



Dear Parents

Welcome back at the start of the academic year! Our new boys are settling in well and it is a pleasure to see them making their way confidently around the school, including the new Science and Art building. There were successful trips were held over the summer holidays and reports and some photos from these are in the newsletter.

Our exam results this year are very pleasing, with a record breaking 30% of all the A level grades achieved being A*s. Once again, A*/A grades make up over half of all results. Our GCSE students also celebrated an outstanding year. Two thirds of all GCSE grades at QEH are A*/A. Well done to all our exam candidates – the hard work paid off!

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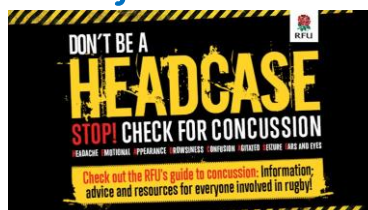
Letters available on the Parent Portal this week:
 Year 8 and above Medical Matters
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New Science and Art Building

This £3million building was completed during the summer holidays and staff moved in to transfer equipment and supplies in time for the start of term. Students are already enjoying the benefits of these state of the art facilities.



Head Injuries and Concussion



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that if your son incurs a head injury with possible concussion, QEH will continue to follow the RFU guidelines regarding his safe return to play. This means that any one

displaying signs of concussion will have two weeks of no sporting activity inside or outside of school. In fact during this period they should be resting as much as possible and even avoid using computers for gaming etc., hallelujah I hear you say!

Following this, if your son is symptom free they will be expected to follow a return to play exercise regime whereupon they will gradually build up their level of exercise, monitoring for symptoms between each stage. If all goes well they should be finally assessed as fit to return to play by your GP. This process will mean that your son should not be playing contact sport for a minimum of 23 days. You can find further details about concussion, the return to play schedule and why the RFU and we at QEH take your son's recovery so seriously on the following link. <http://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/player-health/concussion-headcase/>

What we ask of you is that you support us in following these guidelines and also advise us of any incidents of Head Injuries your son may have incurred outside of school, for example at club rugby. All of the local clubs met with QEH and the Coaches and Medical advisors from Bristol Rugby and it was universal that we all wish to work together ensuring that your son's recovery and health is our priority.

Mrs N Burns and Mr P Joslin

New Parents - Parent Portal

All new parents will receive an email today giving them details on how to access the Parent Portal on the website. If you have any problems, please contact the office at office@qehbristol.co.uk.

Mr J Martin
Deputy Head Academic

Year 7 PSHE

I am teaching Year 7 PSHE this year and I will put a note in this newsletter each week, so that parents are aware of the topics we are covering, should you wish to have further discussions at home with your son.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head Pastoral

Code of Conduct

Our revised Code of Conduct has been printed in the boys' homework diaries and we would ask that you read this through with your son.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head Pastoral

Notice for Cyclists

All pupils who cycle to school must use the new bike racks though the gate at the top of the gym steps. Please lock your bike to the rack to guarantee its security.

Ms J Sharrock
Deputy Head Pastoral

Good news from the Albons!

As soon as we broke up for summer, Laura and I flew out to America for her stem cell treatment. The support we received from QEH really helped us. We were inundated with emails and text messages of well wishes throughout the trip.

Laura's stem cell therapy seems to have been a real success. In fact, just half an hour after the treatment she walked slowly out of the hospital without her walking stick! Despite a few weeks of initial illness, Laura's recovery has gone from strength to strength. Although she still needs

her walking stick for balance, she is already walking further, has far greater energy levels and she hasn't been as happy as this for a long long time. The last couple of weeks of the holidays were incredible. The treatment has already changed our lives for the better.

We really appreciate all the little things that we can start to do as a family. It's been several years since Laura has been able to join me walking the dogs and it's the first time we've been able to do it with Finley. We're told the improvements can take up to a year to be fully realised, so 2 months in and the treatment is definitely been worth it. We look forward to sharing further improvements with you in the coming months. We'd really like to thank you all again for the incredible response to our fundraising plea.

Thank you again, lots of love from a very happy Simon, Laura and Finley Albon

Year 9 Teambuilding Day

The Year 9 boys will be setting out to Brandon Hill with High 5 Adventures on Tuesday 13th September for a morning of fun and interactive 'challenges' with their tutors and fellow tutees. The aim is to enable the boys to get to know one another better and to feel settled and integrated into their new forms. They should wear MUFTI, including long trousers and trainers, and bring any medication they might need eg inhalers. They should also heed the weather forecast and come equipped with sun cream or waterproof coat as appropriate.

A letter was posted on the parent portal over the summer but please contact me if you any queries.

Mrs E Conquest
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Army Careers

Mr David Gell from the Army Careers Department will be visiting the school on Monday 19th September. Pupils from Year 9 who are interested in a career in the Army can make an appointment through the school office.

Team Geography are off to New Zealand

Welcome back! If your thoughts are turning to foreign travels already, as the memories of the summer holidays fade, can I please take this opportunity to remind you, or tell you if you are new to the school, that Team Geography are heading off to New Zealand in 2018. This trip is open to any boy currently in Years 8-12. We will be exploring the highlights of both the North and the South Island over a two week period [plus travel time] during the Easter holidays. Highlights of the trip will include climbing Mount Eden, an extinct volcano and discovering all about Auckland; cruising across the Waitemata Harbour to visit Auckland's biggest and newest volcano; a tour of the movie set of the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings; an earthquake simulator / steaming hot pools / geysers and boiling mud; a traditional Hangi [dinner cooked in an Earth oven]; a visit to Wellington; a trip on the Interislander ferry across the Cook Strait and through Marlborough Sound; Ohau Falls to see baby seals; Dolphin Encounter Tour which will involve masks and snorkels; a visit to the Penguin Centre; a ride in a Hugglund as used in the Antarctic; a walk on the Franz Josef glacier; a boat cruise through a fjord and a jet boat ride through the Kawerau Gorge.

