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QE IN THE NEWS

Dear Families,

At the end of a busy and rewarding first half term, I am delighted to share with you some of the many achievements, opportunities and experiences that have taken place across our school community.

The opening weeks of term are always filled with energy and optimism. Students have quickly settled into their learning, embraced new challenges and thrown themselves into school life. Year 7 have settled well and coped brilliantly with their new way of life - they are proving to be a joy for staff to get to know! Whether in classrooms, on sports fields, on educational visits or through the many enrichment activities on offer, it has been wonderful to see so many young people demonstrating our values of ambition, community and kindness.

One of the highlights of recent weeks has been our student voice activities, led by the Sixth Form Leadership Team. This year we are going to be working with students on the future of the QE school uniform and including their ideas as we work with architects to plan the refurbishment of College House for use by the music and drama departments. QE has also been central to the development of the Ted Wragg Charter and the establishment of the cross-school student parliament, and we are excited to see how that develops with our students attending over the next few months.

We continue to look ahead to the future shape of our school environment. While some areas of our site require ongoing investment and development - Lower School is currently covered in scaffolding for roof repairs - we are fortunate to be supported by the Ted Wragg Trust financially and practically as we work to enhance our facilities. Sixth Form representatives, along with staff and governors met with the Community Panel for the College House renovation this week at the Elephant on the Green and heard from the lead architect from the firm AWW who are designing the project. I'm pleased to say the design has now reached the pre-application planning phase where we collaborate with local planning officers to refine the scope of works.

We were also delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff at this year's Ted Wragg Trust Awards Evening, a special event recognising the positive contribution they make to our school community. It was a wonderful opportunity for nominees to enjoy an evening of celebration and recognition, reflecting the talent, commitment and kindness that make our school such a special place. The QE Jazz Band stole the show with their stunning set during dinner, and I am still receiving compliments about their performances when I bump into people who attended the evening. You can read more about the staff and students nominated for these awards later in this newsletter.

The academic life of the school has been incredibly focused over the past half term and our Year 11 and 13 students have their sights firmly fixed on the mock exams which take place in November. We have also greatly valued the opportunity to welcome parents and carers into school this term. Thank you to everyone who has attended information evenings and support events. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our students succeed, and we are grateful for your ongoing encouragement and support.

The newsletter gives a small flavour of the many and varied experiences we have enjoyed bringing to students this term.

I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

With very best wishes,

Paula Smith

Headteacher

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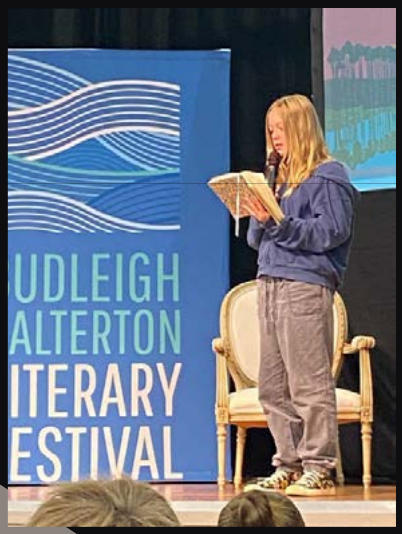
Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival













In September, eight Year 9 QE writers travelled to Budleigh Salterton to take part in a poetry workshop hosted by published poets Rebecca Tantony and Chris White. They spent the day undertaking different writing exercises and reading notable poems to help them improve and diversify their own writing.

After strolling along the beach at lunchtime, the afternoon culminated in a public performance of their work in Budleigh Town Hall.

It was a great day for everyone and we hope to continue refining their writing through 'QE Writers', our creative writing group that meets every month.

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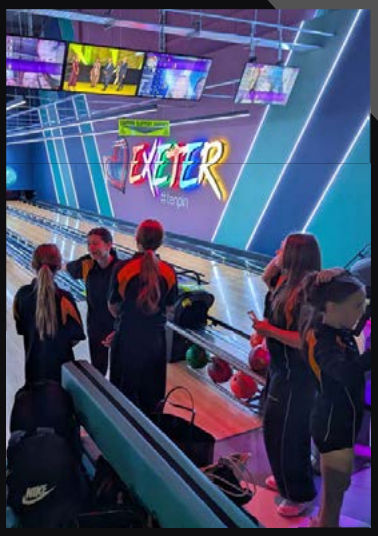
Rewards















This half term, students in Years 7-10 enjoyed a spot of Ten Pin bowling for their Rewards Activity.

