



Queen Elizabeth II High School



Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2025.

At the end of the Autumn Term we said thank you and farewell to Mrs Ayres, Ms Beales, Mr Callow, Mr Moffatt and Mr O’Sullivan. We are very grateful for the contribution that they made and we wish them all the best for the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce several new members of staff – Mr Crabtree joins the PE Department, Mr Greenland joins the Design and Technology Department and Ms Laporte joins Modern Foreign Languages. We also welcome Mr Brindle and Mrs McKinley to the Outreach Team and Mr Alexander joins the KS4 Pastoral Team. We hope that your time here will be happy and successful.

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

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Dance showcase

Queen Elizabeth II High School
Main Assembly Hall

Thursday 13th February
5pm

Tickets: £2 Adults £1 Child

Contact 841000
QE2enquiries@sch.im



14 - 19 Information Evening

Wednesday 5th 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.

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 –



Friday 7th February saw over 70 musicians entertain a large and enthusiastic audience during the annual concert performed jointly by the QEII High School Wind Band and the Isle of Man Wind Orchestra.

Both bands played a short programme each during the first part of the evening which featured music from John Williams, Weather Report, Henry Mancini, Frank Sinatra and American composer, Clare Grundman, amongst others. The bands then combined to perform together, the joint performance beginning with Mr Dunderdale from the IOMWO conducting the theme music from 'Wallace and Gromit' before moving on to his own arrangement of the American folk song 'When Johnny Comes Marching Home'. Mr Dunderdale then handed the baton over to QEII's Mr Kinley who directed both bands through the evening's finale of music of 'Dance The Night' by Dua Lipa and a selection of music from the Abba musical, 'Mamma Mia'.

The evening was once again a great success and raised over £700 for QEII High School Association! Thank you to everyone who came along to support the evening.



House Point Update



So far this academic year, students have participated in an impressive 13 house challenges, showcasing incredible effort and teamwork. Threshlyn have been leading the charge, securing two house rewards for their outstanding performance. The current house points stand as follows: **Threshlyn** is in 1st place with **7,024** points, followed by **Shirragh** with **6,137** points. **Caaig** follow closely behind with **6,132** points, and **Foillan** are in 4th place with **5,457** points.

With a short time to go until the next house reward, the competition is heating up! Will Threshlyn maintain their lead, or will another house rise to the challenge and claim victory? Keep earning those points, and let's see who takes the top spot next!



A Level Biology had a visit from Hillary Gale from Noble's Pathology Laboratory. She spoke to the class about becoming biomedical scientists and the work that the Pathology Team do at the lab.

Students received lots of information about the courses that they could do at university to pursue this as a career, and were able to examine some histology slides that Hillary brought along, to show examples of the types of tissues that they get in the lab.



The SPC Scout group were invited to attend City Hall on Monday 20th January for afternoon tea with the Mayoress. They all had a wonderful afternoon!

Exciting News: Barclays sponsors our Citizenship Community Project!

As part of our Citizenship programme, we are thrilled to announce that Barclays have agreed to sponsor our Year 10 project with a £1,000.00 grant, along with two £250.00 prizes!

Inspired by the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), students will work in teams to identify a local charity that plays a vital role in our community. They will research the charity's work, engage with them directly and present their findings. A winning group will be selected from each class to compete in a final for the £1,000.00 grant, which will go to the chosen charity.

This project not only helps our students develop essential skills such as teamwork, research and public speaking, but it also fosters a sense of social responsibility and connects them with the needs of their local community.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Barclays for their generous support in making this project possible, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact on both our students and the selected charities.



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.

QEII High School Association has its own Facebook page. To keep informed, please be sure to follow us –

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

Dates for your diary.....

Wednesday 12th March – our next Meeting will be held from 5.00pm in the School Library.

Friday 28th March – an evening with **'Retrospect'** from 8.00pm. This is always a fabulous evening and there are still a few tickets remaining. If you would like to come along, please contact the School Reception on 841000 as soon as possible to check availability. Tickets are just £20.00 each. Please note that this is an **ADULT ONLY** event.



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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.



Raffle Prizes

We will generally hold a Raffle at each of our fundraising events and are always grateful to receive donations of prizes. If you have any suitable items that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the School Reception.

Many thanks

Important dates...

February

Thursday 13th February –
Dance Showcase, 5.00pm
Tickets on sale at Reception

**Monday 17th – Friday 21st
February** – Half Term

Tuesday 25th February –
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

March

Wednesday 5th March –
14 - 19 Information Evening for
Years 9 and 11 (more information
to follow shortly)

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March
– Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 12th March –
QEII High School Association
Meeting, from 5.00pm in the library

Friday 28th March – QEII High
School Association will host an
evening with 'Retrospect', from
8.00pm. Tickets on sale at
Reception.

Monday 31st March –
Spring Showcase

April

Wednesday 2nd April –
Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Monday 7th – Monday 21st April
(inclusive)** – Easter Holidays

May

Friday 2nd May – Year 11 Leavers
Day

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 9th May – Year 13 Leavers
Day

Tuesday 20th May – Heats Day

Monday 26th May – Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th
May** – Key Stage 3 Exams

Friday 30th May – Inset Day
(School closed to students)

June

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June –
Half Term

Tuesday 10th June –
Reserve Heats Day

Thursday 19th June –
New Intake Day

Friday 20th June –
Sports Day

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June –
Year 12 Mock Exams

Friday 27th June –
Reserve Sports Day

July

Tuesday 1st July –
Year 11 Prom

Monday 7th July – Tynwald Day

**Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th
July** – Enrichment Days

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th July
– University Trip

Friday 18th 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 19th February, after which it will either be used as spares, donated to a charity shop or disposed of.

**LOST
PROPERTY**