



QUEEN ELIZABETH II HIGH SCHOOL

Summer 2026



Welcome!

As another academic year draws to a close, I am very proud of everything we have achieved together as a school community.

It has been a year filled with success, growth, resilience and countless moments that remind us what a privilege it is to work with such remarkable young people.

The final weeks of term have been a fitting celebration of everything our students have accomplished. From the excitement of our House Heats and Sports Day, to the unforgettable Year 11 and 13 Leavers' Proms, and three incredible days of enrichment activities, our school has been alive with energy, laughter and opportunity. Watching our students challenge themselves, discover new interests, support one another and create lasting memories has been a wonderful way to end the year.

This newsletter highlights just a snapshot of the many opportunities our students have experienced this year. Whether through sport, the arts, leadership, trips, enrichment or academic achievement, our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and have continued to demonstrate our CARE values of Courage, Aspiration, Respect and Endeavour in everything they do. These experiences are an important part of our vision for education. Success is not measured solely by examination results but by the confident, compassionate and resilient young people who leave us equipped to thrive in the next stage of their lives.

This year has also been one of continued development and ambition as a school. Great schools never stand still, and we remain committed to continually reflecting on our practice and striving for excellence. As an outward-looking school, members of the Senior Leadership Team have visited a number of outstanding schools across the UK, serving communities with a wide range of contexts and demographics. These visits have provided valuable opportunities to see exceptional practice in action, share ideas with colleagues and reflect on how we can continue to build on our strengths. The learning from these visits will play an important role in shaping our future school improvement priorities as we continue our journey towards excellence.

One of the greatest strengths of our school is that we listen to and value the voices of our students. Through our House Leaders, Student Council, Prefect Team and many other leadership opportunities, students play an active role in shaping school life and influencing decision-making. Their ideas, feedback and commitment have made a genuine contribution to the continued development of our school. We are incredibly proud that this culture of collaboration and empowerment has recently been recognised through the achievement of the Investors in People Award, reflecting our commitment to ensuring that every student has a voice and feels that they belong within our community.

As part of our preparations for our validation visit in November, we recently invited an education consultant into school to undertake a comprehensive review of our provision, including leadership and management, behaviour, relationships and attitudes, personal development, and the quality of education.

The feedback recognised many of the strengths we are so proud of. The consultant highlighted the high expectations we have for behaviour, relationships and attitudes, recognising the positive and respectful culture that exists throughout the school. They praised the breadth and depth of our enrichment programme, describing it as a notable strength, and commented on the genuinely positive relationships between staff and students, with our CARE values clearly embedded across all aspects of school life. They also recognised the increasingly holistic understanding staff have of our students, ensuring that every young person is known, supported and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Whilst we are proud of these strengths, we are equally committed to continuing our journey of improvement. Next year, we will be placing an even greater focus on developing students' learning behaviours, helping them to strengthen their resilience, engage positively with feedback and take increasing ownership of their learning. This work will begin as soon as students return in September, laying the foundations for another successful year and ensuring every student is equipped with the habits and mindset needed to achieve their full potential.

None of what we achieve would be possible without the commitment of our fantastic staff team. Every day they go above and beyond to inspire, support and care for our students, creating opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated and talented team whose unwavering belief in our young people makes our school such a special place.

As we come to the end of the year, we also say farewell and thank you to members of staff who are leaving us. In particular, we extend our sincere thanks and very best wishes to Miss Gardner and Miss Potter. We are grateful for their contribution to our school community and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Looking ahead to September, we are also delighted to welcome new colleagues to our school. Ms Nicholson will be joining us as Head of Maths, Mrs Lewis as Deputy Director of Key Stage 3, and Ms Livingston as Teacher of Humanities.



Mrs C Clarke
Headteacher

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers. Your encouragement, trust and partnership are fundamental to everything we achieve. Education is at its strongest when school and home work together, and your support enables us to maintain the high expectations and shared values that help every young person flourish.

Finally, thank you to our students. You are the heart of our school. Your achievements, kindness, determination and willingness to embrace new opportunities make us proud every day. Continue to be ambitious, continue to show courage, and continue to live our CARE values.

I wish everyone in our school community a safe, restful and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September with renewed energy and optimism for the year ahead.



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Our School Vision – ‘Always strive to do your utmost’

- We will strive for excellence, be a forward thinking, inclusive and nurturing school which enables our students to achieve well, enriching their lives.
- We believe that high quality teaching, learning and leadership are fundamental to our success. We will create a culture of learning, collaboration, evidence informed practice and innovation.
- We will embed ambition in our students to enable them to lead a balanced life as adults, capable of contributing to society.

Introducing our new Head Students

We are delighted to announce that Onnee and Thumbiko have been appointed as QEII's new Head Students.

Both have demonstrated commitment, integrity and a strong sense of responsibility, and we are confident they will represent our school community with pride.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Edward and Olivia for their outstanding leadership this year. Their contribution has made a lasting impact on QEII.

We wish Onnee and Thumbiko every success in their new roles.



Year 7 Refugee Week Learning

As part of their English studies this term, our Year 7 students read *Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman, a novel exploring the experiences of a young Afghan refugee. It inspired thoughtful discussion about displacement, resilience and empathy, deepening students' understanding of refugee experiences around the world.