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Big Interview







Earlier this term, as part of our careers and raising standards work, Year 11 students took part in a Big Interview Day.

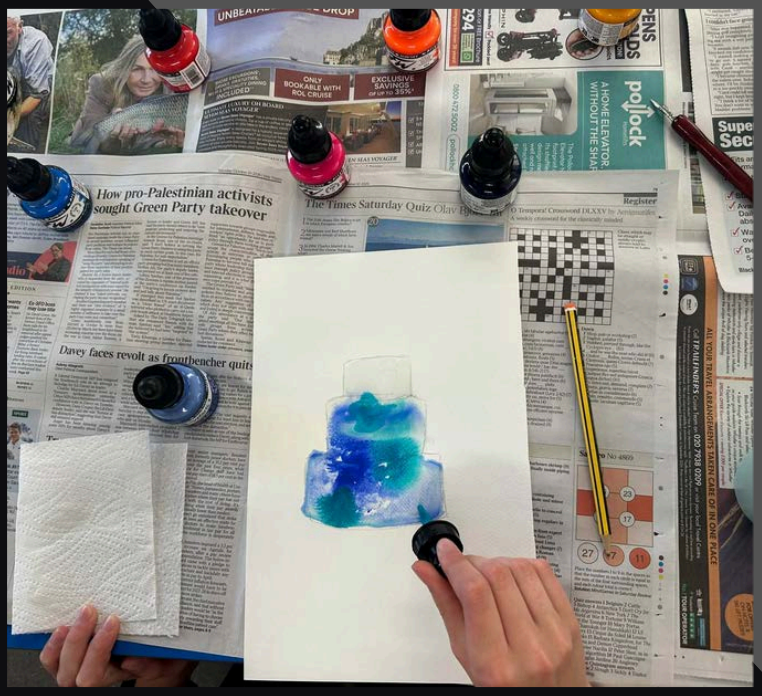
A huge thank you goes to all of the local employers who provided interviewers and gave our students such a valuable experience.

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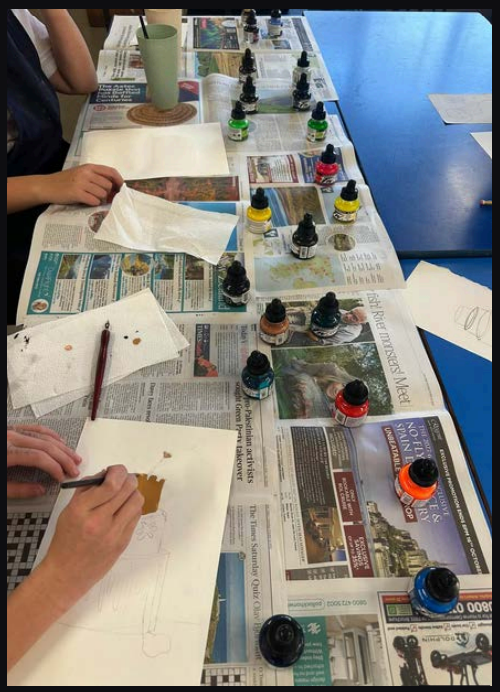
Cakes!











Huge thanks to Linda Williamson from Kick Start Art for a lovely session with the fantastic Year 7 and 8 students, creating their designs for the Kick Start Art Cakes Challenge! So much creativity and imagination!

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Youth Council

Earlier this month, students from QE attended the School and Youth Council event at County Hall. The event provided an opportunity to work in diverse groups with young people from across Devon, passionately sharing their views on local challenges. Discussions covered issues including rural transport barriers, mental health support, environmental sustainability and affordable youth spaces. Students collaborated to refine their proposals, combine their strongest ideas and present them in the council chamber, where they debated their findings with confidence and conviction.







