



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 2024.

Paula Smith



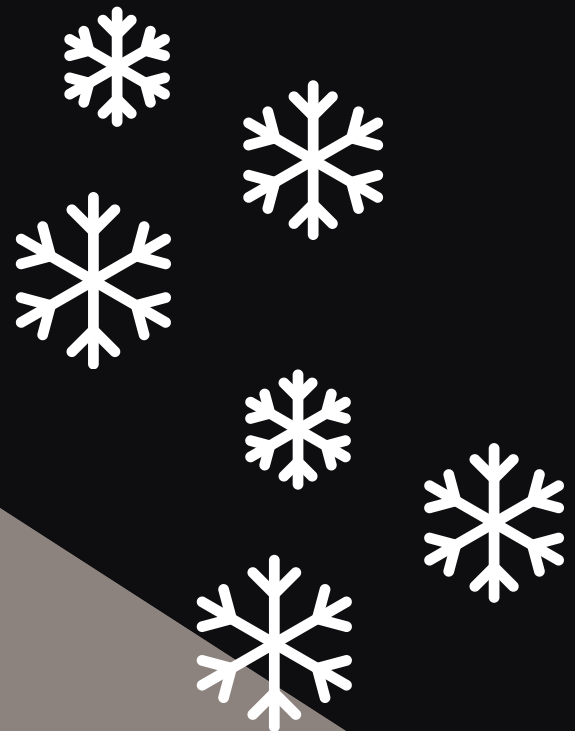


It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



Mince pies and seasonal tunes were on offer for the students and staff who created Christmas banners to display at Barnfield hall.

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



Student Voice



This term our students have elected Class Representatives who then attended the first Year Council meeting of the year. This meeting saw students discussing our current reward system and the best way for QE students to support charitable causes. Two Class Representatives from each year group then met as the Whole School Council.

All year meetings are led by our amazing Sixth Form Leadership team and our Head Students led the whole school meeting.

Watch this space for updates on the achievements of our Student Voice Team as the year goes on!





We Will Remember Them



Artsmark



Students and staff at Queen Elizabeth's School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports them to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education across the whole curriculum, bringing learning to life for children and young people.



In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, QE had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

QE was supported by Real Ideas in planning and developing their objectives. Real Ideas worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement.

The Artsmark assessor commended QE, noting that the school 'remained steadfast in its provision of discrete arts teaching at Key Stage 3 and has sustained its range of arts qualifications. Results have been strong at GCSE and A level and pupils go on to study arts subjects in higher education. You have restored and sustained your performance opportunities, with your Jazz Band performing in the wider community and with primary schools being welcomed to your musical theatre productions. Primary schools have also been involved in Drama and Music workshops and your transition events have a strong arts base. You have enhanced your extra-curricular provision, with the QE Theatre Academy being a particular strength. The Carnegie Competition where students work in small groups to present a short performance, telling the story of their chosen book from those on the Carnegie shortlist, gives pupils ownership of their arts learning. You have done well to sustain and strengthen the arts through difficult times and we look forward greatly to hearing how you build on this as your journey continues.'

On receiving the award, Paula Smith, Acting Headteacher said: "We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Silver Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education and we look forward to continue to grow with Artsmark."

Dr Darren Henley OBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:

"I would like to congratulate Queen Elizabeth's School on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, young people have the opportunity to develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life."

Masterclass



Students in the cast for our current school production, 'We Will Rock You', were treated to a very exciting Theatre workshop on Wednesday 8th November with Ian McIntosh who played Galileo Figaro in the most recent West End production of 'We Will Rock You'. Ian is now starring as Jesus in the UK touring production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. Ian put the cast through their paces with a dance workshop to begin with, learning choreography from the West End production. He then held a singing workshop, focusing on industry tips for warming up, diction techniques and stamina. The cast then took to the stage for an acting workshop, with excellent direction given from Ian and tips on how to engage with the text and tell the story. Finally, after an insightful Q and A session, Ian then performed 'I Want to Break Free' from the musical. To have a West End performer singing and performing in our Drama Hall was a very special moment. Ian wished us all the best of luck for our upcoming production, being performed at the end of January 2024, and will be checking in with us again. Thank you for all your expertise and a brilliant morning, Ian.

