



## Dear Parents

The end of term is rapidly approaching but there is a still lot to do! Dr Jönsson has been called up for jury service and so Mr Richards (a recently retired member of staff) will take her classes until she returns in a week or so's time.

## Linguistic Olympiad 2011



The winners of the Linguistic Olympiad 2011 are as follows:-

### Foundation Level:

Stuart O'Connell  
Callum Payne  
Silas Lehane  
Ben Philips

### Advanced Level:

Jacob Warne  
Leo Miller  
Cameron Ree

Well done for your achievement and to all those who participated this year! MH

## Maths Challenge

The following four boys competed in the Regional Final of the United Kingdom Mathematical Trust Maths Challenge and finished a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> out of 23 schools:

George Neville  
Iain Walker  
Carl Harper  
Ben Phillips

Well done to you all

## Forthcoming events:-

Tue 22 March – Year 13 Geography Fieldtrip to London Docklands

Thur 24 March 7-9pm 6<sup>th</sup> Form Philosophy Society at Red Maids' School

Fri 25-27 March Ten Tors and Gold DoE practice – Dartmoor

Fri 25 March QEH Friends' "Lizzies" Film Awards

Mon 28 March 8X and 8Z RS Trip "The Easter Event", Christchurch, Clifton

Tue 29 March 7.30pm Joint orchestra and brass ensemble concert with Red Maids' School at Henleaze

Wed 30 March 1.30pm Year 7 Sponsored Hike

Wed 30 March 5.00pm Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thur 31 March 8Y RS Trip "The Easter Event", Christchurch, Clifton

Fri 1 April 10.30am Charter Day, Bristol Cathedral

## Letters you should have received!!

Year 8 Parents' Evening Appointments – Mr Dixon  
Year 7 – Sponsored Hike - 30 March – Mr Brotherton  
Year 7 Ardeche Trip July 2012 – Mr Brotherton

## Team Photographs

The team photographs for rugby Years 7-11 and football Years 9-10 are now available to buy online. To access the photographs go to the sports page of the school website. The password is "Failand". The 6<sup>th</sup> form rugby and Years 11-13 football will be available by the end of term. PEJ

## English Speaking Union

In the Regional Final of the ESU Public speaking competition, at King's College, Taunton, the QEH team were runners up. The team members were:

Fred Batstone – who won best speaker  
Alex Thomas  
Christian Holland

Congratulations to all 3 on their achievement.

## Football Results

U15 vs King's Taunton won 5-1 with a hat trick being scored by Lukon Mia

### Matches vs Marlborough

1<sup>st</sup> XI - drew 2-2  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI - lost 5-0  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI - drew 3-0



### Matches vs Sidcot

U12 won 9-1 - Liam Campkin scored 4 goals  
Luke Jagger scored 3 goals

U13 won 7-0 - Henry Burns scored 4 goals

Matches vs  
Malvern

U14 lost 5-3  
U15a WON 3-2  
U15b lost 6-2



1<sup>st</sup> XI lost 4-0  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost 4-1  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI won 3-1



### Matches vs Downside

1<sup>st</sup> XI won 7-1 with Ben Watts scoring a hatrick!  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI won 5-0  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI drew 2-2  
U15 won 4-0  
U14 won 3-2

## Rugby Results

U13 The Downs 7's – lost in plate quarter-final.  
Wycliffe 7's

U16 lost in final to Millfield after wins over BGS, KES Bath, Wycliffe and Marling.

Plymouth 7's  
U14 and U13 both finished as runners up.

Prior Park 7's  
U14 lost in semi-finals to Blundells.

Rugby 7's  
U16 and U18 lost in group stages of West of England Tournament

U13 lost in quarter final of plate competition at the Millfield 7's to Bedford School

U14 runners up at Dean Close 7's  
Beating in their group Kingswood, RGS Worcester and Wycliffe

Quarter-final - Monmouth  
Semi-final - Cheltenham College  
Final - lost 21-14 to Kings Worcester

## Samuel Beckett Shorts

This was an evening of three short plays – *Rough for Theatre I and II* and *Krapp's Last Tape* - that centre on “the human condition”.



The evening began with *Rough for Theatre II* where the audience were transported to a room in which two mysterious characters discussed the life of a third shadowy figure stood by a window ready to take his own life. Simon Angelini and Matt Cohen blended the serious nature of the piece with Beckett's gallows humour with miraculous ease whilst Lawrence Bury and Charlie Picton gave a precise visual narrative of the story by interacting with projection from behind a shadow screen that represented the window.

