



### Dear Parents

New boys and staff seem to be settling well. Please do support the Friends Fireworks coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup> (details are attached).

### Prize Giving 2011

This year's Guest Speaker was Jonathan Pearce, former pupil and BBC football commentator. Many of you will have heard Jonathan on Radio Five Live and Match of the Day, reporting in his lively and enthusiastic style!



Jonathan played for Bristol City in his early years, but following injury, turned to a career in broadcasting, reporting on Radio Bristol. He has since moved on to Capital Radio and Match of the Day.

Guests and pupils at prize giving enjoyed an interesting and entertaining speech reflecting on his time here at QEH.

For further information please click on:  
<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-527.html?newslistid=121>



*Jonathan Pearce catching up with his former History teacher, Mr Steve Ryan*

### Open Morning

A big thank you to all who helped on Open Morning. Special thanks to all the pupil and parent guides (provided by the Friends committee) who navigated the 20 venues on their route around the school. The Departments looked splendid and this reflected the efforts put in by the staff and boys. Over 160 families visited the Senior School alone. The bacon butties at Yard Base camp proved a particular highlight for many. The Quiz proved popular and the boy who answered the tiebreak question by saying that "the best thing about the Open Morning was the Headmaster's talk because I found it really inspired me" deserves special mention despite getting other questions wrong!

Mr S Ryan

### X Factor Concert

Thursday 20 October sees the-not-to-be-missed X Factor Concert in the Theatre, with pupils from both QEH and Red Maids keen to take part. The event will feature junior, senior and a groups section and promises to be an exciting and entertaining evening.

Tickets for this event always sell out quickly and you are advised to apply for tickets early by completing the slip below and returning it to the school office with your payment. Tickets are £4 for Adults and £3 for Concessions.



Pupil's name .....

Form .....

Adults £4 .....(no.) Concessions £3.....(no.)

£ ..... payment. "Cheques made payable QEH"

## ***Year 7 Team Building Camp***



After 3 weeks of settling into life at QEH Senior School, the whole of Year 7 set off for a 2-day camp, to help them get to know each other, and the staff who accompanied them, a whole lot better.

We were blessed with unusually hot and dry weather [which, as Head of Year 7, I had ordered especially of course!], as we set off for the Scout camp at Almondsbury.



Geographically, the camp may have been close to school, but the experience they had was out of this world.



Over the 2 days, and working in teams of 12, made up from boys in each of the three tutor groups, they raced in pedal carts, played football, shot rifles, fired bows and arrows, went orienteering, and learnt how to make a forest shelter and nettle tea.



The Adventure course was especially popular, as the boys got very wet and muddy as they conquered the high cargo net, crawled through water-filled tunnels and rolled in mud!



The hosing down on completion of the course was seen as an added bonus! For me, the magical memory will be of seeing the whole year group sitting around a huge campfire, under a star filled sky, telling jokes and singing songs together. There were so many beaming faces lit only by the firelight. The boys were an absolute pleasure to be with.



## ***Forthcoming events***

Sun 16 October – Gifted and Talented Workshop  
Years 7, 8 and 9 – Mrs Kenchington

Tue 18 October 9.00am-1.00pm Year 11  
Introduction to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form morning.

Tue 18 October 7.00-8.00pm Ski Trip Meeting in  
the Theatre for parents and pupils

Tue 18 October 7.30pm GCSE and A Level  
theatre visit, “The Wild Bride”, St Georges

Wed 19 October 7.00pm Year 11 Parents’  
Evening (6<sup>th</sup> form entry) in the Theatre

Thurs 20 October 7.00pm – X-Factor Concert in  
the Theatre

Fri 21 October U15 Rugby Tour to Dublin departs  
2.00pm

Fri 21 October 4.45pm Berlin Trip departs,  
Bristol Airport

Sun 23 October Football Tour to Barcelona  
departs 1.30am (meet at 1.00am)

***School finishes at 4.00pm Fri 21 October for half  
term holidays***

## ***Letters you should have received!***

Oct 2011 - Year 10 Parents’ Evening Appointments 2  
November – Mr R Dixon

Oct 2011 - Year 7 - Lower School Trip to the  
Ardèche and Mediterranean July 2012 - Miss Morgan

October 2011 - Year 11 – Introduction to Sixth Form –  
19 Oct at 7.00pm in Theatre

14 Oct – Year 12 Parents’ Evening – Mr R Dixon

## National Poetry Day

### *Begin a lesson like a bard!*

To celebrate National Poetry Day this year, each member of staff was invited to begin each lesson with a poem and talk about why they chose it or what it had to say about their subject. Staff could draw from an in-house anthology of poems, arranged according to subject, or use a personal favourite. For all the boys to hear verse spoken and enjoyed by teachers of different subject disciplines, and to hear them extol the virtues of a poem, which was important to them, was quite a way to mark this important event.