QE THEATRE ACADEMY

PRESENTS

WE WILL ROCK YOU

SCHOOL EDITION

Music and Lyrics by QUEEN
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

JAN 30TH — 3RD FEB

7:30PM (SAT MATINEE 2:30PM)

ADULTS £12 STUDENTS £10

WESTERN ROAD DRAMA HALL

BOOK NOW!

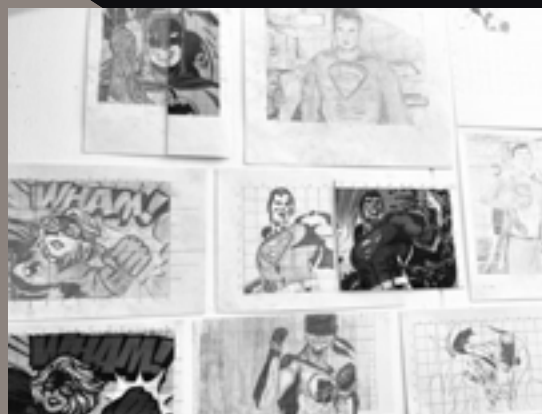
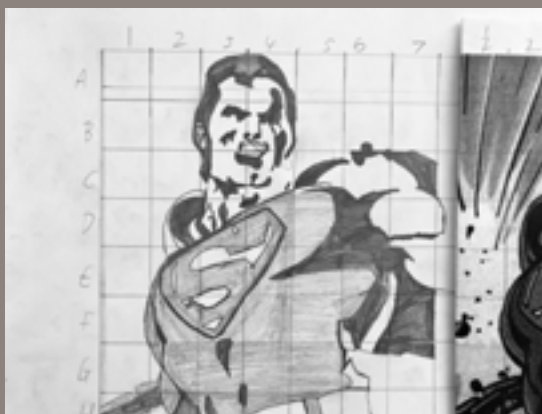
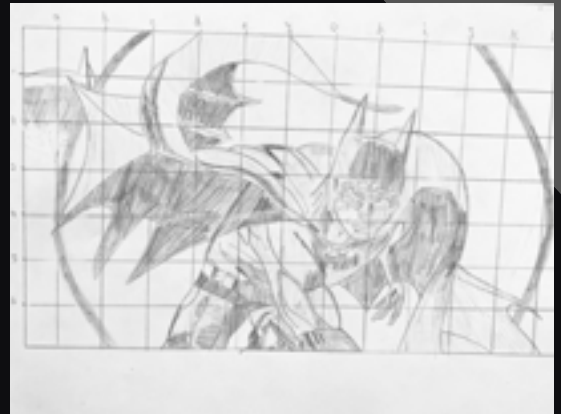


<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qe-theatre-academy/e-oqzdr>

“We Will Rock You School Edition” is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW). www.theatricalrights.co.uk

Superheroes

This term Year 9 have been enjoying drawing superheroes while learning how to use the grid method. Students have achieved excellent outcomes while developing their drawing skills, use of tone and understanding of proportion.

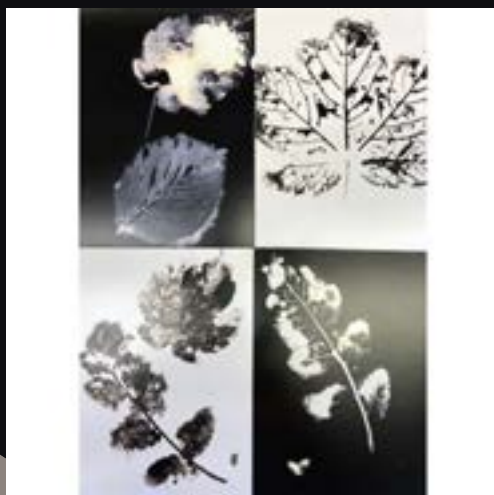


Chemigrams



The GCSE taster project gives our Year 9 students a flavour of what they might do in Art and Photography in Year 10. As a part of this project, Year 9s have been experimenting with creating chemigrams. After looking at the work of Pierre Cordier, Mr Chemigram himself, they then experimented with using developer and fix to make marks and simple drawings onto photographic paper. Fabulous work, Year 9!

