



Dear Parents

Good luck to all parents supporting exam candidates over the next few weeks! There's plenty of information about exams and what to do when results are published on our website (see below).

Please remember that boys are required to attend Sports Day on Saturday, 19th June. Do come and support the school on Sports Day – as well as the events there are stalls, a cream tea in the marquee and a bouncy castle for younger children!

Battlefields Trip



This year marked a special occasion for QEH Year 9 boys making their annual pilgrimage to the Battlefields of Flanders and the Somme as the school had a plaque dedicated in St. George's Chapel, Ypres commemorating the 39 OEs who died on the Western Front, 1914-18.

Furthermore, two boys alongside the President of the OB Society, took part in the famous wreath-laying ceremony at the Menin Gate war memorial and Last Post dressed in the school's traditional Tudor Bluecoats.

As well as visiting the mass cemeteries of Tyne Cot and Langemarck, near where the late Harry Patch (the last fighting Tommy) was injured during the Battle of Passchendaele, boys visited old trench systems at Bayernwald and Hill 62, and the Ulster Tower and Thiepval on the Somme.

The Chaplain led a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for his great-uncle who died on the Somme aged 23 at the Flers cemetery.



The boys and staff also fell into conversation with Brigadier Edward Richard Holmes, known as Richard Holmes, British soldier and noted military historian, particularly well-known through his many television appearances.

All the boys learnt much and showed great sensitivity to what was seen.

Greens Win QEH Election!



The 2010 election campaign gripped the constituency with even local incumbent politicians turning their attentions to the forecast seismic swings in this little backwater of Jacob's Wells!

They were not to be disappointed. Having had two high profile leadership debates between the four contenders: Yan White (Liberal Democrats); Alex Crossley (Conservative), Angus McLaren (Labour) and George Bamber (Green) in the theatre, many new first-time voters at QEH soon declared partisan alignment.

All the leaders showed a competitive spirit as well as some inventive – some might say, ‘golden’ – campaign strategies. With hustings, debates and flyering, the hysteria went down to the wire. The 2005 winning party of the Conservatives lost to George Bamber’s Green Party by only 2 votes! The Green’s recording a massive 17.9% swing from 2005, perhaps mirroring the national mood and the deserved election of Caroline Lucas as the first ever Green MP in Brighton. Yan White jumped on



the Cleggmania bandwagon and did a lot better than the party nationally, whilst Angus McLaren had his wit restored in the second debate having lost it in a failed coup in round one of the leadership debates. Alex Crossley, as ever, asserted his political muscle and fought a well-rounded campaign. Perhaps the flair of the Bamber machine just nudged it but who really knows?

Congratulations to all the candidates and their election entourage. Furthermore, the boys of Year 8 were instrumental to the smooth running of the election and in helping Mr Murray on polling day.

Chemistry Olympiad

Well done to the following boys for their achievements in the recent Chemistry Olympiad. Out of 2500 entries nationally:

Laurence Small achieved a gold award putting him in the top 210 chemists in the country.

Stephen John achieved a silver award putting him in the top 500 chemists in the country.

Ali Roweth is the first lower sixth former at QEH to achieve an award, a bronze, which is very impressive as he is only half way through the A level course!

Friends’ Film Festival

Congratulations go to the following boys who won the various categories at the Film Festival this year:-

- **Junior Animation** - Cameron Matthews (and overall Film make of the Year)
- **Junior Live Action** - James Everingham
- **Intermediate Live Action** - Rowan Pearce (NB No animation award in this age category)



- **Senior Animation** - Oliver Sanders
- **Senior Live Action** - Edward Obree
Sam Jackson
Oli Lench
Ben McAndrew

Thanks to the Friends for organizing this event and to Ashley Pharoah, OE creator of Life on Mars, who was the chief judge.

Charity Auction

The final total for funds raised at the Charity Auction, which was held aid in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young, was an amazing £4,100! Well done to James Bailey and Miss Winchester for organizing such a successful event and thanks to all those who supported it.

Cricket

Congratulations to Vishnu Shastry for wining his Cricket colours.

- Results for this week:**
- 1st XI won v BGS
 - U13b won v BGS
 - U14b lost v BGS
 - U15b lost v BGS
 - U13a lost v Prior Park
 - U12a won v Prior Park
 - U12b won v St Ursula’s



This year the Ten Tors event celebrated its 50th year with a visit by HRH Prince Philip.



