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QE IN THE NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a suitably packed Christmas 2022 edition of QE in the News. As you will see we have had an excellent term with a huge amount going on. A particular highlight for me was the Remembrance Day service. The students' behaviour was perfect as they paid their respects and took time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of others. In doing so, they demonstrated our values of Respect, Reflection and Resilience, as indeed they do so often day in, day out.

QE is an amazing school. Our students, your children, are fantastic. Over the years people have always said to me 'what a nice feel' there is to QE. This is because QE students approach life with quiet determination and are generous, kind and modest. The lack of arrogance is perhaps the thing that stands out the most for me, and I am sure this is what helps them go on to be happy and successful adults, confident and in control of their lives.

QE staff are a special bunch as well. I have been very fortunate to work with such exceptional colleagues, colleagues who constantly go above and beyond, be that in the classroom and the hard graft of planning and assessment, or contributing to all the 'extra' curricular activity that goes on. QE is a complex organisation that requires expert and specialist business and operations professionals to make it work, and we have those in data administration, communications, personnel and HR, premises, cleaning, and finance. We also have compassionate people assisting students who need support at school for whatever reason, in our superb pastoral, safeguarding and SEND teams. These colleagues often work in demanding and complex situations, but always with determination and a smile.

The community QE serves is equally amazing and special; an increasingly rare community, in our ever-urbanising world, of market town and rural villages. I am particularly proud of the work staff have done in recent years to serve that community. Yes, there was a pandemic. Staff worked tirelessly to ensure our students made excellent progress, despite the many challenges they all faced. However, pre pandemic, work had started behind the scenes on curriculum and pedagogy, and that work has had such a positive impact on our students' achievements.

I am absolutely delighted that Paula Smith, who was so instrumental in that work, is taking over as Headteacher from January. She will be ably supported by Lucy Jones as Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion, and Alexandra Blagden, currently our Director of Science and Technology, who will be taking up the role of Deputy Headteacher Quality of Education. Clare Marcus-Embleton, who joined us in June, has had a hugely positive impact and leads on all aspects of the school's Business and Operations functions. Joining the team after Christmas is Chloe Harper, who will lead on Safeguarding.



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Dan Whelan and Ross Gillon will continue in their roles as Senior Teachers for Behaviour on the Western Road and Barnfield campuses respectively. Our dedicated team of Directors, who lead on the different curriculum areas, has seen some changes with the promotion of Alexandra. Kate Simons takes on Science and Technology. Max Wallace continues to lead Maths and Visual Arts, as does Victoria Hopkins Bond for English and Performing Arts, Jo Cherrett French and EBACC, and Colin Skinner for Sport. Colin also leads on all the Professional Learning for staff and this includes the excellent coaching that our teachers receive on a regular basis.

There are no changes to our steadfast Year Team Leaders; Ross Gillon in Year 7, David Harris Year 8, Mark Baptist Year 9, Kylie Mardell Year 10, Dulcie Oliver Year 11, and Vicky Evans Sixth Form, all of whom do an excellent job leading a team of tutors to support our students.

We also have a tremendous team of subject leaders, and I am delighted to welcome Elisabeth McHugh to that team, recently appointed to lead on Personal Development.

I will never forget the summer before I took on the headship, stranded by the roadside in the middle of the night with the rain pouring down, and the cheerful "Hello Sir" that greeted me as the rescue van pulled up. Chatting as he fixed the situation in minutes he, like many others before and after him, had developed the skills needed for a successful life here at QE.

Thank you. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work here for the last 25 or so years and I have absolutely loved it. Special thanks go to the governors, both past and present; they give their time freely to oversee the quality of education we provide and they have been an invaluable source of support.

With very best wishes for the future to you, everybody in the school, and the wider community.

Take care.

Rupert Poole





Author Visit



Barnfield played host to author Philip Reeve for the launch of his latest book 'Utterly Dark and The Heart of the Wild'. Year 7 students asked lots of questions and had the opportunity to get books signed before over 200 Year 5 and 6 students arrived from our local primary schools. Thank you to **The Bookery, Crediton** for arranging.