To conclude the unit, we were delighted to welcome several guest contributors who brought these themes to life, featuring personal reflections on refugee experiences and humanitarian support.

Jim Hunter spoke about his hero, Joey Dunlop, and how he was inspired by Joey's trips delivering food supplies to Romanian orphanages. Jim has followed in his footsteps, both on the Mountain Course and by taking van loads of resources to war-affected countries such as Syria and Ukraine, including St John's and Marown football kits, instantly recognised by our students in his photographs!

Oksana Fedorovych, who works for the EAL Service and has lived on the Isle of Man for almost nine years, shared her experience of supporting Ukrainian refugees arriving on the island, including the day war broke out in her homeland and the importance of making all children feel safe and welcomed. She also introduced Veronika's *Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man*, written by Yulia Brykalo, a Ukrainian woman who fled to the island with her daughter in 2022. Yulia has kindly donated a copy of her book for the school library.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, compassion and thoughtfulness shown by our Year 7 students throughout this unit.

Reunited at Last – Rebekah, Year 7

*After storms that filled the night,
they held on tight with all their might.
Through every trial, through every tear,
hope they never let go of so dear.*

*At last the family stood as one,
their hardest journey finally done.
With smiling hearts and dreams restored,
they found the peace they'd longed toward.*

*Though waves were high and roads were long,
their love had kept them brave and strong.*

*Together now, no more apart,
home forever in every heart.*



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Silver Coaching for School Improvement Award

We are delighted to share that Queen Elizabeth II High School has recently received the Silver Coaching for School Improvement Award in recognition of the teaching staff commitment to coaching and professional development.

This award celebrates the positive impact they have made through supporting colleagues, encouraging reflective practice, and helping others to develop their skills and confidence. Their dedication to fostering a culture of continuous improvement has made a valuable contribution to our school community, and this achievement is a well-deserved recognition of their hard work and leadership.

Congratulations on this fantastic accomplishment.



Barclays Unlocked

A group of Year 10 students were invited to attend the Barclays Unlocked event at Barclays Bank in Douglas. During the visit, they learned about the wide range of career opportunities available within the bank and enjoyed a guided tour of the premises.

Students also received a specialist session on recognising and avoiding financial scams before taking part in a team challenge to design and develop their own banking app. Each team presented their ideas to a panel of judges, showcasing their creativity, teamwork and presentation skills.

It was a fantastic opportunity provided by Barclays and organised by Junior Achievement.



House Points Winners

As we reach the end of another fantastic academic year, we are delighted to announce the final results of our House Competition.

Throughout the year, students have shown our CARE values of Courage, Aspiration, Respect and Endeavour, earning an incredible over 30,000 CARE Achievement Points and House Points. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment, kindness and effort shown by our students every day.

The final House Point totals are:

- Threshlyn: 8,106
- Caaig: 7,826
- Shirragh: 7,675
- Foillan: 7,339

Congratulations to Threshlyn, who are our House Champions for this academic year. This has been a fantastic journey, with all four Houses demonstrating incredible enthusiasm, teamwork and school spirit throughout the year.





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Peel Beach Stage Performance

On Tuesday 23rd June, some of our QEII musicians were invited to perform on the Peel Beach Stage, and what a wonderful afternoon it was. The sun shone throughout, and it was fantastic to see the beach bustling with supporters and visitors enjoying both the music and the glorious weather.

The concert showcased a variety of talent, including performances from the school choir, vocal soloists from within the choir, Cara on the harp, and the Peel Rock Project Seniors. A huge congratulations goes to all of our soloists—particularly those who were performing solos for the very first time.

Evie opened the solo performances with a beautiful rendition of The Skye Boat Song. Sylvie followed with an emotive performance of Missed by Ella Henderson. Daisy-Mae then took to the stage, delivering a passionate performance of Don't Cry for Me Argentina from Evita. Emily brought us into the world of Tangled with her lively performance of Mother Knows Best, while Maximus transported us to the wartime era with a moving rendition of The White Cliffs of Dover.

We were also delighted that Cara was able to bring her harp along. She performed the Manx piece Auldyn River, which sounded particularly magical accompanied by the gentle waves lapping on the shore.

The choir performed three pieces during the afternoon—Can You Feel the Love Tonight from The Lion King, This Little Light of Mine, and Never Enough from The Greatest Showman. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, performing at a number of events, and this concert provided a fitting finale as well as a wonderful opportunity to perform in such a unique and scenic setting.



The concert concluded with a fantastic set from the Peel Rock Project Seniors, who brought plenty of energy to the stage with their performances of Seven Nation Army, Take Me to Church, and Sweet Child o' Mine—a truly rocking end to the afternoon.

Our sincere thanks go to Dave Rowles for providing the PA system and ensuring everything ran smoothly from a technical perspective. We are also very grateful to the Peel Beach Stage committee, particularly Laura Rowles, for giving us the opportunity to perform. Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Debate Club Returns!

This year saw the welcome return of Debate Club, relaunched and run by our Year 12 students Ciara, Jasper, Gemma, Nuala and Darcy with support from Mrs Watkinson from the English Department. Open to students in Key Stages 3 and 4, the club has quickly become a firm favourite, offering a relaxed and friendly space for young debaters to find their voice.

