



Dear Parents

I've been in Belfast most of the week at the annual HMC conference. The school has been in the capable hands of Mr Martin and Ms Sharrock and I am delighted to hear on my return that catering has been much improved this week. I hope that you have heard that too. There is always a balance to be struck between healthy food and popular choices and the two are not incompatible – and our caterers will keep working to provide a fine balance.

We look forward to welcoming prospective new families at our Open Day tomorrow. Thank you for lending your sons and daughters to us for this. They are excellent guides for our visitors and there is no better advertisement for our school, than these polite and articulate young people.

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Supporting Sport at QEH

At QEH we are fortunate that so many parents support school matches and we seldom have any touchline incidents. Most parents share the school's philosophy that sport is to be enjoyed and, if we win, that's a bonus. The NSPCC has produced an interesting film aimed at parents of sporty children. You might find it interesting:

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/2013/my-magic-sports-kit/>

Navy Careers Appointments

Any students in Years 9 to 13 interested in a career in the Navy, should please make an appointment via the Office to have a talk via Skype with Lt Jason Prosser on Monday 30 October.

House Music Soloists, Year 12

Next Friday's House Music lunchtime concert will feature our talented Year 12 musicians. Full details are on the attached poster. As always, we welcome friends and family to join us in the Theatre to support the performers.

Mr E Gent
Director of Music

The Great British Bump Off

This term's production is an interactive murder mystery in which the audience has to guess who the killer is! Several characters have the opportunity and the motive to kill when a village cake baking competition is interrupted by an unexpected death . . .

It stars members of the sixth form, several members of staff and lots of cake. Come and see your teachers on stage and see if you have what it takes to be a detective.

It is on Monday 16 October and Tuesday 17 October in the QEH Theatre. Tickets are priced £3 and are available via [Parentpay](#).

Mrs P Hockenhull
Director of Drama



New Zealand Trip is fast approaching!

The final payment of £775 for Team Geography's adventure to New Zealand is due by Friday 13 October. As ever, prompt payment via ParentPay would be most appreciated. I am delighted to report that despite launching this trip in 2015 the final cost is just £25 higher than I anticipated which is fantastic news.

I have now received all photocopies of passports, so thank you very much. There are however THREE which will need renewing before we travel. There has to be six months remaining on the passport at the date of our return to the UK. Please check now and renew at your earliest convenience.

If there are any queries then do please contact me at school at mdimes@qehbristol.co.uk

Mrs M Dimes
Geography Department

Climbing Club Try Outs

This Monday saw an impressive turnout at lunchtime for the trials to be part of the QEH bouldering squad. The boys tried to get as far along our bouldering wall as they could without falling off. To make the challenge harder, only certain colours of holds were allowed. There will be three senior and two junior teams entered into the South West School Bouldering League (all teams are three pupils), with the first round taking place on Monday 16 October at The Climbing Academy. Climbing Club takes place every Monday lunchtime (weather permitting), so if you didn't make the squad this year, there is plenty of time to get practising for next year.

Mr M Sloan

Year 8 Scholarship Programme Retreat Day in the Black Mountains, Wales

Year 8 Scholarship Programme boys participated in a retreat day last week in the Black Mountains. Upon arrival in the Brecon Beacons National Park, we started our exploration of the day's themes (creativity and lateral thinking) among the atmospheric ruins of Llanthony Priory, an ancient Augustinian monastery. Fortified with hot chocolate and biscuits, we examined the architecture of the priory in the dazzling Welsh sunshine--while reflecting on why a wealthy Norman nobleman might have been inspired to leave his former life to found a monastic community in such a remote location 900 years ago. We then walked along the ridge overlooking the site (in the shadow of Offa's Dyke) and considered why it might be important to include visits to natural landscapes to rejuvenate us in our busy urban lives in today's society. After a lunch of enormous Welsh burgers and delectable chocolate brownies at the Kings Arms Hotel in Abergavenny, we participated in an afternoon session in one of their conference rooms, during which we listened to one another's presentations on how we felt our education at QEH (and beyond) might help us to develop our capacities for creativity and lateral thinking, and how we might find creative and innovative solutions to the key problems our generation is likely to face, such as depleting resources, global warming, terrorism, migration and the job losses due to new technologies. A lot of inspiration and discussion (and a lot of food) for one day!

Dr M Dutton

Scholarship Programme Director



News from the Health Centre



Meningitis B

For those who were unable to secure an appointment for the meningitis B drive held in school but would like to know more about this vaccination, please contact The Independent General Practice at the Spire for further details. They will be able to arrange an appointment with you if you are interested in having your child vaccinated.

<https://www.spirehealthcare.com/spire-bristol-hospital/treatments/private-gp-service/>

Health Centre Team

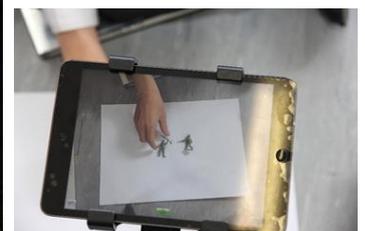
Enriching Animations

Year 9 are currently enjoying a series of 'Creativity' workshops as part of the Enrichment Programme. The various sessions have involved the boys evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of British democracy, analysing the way that the climate is changing, and developing their presentation skills.

