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Dear Parents

On behalf of all the staff at Queen Elizabeth II High School I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child. Please find enclosed information that you will need before your child starts.

When your son or daughter joins Queen Elizabeth II High School, we will provide an environment that will keep him or her safe and allow the learning of a wide range of skills and knowledge. We are committed to helping your child develop to his or her full potential.

We can achieve these aims only with your co-operation. The most important thing that you can give us is your support.

On arrival, students are placed in a Tutor Group led by a dedicated member of staff who will usually then be the key member of staff through their education for the next five years. Every Tutor is keen to ensure that their students settle and are happy in their new environment. The Tutor will be the first port of call for any concerns that students or parents have.

We look forward to a long, happy and successful partnership with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Moore'.

**Ms S Moore
Head teacher**

Term Dates 2017 – 2018

Autumn Term

Open to Students	Wednesday 6th September 2017
Half Term	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2017
Close	Friday 22nd December 2017

Spring Term

Open to Students	Monday 8th January 2018
Half Term	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2018
Close	Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term

Open to Students	Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 28th May 2018
In-service Day – closed to students	Friday 1st June 2018
Half Term	Monday 4th June - Friday 8th June 2018
Tynwald Day	Thursday 5th July 2018
Close	Friday 20th July 2018

The School Day & House System

Students will be allowed to enter School on arrival and will report to their Year Area. It must be clearly understood that this is a privilege and it will be withdrawn if it is abused by misbehaviour.

8.55	Bell 1 Registration
9.05	Bell 2 Assembly
9.20	Period 1
10.10	Period 2
11.00 - 11.20	Break
11.20	Period 3
12.10	Period 4
13.00	LUNCH
14.00	End of lunch
14.05	Period 5
14.55	Period 6
15.45	Close

ASSEMBLY

All students meet for assembly one or two times a week. This may contain a non-denominational religious element to promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. If parents have a religious reason for wishing to withdraw their child from this part of the assembly, they should contact the School in writing.

HOUSES

- **Shirragh (Red)**
- **Threshlyn(Blue)**
- **Foillan (Yellow)**
- **Caaig (Green)**

The Houses will take part in competitions over a range of activities. This gives students an opportunity to represent his or her House in a team or other group.

Lunchtime & Break

MEAL OPTIONS

The School operates the cafeteria in the School's Dining Room using a cashless system. Students are issued with a lunch card which can be loaded with funds using ParentPay (an online system) or by using the Cash Loaders in the Entrance Hall. It is possible to get an excellent meal at a very reasonable cost indeed and we would be grateful if parents would impress upon their children the wisdom of rationing their dinner allowance so that it lasts the whole week. Packed lunches may be brought to School but they must be eaten in the Dining Room. A rota system operates to minimise queuing for meals and to manage the numbers in the Dining Room.

Students in Years 7 - 9 will normally stay in School for lunch unless parents make a special agreement with the School. Older students may be issued with a lunch pass, with parental agreement. In all cases, where students are off site at lunchtime, they are the responsibility of the parents not the School. Students going out for lunch are expected to spend the whole lunchtime out and not return prior to 1.55 p.m.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All students are expected to join one of the many lunchtime clubs, details of which will be published in the first few weeks of the new academic year. There is also a wide variety of activities taking place after School hours. In these cases we assume that the student will inform his or her parent of late arrival home.

THE LIBRARY

The Library is a multi-media centre with a wide variety of books, study aids and photocopiable resources. Students are taught and actively encouraged to use its facilities for loan, private reading, research and study. It offers access to word processing, printing, photocopying and the Internet. Open at pre-arranged times throughout the day, the Library is available to all members of the School community, a number of whom enjoy participating in its day to day running.

Curriculum & Equipment

THE CURRICULUM

Each student will receive a timetable recording the subject, teacher and room for each period of each day. Each child will be placed in a specific set according to their ability or in a mixed ability group depending on departmental policy.

A curriculum booklet will be published on our website, early in each academic year. This outlines the content and assessments for each of the subjects taught in that year group.

BASIC EQUIPMENT

Each student should have:

- a pen
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a pencil sharpener
- an eraser
- specialised equipment will also be required, for example mathematical instruments, (e.g. scientific calculator), coloured pencils or felts etc.
- students are recommended to have a pocket English Dictionary
- it is very important that students have a suitable bag in which to carry books and kit

STUDENT PLANNER

Each student will be provided with a School Planner in which the weekly homework timetable and daily homework will be entered. The School Planner can provide a valuable link between School and home, but it does require each student to use it properly.

Students should carry their planners to all lessons and take them home each day. The planners are quite expensive and if lost will have to be paid for. Parents and Form Tutors are expected to sign the planner each week.