The Geography we will witness during our visit will be phenomenal and will be relevant to the work covered in class for all years. For those studying the subject at GCSE or A level then the sights will provide endless case studies to "wow" the examiner with in the exams. The total

estimated cost for this trip of a lifetime is £3525. Spaces are limited so if your son would like to join us please let me know as soon as possible. If you require any further information then do please contact me at school.

Michelle Dimes

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RP Classics Trip to Italy, Easter 2017

This year's Classics trip will visit two centres. We leave on 2 April and begin with three nights in Rome, exploring The Vatican, The Colosseum, the catacombs and other famous sites in the city. We then travel to Sorrento for a further 2 nights and visit Paestum, Pompeii, Vesuvius and Herculaneum, returning to Bristol on 7 April.

The trip is open to all pupils who are in years 7-13, and we will be flying from Bristol airport. The cost is £880 and pupils will need to bring money for snack lunches. In the past we have been able to refund the hotel deposits at the end of the trip.

If you would like your son to come to Italy, please pay the non-returnable deposit of £400 through Parent Pay by 30th September. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs R Steven

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Live Streaming from Shakespeare's Globe

Year 8 Drama students will be studying 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' later in the term. Excitingly, there will be a live stream of this summer's production from Shakespeare's Globe on the BBC website on Sunday 11th September at 6.30pm. This is the first ever live stream of a production from the theatre. It will then be available on iPlayer for the following 60 days. There will also be a series of live behind the scenes tours on social media in the run up to the live stream.

Globe artistic director Emma Rice said the broadcast would enable the show "to reach even more people than we can fit in the Globe over an entire summer season".

I would encourage all students to see this streaming as it will be particularly helpful for those Year 8s performing some of the text in lessons next term.

Mrs Holcombe

Outdoor Pursuits Corsica Trip

At the end of the summer term, 21 boys headed to the stunning island of Corsica for a 10 day adventure.

The core of the expedition was trekking for 5 days on the famous long distance footpath, the GR 20, that runs along the mountainous spine of the island. Taking in Monte Cinto, the highest point in Corsica, long days on the trail and staying in mountain refuges, it was with a real sense of achievement that the boys headed back to base camp on the north coast for a few days on the beach: snorkeling, sea kayaking and exploring the nearby towns and villages.

Mr A Calder



Ardèche and Mediterranean Trip

81 eager Year 7 and 8 students and 10 equally excited staff, headed off for a week of water sports action in the south of France at the start of the summer holidays. Over the course of the week, the boys learned to sail on the Mediterranean, snorkel in a crystal clear cove, ride on the thrillingly scary banana boat and they rounded off the trip with a 3 day canoe descent through the stunning scenery in the Ardèche Gorge.

The day out to Aqualand mid-way through the trip was a real highlight with a plethora of brilliant waterslides and the exhilarating wave pool, which was enjoyed by all. Evening trips to Cap D'Adge and Vallon added to our action packed schedule and the boys practised their best French in order to purchase delicious ice-creams, crêpes and gaufres and a few souvenirs to carry home.

Despite some illness while we were away, the boys were a delight to be around and enjoyed a really memorable and fun time in France.

I hope that everyone has received my email with the DropBox link to all of the photographs that Mr Amor took

on the trip. There are hundreds of them and some great action shots. The video is on its way shortly!

Mrs N Holcombe
Trip Leader



Maths Junior Kangaroo and Olympiad 2016

A very well done to the following boys who gained certificates in the UKMT Junior Kangaroo that took place at the end of last term:

Mackenzie Dutton
Ashe Raymond-Barker
Max Li
Wilbur Hornby
Edward Hunt
Bo Wang

Special congratulations to the following boys who qualified and took part in the Junior British Mathematical Olympiad:

Jason Jiang (Merit)
Jay Parker (Merit)

School Sport Information

Information regarding teams/fixtures/training etc can all be found on the school Sports website. Please click on the link from the school website page.

If, due to bad weather, matches are cancelled, please check the school Sports website. If time allows, we will also send you a text.

Mr P Joslin
Director of Sport

Travel Disruption for Fixtures tomorrow

Due to the Tour of Britain race in Bristol tomorrow, there will be wide spread road closures and travel disruption. Please allow extra time for your journey if you are coming to school to catch a coach or a minibus, or if you are going to Failand. For detailed information on road closures, please click [here](#).

County Cricketer

Well done to Finlay Yates, Year 10, who has been selected for the Somerset U15 tour to Sri Lanka in February 2017.

Parking at Failand

The parking bay lines have been repainted at Failand in order to provide better parking and manoeuvring space for coaches. Please refrain from parking in the coach spaces or on the lined off area in front of those spaces. There are still plenty of car parking spaces available behind the coach park.

Mr P Joslin

Friends of QEH – New Parents' Evening

The Friends of QEH invite all new parents to an informal evening to meet and mingle with other Year 7 parents (or anyone 'new' to Friends). Come along, catch up and say hello to other parents. We'll be at the Shakespeare Pub, Lower Redland Road on Tuesday 20th September from 7.30pm onwards

Jo Sadler
Friends Chair

Taking Up the Reins

Calling any horse riding enthusiasts! We are looking for any boys who ride and would be interested in taking part in inter schools competitions. If you ride and have a horse/pony this is a great opportunity to compete alongside your school friends. The schools league caters for all levels, from 40cm to 1.10m, whether your preference is the precision sport of show jumping or the thrill of eventing. We already have one boy out competing on the circuit and would love to see others joining in whatever their level. If you are interested in finding out more, please do contact Jo Pritchard on 07909 965737.