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BSO Live















Earlier this month, Key Stage 4 music students spent the day with members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Uffculme school alongside students from numerous other schools. In the morning the students played and sang in a 100+piece orchestra under the direction of acclaimed conductor Patrick Bailey. They performed two songs - Africa by Toto and Seven Seas of Rhye by Queen. In the afternoon the BSO musicians performed a concert and masterclass based on the GCSE set works. Thank you to the DMEH for organising this and for Uffculme school for hosting. We all had a great day!

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The Feast of St Luke



Photograph © John Rawles, courtesy of Crediton Courier

QE students were among those involved in a highly praised live broadcast of Morning Worship from Crediton Parish Church on BBC Radio 4. The service aired on 18th October and included a reading and singing from Finnlay as well as Effiah and Esther singing. The Crediton Courier article has further details: https://www.creditoncourier.co.uk/news/crediton-parish-church-bbc-radio-4-965296 and you can listen to the service on BBC Sounds: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00331qz

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Three Peaks Challenge

While most of us spent the summer enjoying a well-earned break, Annabel had slightly different plans...

Next July, Annabel has the opportunity to join a school expedition to Nicaragua, a real once-in-a-lifetime experience where she'll discover a completely different country and culture and take part in a community project focused on rehabilitating horses. But rather than simply asking people to help fund her trip, Annabel wanted to do something that would earn their support. So, she set herself quite a bonkers summer challenge!

Starting with Snowdon/Yr Wyddfa (1,085 m), followed by Scafell Pike (978 m) and finishing on Ben Nevis (1,345 m), she climbed the three highest peaks in Great Britain, while cycling roughly 850 km between them!



There were big hills, tired legs and rather a few "whose idea was this?" moments along the way, but she did it!

Annabel is still fundraising for her Nicaragua adventure, so if you'd like to reward all those miles (and very tired legs!) with a donation or simply share her GoFundMe page, she'd be incredibly grateful. https://gofund.me/3b3a69ecf

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Crediton RFC U16s 190-Mile Challenge





Many Year 11 QE students who are part of Crediton RFC's U16 squad recently took on an ambitious fundraising challenge in Crediton Town Square and exceeded all expectations.

The challenge was designed to replicate the 190-mile journey from Crediton to Twickenham Stadium in West London, a key destination on the squad's planned 2027 West London Tour. Players and coaches rowed and cycled on static equipment in the town square with the aim of covering the full distance while raising funds to support the tour.

The 2027 tour represents a significant milestone for the players and will include rugby fixtures, a visit to Twickenham Stadium, attendance at a Premiership Rugby match, and a range of team-building activities. The fundraising effort is aimed at ensuring every player has the opportunity to take part regardless of financial circumstances.

The boys showed tremendous determination throughout the challenge, not only achieving their target but surpassing it by a considerable margin. What makes the achievement even more impressive is that several of the players had already represented their football teams earlier that morning, completing a full football match before heading straight to Crediton Town Square to take on their share of the rowing and cycling challenge.

Challenge Target: 190 Miles
Distance Completed: 218.95 Miles

In just four hours, the squad covered an incredible 218.95 miles, exceeding their target by nearly 29 miles.

The local community responded brilliantly, supporting the event through bucket collections, a raffle and a popular "Guess the Number of Coffee Beans" competition. Together, these activities raised £360.07 on the day.

Combined with the team's GoFundMe campaign, the total amount raised now stands at an impressive £2,294.07.

The squad would like to thank everyone who donated, volunteered, shared the fundraising campaign or came along to support on the day. The encouragement from the local community played a huge part in the success of the challenge.

Special thanks also go to Lords Meadow Leisure Centre, who kindly provided three static bikes to help make the event possible.

📲 Our GoFundMe page will remain open for anyone wishing to support the boys' final push towards their fundraising target: https://gofund.me/552ade060

Every donation helps bring the team one step closer to ensuring every player can take part in what promises to be a memorable and rewarding tour experience. The players represented both their rugby club and the local community exceptionally well, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and commitment throughout the challenge.

From everyone involved with Crediton RFC U16s, thank you for your continued support.

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Year 11 Netball



Huge well done to our Year 11 Netballers who came away undefeated from a recent tournament.