## Students' Charity Cookbook

A group of students spent much of last year working on a charity cookbook to raise money for St. Peter's Hospice.



*Could this be a new celebrity chef in the making?*

The boys have written to celebrities asking for their favourite recipes and the book is a collection of the replies. We have recipes from David Cameron, Michelle Obama and Delia Smith among others.

If you would like to own a copy of the ebook, please email [cookbook@qehbristol.co.uk](mailto:cookbook@qehbristol.co.uk) and send £5 to Mr Moore.

St Peter's Hospice is Bristol's only adult hospice caring for local people with incurable illnesses. They improve the quality of life of patients, while extending care and support to their families and loved ones. Every penny that you spend on the eBook will go straight to the hospice.

Thank you

## Exam News

Timetables – all pupils in years 9-13 doing exams in November 2011 and January 2012 have now been given an individual timetable. Please keep these in a safe place and make a note of the dates on your family calendar.

Extranet - there is a lot of exam information, which is updated regularly, on the QEH extranet <http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/extranet/> username qehschool password berkeleyplace

The JCQ notices are compulsory reading. Please encourage your son to read them and familiarise himself with the contents!

P J Kirby  
Exams Officer

## Unwanted Rugby Kit?

Do you have any unwanted rugby shirts or boots lurking in a cupboard somewhere? If you do, then Joseph Page and Joel Martin, two Bristol rugby coaches, would like to hear from you.



In October of this year, they will be working in St Lucia with the National rugby team, where they will be coaching and promoting rugby at a grass roots level and will be working with children in a number of schools.

Many of the children have great passion and enthusiasm for rugby, but sadly lack the basic kit. Any kit donated will be reused by the children in the schools in St. Lucia.

QEH has already made a significant donation, including unclaimed lost property but if you have, any further items please get in touch with St Lucia Rugby Coaching by clicking the following link:

[www.stluciarugbycoaching.co.uk](http://www.stluciarugbycoaching.co.uk)  
[stluciarugby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stluciarugby@hotmail.co.uk)

## Classics/RS Trip Italy Easter 2013

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their deposits. The trip will definitely be going ahead. A letter with full details and times will be sent out shortly.

## ***Tennis Results***

Our unbeaten team of now Year 8 and Year 9 A squad, came top of the Aegon League in the South West last term and were presented with certificates:

Edward Gardner  
Aydin Caglayan  
George Neville  
Gregor Bates

We wish them well in the next stage of the competition competing against Millfield.

## ***Sixth Form Italian Club Trip***



An extra place is available on the Sixth Form Italy trip during the Easter Holiday (April 14-21). The trip is a weeklong immersion into the Italian language, culture and history, not forgetting the cuisine! Two days are based in Florence and five days in Siena. The previous two trips have been very successful and given a real taste of the Italian way of life.

If any sixth form student is interested in joining the trip, please contact Dr M Dutton, for further details. The cost of the trip will be approximately £600.

## ***Harvest Appeal***

Our Harvest Appeal in aid of Community of Sisters of the Church in Ashley Road concludes on Friday 21 October.

Any further donations of non-perishable goods should be brought into Mr. Ryan's office before the half-term holidays. Thank you to all those who have generously supported the appeal so far.

## ***National Taekwondo Champion***



Ben sparring against an opponent from Czech Republic at the championships

Congratulations to Ben Chapman on becoming National Taekwondo Champion, at under 13, at the ITF British Championships recently and he is only 11!

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-537.html?newslistid=6>

## ***Rugby Results***

Matches v Queen's College, Taunton

1<sup>st</sup> XV won 42-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV won 50-13  
U16A won 50-5  
U16B won 49-17  
U15A won 48-21  
U15B won 60-0  
U14A won 27-5  
U14B won 77-0  
U13A lost 14-31  
U13B won 15-10

Well done to all the teams on a great set of results.