Throughout the year, members have tried their hand at a huge range of debate styles. Quick-fire alley debates and playful balloon and desert island debates got everyone thinking on their feet – deciding, for example, which celebrity deserves the last seat on an overloaded hot air balloon, or the one item they couldn't survive without on a desert island. Alongside these, students tackled more formal team debates: researching a topic properly, building an argument, going head-to-head with the opposing team, and then facing a challenge round – often on subjects they knew little about, or arguing a side they personally disagreed with.

Topics covered plenty of ground, from the light-hearted to the genuinely thought-provoking: is school uniform outdated? Is homework really necessary? Should the school day change? Is it our duty to eat less meat? Discussions also ventured into social media, democracy and world events. Some sessions saw as many as 15 students taking part, while others were more intimate affairs with just four or five debaters going toe-to-toe.

Whatever the format, students have had a great time – meeting new people, sharpening their critical thinking, and building real skill in argument and persuasion. Each session has been a showcase of creativity, curiosity and teamwork, with plenty of inventive, compelling, and often very funny arguments along the way.

We can't wait to welcome back familiar faces and new members alike next year – details of meeting times and location will be announced in the Autumn term. See you there!



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Year 11 Prom

On Thursday 2nd July, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of their GCSE journey with a fantastic prom at the Comis Hotel. Looking incredibly smart in an array of stunning dresses and sharp suits, the students certainly rose to the occasion.

The arrivals were a spectacle in themselves, with students making memorable entrances in sports cars, vintage cars, tractors and even golf buggies! During the evening, representatives from the prom committee delivered heartfelt speeches reflecting on their time at QEII and the friendships and memories they have made along the way.

Students also enjoyed a series of awards voted for by their peers. Alongside the traditional Prom King and Prom Queen, there were plenty of light-hearted categories, including Best Bromance, Most Likely to Go into Space and Most Likely to Win an Oscar, which brought lots of laughter and applause.

The photobooth proved a popular attraction, capturing plenty of fun moments, before everyone took to the dance floor and danced the night away until the lights came on. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, and we are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students. We wish them every success as they take their next steps and look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the future.



Manx Association Annual Awards

Congratulations to Cara, Meredith, Erin, Lillie, Matilda, Amy and Katie on receiving awards at the North American Manx Association Annual Awards Ceremony.

They were recognised for their outstanding contributions to Manx culture, including achievements in language, music, dance, arts and community involvement. Their dedication, talent and commitment to celebrating and promoting our island's unique heritage are truly inspiring.

We are incredibly proud of you all.

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Sporting Successes

Inter Schools Athletics Competition

The Inter Schools Athletics Competition took place at the NSC this term. All QEII students did amazingly well and represented the school with pride.

The Year 7 boys came 4th overall, the Year 8 boys came 4th which gave them an overall position of 4th. The Year 7 girls came 3rd and the Year 8 girls came 1st which when the results combined together made QEII the over all winners!

Special mention must be made to Eve who broke 3 school records during the afternoon including winning the long jump with a jump of 4.78m which breaks V.Robert record of 4.73m which has stood since 1991! She then won the 800m in a time of 2.21 which broke L Spiers record of 2.35.1 which has stood since 2015. Not stopping there, Eve then ran the 200m soon after the 800 and ran 26.7 which breaks A.Kelly record of 28.3 which has stood since 1981.

The week after it was the turn of the Year 9 and 10s. There were some fabulous results with many students finishing in the top 3 of their event.

The results were as follows:

Year 9 boys – 6th
Year 10 boys – 4th
Overall – 4th

Year 9 girls – 2nd
Year 10 girls – 1st
Overall – Winners!

Grace has a new school record! The javelin record was 19.92m held by A. Cain 2017 and Grace threw 21.42m. A special congratulations to the girls who completed the double after the Year 7 & 8 team won.



Year 8 Cricket Winners



Queen Elizabeth II High School produced a superb all-round performance to secure victory in the Year 8 Cricket Final against King William's College, completing a memorable turnaround after losing to the same opposition earlier in the season.

Top fielding highlights go to Judah for stopping multiple boundaries on the rope, and Cav for a critical catch in the middle of the innings.

Year 9 & Year 10 cricket finals

The cricket season ended with the Year 9 girls, Year 10 girls and Year 10 boys all playing in the finals. Both Year 10 teams were really unlucky and just lost out in the final over/last ball but the Year 9 girls marched on victoriously after having an incredible season.

It has been amazing to see so many of our students representing clubs outside of school and this has definitely contributed to their successes.

A big thank you to Peel/St Johns for hosting a number of finals and festivals this year and also Crosby Cricket Club for hosting the boys final. We have been lucky to be able to use your fantastic facilities.

Thank you also to Sally for delivering the cricket sessions to our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls.

They all had a great time!





