



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 relaxing summer holiday.

Paula Smith

Community Walk

On Tuesday, over 500 of QE's staff and students took part in a community walk. The route saw them leave Barnfield Campus, down to Fordton, along to Salmonhutch, up Breakheart and down Tinpot before heading up Alexandra Road to join the Millennium Path to Sandford. After a break for lunch at Sandford Football Club, the walkers reversed the route until they got to the top of Tinpot steps at which point they returned to Barnfield Campus with a sense of achievement and enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream!





Bugsy Malone



Last week, the Year 7 and 8 QE Theatre Academy cast of Bugsy Malone took to the stage in a splurge-tastic finale to their three months of rehearsal. As well as lots of silly splurge fun, this show is about friendship, ambition and standing up for what's right, all told through the wonderfully absurd lens of pint-sized gangsters and jazz-hall dreams. Our performers worked exceptionally hard to put on a wonderful four-show production, supported by a Year 9/10 Direction and Stage Management Team. The joy, humour and heart of Bugsy Malone really shone through their performances and reminded our audiences of how powerful young voices can be. It has been a real pleasure working on this production and seeing stars for the future emerging. Photos: Rory Oliver Photography.



Carnegie Event



The winning group at our Carnegie Presentation Event was a mixed group of Year 7s and 8s who performed “King of Nothing”.

There were five presentations and, for the first time ever, the end result was a 5-way draw, which just goes to show how good each presentation was!

A casting vote crowned Leo, Olly, Ramona, Bella, Charlotte, Logan, Jack, Louisa, Flora and Barney as the winning team. They gave another strong performance at the all-schools event in Barnstaple on Thursday 12th June but were pipped by South Molton.



Ten Tors

QE students experienced a challenging training programme this year with two cancellations before Christmas due to storm weather warnings but despite this arrived at Okehampton camp well prepared for Ten Tors 2025.



This year, we entered four teams for various distances: two at 35 miles, one at 45 miles, and one at 55 miles. All teams started well, but two members of the 55-mile team withdrew due to injury. The remaining teams progressed, with both 35-mile teams camping as planned, and the 45-mile team setting up for day two. On Sunday, the 45-mile team finished first, albeit slower than expected, due to their assistance to a distressed 35-mile team from another school. They found an unconscious teammate, performed first aid, and alerted the army, leading to the individual's helicopter evacuation for medical care.

Our two 35-mile teams were next to finish within an hour of each other and despite losing some of the team due to injury they finished as a 5 and 4 respectively.

Sadly, the remaining members of our 55-mile team were timed out at Standon Farm and were transported back to camp. The 55-mile distance is a huge challenge and all 6 of them said they had learned from the experience and are determined to have another go at it in 2026



