



Dear Parents

As I write Children in Need Day is in full swing. My thanks to all those in school who have organised events and all at home who have generously supported. We hope to raise about £3,000.

The Worldwide Quiz

The Worldwide Quiz is an annual inter-school geography competition. QEH entered two teams this year, made up of pupils from Years 10 and 11, for this year's event, which took place at BGS.

There were 15 teams overall, from local schools including Red Maids, Badminton and St Mary Redcliffe. After a series of preliminary rounds, both our teams qualified for the final along with two teams from BGS.

In a very tightly contested final, our A team of Huw Parry, Joe Kesterton and Hector Leach-Clay eventually emerged victorious. Our B team of Andrew Galton, Alex Russell and Pat Bapty narrowly trailed the three other teams for most of the final but some inspired answers in the very last round saw them come through to take second place



This victory means that QEH has now won the competition for the last four years in succession and for seven out of the last 10 years.

PMA

The Winning Teams - Congratulations to all team members

Winners:

QEH1
Huw Parry
Joe Kesterton
Hector Leach-Clay

Second Place

QEH2
Andrew Galton
Alex Russell
Pat Bapty

Debating Successes

Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition

Congratulations to the QEH team of Fred Batstone, Christian Holland and Alex Thomas (speaker, voter of thanks and chairman respectively) on winning the Bristol round of the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition this week. The competition was held in the QEH theatre and the team now goes through to the district round in January.

English Speaking Union Competition

QEH also won another competition this week in the English Speaking Union Mace Public Speaking Competition (defeating Red Maids, Cotham, Chew Valley and Badminton) with the team of Christian Holland, Alex Thomas and Oliver Dann. They are now through to the Bristol Final.

We wish both teams success in their next rounds.

Exams

If your son took GCSE or AS examinations in June 2011 he has or should have collected his certificates from the Exams Office. Please look after these carefully.

A replacement certificate can cost £35+.

On the extranet you can find lots of exam information

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/extranet/>

Username: **qehschool**

Password: **berkeleyplace**

PJKirby Exams Officer

Ten Tors Expedition 11-13 May 2012



We are now starting the process of selecting the teams for next year's Ten Tors Expedition, for pupils in Year 10 to Sixth Form.

This is an arduous challenge, which requires much training: in addition to several classroom training sessions there will be two one-day walks and four practice weekends. If your son is interested in taking part, a copy of the training schedule and parental consent form are all available in the school office. For more information about the event, please go to www.ex.ac.uk.tentors

We have team places for the 35, 45 and 55-mile events. Teams consist of 6 members. We have a 100% record of success in the event, which we would like to maintain. The teams will be selected using the following criteria:

- Fitness
- Enthusiasm
- Team Work
- Commitment to training

All successful participants feel a tremendous sense of achievement when they complete the event. Even those boys who undergo the training, but are not selected for a team gain a great deal from the experience and often return to try again in following years. If you have any questions please contact Mr S Cook.

Rugby Results

Matches v Kingswood School

1st XV lost 5-60

2nd XV won 16-0

U16A won 17-15

U16B won 22-7

U15A lost 5-61

U15B lost 21-24

U14A lost 5-10

U14B won 62-12

U13A lost 0-39

U13B lost 14-28

U12A lost 0-41

U12B lost 5-10

Matches v Bristol Grammar

1st XV lost 0-15

2nd XV lost 0-17

U16A lost 5-8

U16B lost 12-24

U15A won 25-12

U15B won 36-5

U14A lost 7-17

U14B won 26-19

U13A lost 0-38

U13B lost 0-47

U12A lost 12-24

U12B won 7-5

Fireworks

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Firework Display at Failand. It was a great success and was attended by record numbers. Huge thanks also to the many "Friends" who organised the event, operating the various stalls on the evening and, not forgetting the task of cleaning up the site on Sunday!