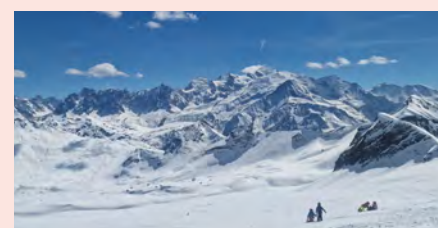
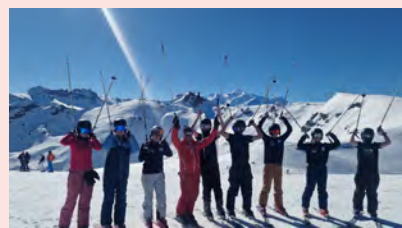
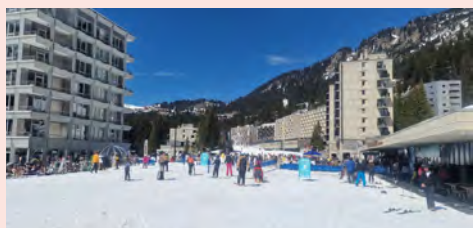
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Ski Trip – Les Carroz

During the Easter break, 50 students and 6 staff members departed for an unforgettable week on the slopes, heading to the picturesque French alpine village of Les Carroz. Nestled within the expansive Grand Massif ski area, the resort provided the perfect backdrop for what turned out to be an exceptional week of skiing.

From the moment we arrived, the weather gods were firmly on our side. We were treated to classic spring skiing conditions: crisp mornings, perfectly groomed pistes, and unbroken blue skies with sunshine every single day.

With students split into ability groups, daily lessons began under the guidance of expert local instructors. The beginners showed incredible grit during the opening days. Learning to ski is no easy feat, but they quickly mastered the basics, conquered the initial nerves, and were soon confidently exploring the wider Grand Massif network. Meanwhile, the intermediate skiers made massive strides, using the ideal conditions to polish their technique and take on more challenging terrain. For the advanced group, the week was pure adrenaline. Led by a fantastic local instructor who doubled as their high-speed tour guide, they spent the week bombing around the entire ski area, racking up the mileage and exploring every corner of the mountain.



Away from the slopes, life in the beautiful village of Les Carroz was just as rewarding. We stayed in a lovely, welcoming hotel that kept everyone well-fueled with excellent dinners each evening. Before sitting down to eat, students enjoyed free time to explore the charming alpine village, picking up souvenirs and soaking in the mountain culture.

One evening, we traded the hotel dining room for a local pizzeria, enjoying a pizza night together. Back at the hotel, a fiercely contested quiz night tested everyone's wits, and we capped off the week with an awards ceremony to celebrate the individual successes, breakthroughs, and funny moments of the trip.

Throughout the entire week, the students' behaviour was exemplary. They represented the school with pride, supported one another on and off the mountain, and brought a fantastic energy to the trip. It was a fabulous week where memories were made to last a lifetime – a huge thank you to all the staff and students who made it so special.

Year 7 Netball Trip – May 2026

The Year 7 girls went to Liverpool for a fun and action packed weekend. It was a trip in recognition for their hard work since September and a reward for those who had put in the hours, coming to school practices after school on a regular basis.

It started off with a netball fixture against St Edwards College who were amazing hosts. Lots of games played, some wins, draws and losses but the girls loved meeting the other school. Lots of fun was had by all and memories which will last a lifetime.

After the fixture we went straight to the M&S Arena to watch two Super League netball matches – Welsh Dragons v Leeds Rhinos and Manchester Thunder v London Pulse. The girls loved it and were so inspired that they wanted to go back and play netball again!

We all had a brilliant time and the girls were a credit to the school and their parents.

Sincere thanks and gratitude to Paul Wheeldon for sponsoring the girls' new tops, they love them and looked very smart.





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Year 12 Enrichment Recap 2025-2026

Every September our Year 12 students select and undertake an enrichment activity to build their skills and experiences alongside their studies. We have been truly wowed by the efforts and achievements of our students this year- here are some highlights to celebrate.

Charity Challenge saw one super team from QEII represent 'International Health Partners' - a charity whose aim is to deliver vital medicines to disadvantaged communities around the world and provide access to healthcare for those who need it most. After months of preparations, networking & fundraising our team came 3rd at the final presentations at the Ramsey innovation Centre and won £1,000 for the charity, incredible effort!

Junior Achievement had an impressive 6 teams this year, each one with a unique and commendable business idea. This process encouraged idea generation, marketing, fundraising, presenting and heaps of team-work. After months of hard graft, the final JA competition held at the Comis Hotel in March saw team 'Inverto' win the 'Sustainability Award'. Every single JA participant represented their company with confidence and professionalism. A special shout out to Mia Parslow, who was nominated for the 'Outstanding team member' award by Junior Achievement and attended a special commendation breakfast at Government house amongst other nominees.

Our team of 18 **sports leaders** have been on their absolute A-game this year. Leading and initiating sport throughout our local primary schools, these guys have really made QEII proud. Practical experience alongside extensive logbook and theory work has put them through their paces, but ultimately strengthened their skills in leadership, organisation, communication and teamwork. They are great role models and create a perfect bridge between primary & secondary students in our community. This level 3 qualification, administered by the Leadership Skills Foundation will see each of our students awarded with 16 UCAS points upon successful completion!

Peer Mentoring has had a host of 12 fantastic students offering wonderful support all over the school- from one-to-one work with Key Stage 3 and the Specialist Provision Centre to lesson support across core subjects and targeted reading support. These students have been invaluable in their coaching, guidance and encouragement to younger members of the school and many will continue on to support the delivery of peer coaching when they return into Year 13. Role modelling and leadership is a crucial part of what it means to be a sixth-former and we will be continuing to look for more opportunities in the new academic year for our students to be embedded throughout our school community.

