



Dear Parents

We are still hoping to find a host family for a 6th form Hong Kong male student joining the school in September. He speaks good English and the arrangements would be term time only and administered through Gabbitas Guardianship Agency. If you have a spare room and would like to welcome an overseas student (and be financially rewarded) please email headmaster@qehbristol.co.uk as soon as possible and we will link you with Gabbitas.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

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Reports

Reports for Years 7-10 will be available to view on the parent and pupils portals from 4pm on Monday July 10th. Much success has been had and much hard work done but please take some time over the summer to reflect on your son’s progress with him so that he returns eager for more in September!

Mr J Martin
Deputy Head (Academic)

Lockers

All students are required to use a locker to store their books and valuables. Students should return on the 5th September with a padlock for their new locker which will be assigned to them by their tutor.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Pupil Record of Achievement

Our students achieve a great deal, both in and out of school. We want to encourage them to record all the brilliant things that they do, so from September we will be asking them to keep an online record of achievement. They can access this via the pupil portal

They go to [SchoolBase](#), Domain – qeh and then enter their normal username and password. We will be introducing them to this record in September but we hope that you will also support the initiative by encouraging them to update it whenever they achieve something. We will also ask them to record their Enrichment activities as well so they have a personal record of their experiences. We hope this will provide a useful reference for them when it comes to reports, personal statements, CVs and the like but more importantly it will also ensure that we regularly celebrate all the wonderful things that your children achieve beyond their academic subjects.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

Parent information evenings

Owing to the popular response to Mrs Burns ‘A-Z of Health and Wellbeing’ and various requests from parents, we will be hosting a series of talks in the autumn and spring term on issues that you have told us concern you as parents.

We start off by welcoming Katherine Hill, author of *Left to their Own Devices* and UK Director of Care for the Family who will speak about ‘Confident parenting in the digital age’ on Thursday 21 September

Secondly we will welcome Dr Ali Khavandi on October 4th to speak on Healthy Diets for Healthy Hearts

Then on 22 November we welcome Jo Mallinson from Bristol Drugs Project who will talk on Drug Trends in Bristol.

More details will follow in the autumn term but save the dates if you are interested.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

E-Safety advice - Snapchat

Many of our pupils say that they use Snapchat, but parents should be aware of a new feature ‘Snap Map’ which allows other people to see a user’s exact location in real time. This has become known as ‘stalk your friends’ and has understandably caused concern amongst parents and safety groups across the country.

Snap Map uses data such as location, speed of travel and phone usage to work out where a user is, and shares this information with friends on a live interactive map. Note that

there is a Ghost Mode feature which hides a user's location, but disabling this enables users to share their live location with all of their friends or a selection of them.

Parents should also be aware that some young people share their Snapchat username on other social media platforms and this allows other users to request to follow them on Snapchat. Users can also add others using their phone number, therefore sharing a mobile number means they may be added on Snapchat.

Do have a conversation with your son about this aspect of social media; who they accept as friends or share their location or phone number with, and ways they can keep themselves safe. If they are arranging to meet a friend over summer for example, encourage them to use a private message app or text to share personal information like location. Useful advice from saferinternet.org is:

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you're sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.

Note that although Snap's Terms of Service state that under-13s are not allowed to create a profile or use the company's services, there's no age verification barrier at present – but Year 7 or young Year 8s should not be using it!

How to turn the Snap Maps feature off

It doesn't take effect until you update the app, and once you open Snapchat for the first time after the update, it will walk you through a step-by-step tutorial on how to use Snap Map.

- First, it will show you how to pinch and zoom in the camera tool to access the map.
- Then, it will ask who you want to see your location.
- You get three choices: all your friends, select friends, or only me. Choosing 'only me' means you can see others but they can't see you.
- To turn off location data altogether, you'll need to visit your phone's settings where you can scroll down to Snapchat, click on 'location', and choose to never share.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>
[Schools issue Snapchat Map warning - BBC News](#)

Mr R Porter
Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)

