



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, on behalf of everyone here, wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Paula Smith

Easter Service

On Thursday afternoon 50 students in KS4 took part in the Easter Service at St Lawrence Chapel. Well, done to all of those who represented the school, particularly our fantastic musicians (Autumn, Chloe and Ms Welsman) and our eloquent Year 10 readers (Moon, Rory, Erin and Connie) as well as Dave from Connect and Rev'd Matthew for taking the service.





Les Misérables - School Edition



Photo: [Rory Oliver Photography](#).

QE Theatre Academy's production of Les Misérables – School Edition delighted audiences earlier this year. As ever, our cast, crew and band worked tirelessly to bring this classic musical to the stage. It takes a team to bring together a production of this size and the time and effort, given freely, by a large group of people behind the scenes, is always so humbling. However, it is our students who shone, providing them the space and opportunity to develop and hone their skill and a platform with which to share their talent has always been, and remains, a privilege to be a part of!

World Book Day



There was a good turnout and great atmosphere in the Library for the World Book Day "Footy and Booky Quiz". Some excellent knowledge about both football and book characters/titles was evident, as well as some inspired guesswork!

The winner of the "Guess the Shredded Books" was Flora from Year 7. No 'useful' books were hurt during the making of this activity!





Me, Myself and I



Me,
Myself
and I

Year 7 students created these fabulous portraits during their 'Me, Myself and I' project. Students studied a French Artist called Robert Delaunay and showed inspiration from his artwork in their paintings. They have been highly creative and applied their knowledge of proportion and colour theory. Well done Year 7!

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Huge congratulations to all our Year 10 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - 73 students in total which is an amazing achievement. This award encompasses all of our QE values:

- Ambition - to push themselves to learn new skills and complete expeditions in any weather conditions!
- Community - by volunteering in our community and making a difference to other people's lives.
- Kindness - supporting each other through the expeditions and presenting themselves to others in our community in a positive way.

We look forward to them continuing their Duke of Edinburgh journey with us next academic year with the Silver Award or in the Sixth Form with our Gold Award.

Well done everyone!

THE DUKE
OF EDINBURGH'S
AWARD



Chess



This year's Chess competition was a huge success, with over 100 students taking part in the preliminary rounds. There were some excellent matches on display in the final 16 with Year 8 student Oscar winning the David Hooper trophy. Oscar's route to the final wasn't straightforward, his semi-final match with Raine had been a tie, with the winner decided by chance on picking the pawn! Congratulations also to William for making the final as well as semi-finalist Frankie, a last-minute substitution due to illness.





Ten Tors

It's just over a month until the Ten Tors event and our teams are ramping up their training. Last month the groups enjoyed some fabulous daytime sun (and some below freezing overnight temperatures) on the first overnighter of the season.





Battle of the Bands

QE's Burnt Daylight received a special mention and the opportunity to record their music after making it through to the finals of the Devon Music Education Hub Battle of the Bands earlier this term. Keep an eye out later in this newsletter for details of an event where you can catch them live or take a look at a recording from the night here: <https://youtu.be/Fv4lyih9o-o?feature=shared>



Challenging Maths



There were some outstanding results in this year's Maths Challenges. There was one gold, four silvers and eight bronzes at senior level, which is the highest total in recent memory. A record six students also participated in the Maths Olympiad for girls with four achieving a Merit and Anna and Hannah achieving a Distinction.

In the Intermediate Challenge there were eight bronzes, four silvers, and a gold for Ruby in Year 9. In Year 10 there were six bronzes, six silvers, and golds for Alex, Jack, Moon and Agnes. In Year 11 there were five bronzes, five silvers and golds for Ishbel, Dylan and Tom. Jack, Moon, Agnes and Tom qualified for the next round of competitions. Congratulations everybody for getting involved and for achieving a fantastic set of results.



Rugby Officiating



Well done to Jake for his fantastic work officiating at the Rosslyn Park 7s! A great achievement and an incredible experience at one of the biggest school rugby tournaments. Keep up the great work!



Sporting News



Did you know that QE's PE and Outdoor Education Department have a dedicated Instagram account to celebrate all things sporting? Check it out and give them a follow: [@peatqe](https://www.instagram.com/peatqe)





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SAY *Yes* to the *Eco* DRESS

We invite you to join us on
Saturday 5th April, from 9:30_{AM} – 1:00_{PM}
at QE Western Road
to find your perfect prom outfit -
stylish, unique, and sustainable!