As part of the carousel of workshops, Mr Amor is giving the boys an introduction to stop-gap animations. Using tablets, a cutting-edge app and their own creativity and ingenuity, all the boys in Year 9 will spend an afternoon designing and filming their very own stop-gap animation. The quality of the productions has been very impressive, and it is clear that many of them have the eye for detail needed to create captivating animations. Next stop, Aardman!

Mr T Appleby

Head of Enrichment



Author Visit

The award-winning author Rob Lloyd Jones made his first visit to QEH on Thursday 21 September to talk to years 6 and 7 in the Theatre. Rob has written picture books, fairy tales, history books and adapted some classical myths and legends. His debut novel for Young Adults, the popular *Wild Boy* won numerous prizes including the Brilliant Book Award.

Rob (an Egyptologist) engaged his audience by telling them about his research into his new novel *Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake*. Rob explained that there are very few original ideas for stories but that each writer makes the idea his own, by adding details that are personal to the author, thus making the idea unique and giving the story heart. The book is an adventure story involving a family searching for some of the lost tombs of Ancient Egypt.

Rob encouraged the audience to ask questions. Those pupils getting books signed were able to ask further questions about the author's time spent living in Egypt and his forthcoming trip to Tibet for his new book. It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to meet an author and writer who had been a reluctant reader in his youth. You can read more on the website – <http://www.roblloydjones.com>

Mrs A Robbins
Librarian



Sailing

After three consecutive weekends of RS Feva racing, competing in 21 races, Ted Lane and Rupert Clapham (both Year 10) have been selected for the 2017/2018 South West RS Feva Zone Squad. It is only the start of their second year racing this two handed boat and they have only been properly partnered together since the Nationals in the late Spring. With some equipment upgrades, including a boat that now does not take on water, their results seem to be floating rapidly up the rankings! After the Winter Zone Squad training we look forward to them hopefully representing the School again at the Itchenor Schools event in the Spring. Well done, lads!

Mr P Joslin
Director of Sport

Strength and Weight Lifting

We have heard from a recent Old Elizabethan about his weight lifting success. Filip Taylor began lifting at school in Mr Dunn's strength training club and has continued with the sport while studying at the University of Cardiff. He has recently competed in the British U20 and U23 competitions, finishing a creditable 4th. He is also sharing his love of the sport as he runs his own Barbell Club at the University. Filip is hoping to transfer to competing at a Senior Nationals next summer and we will watch his progress with pride.



Friends' Clothing Cupboard Update

Primarily due to lack of space, we are only accepting donations of current QEH Sports Kit in excellent condition at the moment. Please see the attached poster for full details of the Friends' Clothing Cupboard

Mrs Nancy Brenchley
Friends' Clothing Cupboard

Chew Valley Parents

If you live in the Chew Valley and use Eurotaxi for transport to or from school, you may be aware that there will be no service in the week after half term, as Colston's has a two week break. If you would like to organise a lift share or alternative transport for that week, commencing Monday 30 October, please get in touch with Jane Haley (Charlie, Year 10) via email at jane.haley@btinternet.com.

Events at Badminton School

The following events for Year 11 and Sixth Form are taking place next month at Badminton School.

Thurs 2nd Nov: Study Abroad Fair

Badminton School will be hosting a range of universities (based in the US, Canada, Europe and Asia) as well as companies who offer support in various areas of admissions. There will also be a series of short talks running along with the information stalls.

Tues 14th Nov:

4 – 6pm: Mini US University Fair

Six US University representatives will be running stands with promo materials and the opportunity to discuss US admissions to their colleges in more detail.

7 – 8pm: Bristol University Lecture with Dr Gareth Griffith

This is an excellent opportunity to attend a university style lecture which draws on a range of fields such as language, literature, history and culture. Dr Griffith is based in the Dept. of English and specialises primarily on the literature of the Middle English period. During his lecture he'll be talking about medieval literature, and will be teaching the audience to read and even speak old English verse!

If you would like to find out more or attend any of these events, please email aproudman@badmintonschool.co.uk.

The Great British Bump Off

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October
at 7:30pm

Tickets: £3 available via ParentPay





All Change in QEH Friends Clothing Cupboard!

We are updating our stock and having a clear out so that we can:

- improve the service we offer
- create space in the medical centre
- make best use of Friends' volunteer time

The **ONLY** donations we would like are **CURRENT QEH SPORT KIT in EXCELLENT CONDITION.**

Please **DO NOT** send in non QEH kit or old kit as they cannot be sold and we have no space for them.

We are **NOT** accepting any donations of **BLAZERS or JUMPERS** for the rest of this year as we have huge stocks of these items.

We send items that haven't sold after three years to charity.

Thank you for your support!