We Will Remember Them

Special guests, including Rev. Tregenza, The Mayor, Cllr Brookes-Hocking, and the family of Robert Reeves, joined the whole school for a poignant Remembrance Service on 11th November.



Fabulous fruit pies from our Year 10 GCSE Food Students



Mouthwatering!

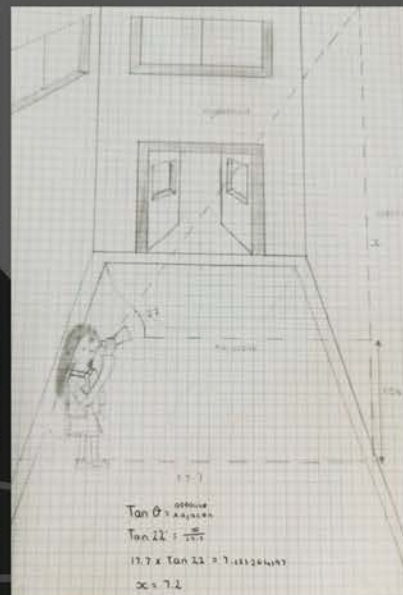


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All That Jazz

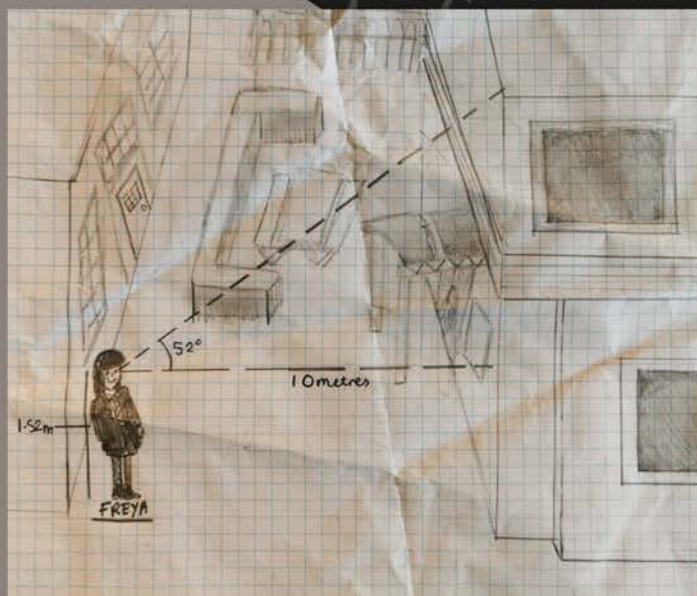


On Friday 18th November, QE music department hosted a workshop led by the fantastic saxophonist, Karen Sharp. Karen, a prominent figure in the UK jazz scene, gave our students advice on how to improve their jazz playing including improvisation techniques. We were really lucky to have this opportunity and would like to thank the Devon Music Education Hub for supporting schools in such an interactive way.



Measured

Year 10 Maths students taking measurements to work out the heights of buildings using trigonometry



Noughts and Crosses



GCSE and A-Level Drama students visited Exeter Northcott Theatre to see Noughts and Crosses in the first drama trip of the year

Fundraising



Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Pudsey Coin Challenge. We raised an incredible £892 for BBC Children in Need.

It was a tough choice but tutor groups 7C, 8O, 9D, 10O and 11X3/11Y3 were the winners of the best Pudsey prizes.

Don't forget – Friday 16th is non uniform day!

To save on all the complexity of collecting cash from the students, please make a voluntary donation via ParentPay (£1 minimum). Mr Poole has agreed to a non-uniform day after the very polite and pleasant suggestions he might like to do so by students – so they will be deciding on the charities we support with the money raised in the New Year! Thank you and Happy Christmas.





Geography Competition

Design a praise postcard

Help us to design a new image for our praise postcards.

