



Dear Parents

The entrance examination season is now upon us, with a record number of applications this year. I'm grateful to those current parents who continue to spread the good news about the school!

Oxbridge Success

Congratulations to the following boys who have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge:-

- Ed Wren - Oriel College, Oxford – Music
- Kit Aina - Corpus Christi College, Oxford - Medicine
- Ed Parry - Queen's College, Oxford - Materials Science
- Josh Inoue - Christ's College, Cambridge – Maths
- Mike Beck - King's College, Cambridge – Engineering
- Harry Conquest - Girton College, Cambridge – Classics

Maths Olympiad

Last term Sam Wang and Joshua Inoue entered the British Maths Olympiad after their high scores in the Senior Maths Challenge.

Sam gained a certificate of participation and Josh a certificate of distinction for finishing in the top 25%.

Congratulations to both of them!

Mr Ellis

Music Exam Results

- Will Holdsworth – grade 6 Jazz sax with merit
- Joe Wallbridge – grade 2 jazz sax with merit
- Ben Trotman – grade 1 jazz sax with merit
- Ben Hopkins – grade 3 piano
- Michael Sole – grade 7 violin with merit
- Ethan Fenton – grade 2 piano with merit
- Matthew Burton – grade 4 piano with merit

Year 9 GCSE Options

Year 9 pupils will shortly receive a booklet outlining the subjects on offer at GCSE next year and the procedure of selecting their preferred subjects. Please would parents read through this booklet with their sons, talk through the choices, especially at the forthcoming parents' evenings and help me by returning their preference form to their son's form teacher on or by 10 Feb?

Many thanks

JG Sykes, Director of Studies

Assessments Review

We are about to review the system of assessments that we put in place last year. Overall, we are pleased with it, as it enables staff and parents to track boys' performance against realistic targets much more easily, but perhaps there are ways in which we can make some improvements. If you have any comments or suggestions about the assessment system (or the end of term reports system), we would be very glad to hear them - please e-mail me at cbrotherton@qehbristol.co.uk.

St Lucia Kit Aid

QEH boys and parents donated rugby kit to a charity project in St. Lucia. The charity organisers have written to us:

We have recently returned from our two-month trip to St Lucia. In light of your generous donations, we were able to achieve everything planned and more...

Donated training equipment was immediately put to good use; in sessions with the National teams, youth teams and local children in their respective districts.

The National male and female teams were very successful in these periods; have achieved their greatest seedings in the DHL NACRA 7's tournament; Barbados and finishing third in the Martinique Coca-Cola 10's tournament. Much of this success was accredited to the coaching we delivered.



Throughout our stay we travelled into a number of impoverished areas on the island; delivering rugby coaching sessions to the local children. The children had initially turned up expecting to train in their bare feet and therefore were ecstatic when we were able to equip them with the donated boots.

In our quest to further develop the game of rugby on the island; we appeared on various national and international radio stations and national television frequently and held a meeting with the St. Lucian Ministry of youth development and sport.



Our trip ended with a culmination of all the work done in the various districts over two months in the form of the first ever youth tag tournament on the island, which will be an annual event. The tournament was contested by all the communities we had coached, each team wearing sets of donated playing shirts. Other donations were awarded to outstanding performers and distributed to each training base, to allow them to continue playing once we had left.

In order to ensure continuity of the progress made from this project; we are currently in the process of launching a company: Caribbean Coaching. It will aim to take post-grad, gap students and aspiring coaches out to St. Lucia to work with the national teams and established youth districts.

We have produced a Flickr account so that you can see some of the images of training session and the children with their new kit:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/caribbeancoaching/>

Joël A. Martin & Joe Page

St Lucia Rugby Coaching



Letters you should have received!