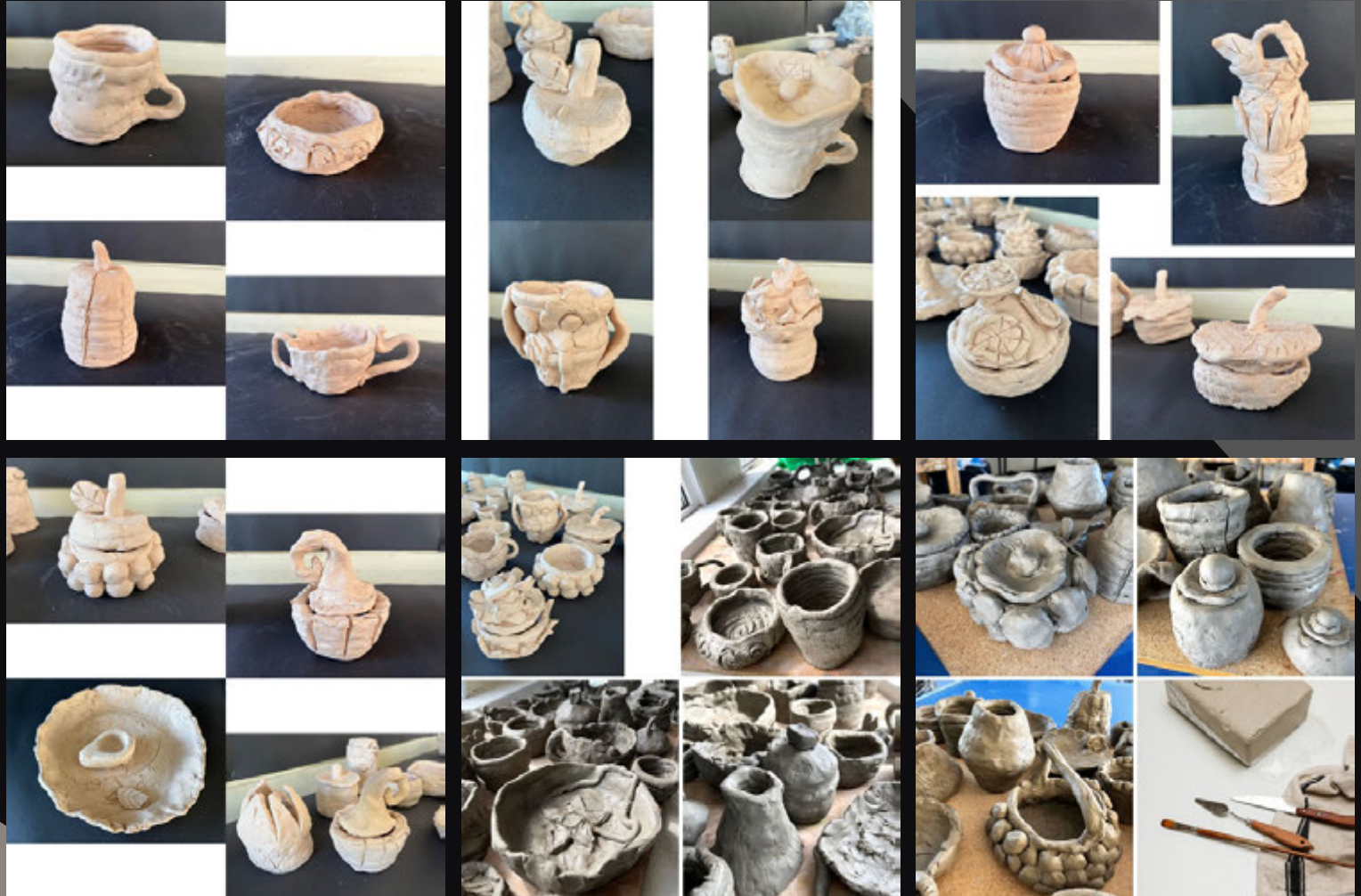


Parlez-vous français?

The Year 8s had a wonderful time in Normandy! Their first full day saw them learning all about the D-Day landings, visiting Arromanches and the floating Mulberry Harbour, Omaha beach and both the American and the British war cemeteries. The following day involved a trip to Mont St Michel.



Clay



Last term year 7 Art students made these fantastic sculptural vessels, bowls and dishes! Each piece has been inspired by nature, particularly the forms of fruits and vegetables. Students successfully developed techniques used for making a coil pot, moulding clay, engraving and attaching features or decoration. A few students even made a lid for their vessel. It was lovely seeing how well the students worked with clay, the progression from design to final piece and how proud they were of their pots. Well done year 7!

