM will be held from 5.30pm in the School Library. This will be followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

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Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores. By selecting Queen Elizabeth II High School as your chosen cause, whenever you shop online, and at no extra cost to you, the charity will receive a donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make.

Please sign up via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qe2hs/> or scan the following QR code to take you directly to our link-



Important dates...

February

Friday 2nd February –
Wind Band Concert, 7.30pm
Tickets on sale at Reception

Wednesday 7th February –
Year 8 Parents' Evening,
4.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th February –
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Wednesday 14th February –
Dance Showcase, 5.00pm
Tickets on sale at Reception

**Friday 16th – Tuesday 20th
February** – Belgium Trip

**Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
February** – Half Term

March

Monday 4th – Friday 8th March –
Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 13th March –
14 - 19 Information Evening for
Year 9 and Year 11 (more
information to follow shortly)

Thursday 21st March –
Year 10 Parents' Evening
4.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 27th March –
Spring Showcase

**Friday 29th March – Friday 12th
April (inclusive)** – Easter Holidays

April

Tuesday 2nd – Tuesday 9th April –
Barcelona Trip

May

Friday 3rd May – Year 11 Leavers
Day

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May – Year 13 Leavers
Day

Tuesday 21st May – Heats Day

Monday 27th May – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th
May** – Year 9 Exams

Friday 31st May – Inset Day
(School closed to students)

June

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June –
Half Term

Wednesday 12th June – Reserve
Heats Day

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

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June –
Year 12 Mock Exams

Tuesday 25th June – Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June – Reserve
Sports Day

July

Monday 1st – Thursday 4th July –
University Trip

Friday 5th July – Tynwald Day

**Monday 8th – Wednesday 10th
July** – Enrichment Days

Friday 19th July – School closes for
Summer Term



Each term we accumulate a very large amount of 'lost property'.

Please can we ask that you take a few minutes to ensure that your child's property is clearly labelled. That way, anything that does get found/handed in can be returned to them.

Our current lost property will be on display until the end of day on Wednesday 21st February, after which it will either be disposed of or donated to the charity shop.