Next up was *Rough for Theatre I* – the tale of two old men (one in a wheelchair and one blind) living in a bleak, timeless world that forms a symbiotic relationship. McLaren Harper and Ben Horner both delivered amazing performances in this extremely touching and, at times, comical piece.

Finally after an interval came *Krapp's Last Tape*, a 45 minute one man piece performed by Jon Parsonage, who played an old man listening to a tape he recorded many years ago, documenting a single year of his life. The main highlight of the piece was Jon's skilled use of voice to communicate a sense of the past haunting the present.

Overall, a spellbinding and unusual evening.

## **House Drama 2011**

### **The Results**

- Hartnell's** - 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Carr's** - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Bird's** - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Ramsey's** - 4<sup>th</sup>

The standard this year was, on the whole, extremely high, with some inventive and clever interpretations of famous Shakespearian plays. Well done to all those involved.

### **Juniors**

- 1 Hartnell's - A version of 'Hamlet' with treachery and murder in the Labour Party  
2 Carr's  
3 Bird's  
4 Ramsey's

### **Inters**

- 1 Hartnell's - Romeo and Juliet seek marriage counselling in heaven  
2 Bird's  
3 Carr's  
4 Ramsey's

### **Seniors**

- 1 Ramsey's - A day in the life of Hamlet  
2 Carr's  
3 Bird's  
4 Hartnell's

## **St Patrick's Day display in library**

With St. Patrick's Day, falling on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> the Library has been busy creating a book display to promote all things Irish. The Irish theme covers a diverse range of books looking at the troubled history to the culture, geography, Saints, Poets and Writers.

Yeats, Seamus Heaney, Joyce and Roddy Doyle are all represented on the display shelves, against a green backdrop and illustrations of the odd shamrock. Displays are a fun way of introducing poets and writers to readers and to reflect topical events.



## **Development Health Checks for Year 10**

Over the next weeks we will be carrying out development checks on all year 10 boys. This involves measurement of both height and weight, which we will record on a chart similar to those used in your Child's Health Records. We also calculate their BMI (body mass index). These tools will enable you to identify any concerns regarding his growth and development.

We will discuss the importance of a healthy diet and the need for regular exercise with all the boys but will supply you with relevant literature in case you also wish to discuss these issues with your son.

Please reassure your son that he is only required to remove his shoes and blazer.

We will also undertake an eye test at 6 metres. This should pick up any difficulties your son may encounter with board work and other activities requiring distance work. If your son has had, a recent eye test please let me know. Please note this is a basic eye test and should not replace a Qualified Optician/Optomtrist assessment, which is advised on an annual basis and is free of charge.

We would also like to remind all parents of year 10 boys that they are due their 15-year-old health check via their GP. This should involve routine immunisation against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio. We would be grateful if you would advise us when your son has his vaccination in order that we can update his health notes. For further information, regarding immunisations please visit [www.immunisation.nhs.uk](http://www.immunisation.nhs.uk)

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on 0117 930 3062 or [nburns@gehbristol.co.uk](mailto:nburns@gehbristol.co.uk) and [jescritt@gehbristol.co.uk](mailto:jescritt@gehbristol.co.uk)

**Mrs N Burns**  
School Nurse

### ***Friends' Spring Ball***

Due to popular demand, **ALL BALL TICKETS HAVE NOW BEEN SOLD.** Should any tickets become available we will let you know. **ALL TICKET ENQUIRIES HAVE NOW BEEN NOTIFIED IF THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.**

### ***FPS Competition in USA!***

**QEH BOYS DO IT YET AGAIN!!**



Once more QEH is representing not just Great Britain but Europe at an international level.

Nineteen boys from Yr 7 and 9 will travel to Wisconsin USA for the Future Problem Solving World final. QEH is the first school in Europe and still the only boys' school to offer FPS as an enrichment opportunity.

The problem scenario for June 2011 will be in the area of Emergency Planning, a topic of incredible importance to our world currently with disasters such as Japan's horrific earthquake and resultant emergency. These young men will be coming up with ideas to react to such situations quickly and efficiently.

We would like to give local Bristol companies and organisations the opportunity to sponsor the fine young men who have worked so hard to gain a voice for Great Britain at this international event. As you can imagine the travel costs are significant, so if you know of any companies or businesses who would like to sponsor our boys in any way, please phone the office for a sponsorship letter.

**Mrs B Kenchington**  
Head of Learning Enhancement; FPS coach

### ***Year 8 Team-building at Failand***



Year 8 went to Belmont Wood, behind the playing fields of Failand, for a team-building event alongside their Sixth form peer supporters.

Forms enjoyed learning about survival skills, including fire-lighting, camouflage



and concealment and shelter-building, ending up with toasting marshmallows!