Challenging Maths

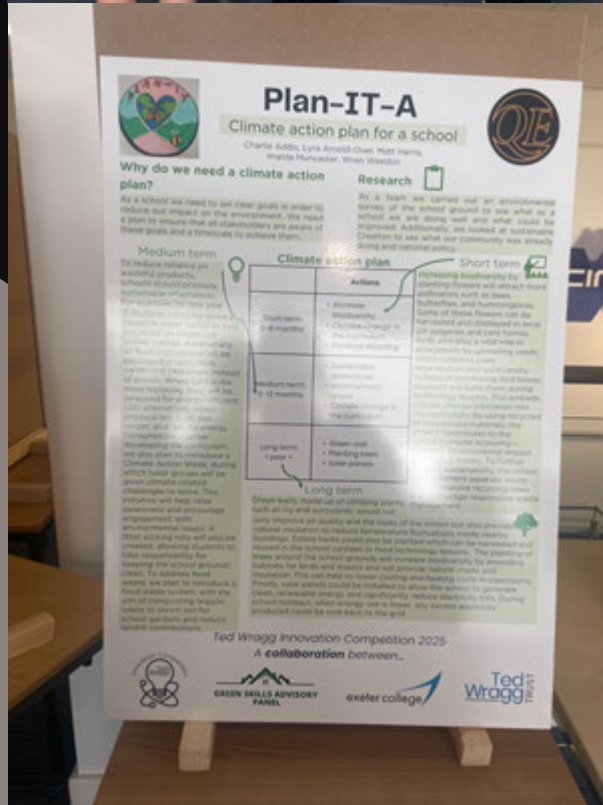


Congratulations to the 76 Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the UK Junior Maths Challenge earlier this term. They embraced the opportunity to deepen their mathematical reasoning, tackle challenging problems, and enjoy the process.

Special recognition goes to Year 8 student Owain who achieved a Gold certificate and was the highest scorer in the school. Year 7 students Charlie and Sofia both earned Silver certificates and shared the title of Best in Year 7. In total, our students secured 2 Gold, 11 Silver, and 17 Bronze certificates - an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their dedication and enthusiasm for mathematics.

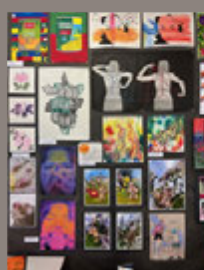
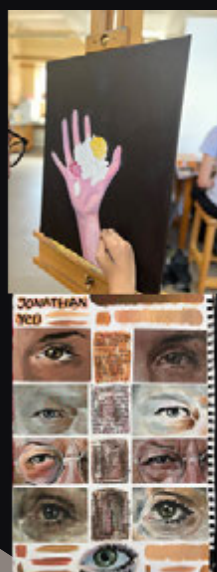
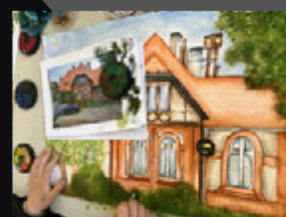
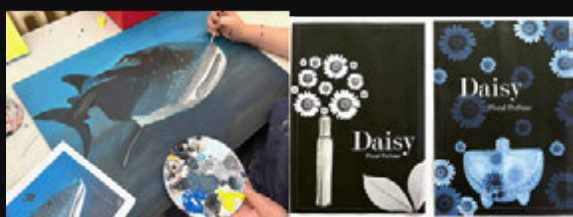
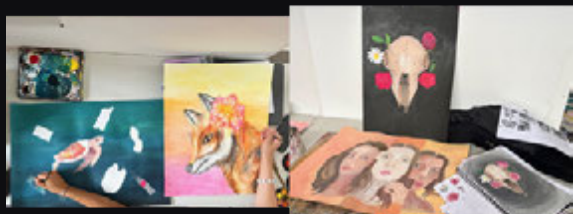
Well done all!

Innovation



Year 7 students Lyra, Charlie, Wren, Matt and Imelda represented QE at the Ted Wragg Trust Innovation Competition earlier this month. They presented their Climate Action Plan for the school, which they'd been working really hard on since January, and took part in a Lego team work task as well as a Minecraft for education session. Unfortunately we didn't win but the students had a great time. Thanks to all involved.

Outcomes



Year 10 Fine Art students have been working on their final outcomes for their chosen theme. Students are painting, drawing with ink or working with mixed media to produce a piece inspired by their personal ideas and experiences. We will have more year 10 artwork to share in September. Well done Year 10!