Forthcoming events:-

Sat 19 Nov 9.00am – 6pm Year 13 Oxbridge Interview Preparation Day
21-25 Nov – Reading Week for Years 7-10
Tue 22 Nov – Royal Navy Careers Appointments for Years 10-13
Wed 23 Nov – 9.00-1.00pm Year 9 Latin trip to Bath
Wed 23 Nov – 4.00-5.30pm - Years 9-11 Philosophy Society
Sun 27 Nov – DoE/Ten Tors Mendip Walk
Tue 29 Nov – 5.00pm – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wed 30 Nov – Friends' Advent Night 7.00pm
Thur 1 Dec and Fri 2 Dec – Skellig Performance 7.30pm in theatre
Wed 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunch
Fri 9 Dec – 2.30pm Carol Service at Bristol Cathedral – entry by ticket only
Fri 9 Dec – term ends for Christmas break following the Carol Service

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need Appeal has got off to a fine start. Last Friday the boys organised a University Challenge for house staff in the school theatre.



Clearly the most impressive team was Carr's but the creative quiz master Ed Wren managed to engineer a victory for Hartnell's by awarding 70 points for the last question and refusing to accept the Carr answer. Extensive research has revealed that EW is in fact a paid up member of Hartnell House. This is corruption on a FIFA/Olympic Bidding scale. Needless to say we in Carr's are not at all bitter and are very good losers!

Mr Ryan

Wednesday and Thursday mornings saw the Peer Supporters and Peer Mentors organising a quiz to test the Year 8's and 9's on the knowledge of "Children in Need".

Questions such as

- a) "In which English county is the village of Pudsey?"
- b) "How much would it cost to pay for an hour of specialist nursing for a disabled child?"
- c) "Which singer kicked off the BBC Children in Need appeal in 2010?"

Check your answers below....

The winning Year 8 team, led by Peer Supporter Sam Taylor, consisted of: Nathan Greenslade, Michael Grimsley, Wenbin Guo and Alex Hemsley.

In Year 9 Josh Mortimore's team of Finn Conway, Matthew Dickerson, Zachary Gillett, Tom Holloway and Louis Johnson scored full marks!



9R and 9S held a cake sale – always popular with boys and staff – and raised £245 . We look forward to 9T and 9U's sale next week.

In assembly today, the staff sang with gusto performing their version of McFly's "It's All about You" to launch today's events. It is hoped to raise over £3,000 from the numerous events being organised by the boys throughout the school.

Answers

- a) *West Yorkshire*, b) *£15*, c) *Cheryl Cole*

QEH Charity Christmas Cards



You may recall a couple of years ago QEH had a competition to design our own Christmas card. The winning design was by Stuart O'Connell, then in Year 8. We have some of the cards in stock and available to purchase. The cost is £1 for 10 cards and they are available from the school office. Please use the slip below to order your cards.

Pupil's Name

Form No of packets

£ payment enclosed.

"Cheques made payable to QEH"

Carol Service



All available tickets for the Carol Service have now been issued.

We apologise if you have applied for tickets, but have been unsuccessful. We have however placed your names on a waiting list and if any tickets are returned, we will send them to you.

If any ticket holders are not able to make the service, please return your tickets to school, in order that we can re-allocate them.

Friends' Advent Night 30 November



Full details of the Friends' Advent Night on 30 November can be found at the end of this newsletter. Don't forget to order your tickets – it's always a very enjoyable evening.

Head Lice

Beware there are some imposters in school! 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 them 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

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. It needs everyone to be vigilant as it only takes one child with head lice to pass them on throughout the class and year groups.

Many thanks

N. Burns, School Nurse

Old Boys' Annual Dinner



The Old Boys' Annual Dinner on 12th November at School was a night to be remembered. Congratulations to Chris Bater for organising such a vibrant evening.



*Dr Jim Murray
incoming
President of the
Old Boys' Society
flanked by Lord
Mayor Cllr Gollop
and Chairman of
Governors Mr
Nick Tyrrell*

The 1950s era was strongly involved with Jeff Mason (1956) as Chairman, Paddy Kilmartin (1958) outgoing President, Jim Murray (1955) incoming President and Chris Northover (1953) incoming President-Elect.