A muddy but fulfilling experience was had by all.



### ***Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers***

Once again, we are taking part in collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco's schools vouchers. The vouchers are being issued in stores and petrol stations for each £10 spent. Schemes are running from:-

**Sainsbury's: Wed 9th Feb – Tues 31st May**

**Tesco's: Mon 1st March – Mon 9th May.**

Please send your vouchers into the school office. Last year we were successful in collecting for several items of sports equipment.

## ***St George's Classical Concert***

The Classical Music Concert held on 6<sup>th</sup> March was a rather special concert, being Mr Gent's first Classical Concert as Director of Music, and my first Classical Concert at QEH. As the concert approached, I waited with baited breath for the inevitable last minute, panicked rehearsing to begin... and waited ... and waited. But the moment never arrived. On the contrary, the final rehearsals were incredibly calm! Wow!

On the evening, an audience of nearly three hundred and fifty watched as over forty QEH and Red Maids musicians performed a fantastic programme of music....



Our orchestra opened the night, with three rousing pieces. James Everingham in particular should be commended for his glockenspiel solo in *Highlights from Harry Potter*, which he had painstakingly rehearsed and prepared.



Three Upper Sixth musicians – Alex Loveday, George Bamber and Jack O'Dea – performed three very different, but equally touching, solos on piano, voice and guitar respectively. All three have been fantastic assets to the QEH's classical music scene over the years.



The concert presented performances from three of the choirs currently rehearsing at QEH – the Chapel Choir under my direction, and the senior choir and Chamber Choir under the direction of Mr Gent, featuring repertoire from the Sacred to the folk tradition of the British Isles to the Gospel tradition. John Cameron spectacularly serenaded the Senior Choir on the bagpipes, and Jacob Warn polished off his tin whistle to accompany Danny Boy.



Amongst our talented instrumentalists, the concert featured two chamber ensembles. A newly formed string quartet performed some Mozart, and a joint QEH and Red Maids Wind Quintet some Haydn.

One of the highlights of the evening was, without doubt, the Wind Band's performance, which closed the evening. With nearly all our musicians on the stage, performers from grade three to post-grade eight standards played together in a huge finale of *Rhapsody on an English Sea Song* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. For me, this epitomized what music at QEH is all about – everybody working together *in harmony* (bad pun intended) to make music.



Terrific thanks must go to the boys, without whose dedication and talent this concert simply could not have been possible. I would also like to thank all parents, family and friends who have reminded boys to go to rehearsals and have fetched and carried boys and instruments to and from practices! Our piano teacher Mr Stefan Hofkes, who accompanied with charisma, and to Mr Ed Gent, who has worked tirelessly and with dedication and enthusiasm. And here's to next year's concert....

*Amy Slevin*

## ***Language Conference in London***

On Wednesday, I took A Level English Language students to London for an invaluable conference with guest speaker David Crystal discussing texting, language, and technology. Afterwards, we visited the British Library for a workshop on the Evolving English exhibition. We investigated many original texts – Beowulf, King James Bible, Lindisfarne Gospels to name a few. It was a fabulous day out. Mrs Waite-Taylor.



## ***Dads and Lads***

Dan Pike, Bertie Scoble and their dads set a new school record at this term's year 7 Dads and Lads evening, by stacking 21 chairs!



## ***Examinations***

All pupils Years 10-13 have now received their exam timetable for the summer. Please note the dates on your calendar and display the timetable in a prominent place. We wish the boys every success in their examinations. PJK

## ***Comic Relief!***

### **Wet Walk from Weston for Comic Relief**

**QEH boys Rob Latham (17) and Ben Morris (18) walked the 21 miles from Weston to Bristol in the early hours to raise money for Comic Relief**



With only two hours sleep, they got out of bed at 12.30am, leaving Weston at 1.00am and arrived at QEH at 7.35am, easily in time for school this morning. Overall, they raised £140 for Comic Relief.

Ben, in pure understatement, said: "I'm kind of tired," to which Rob added, "I'm going to need an early night tonight and I'm not planning on walking home. The journey into Bristol offered sights such as a dead fox and we were soaked through our high visibility jackets. It was great to have a full English cooked breakfast when we arrived!"



# ESSENTIAL VIEWING...

## Lizzies 2011 Short Film Festival

Resident presenters for the evening **Oli Harries and Harry O'Connor**

Friday 25 March  
7.30pm QEH Theatre

Full price tickets £3 for adults.  
These and FREE entry passes  
available from the main school  
office in advance.

Bring your brothers,  
sisters and even mates  
from other schools!  
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FREE**

Fantastic raffle during the evening  
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