10 Jan 9T and 9U Parents' Evening Appointments on Thurs 2 Feb – Mr Dixon

10 Jan 9R and 9S Parents' Evening Appointments on Mon 6 Feb – Mr Dixon

6th form – Literary Society – Coriolanus at Watershed on Mon 23 Jan

16 Jan – Year 8 Dads' and Lads' on Wed 1st Feb – Miss Morgan

17 Jan – Years 8-9 Valentines Disco at Redland High on 10 Feb – Miss Winchester

18 Jan – Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Award – Mr Cook

19 Jan – Year 9 – Choices at GCSE booklet – Mr Sykes

Forthcoming Events

Sat 21 Jan 8.45-12 noon - Year 7 Entrance Exam
Mon 23 Jan - Results of November Exams (IGCSE English)
Wed 25 Jan 1.15-2.00pm – Year 12 Centigrade Test
Thur 26 Jan 7.30pm – Spanish Play at Millfield School for Sixth Form
Fri 27 Jan 8.30-1.00pm – Year 7 Trip to Chepstow Castle
Fri 27 Jan 1.30-2.00pm Informal lunchtime concert in the theatre
Fri 27 4.30-6.10pm – Sixth Form Salsa Dancing with Red Maids' and Redland High Sch in QEH
Sat 28 Jan 8.45-12noon – Entrance Exam for Years 7 and 9
Sat 28 Jan 2.30pm – China Choir Tour Concert at Bristol Museum
Mon 30 Jan 1.00pm – Bristol Schools' Climbing Competition at Undercover Rock
Tues 31 Jan 7.15-9.15pm – Year 7 Dads' and Lads' Evening
Wed 1 Feb 9.00-1.00pm – Year 10 RS visit to local churches
Wed 1 Feb 7.15-9.15pm – Dads' and Lads' Evening
Thur 2 Feb 5.00pm – 9T and 9U Parents' Evening
Fri 3 Feb – MUFTI – “Fingerprints in Uganda”
Fri 3 Feb 7.00am – Paris Politics Trip departs
Fri 3 Feb 9.00am-3.00pm UK World Qualifier, FPS Competition at QEH
Fri 3 Feb, 4.00pm – Ten Tors' practice on Exmoor departs
Fri 3 Feb – 4.30-6.10pm Sixth Form Salsa Dancing with Red Maids' and Redland High in QEH theatre
Sat 4 Feb 10.00am – House Invitation Rugby Sevens: U12
Sun 5 Feb 4.00 – Ten Tors' returns from Exmoor
Sun 5 Feb 4.00pm – Ten Tors returns from Exmoor
Sun 5 Feb 7.00pm – Paris Trip returns

Rugby Results

Matches v Pates	Matches v Monmouth
U12a lost 40-5	U12a lost 45-7
U12b won 15-10	U12b lost 26-10
	U12c lost 20-0
	U12d won 50-40

Football Results

Results of the matches' v Beechen Cliff
U15a won 3-1
U14a won 3-2
U13a lost 1-0
U13b lost 4-1
Results of the matches v Sherborne
1st drew 1-1
2nd won 1-0
3rd lost 2-1
U15a won 3-2 (Esher Pegrum scored hatrick)
U15b won 5-0
U14a lost 2-1
U14b won 3-1
U13a won 4-1 (Patrick Dore scored hatrick)
Results of matches' v BGS
1st XI drew 1-1
2nd XI won 4-3
3rd XI won 3-1

Salsa lessons for Sixth Form!

Our Lower Sixth formers spent an hour of their General studies this week up at the Red Maids' school learning a slightly different, but very important skill: how to dance Salsa!



Needless to say, there was a certain amount of ice to break at the start, but the boys and girls quickly overcame nerves and had a lot of fun. Over the next three weeks, about twenty of our boys will be doing a Salsa course on Fridays after school, along with girls from Redland High School and the Red Maids' school. As Mr Brotherton says: "It's a great way of getting fit, developing coordination and rhythm, having fun, making new friends and is a very useful life-skill!"



Oldest QEH Old Boy?



Any more bids!

We believe that Mr Cecil (better known as 'Bob') Roberts may be our oldest QEH Old Boy at 96.

He was at QEH from 1926-1933, a boarder in Ramsey House before going on to Downing College, Cambridge.

We retain the position of Captain of Boarders for one of our most senior boys each year and pictured is Harry O'Connor with Mr Roberts just before Christmas when we visited him.

If anyone knows of an older QEH Old Boy than Mr Roberts then please let us know (sadly two of our 97 year olds, in the year above him, died last year – Roy Stock and Roy Ancrum).

Bushcraft Skills Camp 2nd – 4th April

The Outdoor Pursuits team is arranging a three-day residential camp in the woods at Cornbury Park run by The Bushcraft Company. A large number of boys have already signed up, but in case your son missed the initial information letter, it is attached to the end of this newsletter.

The cost of the weekend is £250 and the boys will have the opportunity to experience campcraft, fire and shelter workshops, a wilderness trail, fresh water swimming, pizza kitchen, night line, a bushcraft tournament and roped tree climbing.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email Mr Cook on scook@gehbristol.co.uk



£1 Tickets for Bristol City Football Match



Bristol City's "Quid a Kid"

Bristol City is running a "Quid a Kid" promotion for Under 16's for this Saturday's football match vs. Doncaster Rovers at the Ashton Gate Stadium. Kick-off at 3pm.

£1 tickets are available by calling the Bristol City Football Club ticket office on 0117 963 0600. Over 1,000 youngsters have so far taken advantage of this offer.

New Thornbury Bus Route

EUROTAXIS QEH Contact:

evasoukupova@blueyonder.co.uk

Drop and pick up outside Cosmo on the Triangle.