Diagnostic Radiography



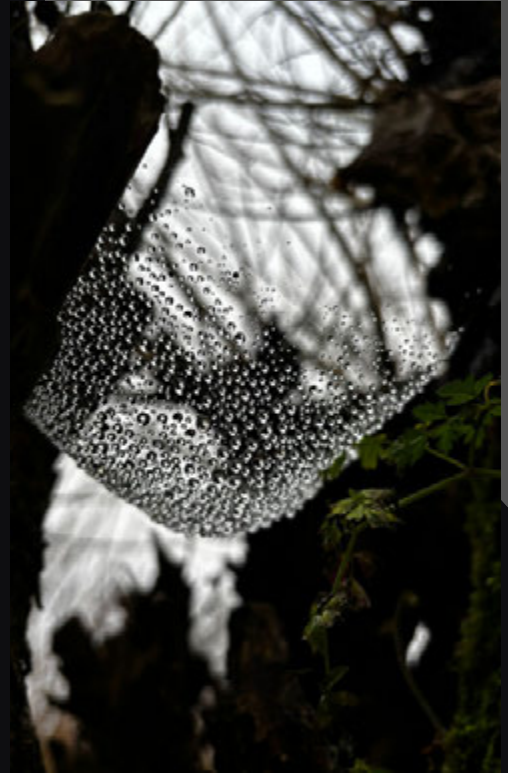
They will now have the opportunity to undertake work experience in the RD&E hospital if they are interested further.

Thank you to the NHS team!



Rotary Young Photographers

Radu was a National Finalist for the Rotary Young Photographer competition. He was placed First in the Intermediate section of the Local round, then placed First in the District round and the entry was then submitted to the National Final.



Congratulations to Erin for winning the Crediton senior round of the Rotary Young Photographer of Year Competition with her fantastic 'Wonderful Water' photograph.



EcoThreads

Thank you for your support. Catch us in the next school year - can't wait to see what we can achieve together.

ECOTHREADS

Ecothreads is QE's pre-loved uniform store, launched at the end of 2024. With the support of Involve Mid Devon, we've worked hard to make a real difference – and we're incredibly proud of everything we've achieved in our first seven months!

Over 400 items donated Our amazing community have already donated over 400 items - saving them from landfill.

We've sold 184 items of branded schoolwear – giving perfectly good clothes a second life. **184 items sold**

Saving £3,578 The preloved items are around 85% cheaper than buying new. Buying preloved items have saved our Families over £3,500.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, purchased and supported Ecothreads.

Recycle Devon INVOLVE

ECOTHREADS

RELOVE...REUSE...REWEAR
QE PRELOVED UNIFORM STORE

Thank You

To everyone who donated to, bought from and supported Ecothreads and Pre-Loved Prom this year.

To Crediton Town Council and Recycle Devon for your generous grants

Recycle Devon We rented 16 Prom Outfits and sold over 190 items of school uniform.

Pre-Loved Prom We have supported our amazing families, saving them £1,000s.

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL We have raised over £600.

Saving the planet, one Blazer at a time (or 46 to be exact).

QE INVOLVE

If you have any uniform that's too small or no longer needed, you can take this to the Crediton Library drop-off point over the summer.

RFU Rugby Festival



Back in May, a team of Year 9 girls helped at a RFU Rugby Festival involving 140 primary girls from 14 schools around Exeter who all came together at Crediton Rugby Club. The QE girls were brilliant at leading the skill zones and warm up activities and then helping with the Rugby Games that followed.

With some of the Women's Rugby World Cup games being played this summer at Sandy Park in Exeter (between 22nd August - 27th September), we also had a surprise visit from the team touring the World Cup itself, so the girls were thrilled to have their photos taken with the Cup.

Sporting News



Don't forget, 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](#)



Aspire



On 2nd July, QE Sixth Formers visited Oxford for the university open day. The students attended lectures on engineering, history, medicine and English, and visited several of the colleges. They also tried their hands at punting on the Cherwell! QE Sixth Form offers structured support for students who wish to apply to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities through its Aspire programme. Applications for 25/26 entry to QE Sixth Form and the Aspire programme are open now...



Chemistry Olympiad



Congratulations to our Queen Elizabeth's Sixth Form students who achieved a silver and five bronze awards in the Royal Society of Chemistry's UK Chemistry Olympiad. Well done everyone!

