



## Dear Parents

I wish the best of luck to our Future Problem Solving Teams (in total 20 boys) who will be representing not just QEH but also the UK at Wisconsin University just after half term. I'm sure they'll have a great time!

## Cricket Results

Cricket results of the match's v King Edwards, Bath

1<sup>st</sup> team won by 6 wickets  
 2<sup>nd</sup> team won by 4 wickets  
 U14 lost by 5 wickets  
 U13 lost by 30 runs  
 U12 A and B both lost

1<sup>st</sup> team v Bristol Grammar School in 20/20 – won by 33 runs. QEH 171 for 2 (Teejay Coles 90 not out). BGS 138 all out (Tom Ware received the Matchball for taking 5 wickets).

2<sup>nd</sup> team lost v Bristol Grammar School.  
 U14B and U15B lost to BGS  
 U13A lost to Prior Park  
 U13B beat BGS  
 U12A beat Prior Park  
 U12B beat St. Ursula's

1<sup>st</sup> lost to Filton College by 6 wickets in 20/20  
 U15 beat Kingswood by 10 wickets in cup  
 U15B lost to Brymore  
 U14B beat Brymore  
 U13A beat Redland Green in cup  
 U13B lost to Tockington Manor A  
 U12 lost to Colston's in cup

## Cricket v Queen's College, Taunton

1<sup>st</sup> team chasing 271 made 259 with Mike Willmott 87 and Vishnu Shastry 60  
 2<sup>nd</sup> team lost by 109 runs  
 U15 won by 8 wickets  
 U14 won by 117 runs with Will Hicks making 74  
 U13 lost by 6 runs  
 U12 lost by 8 runs

Congratulations to Marc Franklin for receiving his Cricket Colours.

## Tennis

### Senior House Tennis

Singles A Champion – Alex Allen (C)  
 Singles B Champion – Steven John (R)  
 Doubles A Champions – Joe Payne and Rowan Pearce (B)  
 Doubles B Champions – Archie Witter and James Day (B)  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Hartnell's  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Carr's  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramsey's  
 1<sup>st</sup> Bird's – cup winners

### Inters House Tennis

Singles Champion – Adam Day (B)  
 Doubles Champion Mark O'Connor/ Will Hicks (H)  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Carr's  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hartnell's  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ramsey's  
 1<sup>st</sup> – Bird's – cup winners

### Fixtures:

Well done to the Seniors for winning all of their games against Bristol Cathedral School.

U12s and U13s played Backwell and lost.

### Matches v Colston's

U12s }  
 U13s } lost 5-1

U14s }  
 U15s } lost 4-2

## ***Chess Winners***

“Chess is the art which expresses the science of logic”, said three-time world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, and while chess at QEH doesn’t always reach such heights, we do have some good players.



Nathan Day became County Champion in his age group for the second year running at this year’s UK Chess Challenge, while his brother Adam took over from Henry Malcolm by winning the age group above that, with Henry this year taking second place to go with the distinction of winning the QEH tournament in the Spring Term.

Sadly, all three are in the same House, which made the Intermediate House Competition something of a formality for Bird’s, though Carr’s came second and won the Junior and Senior leagues, thereby winning the House trophy rather convincingly. Harry Obey was the only senior player to win all his three House matches, and other contributors to the success of Carr’s were Stuart O’Connell, Alex Russell and Ben Phillip in the Juniors, and Intermediates Chris Woodman and Zak Tobias. Sam Cohen did well for Ramsey’s and Iain Walker for Hartnell’s.

It’s a great tribute to the organization of the House staff that every year they each provide three teams of five, sometimes with extra players. The sixty-plus who take part in the tournament can take encouragement that as one writer put it, “Every chess master was once a beginner”.  
Mr Sykes

## ***Athletics***

At the Bristol Schools Championships Jack Millar won the Junior 1500M and there were some other good performances.

## ***Higher Education Evening***

All QEH Lower Sixth and Parents are invited to a “Higher Education Evening” at Red Maids’ in the Denmark Hall on Thursday, 17 June at 7.00pm. Speakers include Representatives of Exeter and Southampton Universities.

## ***Music Awards***

Congratulations to the following boys on their achievements in music exams during the Spring Term:

Charlie Kenber	Jazz Sax	Grade 8	Pass
Matthew Cohen	Jazz Sax	Grade 6	Pass
Ed Jackson	Jazz Sax	Grade 6	Pass

Alex King	Guitar	Grade 5	Merit
Lewis Harrison	Guitar	Grade 5	Pass
James Wynick	Jazz Sax	Grade 5	Pass

David James	Jazz Sax	Grade 4	Merit
Jack Millar	Jazz Sax	Grade 4	Pass

Stuart O’Connell	Jazz Sax	Grade 3	Distinc.
Fred Batstone	Jazz Sax	Grade 3	Merit

Oliver Samson	Jazz Sax	Grade 2	Merit
John Thursby-Pelham	Guitar	Grade 2	Merit

Hector Leach Clay	Guitar	Grade 2	Pass
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Max Bryan	Guitar	Grade 1	Distinc.
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Also to Owain Park on winning the Composers Competition at the National Centre for Early Music in York. His composition will be performed and played on Radio 3.