Mrs Morton



An Eye for Art



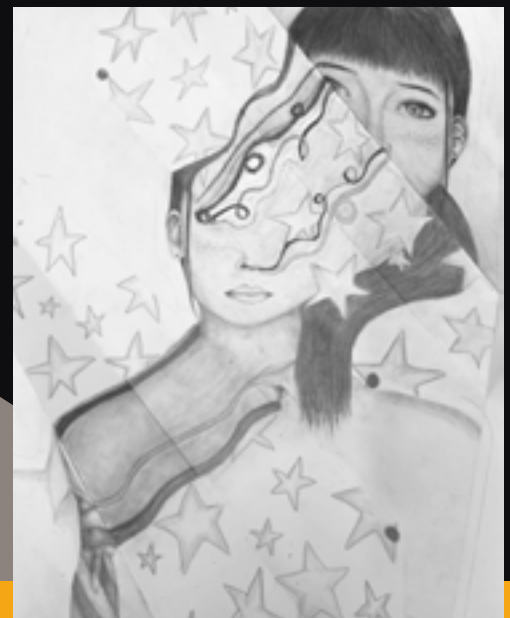
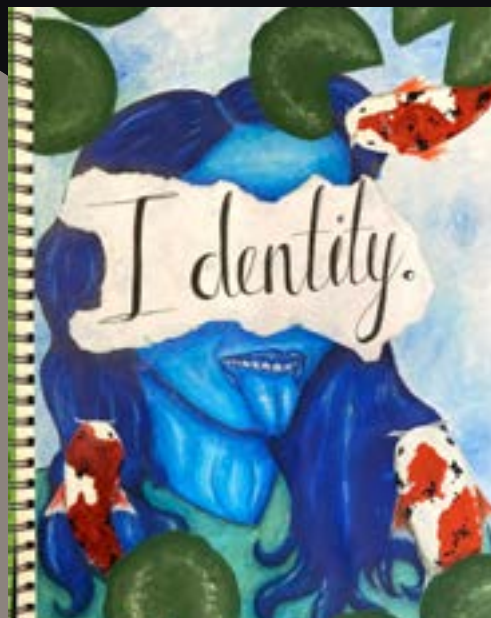
Year 10 Art students have been looking at the work of Jonathan Yeo and have been making a series of forgeries of Yeo's eyes. By copying the work of an artist and using different materials in each copy they can work out which materials work best for them as they work towards their own final portrait. The work was made over a two-hour lesson and they worked very hard on their colour blending and in controlling their brush. WELL DONE!



Identity



A selection of artwork from the Identity project which Year 10 Fine Art students have been working on. The artists are gaining confidence using a wide range of practical skills including drawing, collage, painting and ink while creating unique and personal pieces for their project.





Fundraising



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Pudsey Coin Challenge. We raised over £470 for BBC Children in Need. It was a tough choice but tutor groups 7O, 8I, 9D, 10C and 11Z1 were the winners of the best Pudsey prizes.



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our Just Giving page for World Mental Health Day 2023. We raised £271 for Young Minds which smashed our £100 target!

Iceland



Over October half term a group of geography students visited Iceland, discovering a variety of geomorphological features. They were also lucky enough to see the Northern Lights but didn't manage to capture any photos.

Careers



Year 9 and 10 students interested in finding out more about a career in the Army recently attended an Engineering Workshop. The session was led by three soldiers and involved assembling and firing off the Blood Hound Race Kit.

Students worked in randomly selected teams of six, developing teamwork skills whilst getting a taste of science and engineering in a practical way. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions about joining the Army and the hundreds of jobs available. They asked the soldiers a wide selection of well thought out questions and left with new knowledge about this career pathway.

QE Kids Can



Year 8 student Maisie Weeks represented QE at the NSEA event at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Maisie, with pony Pepe, won two classes in the Individual Show Jumping and has qualified for the NSEA Championship in 2024 as well as the winter NSEA Schools' Championship.