Won 6-5 v West Exe · Drew 6-6 v Exmouth · Won 4-1 v Sidmouth · Won 6-1 v ISCA

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Year 9 Rugby



A fantastic team performance from the boys in their 71-17 victory over Uffculme in the Exeter and East Devon Cup.

Well done, boys - a positive team effort, excellent discipline and a brilliant performance!

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DofE Gold - Lake District Adventure

What a way to spend the summer!
A huge congratulations to our students who successfully completed their DofE Gold practice and qualifying expeditions in the Lake District.
They took on challenging terrain, changing weather and some seriously demanding days on the hills — navigating their way through it all with determination, teamwork and plenty of resilience!
And they didn't just complete the expedition... they finished well ahead of schedule!
From stunning views and challenging climbs to plenty of laughs along the way, they were also described as being "great company for the week" — which sounds like a pretty successful expedition to us!
A fantastic achievement and another brilliant example of our students pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones and embracing every challenge.
Well done, everyone!



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Drama and Theatre Studies Enrichment









It has been an exciting and inspiring half term for our A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies students, who have enjoyed a range of valuable theatre trips and workshop experiences.

Students travelled to Bath Theatre Royal to see Tristan and Yseult by Kneehigh Theatre Company, an imaginative and highly entertaining production that showcased the company's distinctive approach to storytelling theatre. The performance provided students with an excellent opportunity to experience innovative staging, physical theatre and creative ensemble work in a professional setting.

The cohort also visited the Picturehouse Cinema in Exeter to watch the National Theatre Live screening of The Misanthrope, starring Sandra Oh. This contemporary interpretation of Molière's classic play offered students fresh insights into performance, characterisation and the adaptation of classical texts for modern audiences.

A particular highlight of the term was welcoming Alexander Uzoka from the world-renowned theatre company Complicité to the school on Thursday 8th October. Alexander led the A-Level students through an inspiring and physically demanding devising workshop, introducing them to Complicité's unique creative processes and approaches to making original theatre. Students explored a variety of starting points for devising work and gained invaluable first-hand experience of the techniques used by one of the world's leading theatre companies.

These enrichment opportunities have greatly enhanced students' understanding of contemporary theatre-making and provided inspiration for their own practical and written work.

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Student Leaders in Action







In September, our Head Boy and Head Girl represented QE Sixth Form at our Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening at Barnfield Campus. They took to the stage to share their experiences and deliver speeches to prospective students and families — and they did an amazing job!

Post-16 Open Evening

@ Sports Hall, Western Road, Crediton



6.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 11th November

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Ted Wragg Trust Awards 2026: Meet Our Nominees

We are incredibly proud of the students and staff who were nominated for this year's Ted Wragg Trust Awards. Their nominations recognise the dedication, kindness, ambition and commitment they bring to our school community every day.

Pariah - Student Teamwork Award
Pariah is a talented student band made up of Jess, Amy, Sam and Joseph, whose teamwork, creativity and determination have been exceptional. Working across three year groups, they have dedicated countless hours to rehearsals, supported one another to develop their musical talents and built strong friendships along the way. Their hard work culminated in winning the Devon Schools Battle of the Bands, making them outstanding ambassadors for QE.

QE Safeguarding Team - Staff Teamwork Award
Our Safeguarding Team works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every student feels safe, supported and cared for. Their compassion, professionalism and relentless commitment to young people make an enormous difference to the lives of students and families. Through outstanding teamwork and a shared determination to do the very best for every child, they exemplify the values at the heart of our school.

Charlotte Iley - Student of the Year
Charlotte is a wonderful role model who demonstrates kindness, commitment and community spirit in everything she does. Always willing to help others, she contributes positively to school life while maintaining an unwavering dedication to her studies. Whether taking part in Ten Tors, cadets or revision sessions, Charlotte approaches every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination, inspiring those around her.

Alice Morgan-Nolan - Co-Professional of the Year
Alice has transformed the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme at QE into one of the school's most popular and successful extracurricular opportunities. Her passion for outdoor education, commitment to inclusion and belief in helping young people develop confidence and resilience have enabled hundreds of students to benefit from the programme. Her leadership continues to have a lasting impact on students and the wider school community.