Postcards need to be geographical related

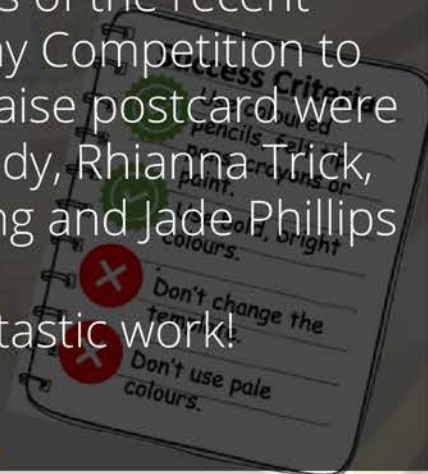
Competition Winners

The best postcard from each year will be given a prize, and the overall winner.

Winners of the recent Geography Competition to design a praise postcard were Alexis Boddy, Rhianna Trick, Tom Harding and Jade Phillips

Return any completed postcards to your Geography Teacher by: Friday 25th November

Fantastic work!



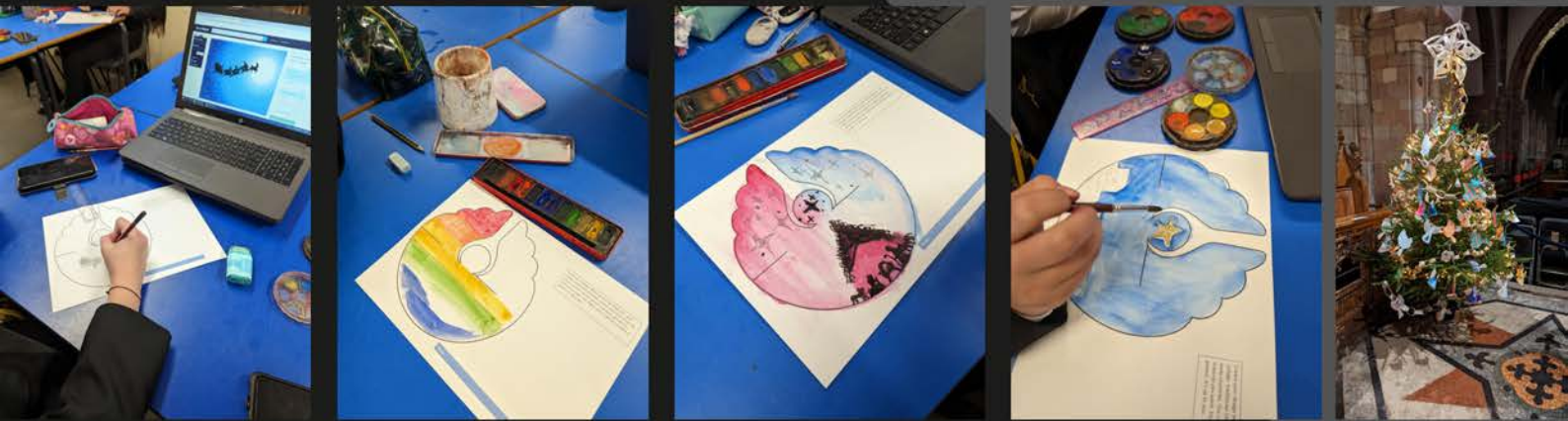
Careers

You may have spotted on social media that we've introduced a 'job of the week' video resource. This is to provide students, and their families, a brief snapshot into a wide variety of careers.



MYPATH
CAREERS EDUCATION, COACHING AND GUIDANCE

JOB OF THE WEEK #1



Year 7 Craft Club designed and hand-painted decorations for their tree in the Crediton Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Mince pies and seasonal tunes were on offer for the students and staff who created Christmas banners to display at Barnfield hall. Designs ranged from the more traditional partridge in a pear tree to surfing snowmen! Fantastic work everyone!





Anyone for Tennis?

Year 8 student, Grace Notten, and sister Olivia from Year 10, completed the **LTA Tennis Youth Leaders Course** back in October. They are now able to assist on junior tennis coaching sessions with a qualified Level 3 coach.

In addition, Olivia was selected to represent the Chagford Tennis Women's Team who play in the Exeter District League. Olivia won both her matches and the team won the event against Exwick Tennis Club.

Very nice work girls!