Congratulations Maisie!





Sportsmanship



We should all be very proud of these boys! Not only did they play some great rugby against Kings Ottery and secure a comfortable win, but they showed what the true spirit of rugby was all about. With the game very one sided in our favour in the first half, we declared the fixture won by QE at half time. We mixed the teams in the second half, so our boys welcomed some rugby newcomers onto their team, listened to their strengths and weaknesses to juggle positions around, and played alongside these complete strangers through a very competitive second 35 mins. The Baabaa's spirit is alive! 12 of our QE students pulled on the black of Kings for part of the second half and gave a good account of themselves. Thanks to this brilliant bunch of Y10's for getting stuck into this strange situation with no fuss, and supporting less experienced players to have a memorable 70 minutes of rugby played hard but fair, and with a smile on our faces.

For all the latest PE news follow PE@QE on Instagram and X (Twitter)



Going for Gold



Congratulations to all the Year 12 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold practice expedition in the Trossachs over the summer holidays. They climbed the beautiful mountain Ben Lomond on day one in variable weather conditions before embarking on a four-day expedition. The students completed challenging routes that involved steep ascents, tricky terrain and wild camps in beautiful locations (and lots of midges). They were fantastic company for the week and deserve rich praise. John Wright, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award co-ordinator

Sri Lanka Trip



We'd like to offer our huge thanks and congratulations to all 21 students who participated in the trip to Sri Lanka over the Summer. They were fantastic company and learned and achieved so much during their 25 days away. We completed a fantastic project with Bridging Lanka on Mannar island, helping to improve facilities and resources for a new pre-school. We went on three amazing safaris and saw leopards, bears, eagles, crocodiles and hundreds of elephants. We visited beautiful temples and ancient citadels, including the iconic Sigiriya rock. We battled with the leeches whilst trekking across the Knuckles mountain range; slept in treehouses in the back of beyond; found a loris in the jungle; became closely acquainted with frogs in the toilets, monkeys around the ankles, dogs and donkeys on the roads and tarantulas in the trees; ate delicious dhal and drank Dambula tea; took an iconic train ride through the mountains and tea plantations; played football, rounders, volleyball and cricket with the locals; cycled around historic Buddhist monuments; swam beneath wild waterfalls and generally just had a fabulous time experiencing a vibrant, welcoming and exciting culture.

Thanks all for a fantastic time

John, Tif, Katherine and Su.



Senior Maths Challenge



Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's senior maths challenge. The results were outstanding - the best QE have had for a number of years. All the entrants still have a year of studying to go so who knows what next year will bring? Students compete in the intimidating cauldron of C16 against the clock and without a calculator and this year over their lunch break too! There are 25 questions of increasing difficulty which are very much at the problem solving end of mathematics and are very craftily designed by UKMT. Fancy a go? Try your hand at this question:

17. The number $M = 124563987$ is the smallest number which uses all the non-zero digits once each and which has the property that none of the pairs of its consecutive digits makes a prime number. For example, the 5th and 6th digits of M make the number 63 which is not prime. N is the largest number which uses all the non-zero digits once each and which has the property that none of the pairs of its consecutive digits makes a prime number.

What are the 5th and 6th digits of N ?

A 6 and 3

B 5 and 4

C 5 and 2

D 4 and 8

E 3 and 5

Debate



On Monday 13th November QE students Inez Steane, Theo Whish, Etta Fawssett and Adam Robbins debated whether a McDonald's restaurant would be good for the people of Crediton. The event was well attended by both students and members of the local community. Both sides argued their case expertly. Arguments put forward to support the motion included the need for more jobs and a greater choice of affordable food outlets in Crediton as well as the idea that the restaurant would provide a safer place for young people to meet in the evening. Views against the development highlighted the impact of fast food on the environment and the potential job losses if local businesses were forced to close due to lack of business. The likelihood of increased litter in the area and the link between fast food and obesity were also given as compelling arguments. The judging panel, comprising of the mayor of Crediton, a local GP and a local shopkeeper, adjudged the debate a tie. When put to a vote the audience voted overwhelmingly against the motion that McDonald's would be good for Crediton.



