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QE IN THE NEWS



Dear Families

We hope that you enjoy viewing all the fantastic activities that our students have been involved in this term. We are incredibly proud of all the academic and extra-curricular achievements of our brilliant students.

Thank you for all the support you have given to Queen Elizabeth's this year.

On behalf of everyone here, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and the very best for 2025.

Paula Smith

Year 7 student, Lyra, was a runner-up in the Ted Wragg Trust Christmas Card Competition with this jolly design.





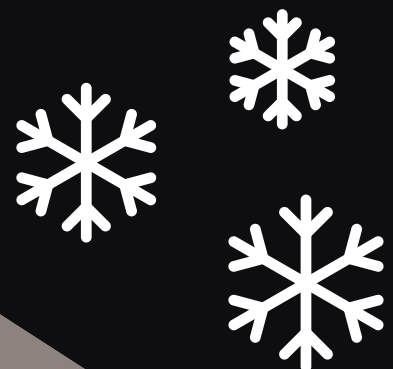
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Students and staff enjoyed mince pies and other treats when creating Christmas banners for display at Barnfield hall.

This annual tradition really starts to get everyone in a festive mood.

Special thanks to the Library team for organising. Fantastic work everyone!





Biscuits

Year 9 students have been busy in their food tech lessons making shortbread reindeer. The students worked fantastically well and the results look lovely. Yum!





Year 7 Church Visits

At the beginning of December, all Year 7 RE classes visited either St Lawrence Chapel, Holy Cross or Crediton Congregational Church. A huge thank you to James, Matthew and Sandra for hosting us. All students represented the school exceptionally well. At St Lawrence Chapel students explored the 800 year old Chapel, asking great questions as they went. At Holy Cross students learnt that about the role of the Church in their local community and saw the part of the Church where QE began. A huge thank you to Crediton Congregational Church who allowed students to see the elements of a communion and ask any questions they had about this sacrament.





Big Interview Day

As part of our careers and raising standards work, Year 11 students took part in a Big Interview Day.

A huge thank you goes to all of the local employers who provided interviewers and gave our students such a valuable experience.



Chemigrams



During this term, all Year 9 Art classes have been learning about cameraless photography and there has been lots of excitement making chemigrams! Students have created their imagery by printing and painting with developer and fix using all sorts of materials from leaves, lace, brushes, string to netting onto photographic paper. We hope you enjoy looking at their fabulous outcomes. Well done Year 9!



Banned!

Earlier this term, Barnfield Library had a display for Banned Books Week, it stimulated LOTS of discussion amongst students, staff and visitors. Reactions ranged from surprise that books were banned at all (particularly some favourites), to deeper discussion as to why they might have been banned, the context surrounding each, and the implications.

The associated social media post also generated lots of comments!





Getting the Measure of Maths



Earlier this term, Year 10 students brought maths out of the classroom when they collected data with their clinometers, some of which were home-made, in order to use trigonometry to work out the heights of buildings.



Year 10 Forgeries

Year 10 Art students have been exploring colour in portraiture by making forgeries of the work of Jonathan Yeo.

Head of Art, Justine Morton said, "Their work is FABULOUS!!! They are brave and fearless in their approach to using colour and mark making and I am really excited to see where this takes them next."





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BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow

Earlier this term, students from Year 9 to Year 13 were involved in the BBC Bitesize Careers Roadshow.

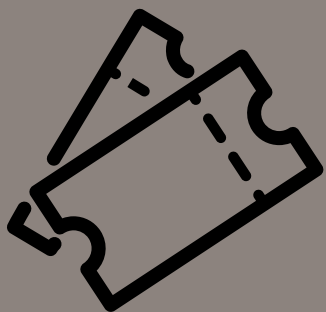
This interactive event introduced our students to a range of careers available on their doorstep. Hosted by BBC presenter Steve Forbes, the panel-style set-up saw Steve interview three different panelists from a range of backgrounds to inspire students about their future. A big thank you to the BBC Team and the panelists.





Warhorse

Earlier this term, students enjoyed a visit to Plymouth Theatre Royal to see the UK touring production of National Theatre's Warhorse.





Fell Runner



Huge congratulations to Year 13 student Luke who placed 10th for QE in his category at the English Schools Fell Running Championship. A great achievement Luke - well done, we are all very proud of you.



Rugby



Over 50 Year 7 girls, including 28 from QE along with students from Chulmleigh and Tiverton, had a taster of all things rugby with huge amounts of positive energy and talent on show! The future of girls rugby is looking bright!



QE Theatre Academy Presents

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

Performed entirely by students

A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and
CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

4th - 8th February 2025

7:30pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm)

Adults £12 Students £10

Western Road Drama Hall



www.ticketsource.co.uk/qe-theatre-academy

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Sixth Form Reflections

As the Autumn Term draws to a close and we look towards the Christmas season, we take some time to reflect on what has been a productive and exciting few months in school. We have much to celebrate within the Sixth Form and have enjoyed many festive activities.



Head Girl, Etta and Head Boy, Sam pictured with Mid Devon District Council Chairman Frank Letch at the Chairman's Civic Service.

Sixth Form Open Mornings

Over the recent weeks, we have invited prospective Sixth Form students to take part in our open mornings. Through taster sessions and chatting to current students, it was an exciting experience to get a feel for the brilliant Sixth Form. As well as the academic aspects, it was also the perfect opportunity for them to experience the varied extracurricular activities that Sixth Form has to offer - such as Skittles, a highly valued and ongoing tradition in college house run by Pat Laver.

There will be more of these to come so make sure you are following us on social media to stay up to date with what is on offer.