Ten Tors is an event involving 400 teams of six boys and girls aged between 14 and 19. The challenge involves climbing ten hills on Dartmoor, known as tors. The teams must cover routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles, although in reality they will walk at least 5 miles further.

The teams must cook and eat at least two meals on their route - and sleep out overnight, carrying everything with them which will be needed to do all that - so add a tent, cooking gear, food, water and a sleeping bag to the stuff they are going to carry.

The teams have a maximum of twenty-four hours to cover the ground; they are stopped for their overnight camp at eight pm, and they won't be allowed to start again before six. Teams are only awarded a certificate if the full team of six completes the event.

Thanks to the courage and determination of the QEH teams this year we maintained an 11-year run of 100% success, having never had a team member dropping out.

For most, Ten Tors is one of the toughest challenges that our boys will face in their lives. This year saw Jamie Tibbles, Eddie Obree, Alfie Reynolds and George Bamber complete all three distances. They were joined by Yan White and Sam Jackson, who also completed the 45 mile distance last year. It is an incredible accomplishment to complete the full distance – well done!

The 45 mile team consisting of James Bapty, Johnny Obree, Sam Hughes, Jack Woodruff, George Hurford and Luke Looney completed much of the course at a run! Although the challenge is not a race it is a great achievement to complete the course well ahead of all the other teams on their course.

The 35 mile team consisted of Cameron Ree, Ollie Eyre, Ollie Samson, Jack Loudon, Ben Watts and Ozzy Rashed who were equally impressive. The team were the talk of the camp on Saturday night when they led the other teams by two and half hours.



The team work and motivation from the boys has been exceptional. They have been joined by many others during training. It was an extremely difficult decision to select the final teams. Tom Collingridge, Nick Seel, Tom Stanley, Chris Woodman, Simon Angelini, Alistair Fensome, Huxley Norman and Louis Harrison could all have taken part but unfortunately only six boys can be selected for the final team. All the boys will be welcome to join Ten Tors training next year.

Forthcoming Events

Mon 17 May 9R and 9U visit to Bristol Zoo

Tues 18 May AS Exams begin

Tues 18 May 4.00pm Year 12 Exam leave begins

Thur 20 May 9S and 9T visit to Bristol Zoo

Fri 28 May 4.00pm Year 13 Exam leave begins

Health - Gastroenteritis

There appears to be a sickness/diarrhoea bug making the rounds. If your son displays any of these symptoms he **must** remain off school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. Please also notify the school office as we try our best to monitor trends of illnesses. For advice on Diarrhoea and Vomiting visit www.nhsdirect.co.uk

Jazz Evening goes with a swing!



This year's Jazz Evening was another highlight in the musical calendar. The Jazz Band were on top form, playing a mixture of swing and modern pieces that had the audience singing along at times! The Soul Band sounded better than ever before and the Saxophone Group also performed.



The highlight for many was seeing the Acapella Choir, comprising of 13 members of staff and several pupils. It was also the maiden outing for QEH's first Barbershop Quartet who charmed the audience with some excellent close harmony arrangements of classics such as Barbara Ann.

Dance Championship

Matthew Marris has won the Senior Modern Dance Championship at the Bristol Eisteddfod. Throughout the week of the festival, six dancers qualify to compete for the Alan Ashford Memorial Trophy. Matthew was the only boy in the final and the first boy to win the Championship since the award started in 1995. His successful modern routine was to the music of 'Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger' by Daft Punk. Matthew also won the Senior Duet Cup with his dance partner Siobhan Diffin - performing the same dance as seen at Mr Jones' retirement concert.

Football Dinner

The Football Club Dinner took place in the School Dining hall with 60 boys, staff and parents attending.

Presentations were made by our Guest of Honour Stuart Campbell, Captain of Bristol Rovers. A special award went to Joe Bryan who is hoping to make football a career through the Bristol City Academy.



Tom Pearce was presented with the 'Golden Boot' Award for scoring the highest number of goals during the season.

Year 8 History Lecture

We were honoured to welcome Professor Ronald Hutton of Bristol University to lecture Year 8. He talked the boys through the causes of the English Civil War and paid particular reference to Bristol's part in the conflict. The boys were shocked to hear how plague ravaged the city during the war and those from Bedminster and Clifton were amazed to hear that both suburbs were destroyed by Prince Rupert in a vain attempt to protect the city. He also explained that clubbing on a Saturday night was even more dangerous than it is now!