Finally, our **Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh** team worked tirelessly to plan for a wonderful 4-day trip to the Lake District in June. Route-planning, risk-assessing, volunteering, skill-building, and extensively preparing have required hours of commitment prior to the trip in order to achieve their Gold Award. This enrichment option isn't for the faint-hearted, but the hard work has paid off! Adventurers- we commend you! It was a successful and much enjoyed trip that we hope can inspire younger students to get involved in the future.

A big thank you to all staff at QEII who have been involved in the delivery of these enrichment offers- Mrs Blackburn, Mr Hampson, Mrs Sansbury, Mrs Dunn, Mr Carine and Mrs Steriopulos.



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 this QR Code with your mobile device.





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QEII Students Celebrate Success in Young Enterprise Programme

In September, six QEII High School Young Enterprise teams – Arctus, Aureus, Blossom, INverto, Orvia and TETRA – embarked on an exciting journey, fuelled by enthusiasm and perhaps just a little uncertainty about what the next six months would hold.

What followed was an incredible experience. Students developed a wide range of business, communication and leadership skills while experiencing the realities of launching and running a business from scratch. Along the way, they benefited from the invaluable guidance of an outstanding team of mentors, forged new friendships and, like any successful business team, learned how to overcome challenges together.

The culmination of their hard work came on 24 March at the Comis Hotel, where each company showcased its achievements through creative trade stands and confident presentations to judges. Every presentation was unique, but they all shared one thing in common – they filled everyone associated with QEII High School with immense pride.

Adding to the celebrations, INverto was deservedly recognised with the prestigious 'Sustainability Award', a fantastic achievement that reflected the team's commitment to the environment. Inverto's product is a beeswax polish made using waste beeswax sourced from Manx bees.

Every student who participated deserves enormous credit for representing the school with professionalism, enthusiasm and determination throughout the programme.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our exceptional mentors, whose generosity, encouragement and expertise went far beyond what could reasonably be expected. Also, to Junior Achievement for their on-going support. Special recognition must also go to Alex Sansbury, whose tireless support and organisation was instrumental in keeping the programme running smoothly from start to finish.



We look forward to welcoming many of this year's participants back as student mentors, ready to share their experiences with the next cohort of aspiring entrepreneurs.

Roll on September ...



Free Summer Reading with First News

We're delighted to announce that **Queen Elizabeth II High School** has signed up for the **First News 2026 Summer Reading Scheme!**

As part of the National Year of Reading, **every QEII student** can enjoy **FREE digital access** to *First News* throughout the summer holidays, from **9 July to 4 September 2026**.

The subscription includes

- A weekly 28-page digital newspaper
- Daily news stories to read or listen to
- Weekly news quizzes
- Puzzles and word games, including crosswords, Sudoku and Wordie
- Interactive polls and competitions
- Full access to the First News archive

To sign up, simply use the link below:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/229323651456/>

We hope lots of our students will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to stay informed, build their reading skills and enjoy news designed especially for young people over the summer break.



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UCM Taster Event

In June, Year 10 students attended the UCM Taster Event, where they participated in two sessions of their choice. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore potential future pathways and gain first-hand experience of the wide range of courses available at UCM beyond Year 11.

The event gave students valuable insight into further education which will help them make informed decisions about their future studies and career aspirations.



Gold DofE Expedition – Student update from Olivia, Chloe, Lilly, Geoff, Ceiran & Daniel

The end of June marked the first Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition that has been undertaken by QEII in many years. We conquered an expedition in the Lake District, which consisted of 4 days and 3 nights of camping, various weather conditions and strenuous mountains along the way.

From hiking Cat Bells to Helvellyn and exploring Millican Dalton's Caves, every day resulted in unforgettable sights with memories to last a lifetime.

A huge thank you goes out to the teachers, Mr Carine and Mrs Steriopulos for their encouragement towards finishing and accomplishing the expedition section of the award. Their determination and positive morale were truly an asset to our team. As well, the expedition assessor, Dave whose expertise provided us with new valuable insights and skills to the wider outdoors community and further opportunities.

We'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Steam Packet Company, who not only supported the trip with discounted fare, but thoroughly got involved in our Expedition Media Aim with some dancing and showing us around the Bridge. Another big thank you to both the Mann2000 and QEII School Association for funds which helped make this expedition more accessible for us all.

Our group project of a music video was created to entice more people to undertake a Gold DofE and to shine a light upon the excitement of the expedition. To transcend the usual stereotype of difficulty and hardship, replacing this view with an adventurous fulfilling challenge that really can be fun.

Watch the music video here:

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZNRKCf7qJ/>

Not only does completing a Gold DofE create amazing memories and new bonds, it also teaches navigation skills, teamwork, independence, resilience, communication under pressure & perseverance. All these skills are essential to growth, as not only a student, but in preparation for life after school and entering employment or university, and/or various other pathways.

It is hoped that our trip will inspire more QEII students to complete the same award for many years ahead.





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Year 13 Prom

On Friday 3rd July, Year 13 held their prom night at Peel Golf Club. It was a fabulous and well-attended evening arranged entirely by the prom committee. They did an admirable job!