1stXV colours awarded to:

Kit Aina	Sam Hughes
Josh Inoue	Myles Pillay
Ed Suchy	Ben Woodward

Matches v Wellington School

1<sup>st</sup> XV drew 15-15  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV won 64-0  
U16A won 22-16  
U16B won 60-0  
U15A won 17-10  
U15B won 62-0  
U14A won 19-7  
U14B won 41-14

Congratulations to all the team on another very successful set of results.

## ***Maths Team Challenge***

Well done to the following boys who represented the School Further Maths Support Programme - Years 10 and 11 Maths Team Challenge and were awarded certificates:-

Year 10	Year 11
Carl Harper	Nathan Day
Stuart O'Connell	Christian Holland
Esher Pegrum	Jack Millar
Ben Phillips	Callum Roberts



## ***Advice from the Health Centre***

It is lovely to see the boys back in school and so many new faces too. But beware there are some imposters! They are very small, you may not even notice them as they are great at playing hide and seek. Yes, the dreaded head lice have tried to sneak back! Remember they are cunning little souls who will try to hide behind ears and around the hairline but also likes to stretch their legs by running amok through the hair. However, it has been scientifically proven that we are smarter than they are and with a little time and patience can rid ourselves of these pesky pests!

There are many lotions and potions out there ready to tackle head lice. However, just by checking once a week with a comb and some conditioner should help tackle any unwanted visitors! For further advice and some, handy hints visit [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com)

There will probably always be a case or two of head lice in school, so it is important that we continue to check our children's hair regularly just in case.

There are several viruses making the rounds at present including the common cold. Historically around this period, boys are tired and therefore tend to pick up viruses very easily. We recommend that your son uses good hand hygiene at all times in order to stop the spread of viruses, eat healthy balanced meals and get lots of good night's sleep (I know that is easier said than done, but we can try!) If your son is unwell, please keep him off school until he recovers.

On the subject of viruses, since the start of term there have been a couple of cases of Shingles between the senior and junior school. **Close** contact with the shingles rash can cause chickenpox in those susceptible. Those at risk from this virus are:

Those who have not already had Chickenpox

Pregnant women (please seek advice from your midwife)

Vulnerable Children and Staff (i.e. those with Leukaemia/other cancers, those on high doses of steroids by mouth and with conditions, which seriously reduce immunity).

For further details, please visit

<http://www.patient.co.uk/health/Shingles.htm>

It is also the time for those who are vulnerable to **Influenza** to seek advice from their GP regarding the Flu Vaccine.

For details on signs, symptoms and vaccinations please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

## ***Year 9 Visit to Big Pit***

On a wet and windy Wednesday the whole of Year 9 visited the World Heritage site of the Big Pit mining museum and nearby Blaenavon. Deep underground boys learnt from ex-miners about the challenges of long, hard and dangerous manual work.

In Blaenavon they pondered the difficulties faced by tight knit communities in a post-industrial world. To round off a perfect day in "the liquid sunshine" Jedward turned up to film an episode for their new BBC series. Truly surreal.



## ***New Thornbury to QEH Bus Service***

A new privately operated school service is proposed to be in place immediately after half term, running approximately as follows:

Tytherington, Thornbury, Alveston, Almondsbury, Over Lane, Easter Compton, Henleaze, then to central Bristol Independent schools.

This is being run by a group of parents, independently of QEH. It is proposed that one parent from each participating school has input into the co-ordination of the route. The schools have no responsibility for the administration of this route. If you are interested, please email [miles.grocott@virgin.net](mailto:miles.grocott@virgin.net) with a copy to [marketing@qehbristol.co.uk](mailto:marketing@qehbristol.co.uk). It will be essential to get involved at the earliest opportunity, so that pick up points and timings are as convenient to you as possible.

## ***Ski Trip Meeting***

Reminder there will be a Ski Trip Meeting for parents and pupils on Tuesday, 18 October from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the Theatre.

EXPLOSIVE FUN AT FAILAND



# Family Fireworks

Saturday 5th November  
7pm (gates open 5.30pm)

*(No unaccompanied children please)  
Bar, BBQ, Soup and Tuck Shop*

Friends of

**FAMILY FIREWORKS 2011**

*Please complete and return to the school office*



Boy's name and form .....

Tickets required .....Adults @£6 .....Children @£3

NEW Family tickets .....@£15 *NB. admits 2 adults and 2 children  
so for larger groups please purchase extra individual tickets above*

Total payment enclosed £ ..... (cheques payable to Friends of QEHB)