



Dear Parents

Welcome to the New School Year. We start on a 'high' with excellent results and a full school. We're all looking forward to a great year ahead!

Record results for QEH boys!

At GCSE an amazing 40% of grades gained were at A*, beating all previous records. Over 92 per cent of all GCSE grades were at A* to B, with 74 per cent at A* or A grades. In Chemistry, Music and Religious Studies every single boy received either an A* or an A grade.

Twenty-three boys – 30 per cent of the QEH cohort - achieved a straight set of A* or A grades with six boys each achieving a set of straight A*s.

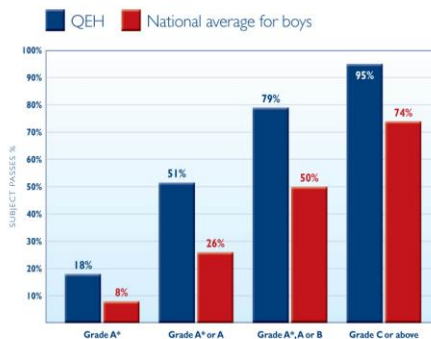


At A-level QEH boys achieved a 100 per cent pass rate for the sixth year running, with 95 per cent of grades at A* to C grade and 80 per cent at A* to B grade.

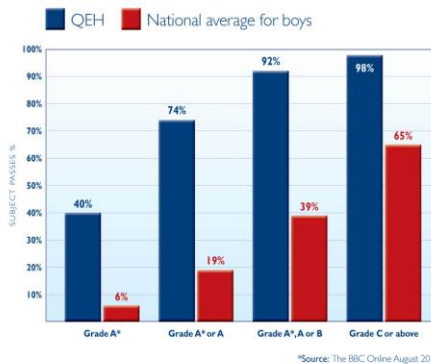
Twenty-seven per cent of boys achieved straight A* or A grades in their three or four A-level subjects. In all, over 50 per cent of grades awarded to QEH candidates were at A* or A grade and 18 per cent were awarded at the A* grade.

For the full story, click the following link:
<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-511.html?newslid=6>

A-Level Results 2011



GCSE Results 2011



'QEH boys' examination results compare very favourably with the published national results for boys'.

For further details click on

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/senior-school/results-boys-performance.html>

Prize Giving – Fri 30 September

Prize Giving is taking place earlier this year, on Friday 30 September at 10.30am in the Great Hall, Bristol University. The Guest Speaker is Jonathan Pearce, Match of the Day Commentator and QEH Old Boy. School will finish at 12 noon and no lunch will be provided. Please note that half term will therefore begin at 4.00pm on Friday October 21.

Forthcoming events

Sun 18 Sept – Year 12 Geography trip to Snowdonia departs (returns Wed 21 Sept)
Mon 19 Sept – Year 12 Induction Day at Failand
Mon 19 Sept - 4.00-5.30pm - Literary Society: Rupert Edwards in the Theatre on Leo Tolstoy
Tues 20 Sept - Year 11 Careers Aptitude Tests
Wed 21 Sept - 3.45-5.50pm - Year 9 and Peer Mentor Bowling
Thur 22 Sept – School Photographs
Thur 22 Sept 7.30-9.00pm 6th Form Geography Lecture, Bristol University
Fri 23 Sept – MUFTI day – BRACE Funding Research into Alzheimer’s
Mon 26 Sept – 3.45-5.50pm Year 7 and Peer Support Bowling
Mon 26 Sept – Friends’ AGM
Tue 27 Sept 5.00-7.30pm Year 13 Parents’ Evening
Wed 28 Sept - Year 7 Outdoor Team Building Residential Trip (returns Thur 29 at 4.00pm)
Thur 29 Sept 7.30pm Oxbridge Introduction Evening
Fri 30 Sept – 10.30-12noon Prize Giving at The Great Hall, Bristol University - School finishes at midday.

Liftshare from Bradley Stoke area

We have received a request from a parent living in the Bradley Stoke area, who is interested in lift sharing for her son in Year 10. If you are able to assist please email Dr Patel on ameepatel1@yahoo.co.uk

Open Morning

Please pass on the details of our Open Morning on Saturday 8 October to any friends, colleagues or neighbours who would like to find out more about QEH. All visitors should be seated in the Theatre by 9.45am in preparation for the Headmaster’s Address at 10.00am. This is a morning on which we expect all boys to volunteer as helpers and guides.