Over 100 stunning dresses

from backless to strapless, slinky to full-skirted, long or short.

35 smart suits

looking sharp never felt so good!

By choosing preloved fashion, you're **reducing waste**, reusing
beautiful clothing, and making a **positive impact** on the planet.

Dress sustainably. Dance guilt-free. Make a difference.



Borneo Preparations



Dartmoor was at its magical best earlier this term as 26 of QE's finest trekked across the moor, canoed down the Dart, and cooked up some tasty food as they started preparing for their 3-week summer expedition to Borneo.



EPQ



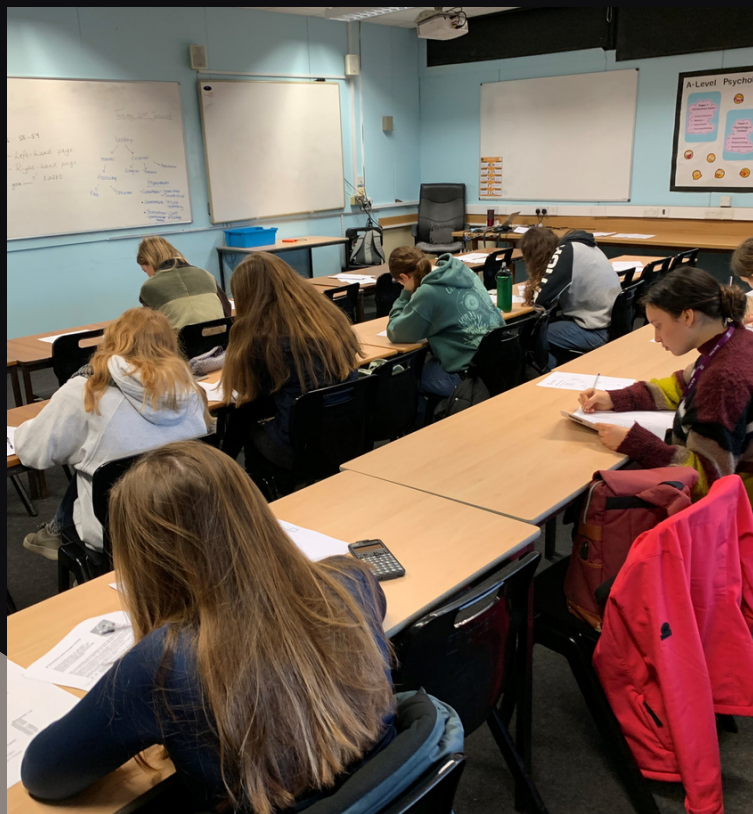
An intellectually inspirational evening of EPQ research projects presented by Queen Elizabeth's Sixth Form Students included an array of topics that required a range of research methods and forms of academic analysis.

Thank you to all who attended!

We are extremely proud of our EPQ Research Team!

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Chemistry Olympiad



In January, Sixth Form students took part in the first round of the Royal Society of Chemistry's UK Chemistry Olympiad. Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad (UKChO) is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field; budding chemists are able to develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations.

EPAS



On 14th March, QE Sixth Formers took part in Euroscola at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Euroscola is an all-day event, where students from across Europe come together to debate and discuss a current topic in the hemicycle of the parliament building. Our topic was "Protecting Democracy and Fundamental Rights in Europe" and QE students made excellent contributions, with four students actually speaking in front of the 700+ delegates who were in the room! Congratulations to all involved - you did QE proud!





The Big Step

Do you, or someone you know, have a child starting at QE in September?

QE is partnering with The Big Step to offer a transition programme designed to give your child the best start possible, helping them feel at home in their new school before September even begins.

Options to pay in instalments or with childcare vouchers available.

To find out more visit <https://thebigstep.org/school/qe>

“I think this was one of the greatest experiences of my life, it was amazing!”

Participating student 2023

LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE

GET
YEAR-7
READY



THE BIG STEP TRANSITION PROGRAMME AT:

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL

4 - 8 AUGUST 2025



Farewell

Justine Morton, our Head of Art and Photography has decided to retire after nearly 34 years of teaching. We wish her well with her life beyond teaching and know she will be greatly missed by both colleagues and students. Thank you Justine for all you have done for QE students, staff and community in your time here.