QE Kids Can



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Winners!

Our Year 10 Boys' Rugby Team were the winners at the recent Exeter 10s tournament. There were some really physical battles and close games which ultimately finished in a drop kick shoot out against Exeter School. Great teamwork!

Runners-up!

Our Year 8 and 9 Girls' Rugby Team were runners-up in the recent Topsham Rugby Festival. The girls played their socks off and their behaviour, sportsmanship and attitude were exemplary.

Great work girls!





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Surf's Up

Surf Club returned in September with a whole new crop of students getting to enjoy the weather, if not the biggest of waves



Netball

Our Year 10 and 11 Netball Teams travelled to Okehampton for two competitive matches.

Well played girls.





Going for Gold



Congratulations to all the intrepid students who completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition in the picturesque Yorkshire Dales over the summer. DofE Gold Award manager, John Wright, said they were a fantastic set of teams to work with and he's never known a week to run so smoothly





Leadership



Introducing this year's brilliant Sixth Form student leadership team! The team's objectives are to ensure greater student investment and participation in day-to-day school operations, decisions and culture.



Post-16



Some photos from our well attended Post-16 Open Evening
To find out what QE's Sixth Form has to offer please contact the Sixth Form Administrator,
Jasmin Groom – jasmin.groom@qe.devon.sch.uk

Digital Surgery

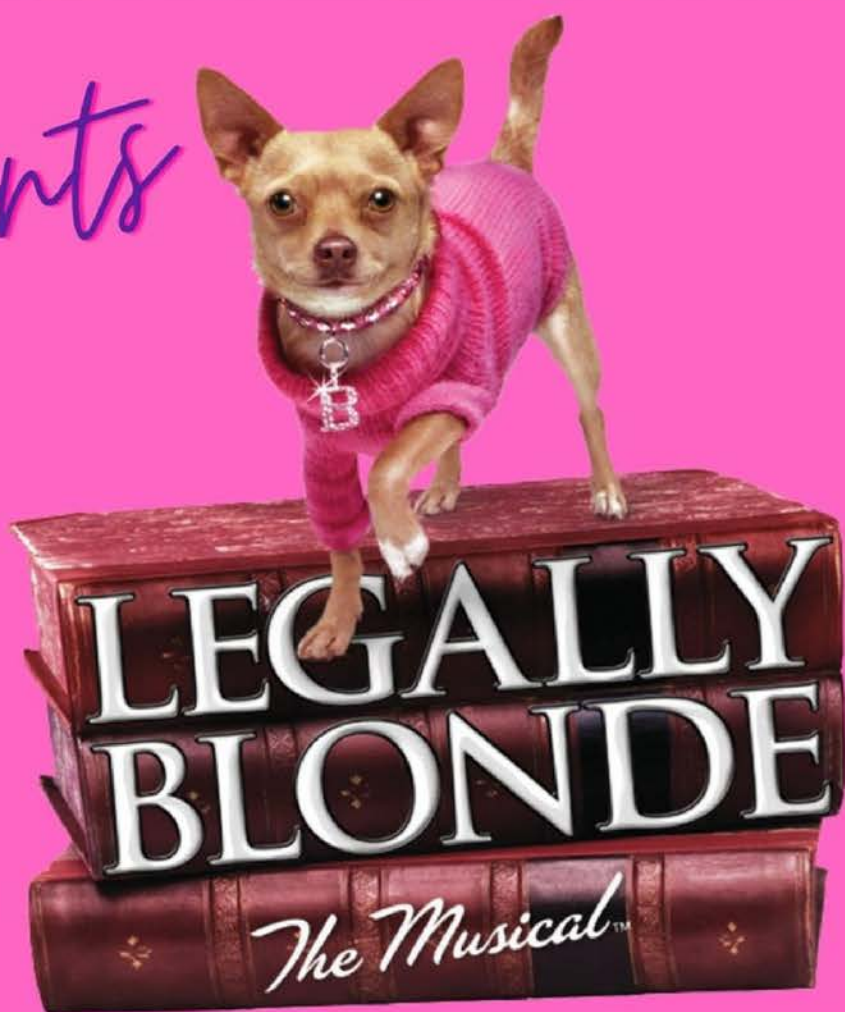


On Monday 3rd October, Year 12 students took part in a digital surgery with Lord Hunt of Barons Heath. Lord Hunt spoke to students about his work in the House of Lords, and then students asked him questions ranging from how to address river pollution to improving cancer treatment rates in the NHS. Students were asked whether they supported lowering the voting age to 16, and an overwhelming majority were in favour. Lord Hunt commented on how impressed he had been with the questions he'd received - well done to all those who took part!