Adorned in sensational dresses and suits, we were taken aback by the journey our students have taken since arriving to QEII as Year 7s in 2019 to now leaving as independent, mature and ambitious adults ready to take on their next challenges.

It was a great opportunity to share time together and celebrate after exam season, but we were particularly proud of the respect and commendable behaviour shown by our sixth-formers towards teachers and venue staff- embodying our CARE values.

We wish our students the very best of luck with their A-level results and whatever their bright futures have in store for them.

We look forward to the success stories in years to come!



Junior Tynwald

A team of eight Year 12 students represented QE2 at Junior Tynwald on Friday. Our students directed a range of challenging questions to MHKs. Although discussion across all schools was initially quiet, Onnee was the first student to bravely weigh in with a supplementary question, confidently holding MHKs to account for their answers. This opened the floodgates and encouraged other students to contribute to the debate.

Although we missed out on the top prize of Best Participant, both Jasper and Onnee received honorary mentions from the President of Tynwald for their excellent and confident contributions. The whole team represented QEII brilliantly and did the school proud.



Challenge for Change

Last term, Year 9 students took part in the Junior Achievement Challenge for Change event, working in teams to develop and present innovative sustainability-focused ideas to their peers.

At the start of July, the winning team represented the school at the inter-school final, held at the Games Global offices in Douglas. Although they were not the overall winners, the girls did a fantastic job and represented the school exceptionally well.

The head judge, Lady Lorimer, commented on how strongly their teamwork shone throughout the competition. Congratulations to the team on this fantastic achievement!





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Performing Arts Showcase – Auditions this September!

Calling all dancers, actors, musicians, and performers! This September, we'll be holding auditions for an exciting opportunity to represent our school in a spectacular Whole Island Schools, Performing Arts Showcase at the iconic Gaiety Theatre.

This is your chance to develop your performance skills and experience the thrill of performing on the Gaiety stage. Whether you're an experienced performer or just super enthusiastic about Performing Arts, we'd love to see you audition.

Keep an eye out for more information at the start of the new academic year—we can't wait to work on our QEII Company work!



Tynwald Day Parade

We are incredibly proud of all of our students who took part in Tynwald Day.

Our House Leaders and Senior Prefects were outstanding ambassadors as they represented the school in the annual march.

Tynwald Day is a unique celebration of Manx heritage and community spirit, and it was lovely to see so many QEII students involved in a variety of ways.

From serving with the cadets, performing with the band and Manx dancing groups, and supporting local charities and community organisations, our students played an active role throughout the day and showcased the wide range of talents, interests and commitments that exist within our school community.

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Communications

For those of you who are new to the school, our newsletters will be published each term, however, you can receive regular updates via our school Facebook page and website. Please ensure that you visit these sites as they may have important information which is relevant to your child.

School website – <https://qe2.sch.im/>

Facebook – www.facebook.com/QE2IOM

Please send all student absence related emails to:

qe2absences@sch.im

All other enquiries can be sent to:

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The QEII Approach to Supporting Young Carers

Did you know that some of our students help to care for a family member before or after the school day even begins? These students are known as young carers, and at QEII we are working hard to ensure they are recognised, supported and able to thrive both in and out of school.

Over the past year, we have established a Young Carers Register to help us identify and support students more effectively, developed strong links with Crossroads Caring for Carers, delivered assemblies to all year groups and signed the Young Carers Charter.

One of the most successful developments has been the introduction of our Young Carers Drop-In sessions. Led by Mrs Nixon and Ms Green, these regular sessions provide a welcoming space where students can meet others in similar situations, access support, enjoy activities and simply take some time for themselves. The sessions run after school on Wednesdays, with additional opportunities for students to drop in during tutor time, break and lunch.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Nixon, whose enthusiasm and commitment have been instrumental in getting the project off the ground. Through her hard work, we have secured fantastic support from local businesses and community organisations, helping us to develop opportunities and experiences for our young carers. This has included funding from Peel Charity Shop, vouchers from Peel Costa, games donated by Utmost and support from the QEII High School Association.

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved so far, but this is only the beginning. We will continue to identify young carers at an early stage, expand the support available and ensure that every young carer at QEII feels recognised, valued and supported.

If you think your child may be a young carer, please get in touch. A simple conversation can often be the first step in making sure the right support is available.



Some of your young carers with members of the Team at Utmost who kindly donated a range of board games for the drop in club.

Our KS3 Young Carers have enjoyed some fun activities, helping them to relax, and to spend time with friends. We have enjoyed trips out for ice cream, welcomed Mrs Burgess who kindly came in to help us make pizza, and spent many enjoyable sessions playing board games and taking part in a variety of activities together.

Duke of Edinburgh Update

It has been another fantastic term for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at QEII, with students demonstrating resilience, commitment and teamwork throughout the year.

Our Year 13 Gold participants successfully completed and thoroughly enjoyed their expedition in the Lake District, while over 100 students took part in Bronze and Silver training days and qualifying expeditions on Island.

Alongside their expeditions, students have been making a positive contribution to the community through volunteering, developing new practical and life skills, and challenging themselves by learning new sports and activities.

We are incredibly proud of everything our participants have achieved and look forward to another successful year of DofE.





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Rewards Trip Celebration

On Thursday 9th July, we were delighted to take a group of students on a special Rewards Trip to celebrate their outstanding success.