Beth McHugh - Unsung Hero Award
Beth is a passionate advocate for students and a driving force behind careers education and personal development at QE. She works tirelessly to create opportunities for young people, particularly those who may face barriers to success, ensuring every student has the support and encouragement they need to thrive. Her kindness, dedication and student-first approach make an extraordinary difference every day.

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Sarah Everitt - Teacher of the Year
Sarah is an inspirational teacher whose dedication extends far beyond the classroom. Alongside securing excellent outcomes for her students, she gives generously of her time to support revision programmes, lead Further Mathematics qualifications, organise Ten Tors training and mentor colleagues. Her commitment to excellence, care for students and passion for learning make her a highly respected member of the QE community.

Congratulations to all our nominees. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and grateful for the positive impact they have on our school every day.









DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST?

We are part of the Ted Wragg Trust, a family of schools working together to transform lives.

Ted Wragg TRUST

An Academy Trust is a **charitable organisation** that supports a group of schools to work together for the benefit of children and young people.

As a school we are part of the Ted Wragg Trust, dedicated to improving opportunities and outcomes for children and young people. We work together with other schools to deliver an excellent education for every child, close to home.

Being part of a Trust helps our school to **achieve more than we could alone**. Our students enjoy new opportunities alongside expert and specialist support. This includes unique opportunities such as the annual Innovation Competition, where students offer their innovative ideas to tackle big issues, and access to support from the in-house Speech and Language Team for those who need an extra helping hand.

There is **no one size fits all approach**. Every school that is part of the Trust is different and leaders, staff, governors and communities are trusted to shape what is right for their own pupils, families and community.

> *At the heart of everything we do is a simple ambition:* ***children will love coming to school.***



Find out more

To learn more about the Ted Wragg Trust and how they support our school, please visit:

www.tedwraggtrust.co.uk

Equipment

- Black and purple pens (including spares)
- A pencil
- A rubber
- A ruler
- A Casio scientific calculator

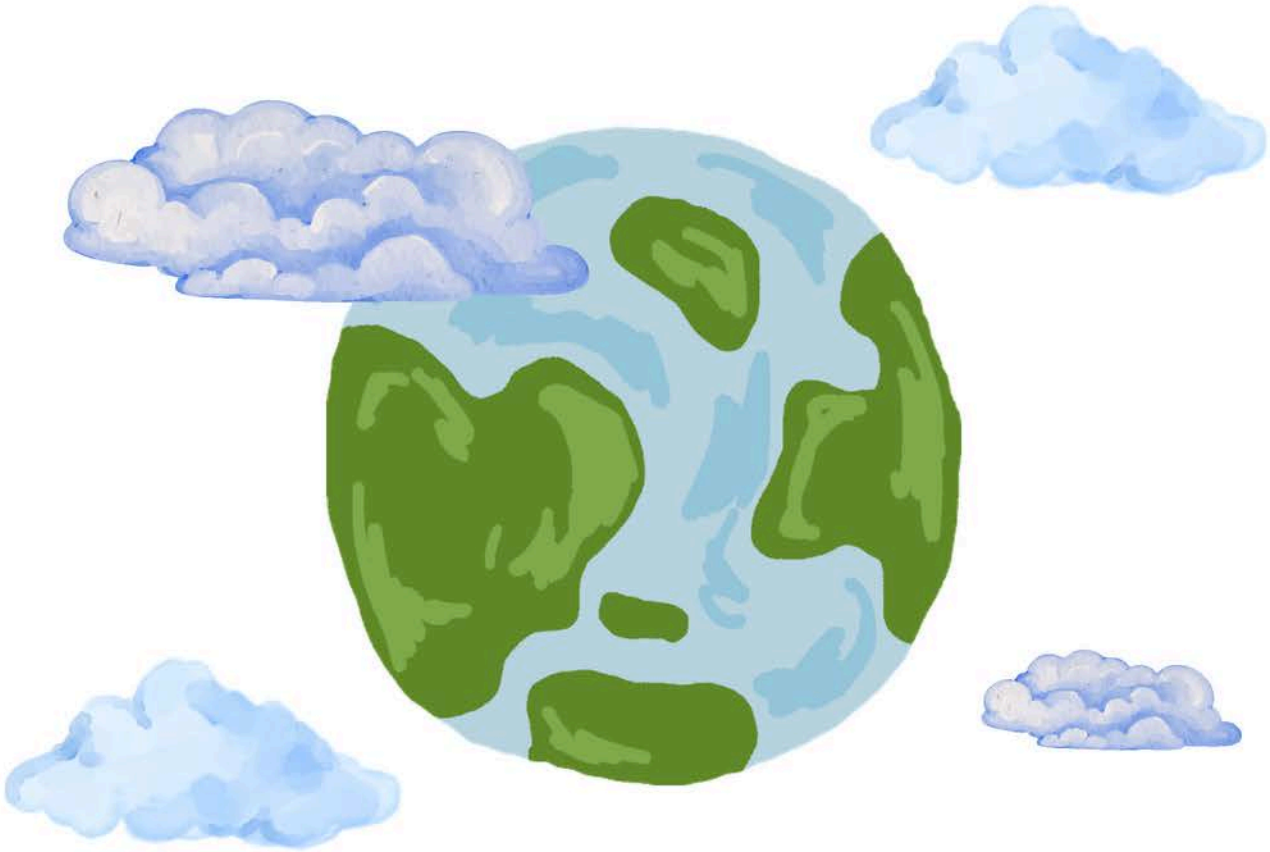
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If you have any community events or news you'd like to share, please contact us - tellus@qe.devon.sch.uk

CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL





Crediton Youth Service have a number of activities planned over the half term break. Find out more at https://www.crediton.gov.uk/Youth-Work or click on each image to register for the event.



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🍰🎨 KICK START ART - CAKES! 🎨🍰

Get creative with our latest free Kick Start Art challenge - Cakes! 🍰🎨
Watch Linda's short video to find out all about the project and get lots of ideas and inspiration:





You can also visit our Kick Start Art Padlet – a safe online space containing all the project information, resources, artist inspiration, short how-to videos and our wonderful growing online gallery of children's artwork.
You can access the Padlet through the link above or download the free Padlet app to make it even easier to use.
The project is open to all school-aged children in Crediton and the surrounding villages, and everything is completely free. The closing date is Sunday 15 November.
Thank you so much for supporting Kick Start Art and helping us encourage children to get creative!
Best wishes,
Linda and the Kick Start Art Team

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

QE Ecothreads: Saving the planet one blazer at a time



We urgently need donations of QE branded school wear

Donations can be accepted at Barnfield and Western Road Reception, or Crediton Library, Belle Parade

ECOTHREADS

Ecothreads is QE's Pre-loved initiative that aims to keep clothing out of landfill, cut down on carbon emissions and promote a culture of sustainability within our school community.

How to order school uniform from Ecothreads

Contact Ecothreads to check if the item you want is available:
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or message: **facebook.com/qeecothreads**

Scan here to email us!



If the item is in stock, it will be sent to the **Library** - at either **Barnfield** or **Western Road**