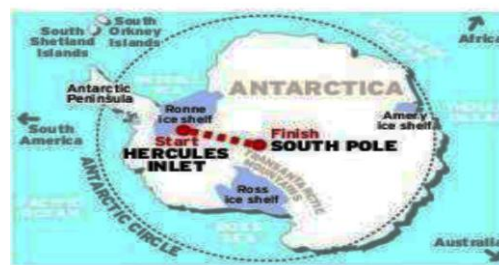
Meningitis – I phone App

I thought I would bring to your attention a useful app for I phones and other smart phones. The app produced by the Meningitis trust allows you to check symptoms and provides useful advice regarding meningitis. Not only would I recommend that you all download this to your phones if possible but also for those of you sending your sons and daughters to university, I highly recommend they too download it. Knowing the signs and symptoms of meningitis and seeking help as soon as possible could possibly help save a life. The link is <http://www.meningitis-trust.org/about-us/news/android-app-to-save-lives/>

Asthma

If your son suffers from Asthma and requires a ventolin inhaler, we would be grateful if you could supply the school nurse with a spare in case of emergency. Please ensure it is named clearly. N. Burns, School Nurse

Trans-Antarctic ski trek attempt



Lewis Clarke, aged 13, has set his sights on a gruelling record-breaking attempt that most people twice his age would not dream of trying. He has embarked on two years of training, with the goal being a 700-mile cross-country skiing trek across Antarctica. He will be 16 when he makes the attempt with two other adults – making him the youngest person ever to do it. Lewis has already got one world record under his belt. Last year he and five other 12-year-olds from across Bristol became the youngest relay team to swim the English Channel.

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-519.html?newlistid=6>



Slovenia expedition 6th – 14th July 2011

This year's summer expedition saw a QEH team of boys and staff explore part of the Julian Alps, in Northern Slovenia.



The first walk took us up the local mountains overlooking Lake Bohinj and the valley. The area is a good ski resort in the winter and we used a cable car to help gain altitude before we climbed up to the main ridge and made our way through some fantastic scenery. The main expedition took us up to the base of Mount Triglav; at just under 3000 metres, the highest mountain in Slovenia. The ascent began in woodland, which makes up 70% of Slovenia, and continued up into the high alps. We witnessed spectacular examples of Slovenian nature, including chamois, eagles as well as other notable flora and fauna. The team spent the night in an alpine cabin before a long walk the next day back to the Bohinj valley.



This expedition was different from all the previous ventures due to the range of alternative activities, which were undertaken. The most popular activity was canyoning in spectacular deep limestone gorges. The activity involved the boys putting on wetsuits, helmets and life jackets and swimming, jumping, sliding and abseiling down the canyon. We also explored the valley on mountain bikes and visited the local lakes Bohinj and Bled.



Reminder to all boys

A large amount of unnamed lost property was left in school over the holidays, which is on display in the school room. Please ask your son to check and see if any of the items belong to him.

Please ensure all uniform and belongings are named. This assists us enormously when trying to return lost property to the boys.

School Uniform

If you still require items of uniform, please email the school nurse on clothingcupboard@qehbristol.co.uk to check availability in the clothing cupboard.

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the following boys who received their Certificates for the successful completion of their Bronze and Silver Awards:-

Bronze:	Silver:
Christopher Woodman	James Bapty
Szelong Ng	
Tom Sumpter	
Sam Taylor	
Steven Wride	

Bronze Arts Award

At the end of last year, all of Year 7 worked towards the Bronze Arts Award in creative writing. 95% of the year group passed (excellent effort!) and 10 boys were singled out by the Moderator for outstanding work and achieved a pass with merit.

Liam Campkin
Ross Davidson
Jack Simpson
Risshey Jeevakumar
Linus Crockford
Josh Smith
Rishil Adora
Eugene Tebbenham-Small
David Bell
Christopher Allen

Congratulations to all the boys on their achievements.

Ski Trip – Folgarida, Italy – 13-20 December

There are still a few spaces available on this year's ski trip - £820. Please contact Mr Matthews for full details JRMMatthews@qehbristol.co.uk

South African Tour

During the summer holidays 23 rugby players flew to South Africa, visiting Cape Town and Johannesburg.



The boys, all from the top end of the School, enjoyed several adrenalin pumped matches against well-drilled South African opposition. Some matches were played to stands of thousands on floodlit pitches.



Apart from winning some of the matches, highlights were: Table Mountain and its legendary white cloud 'Tablecloth'; paddling in the Indian Ocean; the eateries were giant, half kilo steaks were devoured to the accompaniment of singing waiters; whale watching; visiting the Cango Wildlife ranch and being caged with the big cats; riding ostriches; quad biking and helicopter rides.