On Friday 8th December, student ambassadors for the European Parliament Ambassador Scheme hosted a European trivia quiz. Over eighty people were in attendance and questions ranged from knowledge of Picasso's Rose Period to Gina G's loss at the 1996 Eurovision Song Contest. The event was held in aid of Refugee Support Devon and raised a whopping £531.50. Thank you to the EPAS ambassadors for running such a successful event, and to question masters Mr. Laver and Mr. Robbins.





Careers

Sixth Form and Year 11 students had a talk from [Pathway CTM](#) and [NHS Devon](#) highlighting careers in Pharmacy, a shortage occupation in our area. Thanks to both organisations for their time.





O Christmas Tree

As part of their efforts to raise funds for St Petrock's Homelessness charity Sixth Form students walked nine miles to collect a Christmas Tree for the Sixth Form foyer. Thank you to Roger Lee for accommodating the students on a week day.

Please support this fantastic cause, helping to provide those living on the streets in Exeter this Christmas some warmth, comfort and kindness.

Thank you for whatever you can spare, however large or small!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ge6thform-christmas-1701423188115>





Carol Concert

On 12th December, our Sixth Formers gathered together for their revived yearly tradition of holding a Christmas Carol concert at the very beautiful St Lawrence Chapel. It was a very festive occasion, putting everyone in the Christmas Spirit, with mince pies and mulled apple punch to finish off the evening. Huge well done and thank you to everyone involved in the organisation, it was a great success.



Ted Wragg Awards



Students, families, staff and volunteers from Ted Wragg schools across Exeter and Devon had a brilliant time at the Ted Wragg Awards on Thursday the 12th of October at Sandy Park in Exeter.

The awards were particularly auspicious as they also marked ten years since the creation of the Ted Wragg Trust and were an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students, staff members and volunteers from across school communities.

QE had nominees in the Student of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Co-professional of the Year, Student Teamwork of the Year and Unsung Hero of the Year categories.

Jenni Baker deservedly picked up the Unsung Hero of the Year award for the fantastic work she does every year for Ten Tors.

Congratulations Jenni!





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

ONLINE SURVEY



WE WANT YOUR VIEWS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CREDITON AREA!

 **CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER TOWN ORGANISATIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Credition Town Council Youth Service is working in partnership with Queen Elizabeth's School and Involve Mid Devon, as well as other youth clubs in town, the voluntary sector and health services provided by Redlands and the Primary Care Network, to both celebrate young people's successes and consider gaps in opportunities and support for young people and their parents/carers. Please take a few moments to complete the survey in the link below, or via the QR code above, which will help us consider how we can we work together to deliver more opportunities for young people and support for parents and carers if needed.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rAen->

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Closing date for responses is Sunday 7th January at 5.00pm.

Thank you.





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



The HAF website is now live!

**The programme of events for
Winter has now gone live in
Devon**

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

**Please share far and wide!
Places are limited**

Places are available for children who are
accessing benefit related free school
meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>





Christmas Fun & Festivities for Mid Devon Young People!



£10 but FREE sponsored spaces are available

Wednesday 20th December
4.00 to 8.30 (includes Dinner)

Thursday 21st December
11 to 3.00, (includes Festive Lunch)

**Spaces MUST be booked online at
<https://bit.ly/SigSeamsYOUTHevents>**



**Mid Devon Healthcare
Primary Care Network**
Supporting wellbeing in the heart of Devon



www.SignificantSeams.ORG.UK



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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 15th: End of Term

Jan 3rd: Students return

Jan 10th: Year 9 Options Day with Tutors

Jan 17th: Year 9 Options Evening

Jan 24th: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Jan 30th - Feb 3rd: We Will Rock You

Jan 31st: Year 13 Coffee Morning

Feb 6th: Year 11-13 National Apprenticeship Show

Feb 7th: Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Feb 12th-19th: Half Term

Our latest job
vacancies are always
advertised on our
website.