The item can be collected and paid for using your **Pick and Pay Card**

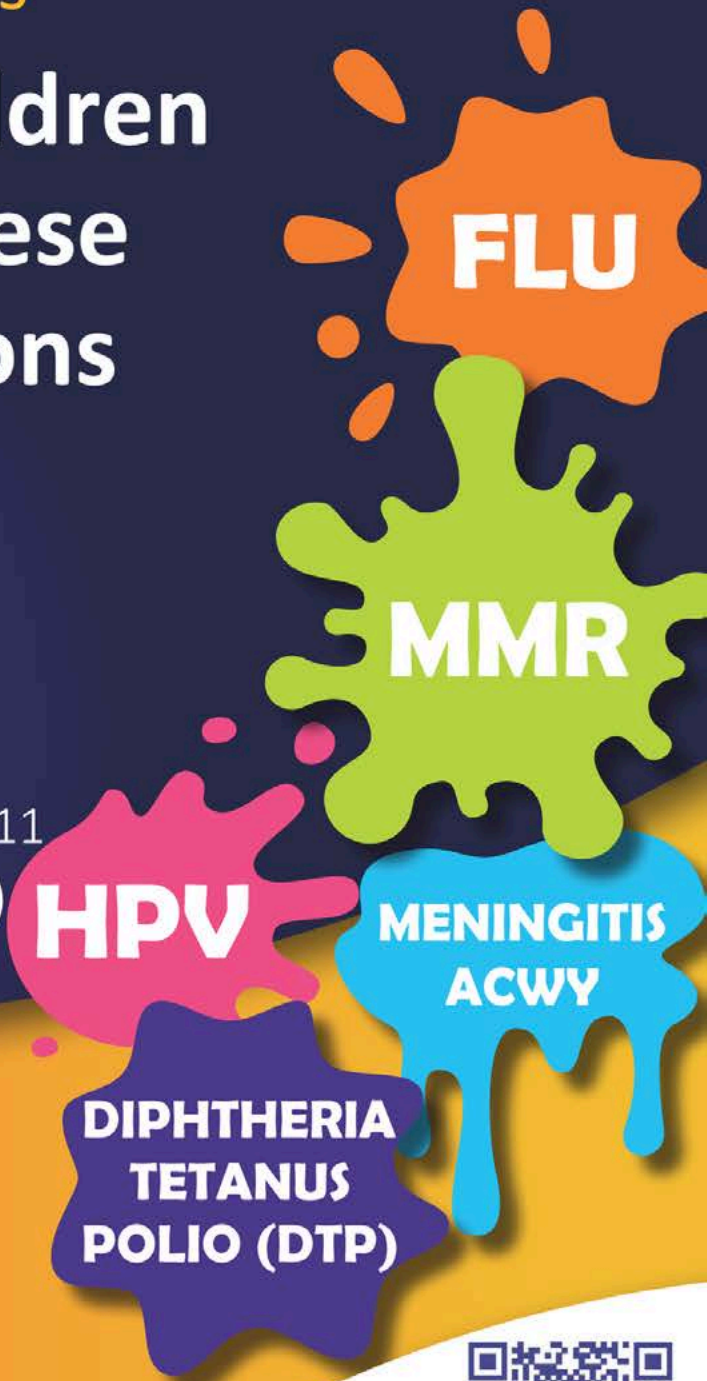
Saving the planet - one blazer at a time

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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



Did you miss us?

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- Anxious children
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Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

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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 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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Send us Your News!



Email

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dolce schools catering

Please check out our Catering pages on our website for further details on the Dolce menus and price lists.
If your child has lost their Pick and Pay card, please ask them to speak with their Tutor, to order a new one (replacements cost £1 and are deducted from their Pick and Pay balance).

For your Diary

Oct 23rd: Last Day of Term

Nov 4th: Staff Return

Nov 9th: Students Return

Nov 16th-27th: Years 11 and 13 Mock Exams

Dec 4th-10th: Years 7-9 Assessment Week

Dec 11th and 15th-17th: Years 7-10 Rewards Activities

Dec 14th: Non-Pupil Day

Dec 15th-18th: Year 11 NEA Drop-Down Days

Dec 17th: Year 11 Envelope Day

Dec 18th: Early Close

Our latest job vacancies are always advertised on our website.



TERM DATES 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM

START OF TERM
(FOR STUDENTS)
Monday 7 September

NON PUPIL DAYS
Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September

OCTOBER HALF TERM
Monday 26 October - Friday 6 November

NON PUPIL DAY
Monday 14 December

END OF TERM
Friday 18 December

SPRING TERM

START OF TERM
Monday 4 January

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

END OF TERM
Thursday 25 March

SUMMER TERM

START OF TERM
(FOR STUDENTS)
Tueday 13 April

NON PUPIL DAY
Monday 12 April

MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 3 May

MAY HALF TERM
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

END OF TERM
Friday 23 July

2026 TED WRAGG TRUST

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

CHOCOLATE & HOBBYCRAFT VOUCHERS TO BE WON

WINNING DESIGNS MADE INTO THE OFFICIAL TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD

Entries welcome from all ages across our Primary and Secondary schools. Contact your Head of Art or teacher today!

- **Submission Deadline:** Monday 9th November
- **Winners Announced:** Week commencing 30th November

There is no maximum size, however artwork should be no smaller than A5 as it needs to be photographed.

Artwork will be judged by a panel of artists.