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Student Survey Feedback

Earlier this term we conducted our annual student survey and over 80% of students responded. The key findings are below:

Areas to Celebrate

- Safeguarding is well understood with positive results on all questions – students feel that they have a trusted adult in school to talk to if they need to and know how to report concerns should they have any.
- All extra-curricular provision is greatly valued by our students and students took time to write appreciative comments in the survey.
- Students report consistently low levels of bullying and the positive results on this are above the national benchmark.

Areas to Develop

- Students would like more opportunities and time within lessons to improve their work and in lesson feedback on their progress from their teachers
- Students would like our rewards strategy to be broadened with more opportunities for celebrations and merits.

Our Next Steps

During our Summer Term school improvement planning for next year we will:

- Review our curriculum in terms of:
 - Challenge
 - Expectation of work completed
 - GCSE offerings
- Review our feedback strategy for:
 - Improvement opportunities
 - Time in lessons to improve on work
 - Live marking by teachers
 - Effective post-assessment/mock lessons
- Community and sense of belonging:
 - Gather further student views on rewards trips
 - Explore other ways for students to be rewarded and their wider achievements recognised
 - Plan whole year/school community events



BITS AND PIECES



QE's Burnt Daylight, finalists in Devon Music Education Hub's Battle of the Bands, are performing at Sidmouth Sea Fest '25 on Saturday 17th May.

WILD ROOTS
School of Music

GRAB YOUR GUITAR AND JOIN US
THIS EASTER HOLIDAY
FOR OUR ROCK + METAL SPECIAL

Rock Band Workshop

Thur 17th Apr

THE WHITE ROOM CREATIVE SPACE CREDITON

9 - 13 YEAR OLDS - 10:30am - 1pm
£20 PER STUDENT - DRUMS + FULL PA PROVIDED
FULL BAND PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE SESSION

to book your slot please email
samgreenmusic.hq@gmail.com

THE WHITE ROOM
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The White Room Creative Space
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www.whiteroomdevon.co.uk

SIDMOUTH SEA FEST '25

AT CONNAUGHT GARDENS, PEAK HILL RD, SIDMOUTH EX10 8RZ

SEA SPOTS

SUPPORTING GRASSROOTS MUSIC & OUR COASTAL COMMUNITY

Saturday 17th May 10am - 5pm (Free)

THE BAREFOOT BANDIT • THE KABINS • EZ DICKENS
NAUGHTY STEPS • THE REVIVAL • BURN'T DAYLIGHT
THE CLAM SHIP DJS • THE MCSMITHS • BLUE HONEY
MARINA O'SHEA • GABRIEL ANDREI & THE RHYTHM SIBLINGS
STREET HEAT • EAST DEVON DANCE ACADEMY • SEA FEST COMMUNITY CHOIR
DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD • BAR • ART MAKING • CRAFTS & COMMUNITY STALLS + MORE

Saturday 17th May 6pm - 11pm (ticketed)

DR. MEAKER • DJ SUV (REPRAGENT)
RAZZOMO • DRIFTWOOD NIPPLESTICKS
ANTHONY LEXA • THE CLAMSHIP DJ SESSIONS
DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD • BAR • OTHER SHENANIGANS

BOOK TICKETS FOR
OUR EVENING EVENT
VIA TICKET TAILOR

South West Water, Arts Council England, Sidmouth, Molyneux, Funded by UK Government, Sidmouth Town Council, Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub, Sidmouth Hotels, Forde's, Easterbrook Eaton Ltd, Burts.

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

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

HPV

MMR

**MENINGITIS
ACWY**

**DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)**

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

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For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on

01392 342678

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HAVE CHANGED

The following
changes came
into force for
Penalty Notice
Fines issued after
**19th August
2024**

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE

(WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES

(WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.
Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance





BITS AND PIECES

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:

reception@qe.devon.sch.uk

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NEWS



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

Apr 4th: End of Term
Apr 22nd: Students Return
Apr 23rd: Year 7 Parents' Evening
Apr 30th: Year 10 Parents' Evening
May 8th: Y13 Diploma Award Evening
May 9th-11th: Ten Tors
May 20th: Year 8 Sports Day
May 21st: Year 7 Sports Day
May 21st: Year 8 Parents' Evening
May 2th-30th: Half Term

Our latest job
vacancies are always
advertised on our
website.





Wishing
all our Students,
Parents and Carers
a very Happy Easter
and restful break.

We are back to school on
Tuesday 22nd April
(Week B)