Geography Field Trip



On Tuesday June 24th Year 12 Geographers went to Dawlish Warren to collect data for their A level NEA coursework. Here are some pictures of them at work!



Law and Politics



On 10th and 11th July, students from Queen Elizabeth's Sixth Form went on a law and politics trip to London. On the first day, we visited Europe House and participated in debates around Europe-wide issues including climate change and the migration crisis. Later on, we were given a tour of HM Treasury and learnt more about the workings of government, as well as seeing the balcony where Churchill made his VE Day announcement.

On day two, we visited Parliament and saw a debate on a private members' bill taking place in the House of Commons. Students were also involved in a simulation exercise where they created their own political parties and formed their own select committee to debate their proposed policies. We then had a tour of the Supreme Court, where students sat in the seats normally occupied by the Supreme Court justices, and also visited the Royal Courts of Justice.

In all the exercises they undertook, students were excellent ambassadors for the school and showed they have the makings of future lawyers and politicians themselves. Well done to all involved!





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.

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





Communications

As you will be aware, we use a secure online system called Bromcom to send out general information, newsletters and trip messages etc. to parents and carers via email. Please ensure you have added the communications email address - mcas@qe.tedwraggtrust.co.uk - to your safe sender list, this should help ensure you receive communications from us promptly and that your provider doesn't filter them to spam.

My Child At School (MCAS)

We also use a secure online system from Bromcom called My Child At School (MCAS) to keep you up to date. With MCAS parents and carers can:

- Check their child's attendance
- Check their timetable
- Keep track of positives/negatives awarded
- View reports
- Send and receive messages

If you have a smartphone, both you and the school can save money when you download the 'MCAS' app from your app store (Android and iPhone).





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

Crediton Town Council's Summer Programme is ready to book, further information on the links below:



Tuesday 22nd July 2025 - 13.30 to 17.30 - Graffiti Art Day, and more, with D&D in the Hub.

Book here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/F42MNESJuA>

Thursday 24th July - Meet at 8.20am at Crediton Train Station - Hartland Exploration Day.

Book here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/S6GkL3uxVm>

Tuesday 29th July Love Your Park - Park Fun Day! Tuesday 29th July 2025 - 1.30 to 17.30, and D&D in the Hub.

Book here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/f9auchDyCX>

Activities in August to follow! Save the dates
Tuesday 5th August Activity TBC & Tuesday 12th August Art with the Heart Project and Crediton Arts centre!

A poster for voice and piano lessons. It features a black and white photo of a person singing into a microphone. The text on the poster includes 'SPACES AVAILABLE NOW!', 'Contact williamsemma24601@gmail.com', 'For more information!', 'EMMA WILLIAMS', 'SINGING AND PIANO TEACHER', and 'VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS' written vertically on the right side. There is also a small vertical text 'SING... PERFORM... INSPIRE' on the left side of the poster.



The Crediton Heart Project

Keeping the heart in our communities
Charity No. 1189549

Summer Arts Festival

2nd – 9th August

**Creative workshops & performances
for all ages**

Contact info@creditonheart.org



Creative Workshops Programme

at Crediton Arts Centre
East Street, EX17 3AX
See programme on reverse



Film & Music Programme

at Newcombes Meadow, Four Mills
Crediton Congregational Church

Outdoor Cinema

Sunday 3rd Aug from 7pm-11pm
Food available



Arts in the Park

Saturday 9th August 10am – 4pm

A free day of creative activities
in Newcombes Meadow

Book tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project



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Creative Events Programme

2nd – 9th August



For more details and to book your place visit

www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-crediton-heart-project

Workshops are open to all ages unless specified. Cost is £5 for 16+, £3 for under 16s.

Ages 11-15 must be accompanied by adult or a permission form signed at the venue.

Ages 5-10 must be accompanied by adult who can participate or watch.