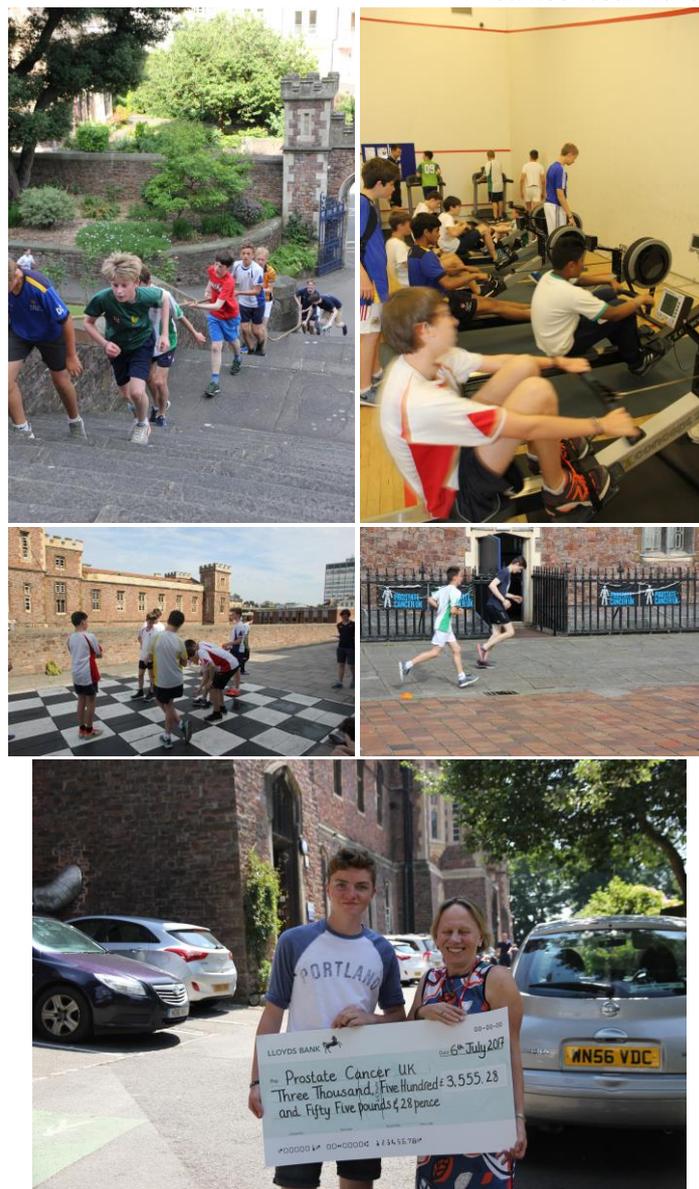
QEH Trips and Outdoor Pursuits

The updated list of Trips and Outdoor Pursuits is available on the [Parent Portal](#). There are still some spaces available on some of the trips eg Ski Trip to Austria, Sixth Form Italian trip and Madrid trip. Please contact the Trip Organiser if you would like your son to go on these or any other trips on the list.

Year 9 Charity Challenge

A scorching hot day, with sun cream and ice cream alike at the ready it was once again time for QEH to get fundraising for another fantastic cause, fighting against Prostate Cancer. A plethora of activities awaited the prospective athletes of the day, from ascending Everest (QEH's gruelling front steps) to defeating the infamous invisible maze protected by our very own Minotaur, Mr Pike. Gallons of water later the heat intensified to 27 degrees and the sweat began to pour. The climb up Everest was, as always, a challenge with the midday sun beating down on the budding fundraisers but this only spurred the forms on, completing the challenge with great enthusiasm and drive, eager to earn the £3,555.28 raised by the year. Four years on having completed the challenge myself, I was far from envious of the arduous task that befell the Year 9s, yet to my amazement, they became even more resilient as the day wore on. The Gym, which felt like a sauna, was the climax of events where the year group were pushed to the maximum with all the boys rowing at full pelt. Far from Chaka Khan the gym was serenaded with Mr Appleby's gym playlist including Kanye West, Fatboy Slim and the Red Hot Chili Peppers – who knew? As white tops turned translucent and brows were wiped it became evident that all involved had, against all the odds, beaten the day of activities and triumphed in the name of charity. An impressive show, indeed!

James Wearmouth



ECF U19 Finals

The boys competed at the highest level possible for a school in the National Finals and came away able to hold their heads high. Out of 16 teams we came 8th in a blitz tournament and 12th overall. Particular mention should go to Ian Gao who has led the team since the middle of the year and is only in year 7. We hold a lot of hope for the future of the chess team at QEH with Ian on board.

Mr Z Verry

Arts Cup

1 st	Carr
2 nd	Ramsey
3 rd	Bird
4 th	Hartnell

Academic Cup

1 st	Ramsey
2 nd	Hartnell
3 rd	Bird
4 th	Carr

Crispin Shield

1 st =	Bird and Hartnell
3 rd	Ramsey
4 th	Carr

'Oscars' 2017

The Drama Department presented awards at our final assembly this morning:

Year 7

Achievement	Sebastian Paton
Contribution	Theo Ackerman

Year 8

Achievement	Cahan Poole
Contribution	Tom Gwilliam

Year 9

Achievement	Ollie Kerslake
Contribution	Ollie Morris

Year 10

Achievement	Freddie Birchall
Contribution	Nat Tomkins

Mrs P Hockenhull
Director of Drama

Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

Over 7,000 students from 500 schools compete in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

Gold is awarded to 543 students, the top 8% -

Seb M'Caw 42/65 best score of any QEH pupil in the last 5 years

Silver is awarded to 1046 students, the top 22% -

Toby Speirs

Ben Prosser

Copper awarded to 2574 students, the top 50% (approx.) -

Romi Aggarwal

Oscar Langton-Hewer

Ben Lee

Albert (Xianru) Li

Dan Winter

Mr G Huband
Head of Chemistry

Activities Week

The last week of term has been hugely busy, with pupils taking part in a number of different activities as part of our annual Activities Week. Just some of the things that they have been involved in include:

- Stage combat
- Cooking
- Air Hop
- Water Sports
- Walking Tour of Bristol
- Mojo Active
- A Visit to Bristol City
- Apprentice style competition
- Dancing with Redmaids' High School
- Maths Relays

Photographs from these activities will be available on our Facebook page next week. Thank you to Miss Fenner for organising such a varied week.