For more photos click <http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-531.html?newslistid=6>

Sunday Times School Guide

Many parents will have been pleased to note that QEH ranked as the top school teaching boys, in the wider Bristol region in last weekend's Sunday Times 'School Guide'.

Our GCSE ranking was in the top 100 in the country, which is encouraging for next year's AS and A-levels!

History of QEH

We are pleased to announce the reprint of Walter E. Sampson's book, first published in 1910, which tells the story of the School's first three-hundred years.



This is available directly from Amazon although we have a few copies in School, which can be purchased at the same price of £7.99 plus postage.

Mark Walden Author - Visit

Mark Walden the author of the hugely popular boys' series of books, H.I.V.E. made his first visit to QEH in preparation for Reading Week on Thursday 17th November. Mark delighted his audience of year 7 and year 8 pupils by describing to them his love of villains and all things concerning the *dark side*. His talk in the Theatre during periods 3 and 4 really engaged the boys and he further involved them in dialogue, by getting them to talk about their favourite villains.



The Junior school also participated in this event and the entire year 6 joined lower school boys, to benefit from seeing an author read and talk about their work. After his talk, Mark spent 25 minutes signing and chatting to boys who were given wristbands and cards as a memento of a really successful visit.

Sixth Form Volunteering

Sixth Form boys are offered the opportunity to work in the community as an option on their games afternoon.



Currently between 20 and 30 boys, take part in the scheme ranging from working with animals to supporting young children with their IT skills.

We have good links with primary schools, special schools and care homes, and hope to continue to broaden the field.



If anyone can offer a work placement, which they think might benefit from visits from our sixth formers, please do let us know.

Unplugged Concert

This term's Unplugged was another musical delight with some stunning talent on display. Zak Tobias' beautiful rendition of a Dylan classic was a highlight as was Rishi Saluja's own compositions. Stunning.

The younger boys did not disappoint either, with bands and solo acts. Oli Peszynski's incredible guitar solo was just amazing. Some seasoned 'Unplugged' staff members also took to the stage, Mr Hamlet, Mr Amor and a staff duet of Mr Gamble on piano and Miss Morgan on vocals singing Joni Mitchell's 'I wish I had a river'.

If you missed it...you missed out!

Winterbourne/Thornbury Bus Service

A meeting has been arranged for any parents affected by the withdrawal of the Westward Travel service. It will take place on next Tuesday, 22nd November at 19:15.

The venue is Old Down Manor, Foxholes Lane, Tockington, South Gloucestershire BS32 4PG <http://www.olddownmanor.co.uk/ContactUs.aspx> (the bar will be open!)

The Winterbourne route is now part of the proposed route and the new 'solution' will reflect the needs of the complete legacy service from Westward, at least at the outset (numbers permitting of course).

Come and make your voice heard...

Letters you should have received!!

Years 7-9 - Disco with Red Maids' on Fri 2 Dec. Mrs Dimes
Year 10-13 Pyrenees Expedition 9-16 July 2012
Years 10-13 Ten Tors Expedition – Mr S Cook
Rugby Teams 1st XV, 2nd XV – Offer to host Australian rugby team – Mr Joslin
Year 7 – Reading Week 21-28 Nov – Mrs Dimes
Years 8,9, 10 – Reading Week 21-28 Nov – Mr Brotherton
Years 8-9 – Disco with Redland High School – Miss Winchester – Wed 7 Dec 7-9pm

Advent Night

*a perfect start to the festive season
with traditional carols by candlelight
and lively jazz entertainment*

Wednesday 30th November 7.00pm

TICKETS £6 Adults £2 Children
adult price includes canapes

Bar, mulled wine, soft drinks and snacks also available

Friends of

Advent Night

Please complete and return to the school office



Boy's name and form

Number of adult tickets required @£6. Number of child tickets required @£2

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

This event is not suitable for children under 10. Entrance by advance ticket only for catering purposes.