Sam Robbins

QE THEATRE ACADEMY

presents



JAN 31ST - 4TH FEB

7.30PM (SAT MATINEE 2.30PM)

ADULTS £12 STUDENTS £10

WESTERN ROAD DRAMA HALL

Book Now!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY LAURENCE O'KEEFE
AND NELL BENJAMIN

BOOK BY HEATHER HACH

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY AMANDA BROWN AND
THE METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER MOTION PICTURE



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qe-theatre-academy>

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

BITS AND PIECES

Sign a Song for Christmas 17th December

Nearly New Clothes Swap 7th January

Start your New Year
with a "New" Wardrobe

For you and your friends!

Nearly New CLOTHES SWAP

Saturday 7th January: 3-6pm

£10 entry for unlimited clothes swaps.



Young Rotary Interact Club,
Tiverton High School



Give – gather – grab and go!

Please bring donations of WOMEN'S clothing, shoes and accessories to:

7 Spencer Drive, Tiverton, EX16 4PY*

(Or hand in person to Ruth Hunt or Abbie Lewis).

*Also the event address.

Please donate your items by 18th December.

SIGN A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

British Sign Language is well used by the majority of the Deaf community. There are several Deaf families in Cridton – let's make this year something special for them. The idea of this initiative is to offer "Sign a song for Christmas" to local churches and to the rest of the community.

The plan will be to hold two separate sessions at CRIDTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH as follows:-

On December 17th

FOR CHILDREN (adults welcome)

10.30 – 12 noon (including refreshment break)

The Christmas song they will be learning is "Mary did you know?"

FOR ADULTS

1.30 – 3.30 pm (including refreshment break)

The suggested songs for this group to learn are: "Silent Night" and "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas."

This is an ideal opportunity to bring the folk of Cridton together and to serve and involve the Deaf community.



RED BOX REMINDER!

Don't forget to take what you need
over the Christmas holidays!

Boxes are located at
Student Reception
on both campuses



The Red Box Project

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<https://thismayhelp.me/>

Advice for supporting your child's mental health, with videos on the following topics (and more):

- o Child's mental health
- o Self-harm
- o Gaming & online activity
- o Teenagers safety
- o Eating disorders
- o School avoidance
- o Understanding teenagers

Support

Happy Families Happy Futures Devon

Devon
County Council

HOME
START
Health & Well-being

Inspire

Family
Village

Family
Village

Family
Village



We can help if YOU are:

- Constantly arguing about the same things with your partner or ex-partner
- Struggling to communicate with your partner or ex-partner
- Disagreeing with your partner or ex-partner on ways to raise your children

We can offer you **FREE** support to help build a positive parenting relationship.

The programmes are aimed at supporting parents, both together and separated, to reduce parental conflict, develop positive communication and problem-solving skills, to manage emotions and create more positive environments for their children.

Please scan the QR code to complete the referral form, or visit www.dcfp.org.uk and search for "Parental Relationships"





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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

Send
us
Your
News!

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

Dec 16th: Progress Tracker 1 Released

Dec 16th: End of Term

Jan 3rd: Back to School

Jan 5th: Year 9 Options Tutor Day

Jan 12th: Year 9 Courses on Offer Evening

Jan 25th: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Jan 26th: Year 13 Coffee Morning

Jan 31st-Feb 4th: Legally Blonde - The Musical

Feb 8th: Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Feb 13th-17th: Half Term

Our latest job vacancies are always advertised on our website.