Pull!

Jason Phillips, Year 9, who rows every week with the Clevedon Pilot Gig Club, took part in the Teignmouth Regatta last Saturday. He came second in the U16s, and also took part in the men's C, a much longer and strenuous course and came seventh. This was a very creditable result as 5 out of the 6 rowers were U18. Well done, Jason!

Mrs E Conquest
Head of Year 9

Kumon Annual Awards

Tali Evans, Year 8, who recently completed the Kumon English programme has been ranking Number One nationally for that programme. Congratulations Tali!

Mrs N Holcombe
Head of Year 8

Cricket Awards

Cricketer of the Year	Ed Wilson
Rex Toyn Cup (for Young Cricketer of the Year)	Fuzael Ahmed
House Cricket Cup	Birds

Sports Results

Cricket v Kingswood

1 st XI	lost by 65 runs
U15	lost by 90 runs
U14A	lost by 4 wickets
U14B	lost by 75 runs
U13A	won by 18 runs
U13B	lost by 50 runs
U12A	lost by 8 wickets
U12B	lost by 3 wickets with 2 balls left.

THANK YOU FROM QEH FRIENDS

After a busy year of events, socials and fund raisers, the QEH Friends calendar ended on a high with a warm, sunny Sports Day (the busiest we've seen in years) and a warm sunny Arts Fest, which was its usual array of exceptional music, art and drama talent from the boys.

These last two events alone have raised a staggering £4K+ profit, which will go direct to enhancing the pupils' lives at school in the new term.

This year QEH Friends has funded; tents, 2-way radios and flags for Outdoor Pursuits, sewing machines for Drama, a new PA system for music, lunchtime games for Year 7 boys, benches for the yard, contributed to the Junior School playground equipment, various equipment for the gym, choir shirts and blue coats, books for the library, plus supported many of the lunch time clubs from gardening to rockets! Not forgetting, the ever popular 'table tennis' tables, bats and numerous balls.

However, the main aim of QEH Friends continues to be to bring the whole school community together via socials and an events programme that we can all enjoy throughout the year. The up side is that we raise some monies along the way to contribute to the 'extras' for the pupils.

So, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helps Friends – the team who give their spare time to plan, organise and run the events, the families of QEH who attend and support the events, the school (from the Headmaster to the teachers, along with the school support team across the board) who give so much time to help make things happen...thank YOU! There are some great events planned for next term – here's a quick line up for 2017/18;

- New Year 7/9 Parents Social – 18th September
- Friends AGM – 25th September
- Fantastic Fireworks @ Failand – 4th November
- Festive Jingle Jam – 8th December
- Battle of the Bands – 15th March
- Spring Ball – 28th April (tickets on sale in September)
- Lizzies Film work shop and showcase evening – dates to follow
- Sports Day – 16th June
- Arts Fest – 3rd July

Have a very restful summer holiday.

Jo Sadler & Nancy Brenchley
Chair & Vice Chair QEH Friends

Peter Aitken's testimonial

Steve Ryan, former QEH Deputy Head, is the Secretary of Peter Aitken's testimonial committee. Peter has just retired from Bristol Rovers after an association which dates back 50 years to his days as an apprentice at the club. He played over 230 games for Rovers mainly in the then Second Division. He also played 41 games for Bristol City, becoming one of the legendary "Ashton Gate Eight". He is the only man to captain both Rovers and City in the Football League. He played 3 times for Wales Under 21s. He achieved all this in an age when footballers did not command the huge wages so common today. Peter subsequently coached at the Rovers and he was their Community Manager from the year 2000, working with local schools, including QEH, community groups and scholars. Peter personifies all that is best in Bristol football and after a lifetime in the game a Testimonial is being organised to fully recognise his

contribution. The match will be on July 29th at the Memorial Stadium with Bristol Rovers taking on the might of Premier League West Bromwich Albion. We are hoping that you will give to this cause either by attending, by donating to [this page](#) or maybe even by doing both! It is impossible to quantify the value of Peter's contribution to football locally but it is hoped that efforts here will do justice to Peter, his wife Gill and their two daughters. We are hoping to raise £50,000, a sum which many a modern footballer of Peter's ability can earn in a week!