This service started in January 2012 and is privately organised by parent representatives from participating schools.

Yate, Rangeworthy, Tytherington, Thornbury, Old Down, Tockington, Lower Tockington, Lower Almondsbury, Over Lane, White Tree roundabout.

The drop off order for schools in the mornings is: The Red Maids', Redland High, Colston's Girls', QEH, BGS., Clifton High The pickup order in the afternoons is: Colston's Girls', Redland High, BGS, QEH, Clifton High, The Red Maids'.

Click following link for timetable

<http://www.gehbristol.co.uk/media/PDFs/About%20QEH/Transport/eurotaxistimetable.pdf>

Unfortunately, there was not enough support for the Winterbourne route.

Informal Lunchtime Concert

The next lunchtime concert is on Friday, 27 January between 1.30-2.00pm in the theatre. Parents are welcome to come along and support the boys.



Mentor Programme Workshop

On Tuesday 10 January, Years 8 and 9 Mentoring Programme students participated in a workshop with professional mediator Nigel Singer. Nigel has worked with many organisations in Bristol, including the University of Bristol, the Bristol City Council, and the Bristol and Avon Police Department, training managers and decision-makers in conflict-resolution and also acting as a mediator in professional workplace disputes. He has worked with both students and teachers in secondary schools, encouraging them to develop greater self-awareness in their relations with other people and to manage stress more effectively.

The students worked through a number of strategies and scenarios designed to heighten their awareness of their own habitual reactions to other people. Throughout the workshop, Nigel encouraged them to slow their reactions down, to become more aware of themselves as they respond to pressures and demands in their lives, and to work toward making more conscious choices to respond in ways that might be more effective in achieving their goals. The workshop helped students considerably to manage conflict, reduce stress, perform under pressure, and sustain their own energy.

In addition, they had great fun trying to lift one another while trying to make themselves as heavy as possible!

Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award Year 9



All Year 9 pupils have received a letter regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, which they can start after their 14th birthday. We are encouraging the whole year group to take part in the award and register before half-term.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the DoE scheme, please email scook@qehbristol.co.uk. Information can also be found on DoE website: www.dofe.org

Friends' Quiz Night

There was a bumper turn out for the Friends Quiz this year. The event was brightened by 2 fancy dress teams prompting demands for all teams to dress up next year!



There were rounds on such things as famous First Lines, Borders and Coasts (a real test for the geographers) and words beginning with "Poly". Some sports questions such as name the only league football team with no letters from the word mackerel and name the other London Venue for the 1966 World Cup finals exercised the mind.



The fact that one team consisting of 2 head teachers, 2 bursars and one deputy head were convinced that the answer to the first question was Luton Town does make one worry about the future of education in this country. Fortunately, there were plenty of polymaths and the honours went to a staff team captained by Mrs Stotesbury. It was very unkind for some to suggest that the fact that they also did the scoring added to their chances of victory. Well done to the Friends for their organisation and the refreshments. Bring on next year



Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

Headmaster: S W Holliday, MA



9th December 2011

Re: Three Day Bushcraft Skills Camp 2nd – 4th April 2012

Dear Parents,

Please find below the key details for the three-day residential camp, which we are running for Years 7, 8 and 9 from the 2nd to 4th of April 2012. The camp will be run by 'The Bushcraft Company'.

Based in the woods at Cornbury Park, the course is structured so that activities alternate between group workshops and practical activities, so students are able to put the skills they are taught into immediate use. They will work in small groups of between ten and fifteen, each of which will be assigned a group leader from the company's staff, allowing every boy the opportunity to really contribute to the collaborative effort required.

This three-day experience represents a fantastic opportunity for your son to learn outside of the classroom, whilst participating in a range of fun and exciting activities promoting leadership, teamwork and the building of self-confidence. Activities will include camp-craft, fire and shelter workshops, a wilderness trail, fresh water swimming, pizza kitchen, night line, a bushcraft tournament, and roped tree climbing.

The total cost of the trip will be £250, which includes the course itself as well as transport and insurance.

I will be writing to you in the New Year to confirm your son's place and give details of the kit needed for the camp.

If you are happy for your child to participate, please return the tear-off slip below by **Monday 9th January**, with a cheque made payable to: **Queen Elizabeth's Hospital** for **£100**, and return to the school office. The final payment of **£150 will be due by Friday 3rd February**. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email me at scook@qehbristol.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Cook
Head of Outdoor Pursuits

I, as the parent of _____ give my consent for him to attend the course on the 2nd of April 2012.

Parent's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Tel/Mbl: _____

Home Address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this tear-off slip by the **9th of January 2011**, with a cheque made payable to: Queen Elizabeth's Hospital for **£100**, to the school office.