VALUABLES

The School does not take responsibility for any valuable items which students choose to bring to School. Mobile phones may be used at break and lunchtimes but otherwise should be switched off unless specific permission has been given by the teacher. The School will confiscate items which are misused. All students must abide by the Acceptable Use Policy which is issued in September.

School Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all Queen Elizabeth II High School students and any student arriving at School in non-uniform clothing may expect to be sent home to get changed.

Hair colour and style must be appropriate for School, and make-up and nail varnish must not be worn.

Boys

Years 7 – 11 Plain white shirt with collar - short or long sleeves
School tie
Grey or black trousers (single colour) – no drainpipe or jeans
QEII School jumper and/or black blazer
Single colour socks (no bright colours)
Black or dark brown polishable school shoes (single colour, not canvas, no logos)

Girls

Years 7 – 11 Plain white shirt-style blouse with collar - short or long sleeves
School tie
Grey or black School skirt (single colour) – no shorter than just above the knee
Grey or black trousers (single colour) – no leggings or jeans
QEII School jumper or cardigan and/or black blazer
Single colour tights or socks (no bright colours)
Black or dark brown polishable school shoes (single colour, not canvas, no logos)
Belts must be plain black or grey

Trainers are not to be worn instead of shoes.

Workshop aprons should be worn for Design and Technology lessons

Jewellery: for safety and security reasons the School would advise that jewellery should not be worn at all but in any event must be restricted to one pair of plain ear sleepers or studs and one finger ring.

The uniform listed is what is allowed and it can be assumed that variations from the above will not be allowed.

All uniform should have the owner's name marked somewhere on it.
The School cannot take responsibility for any lost items.

Physical Education Kit

INDOOR:	BOYS	Maroon Polo Shirt with the School emblem Black shorts – preferably with School emblem White sports socks
	GIRLS	Maroon Polo Shirt with the School emblem Black shorts -preferably with School emblem or black skort or black cycling shorts White sports socks
OUTDOOR:	BOYS	Maroon rugby shirt Black rugby shorts QEII maroon and white socks
	GIRLS	Maroon T-Shirt/Polo Shirt with the School emblem Black shorts or black skort or black cycling shorts QEII maroon and white socks Plain black jogging bottoms/running leggings and School emblem sweatshirt (optional)
FOOTWEAR		Trainers – with non-marking soles Football boots (boys–football/rugby and is compulsory for safety) Astro turf trainers (optional but preferable when on the astro turf)
ADDITIONAL ITEMS		Shin pads (compulsory for boys and girls) Mouth guard (compulsory for boys rugby and girls hockey) Maroon base layer (optional)
VALUABLES		On P.E./Games days it is strongly recommended that all students leave jewellery, etc. at home or in their locker. Valuables and money must not be left in the changing rooms during P.E./Games lessons

PLEASE NAME ALL P.E./GAMES KIT CLEARLY

HOUSE COLOURS	Caaig	Green
	Foillan	Yellow
	Shirragh	Red
	Threshlyn	Blue

A note from parents must be produced if your child is unable to participate in PE/Games lessons.

School Association

The School Association plays a vital role in raising money for additional school resources and equipment. Through money raised at discos, bingo nights, quizzes, Christmas Fayres, etc., funds have been available to buy the items listed below:

- Library books
- Colour printer for Design & Technology
- Netball dresses
- Book tokens for Prize Giving
- Licence for Linguascope
- Fabric paints for the Textiles Department/School Performances
- Dishwasher for Food Technology
- Leavers Prizes
- Subscriptions for MyMaths/National Geographic Magazine
- Sewing Machines
- Camera for Art Department/Film Production Club
- Chess sets
- Equipment for Cross Country Course
- Games and Lego
- Archery targets
- Aprons for Design & Technology
- Duke of Edinburgh Equipment

The School Association has registered Queen Elizabeth II High School with "easy fundraising" <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Parents, friends and staff can register with the website and shop online via this portal. You can access all your favourite online stores and by doing this a percentage of the cost of the items you buy is donated back to the School. This can be anywhere up to 15% depending on the retailer and the product purchased. It really is very simple..... you shop online as normal but support our students and School at the same time!

They have also registered Queen Elizabeth II High School with "easy search". This is a search engine which allows you to raise funds for the School, simply by surfing the Web. By making just 10 searches a day with easysearch, instead of Google or any other search engine, you should generate over £20 per year for our School. Easysearch is completely free to use, so this is a great way to support the School - just by searching the Web as you already do <http://www.easysearch.org.uk/>.

For the past few years the Association has organised a very successful "100 Club" monthly draw. If you would like to take part in this draw, for just £1 a month, please contact the School Office.