## ***Swimming***

Congratulations to Tom Shortman on his terrific results at the recent Swansea Open Meet. Tom achieved two National Age Group qualifying times in the 400m and 800m freestyle events. He now qualifies to swim in the National Age Groups in Sheffield in August. National times are extremely hard to achieve, as they are set so that only the top 12 or so children in each age group in the country can qualify.

## ***Letters to Year Groups/Trips***

You should have received the following letters during the last week:

- Junior Showcase Years 7-9 – Mr Gent
- Yr 12 High Education Evening – Mr Davies
- Years 7-9 Disco 18<sup>th</sup> June – Mr Brotherton
- Year 10 Business Skills Day – Mr Davies

### **Brandon Hill - Over the back wall**

Boys looking to escape QEH cannot easily slip out unnoticed. Those searching for secret places to jump over the back wall may have discovered a double-locked gate at the back of the science block. It leads to Brandon Hill, which features a nature park and a haven for wildlife. Boys walk through the area every year on the way to the cathedral for Charter Day or Christmas carols, though they are encouraged to go quickly and may not realise how attractive the area is at other times of year.



Though I teach biology, I frequently forget how close we are. Perhaps I am distracted by exams and the need for paperwork and high staff-pupil ratios when stepping out of the gates. I was very fortunate to find that 8Z's form tutor, Mrs Rostrup, happened to be free at the same time I was teaching them about "habitats" and was willing, now that her Y11's had left, to accompany us over the back wall.

Within a very small area there is fantastic diversity. I'm particularly interested by the heathland areas.

Not only are they very attractive, but they are not really *natural* habitats as most people would understand them. They are created by human activities. In the case of Brandon Hill, which was sublet to farmers for grazing until 1625, this would have been created by livestock nibbling at the plants so that taller trees did not establish themselves. Today human volunteers have to go out occasionally with scythes to cut the areas back and stop them turning into woodland.

8Z got some fantastic photos, even with camera-phones, and several boys told me that they planned to visit more often. I'd encourage you to stop by. It's only two minutes from our front gate, though admittedly in the opposite direction to Subway and Yo-Yo. Mr Hollis

### **Spinal Injuries Association – Foreign Coins Challenge 2010**

Do you have any foreign coins left over from your holidays and are not sure what to do with them? Well the Spinal Injuries Association can make good use of them. They are collecting foreign coins to raise money to help support individuals, and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs.

Please help us to support his charity by sending any foreign coins into the school office.

### **Work Experience**

On 14th June all of the Lower Sixth will be taking time off from lessons for work experience. Boys will be travelling all over the country to shadow or take part in business activities prior to making decisions about university choices during the final weeks of term. We are very grateful to families and friends who have provided placements and now have quite an extensive list of contacts that the boys can draw upon. We are always looking to expand our list and would be very pleased to hear of more opportunities for next year and beyond.

Mr Davies

### **Examinations**

Please ensure that your son has the correct equipment for each exam. Many have been arriving without calculators, rulers etc. for exams when they needed them. In a clear pencil case or polythene bag bring a ruler, an eraser, a good supply of pens (black ink), pencils, cartridges for pens, calculator etc.

Please also check the timetable carefully. Two boys have mistakenly thought the exam was in the afternoon. Luckily the school was able to contact them and they were able to sit the exam as they managed to arrive in time but it is not ideal preparation for an exam!

PJK Exams Officer.

To access the extranet for exam information:

[www.qehbristol.co.uk/extranet/](http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/extranet/)

Username: qehschool

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### ***Forthcoming Events***

- Tue 8 June Ardèche Trip Parents' Evening in Theatre
- Thu 10 June Junior Music Showcase in Theatre – complimentary tickets from school office
- Fri 18 June Years 7-9 Disco at Red Maids
- A2 Exams begin
- Mon 14 June Work Experience Week for Year 12
- Mon 14-18 June Internal Exams for Years 7, 8 and 9
- Sat 19 June 9.30am Leavers' Assembly
- Sat 19 June 12 noon Sports Day

### ***QEH Spring Ball***

Last weekend's annual QEH Spring Ball was a sell-out.



Guests were welcomed with Champagne before enjoying a superb sit-down meal with waitress service, whilst being entertained by two fabulous magicians.

After dinner, guests danced the night away to a live band and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

We extend a big vote of thanks to the 'Friends of QEH' for making every aspect of the evening a wonderful success.

To avoid disappointment make sure you book your tickets early when they go on sale next year

### ***Duke of Edinburgh Awards***

Congratulations to James Greener and Alex Crossley on completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. They will shortly be invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their certificates.

### ***Health - Asthma***

We have several children throughout the junior and senior school who suffer from Asthma. We ask that those who do, ensure that their son carries an inhaler with them at all times and supply a spare one to the school nurse in case of emergency. With exercise being a major trigger for asthma, we also ask that another inhaler be kept in your son's kit bag.

Mrs Burns  
School Nurse

### ***Miss Calvert***

Miss Calvert is leaving school and moving to Australia at half-term. We wish her every happiness in her new home! For the rest of the year her lessons will be taught by Miss Carter, who will remain with us as a part-time teacher in September.

8X, Miss Calvert's form, will be looked after by Mr Hollis who will be their tutor until the end of term.

### ***Advice about Teenagers***

On the QEH extranet site, which can be accessed using the login button on the school website, there is some material that you might find useful as parents bringing up teenagers. If you would like any further material, please contact me in school.

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