Student Leadership Team

We are immensely proud of our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team who have been making a real difference within the school community as of late. One of their standout efforts has been the school's new 'EcoTheads' Project. This initiative promotes sustainability by collecting, refurbishing, and reselling second-hand school uniform. This provides alternative options for families, whilst reducing waste. The project has already made a considerable difference, and we look forward to seeing its continued success moving forward.





O Christmas Tree

This year the Sixth Form have chosen to raise money to support the great work of the RNLI who work tirelessly every day to keep people safe on our beaches and save lives at sea. This is a charity close to our hearts in the Sixth Form and our community and through raising money to support the work of the volunteer RNLI lifesavers we honour and remember the life of Jack Lees. Jack was a former student at QE who sadly lost his life earlier this year having saved others who had got into difficulty whilst swimming in the sea.

As part of these fundraising efforts, students from the Sixth Form team made the 9-mile round trip to select and carry back the Sixth Form Christmas Tree!

If you'd like to make a donation, however large or small, you can do so via:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/qe-sixthform-1733089509423>





Carol Concert

The Sixth Form Christmas Candlelit Carol Concert was held on 17th December in the beautiful St Lawrence Chapel, Crediton. We are so lucky to be a part of its history and are proud to be continuing to rekindle our connection. Thank you to our Head Boy and Head Girl, Sam and Etta, for organising such a lovely event and for everyone who came and supported! Always lovely to see our Alumni return!





Year 13 Art Gallery

Year 13 students have been making meaningful and creative outcomes as part of their personal projects. Themes they have chosen include Reflection, Horror in Film, Environment and Identity. They have also thoughtfully displayed their pieces in the Art Gallery. Well done Year 13!





Unsung Hero



Head of Sixth Form and Drama, Vicky Evans, was a winner of The Saxon Spence Unsung Hero of the Year Award at this year's Ted Wragg Trust Awards.

The nomination submission reads:

"We are proud to nominate Vicky Evans for the Ted Wragg Trust Unsung Hero Award 2024. As Head of Drama and Sixth Form at QE, Vicky is an exemplary role model, dedicated to providing exceptional theatrical experiences for every student. For 18 years, she has gone above and beyond, committing hundreds of hours to choreographing, directing, and producing unforgettable shows. Vicky inspires both onstage and backstage participants, instilling confidence in their abilities and creating a sense of community. Her unwavering passion, creativity, and genuine humility make her a beloved figure among students and colleagues. Vicky Evans truly embodies what it means to be an unsung hero. Creative. Inspiring. Outstanding. Standout. She is quite simply, the best."

Congratulations Vicky!



Parent and Carer Survey

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our autumn term parent and carer survey.

Your feedback provides us with a valuable insight into the things we are doing well and the things that we could improve from a parent perspective. We have analysed the results of the survey, and the key messages are as follows.

Celebrations

- Extra-curricular activities continue to be greatly appreciated and supported with high participation.
- Feedback on student progress reports is that they are clear to understand.
- Lots of supportive comments from parents that are appreciative of our efforts to make improvements.
- Clarity of communication from school.

Areas for Development

- Communication of the advantages and support QE receives because of being part of a wider family of schools.
- Opportunities for parents to engage with school.
- Follow up with parents to notify them of actions taken when friendship issues have been raised and check in for their impact.
- Ensure the school website is easy to navigate for parents to make subject level contact regarding student progress queries.
- Raise awareness of our anti-bullying work.

Next Steps

- Continue our work towards attaining the Anti-bullying Quality Mark. Ensure any actions taken as a result of reporting an incident are clearly communicated to parents.
- Regular focus on keeping safe online, social media use and cyber bullying guidance to parents and students.
- Plan a calendar of opportunities for parents to get involved in secondary school life, ensure this is publicised for Year 6 transition and beyond.
- Create opportunities for regular parent tours of the school.
- Clarify email protocols for staff responding to queries.
- Staff training to ensure queries are dealt with consistently: 'This is what we've done, how's it going now?'.
- Add the full staff list to the 'contact us' link on the school website.
- Review curriculum content and delivery for appropriate academic challenge.



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If you have any community events or news you'd like to share, please contact Lisa - lisa.gillard@ge.devon.sch.uk

Young Carers Group

AT THE HUB MONTHLY ON WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM TO 5.30PM

STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024

CLUB THE HUB

YOUNG CARERS

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

The poster is orange with black text. It features logos for 'CLUB THE HUB' (a hand holding a book), 'YOUNG CARERS' (two hands), and 'CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL' (a crest).

Crediton Town Council's new look Monthly Young Carers Group takes place on Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at The Hub, 8 North Street, Crediton

Come and join our new Young Carers Group - we need your ideas and enthusiasm! We'll be planning activities, events and trips, we'll have a Christmas get together and make Christmas comfort boxes, we'll explore new beginnings and healthy relationships. We'll have hot chocolate and snacks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qQxYvxutxa>

Next Meeting Dates

- 15th January 2025
- 12th February 2025
- 12th March 2025



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Changed your Details?

Have you moved or changed your email or phone number? Don't forget to update your details with us! Please also let us know if any of the other emergency contacts you gave us, when your child joined the school, have changed. You can use MCAS (My Child At School) or email new details to:

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Email Lisa

lisa.gillard@qe.devon.sch.uk

GRUB'S UP

Delicious, freshly prepared hot food is available, daily from our catering outlets, OR choose from healthy sandwiches, wraps, hot panini and spicy street food. Students can check out our menus on site.

For your Diary

Dec 20th: End of Term

Jan 6th: Students Return

Jan 22nd: Year 9 Options Evening

Jan 29th: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Feb 4th-8th: Les Misérables

Feb 12th: Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Feb 17th-21st: Half Term

Our latest job
vacancies are always
advertised on our
website.





WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES A

*Merry
Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Back at School Monday 6th January
(Week B)