Students earned their place through exceptional commitment and dedication. Some were recognised for achieving the highest number of CARE Achievement Points in their year group, consistently demonstrating our school values through their attitude, effort and positive contribution to school life.

We are incredibly proud of each and every student who qualified for this reward. Their hard work, resilience and commitment have set an excellent example for others, and this trip was a well-deserved opportunity to celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to all of our reward trip students—we hope you had a fantastic morning!



Trip to the battlefields

Mrs Potter led another memorable History trip to France and Belgium, giving students in Year 9 and 10 the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the First World War by visiting historic battlefields, memorials and the trenches.

A particular highlight was participating in the moving Last Post Ceremony, allowing students to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The trip also included a visit to a theme park, providing a well-earned opportunity to relax and enjoy time together.

Throughout the visit, our students represented the school exceptionally well, receiving praise for their excellent behaviour, maturity and respect.



Community Opportunity – Inclusive Sunday Sports Sessions



We are delighted to share a fantastic opportunity for neurodiverse children and young people within our community.

Many of our SPC students already enjoy taking part in the Peel AFC football sessions held during the week through Tommy's Sports Hall. These sessions provide a fun, supportive environment where young people can develop their confidence, physical skills and friendships through sport.

Tommy's Sports Hall has now launched a new Sunday morning session that is open to all neurodiverse children and young people, not just students attending the SPC. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to access inclusive sport in a welcoming and supportive environment.

If you think your child would be interested, please see the Tommy's Sports Hall Facebook post for full details, including session times, eligibility and booking information.

We are always pleased to share opportunities that promote inclusion, wellbeing and positive community connections for our students and their families. For more information visit this [link](#).



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Year 7 All-Island Maths Olympiad

At the end of June, 10 of our Year 7 students travelled to King William's College to take part in the Year 7 All-Island Maths Olympiad.

Each secondary school on the Island brought along 10 of their top mathematicians. Students were then placed into mixed-school teams, with one student from each school in every team, encouraging collaboration and teamwork throughout the competition.

The morning consisted of three challenging rounds. The first saw students tackle 30 problem-solving and logical reasoning questions. Next came the relay round, where teams had to solve sets of six questions correctly before progressing to the next stage, testing both their mathematical ability and teamwork. The final challenge required teams to build the tallest freestanding tower possible using just 30 sheets of A4 paper and a roll of Sellotape, demanding creativity, planning and engineering skills.

Our students represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the event. They were a real credit to the school.

A special congratulations goes to Jasper and Aiden, whose teams finished in first and second place respectively. A fantastic achievement, well done to everyone involved. Thanks to KWC for organising and hosting the event at to PWC who sponsored the event and provided prizes for students.



Goodbye to Year 11

The school had a wonderful afternoon celebrating our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly with students, parents, and staff on Friday 1st May 2026. We were delighted to welcome guest speaker Lottie Owen, whose inspiring speech and words of wisdom encouraged our students as they prepare for their next chapter.

Our Year 11 students gave an excellent reflection on their time at QEII, sharing memories, achievements, and experiences from their journey through school. The afternoon also included the presentation of their Record of Experience awards — a proud moment for all involved. We wish all of our leavers every success and happiness for the future.

You will always be part of the QEII community!





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Public Speaking Team Success!

We are delighted to recognise and congratulate Maximus (Year 8) and Joseph (Year 7) who won the 65th Annual Douglas Rotary Club Senior Schools Public Speaking Competition on Monday 9 March, with their presentation "We All Need More Drama In Our Lives".

The team truly excelled, delivering a presentation that was entertaining, energising and impressive. Maximus, the Speaker, and Joseph, the Chair were commended by the judges for their clarity, strength of argument, persuasive speeches, teamwork and the personal and local touches in their presentation.

They represented the school with tremendous pride and professionalism, and this was a very well-deserved win. The team wins £750 for the school, book vouchers for each team member and a beautiful trophy.

Here they are, signing the Headteacher's Book in recognition of their effort and success.

This success means that QEII High School will have the honour of hosting the next Senior Schools Public Speaking Competition, so look out for more news of that event in our next newsletter.

Auditions for interested students for next year's Public Speaking Team will be held in the Christmas half term, and we look forward to welcoming students, families and the wider community to the event in 2027.



Tech Team Workshop



In June, our Tech Team had an incredible experience at the Villa Gaiety and Villa Marina, taking part in two specialist workshops focused on sound and lighting.

A huge thank you to Alex and Polly for sharing their expertise, enthusiasm, and valuable industry knowledge with our students.

The hands-on sessions provided a fantastic insight into the world of technical theatre and live events, and our team gained so much from the experience.

We are extremely grateful for their time and support in inspiring the next generation of technicians!



Summer Reading Recommendations for Every Year Group

Looking for reading inspiration for students over the summer? BooksForTopics has put together expert-reviewed, age-appropriate reading lists for every year group and stage of school, from Early Years right through to KS3.

Each list includes 50 great book recommendations for your child's age group, covering all kinds of genres and reading levels — perfect whether your child needs a little encouragement to get into reading, loves a challenge, or is just looking for their next favourite story.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>





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Exam Results 2026 – Key dates, times and information

Results day information and guidance around support available during the Summer is available on the front page of the Summer Signposts website here as usual: <https://signposts.sch.im/>

Exam Results Days 2026 – Important Dates and times for your calendar

SQA PC Passport and Practical Woodworking – Tuesday 4th August – via MySQA – online login – students have been provided with their SCN number and advised to sign up to My Qualifications Scotland by 15th July to receive their results via email.