Added to these excitements was a game drive as well as a taste of the culture of South Africa at the market on Seal Island with its inevitable bartering, Langa township and, of course, Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela served 18 of his 25 years imprisonment).

Letters you should have received!!

6 Sept – Classics/RS trip to Greece Easter 2012 – Mrs Steven

12 Sept -Year 7 Team Building Camp–28/29 September – Mrs Dimes

13 Sept - Year 7 – and Peer Supporters Team Building Event – Mrs Dimes

13 Sept – Year 9 – Bowling Event with Peer Supporters – Miss Winchester

Rugby Results v Malvern College

1st XV 27-3 won

2nd XV 56-5 won

U16A 50-8 won

U15A 29-28 won

U15B 55-5 won

U14B 12-0 won

U14A 12-22 lost

Congratulations to all the teams, a great start to the season.

Bristol Schools Swimming Finals

Well done to the following boys on achievements at the Bristol Schools Swimming Finals:

Winner of the senior boys butterfly – Oli Eyre

2nd Senior freestyle – Oli Eyre

Winner inter boys breaststroke – Ben Horner

2nd Inter boys freestyle – Ben Horner

Winner junior boys backstroke – Joe Wallbridge

3rd – Junior freestyle – Lewis Clark

Relays – junior freestyle and medley 2nd in both
Team members: Joe Wallbridge, Lewis Clark, Will Mortimore, Zach Gillett

Inter freestyle relay finished 2nd
Team members: Ben Horner, Tom Shortman, Will Bourns, Laurence Key

Bristol Bordeaux Exchange 2012

For those interested in a possible exchange, there is an information meeting for students and parents.

7.00pm - 8.30pm Wednesday 28th September 2011
at The Conference Hall, The Council House, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR. No need to pre-book. Just turn up!

Pre-Season Rugby Camp on the Gower

27 Under 16 rugby players enjoyed a change of scenery for their pre-season rugby training, embarking on a trip to the Gower, South Wales. The trip consisted of a day of fitness and training on the beach, including exhausting shuttle runs up and down the dunes, followed by more training at



South Gower RFC. On the final evening, we enjoyed a succession of short games against the South Gower RFC Under 16s. This allowed all 27 players to get a run out. The trip also included a surf lesson and an enjoyable evening spent in a nearby seaside town.



All in all, the trip was a huge success. The boys returned absolutely exhausted yet more prepared and certainly more enthusiastic about the upcoming season.

Plans are already underway to return next year with the hope that more local clubs may be interested in joining in.



Ed Gent

Under 16 head coach

Harvest Appeal

Harvest will soon be with us and we will again be supporting the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Ashley Road.

Please send any donations of non-perishable goods to Mr Ryan's office as from Monday 19 September. Last year we had an amazing response to the appeal and took along over 800 tins! Let us see if we can match or better that this year!

SP Ryan

Music Exam Results from the Summer Term

Trinity College Music Awards

Oliver Hughes – Grade 1 Jazz Saxophone with merit
Stuart O'Connell – Grade 5 Jazz Saxophone with merit
Fred Batstone – Grade 5 Jazz Saxophone with merit
Alistair Husbands – Grade 7 Jazz Saxophone
James Pyke – Grade 1 Guitar
Iain Walker – Grade 1 Guitar with merit
Lewis Harrison – Grade 6 Guitar
Alex King – Grade 6 Guitar with merit

Associated Board Awards

Dougie Fletcher – Grade 1 Piano with merit
Alasdair Silverberg – Grade 2 Horn
George Cherry – Grade 3 Piano
Alistair Husbands – Grade 7 Piano
Michael Vause – Grade 3 Clarinet
Ben Hopkins – Grade 3 Clarinet with merit
Benedict M'Caw – Grade 7 Flute
Patrick Bapty – Grade 7 Trumpet
Joe Edwards – Grade 5 Music Theory
Silas Edwards – Grade 5 Music Theory with merit
And the teachers!
Mr Murray – Grade 1 Violin with merit
Dr Kyle – Grade 1 Clarinet

Classics and RS Trip to Italy – Easter 2013

The Classics and RS Departments are planning a trip to Italy at Easter 2013. The 6-night trip will include visiting Rome, Sorrento, and Pompeii, Vesuvius, Herculaneum and the island of Capri. All pupils in the current Years 7-12 are welcome to join the trip. The cost will be no more than £750 and the proposed dates are 23-29 March 2013.

To secure a place, please send a deposit of £150 to Mrs Steven. A letter giving fuller details is available from Mrs Steven or the school website.