Art Workshops At Crediton Arts Centre

Sunday 3rd & Sunday 17th

Community Ceramic Mural Workshop

2-5pm Make pottery tiles for a public ceramic mural, with Lucy Rockcliffe (all ages)

Monster Madness Drama 2-5pm Explore your monster worlds and become your own monster, using drawing & drama, with Jessica Haygarth and Rachel Hunter (age 7-12)

Monday 4th

Felt Flower Making 10am-1pm Use felt techniques to make big decorative flowers, with Jess Carvill (age 12+)

Robot Making 2-5pm Make robots using found and recycled objects, with Fliss Shillingford (age 7+)

Tuesday 5th

Polymer clay Earrings, 10am-1pm - Make colourful baked polymer earrings in 3 designs, Jo Hunter (age 14+)

Pottery Animals 2-5pm Make little animals with clay, to be collected a week later, with Lynda Burton (all ages)

Wednesday 6th

Painting 10am-1pm Layer the colour palette to make imaginary landscapes, with James Hedge (age 14+)

Thursday 7th

Block Printing 10am-1pm Make layered designs using playful printing with carved lino blocks, with Grace Coombes (all ages)

Friday 8th

Willow Craft 10am-1pm Weave small animals and baskets to take home, with Jane Welsh (all ages)

Mask making, 2-5pm - Using paint, collage, and bits & pieces to create masks to wear or for home decoration, Teresa Rodrigues (age 7+)

In Newcombes Meadow

Saturday 9th – FREE drop-in art sessions for all ages (no need to book)

Printing 10.30am-12.30pm Mono printing from nature, **Hat Decorating 1-3pm**

Decorate a hat and take it home,

Big Doodle 11am-3pm Add your mark to a communal graffiti scroll

At Four Mills – The Turning Tides Project

Saturday August 2nd - Outdoor music workshops and performances, food all day! 11am-4pm

Film and Music events

Sunday 3rd Open Air Cinema *'Wicked'* in Newcombes Meadow, Food stalls from 7pm, film starts at 8:30pm

Wednesday 6th 2pm Matinee *'Paddington in Peru'* at Crediton Arts Centre

Thursday 7th 7.30pm *A Summer Celebration of Musical Styles*, Crediton Congregational Church

Arts in the Park

Saturday 9th August 10am – 4pm

A free day out in the park with street theatre, art workshops, drumming and circus workshops, live music, a craft fair, face painting and food.

Theatre performances

11:30am-12:30pm, 2-3pm

Drumming workshops 10:30-11:30am

Higher Beings Circus Workshops, 11am-12:30pm, 2-3:30pm

Kick Start Art at CREDITON Arts Festival

THE BIG DOODLE

What's a doodle?

A fun, free, spontaneous drawing. No rules.

No pressure.

Just creativity!

All ages welcome –
just bring your imagination!

WHERE: Newcombes Meadow, Crediton

WHEN: Saturday 9th August, 10am–4pm

★ FREE!

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Add your mark to the GIANT graffiti scroll
and be part of something creative.

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

FLU

MMR

HPV

**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 came into effect on 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance





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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:

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

Jul 18th: End of Term

Aug 14th: A-Level Results Day

Aug 21st: GCSE Results Day

Sep 1st: Staff Return

Sep 1st: Year 12 Enrolment Day

Sep 3rd: Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 Return

Sep 4th: Years 8 and 10 Return

Sep 8th: Years 7 and 9 Tempest Photos

Sep 8th: Year 12 Return

Our latest job
vacancies are always
advertised on our
website.





TERM DATES 2025-26

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AUTUMN TERM

START OF TERM

Wednesday 3
September

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 27 October
– Friday 7 November

NON PUPIL DAY

Monday 8
December

END OF TERM

Friday 19
December

SPRING TERM

START OF TERM

Monday 5
January

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 16 February
– Friday 20 February

NON PUPIL DAY

Monday 23
March

END OF TERM

Thursday 2
April

SUMMER TERM

START OF TERM

Monday 20
April

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 4 May

MAY HALF TERM

Monday 25 May
– Friday 29 May

END OF TERM

Friday 17
July



Summer Holiday

Wishing all our Students,
Parents and Carers
a very happy and restful break

Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 return on
Wednesday 3rd September

Years 8 and 10 return on
Thursday 4th September

Year **12** return on
Monday 8th September