Cambridge AS and A Level – Tuesday 11th August – online login – students receive an email with login details via their @online.sch.im email address.

JCQ AS and A Level – Thursday 13th August – 8am at QEII – Senior staff will be available.

Cambridge IGCSE – Tuesday 18th August – online login – students receive an email with login details via their @online.sch.im email address.

JCQ GCSE – Thursday 20th August – 9am at QEII – Senior staff will be available.

6th Form interviews at QEII from 9am – Friday 21st August

To book an appointment, either:

- email QE2Enquiries@sch.im
- attend GCSE results day

Examination Certificates

Certificates will not arrive in school until the end of the Autumn Term. Students will be contacted via email when they are available for collection and we will also post details on our school Facebook page and school website.

QEII High School Association

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-



QEII High School Association has its own Facebook page. For useful information please be sure to follow us –
<https://www.facebook.com/QEIIPeel>





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Uniform Standards

At QEII, we believe that our uniform policy found [HERE](#) helps foster a sense of belonging, equality, and pride within our school community. Our uniform reflects our CARE values and supports a learning environment where all students can thrive.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of families in helping us maintain uniform standards, ensuring every student feels prepared and ready to learn.

We understand that the cost of uniform can be a concern for some families. QEII is committed to supporting our community, and we offer assistance through our QEII Hardship Fund. If you require any support, please don't hesitate to email the school, marking your email for the attention of the headteacher. Additionally, families may be eligible for further support through the Department for Education, Sport and Culture via the following link: [School uniform assistance](#)

Uniform reminders:

- **Black straight leg tailored trousers, with zip and button** (single colour) – must be worn with black socks (single colour). No jeans, lycra material, leggings or flared style trousers;
- **Black pleated skirt**, knee length or just above (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) – must be worn with black tights of at least 40 denier (no bodycon skirts);
- **Black tailored shorts**, knee length or just above (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) – must be worn with black socks (single colour).



PE Uniform

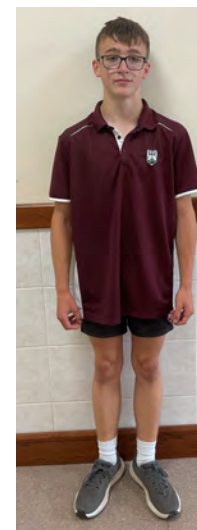
INDOOR (P.E.):

- Maroon polo shirt with the school emblem
- Black shorts or black sport leggings with no visible logo (no skorts or cycling shorts)
- White sports socks
- Trainers

OUTDOOR (Games):

- Maroon polo shirt or rugby style top with the school emblem
- Black shorts or black sport leggings/jogging bottoms with no visible logo (no skorts or cycling shorts)
- Maroon and white long socks
- Trainers (and football boots if playing football/rugby)

Please note: The compulsory polo shirt or rugby style top with the School emblem can be purchased from Top2Toe (Website: www.top2toe.im) Address: Bowring Road, Ramsey, Isle of Man, IM8 2LQ)



Sports Day

We had an incredible day for our Sports Day. The atmosphere in and around school was lovely and it was a really enjoyable day for everyone.

Thank you to all the staff who helped the day run smoothly but a special mention to Mr Melvin who helped throughout the morning with the field events, Miss Gardner and Mrs Craine who kept updating the results throughout the day and Mr Long for his excellent commentary.

The results were as follows:

- 1st – Caaig
- 2nd – Shirragh
- 3rd – Threshlyn
- 4th – Foillan

Important Dates...

July

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd July
– Enrichment Days

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd July
– Silver and Gold DofE

Thursday 23rd July
– School closes for Summer Term



August

Tuesday 4th August
– SQA PC Passport and Practical
Woodworking Results

Tuesday 11th August
– Cambridge AS Level and A-Level
Results Day

Thursday 13th August
– JCQ AS Level and A-Level Results Day,
from 8.00am at QEII

Tuesday 18th August
– Cambridge IGCSE Results Day

Thursday 20th August
– JCQ GCSE Results Day – from 9.00am
at QEII

Friday 21st August
– Sixth Form Interview Day
– from 9am

October

Tuesday 14th October
– Y7 Drop Down Day

Thursday 22nd October
– Y7&8 Hop Tu Naa Disco

November

Monday 9th – Friday 20th November
– Y11 Mock Exams

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th November
– Y13 Mock Exams

Thursday 26th November
– Y9 Drop Down Day

Are your details up to date?

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.

Please make any changes in the Arbor Parent App or email in to:

qe2enquiries@sch.im

Please remember to include your **child's full name** in any communications with the school so that they can be easily identified by the Admin Team.

Thank you.

Lockers and 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 and including Friday 24th July. Anything not claimed by then will be donated to charity.

September

Thursday 3rd September – Start of New School Year – Autumn Term

Thursday 10th September
– Prize Evening

Tuesday 22nd September
– Yr 11 Academic Evening

Thursday 24th September
– Y7 Pastoral Evening and
Y12 Tutor Evening

