



Dear Parents

Term is now well underway and our new boys are settling in well. The new staff also seem to be coping! I shall be attending the annual Headmasters' Conference in Scotland for a few days next week, which is a good opportunity to share ideas and engage with national educational issues.

Failand Sixth Form Induction Day



Failand Sixth Form induction Day 19th September 2011 60 members of the Sixth including, most of our nine new men, enjoyed a day of new challenges including Mr Plowden's famous "Just a Minute" activity, Ms Sharrock's solve the problems of Bristol session, Mr Brotherton's Spanish Yoga musical moves and Mr Bateson's "stirring more than ripples" discussion on being young and about town.

Finally, of course there was the British Army team who presented a range of different tasks this year.



Normally we entertain a group 4 or 5 soldiers but this year we were honoured to work with 16, many with recent battle experience and all of whom brilliantly demonstrated to our boys the benefits of team work, co-operation, communication as well as perseverance and patience. All this was done whilst bouncing on rubber tyres, flinging ammunition boxes around or heavy on heavy ropes. The motto of the day was "try something new, take a few risks"

Run for the Future

On Sunday 18 September, QEH entered a team of 21 boys and 5 staff in the charity event "Run for the Future".



Congratulations to Mr Hawkes who finished 2nd! Jack Millar also came in 4th, Will Bamber 5th, Mr Martineau 7th and there were several others in the top 20. Commiserations to Mr Gent who just missed out.

The charity was raising money to help fight prostate cancer. The QEH team was the biggest group to enter.

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. We expect all boys to volunteer as helpers and guides on this morning.

Click here to link to website for frequently asked questions

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/media/PDFs/Senior%20School/Admissions/faqs%20open%20mornin%20g.pdf>

Athletics

Congratulations to Nick Marsh on becoming the under 18 champion in both the 800m and 1500m at the CP National Championships in Nottingham last weekend.

Forthcoming events

Wed 5 Oct - Year 9 History/Geography trip to Big Pit
Thur 6 Oct – 5.30-6.00pm Berlin Trip Parents' Information Evening
Fri 7 Oct – Deadline for UCAS applications to Oxbridge/Medicine/Vet and Dentistry
Sat 8 Oct – 10.00-12 noon Open Morning for Senior and Junior Schools
Wed 12 Oct – 7.30pm – Year 7 Social Evening for Parents
Sun 16 Oct – 9.00-4.00pm Gifted and Talented Workshop, Years 7, 8 and 9

English Speaking and Listening Awards

At the end of last year, all of Year 10 completed their speaking and listening awards in English. A special well done to the following boys who all achieved distinctions:

Jack Hill	Jake Shepherd
Alex Thomas	Jack Blake
Harry Coppock	Oliver Dann
Callum Roberts	Ed Naish
Lukon Miah	Abbas Akram
Lawrence Bury	Jack Harold
Christian Holland	Ben Horner
William Holdsworth	Jack Gibbons
William Hicks	James Lay

Music Exam Results from the Summer Term

Congratulations to Zachary Gillett (Year 8Y) on receiving a Distinction on the Piano at Grade 4 with the Associated Board.

Rugby Fixtures

We are receiving many requests for boys to miss rugby fixtures at weekends. Can we remind you that Parents must write to the Headmaster to request permission for the boys to miss any fixtures. In order to field a full team, we do need to receive this information as soon as possible.

Rugby Results

U15 v Redland Green School in round 1 of Daily Mail Cup won 34-15
2nd v Bristol Cathedral 1st XV lost 17-22
U15B v Bristol Cathedral U15A lost 22-15
U14A v Sir Thomas Rich lost 15-7
U14B v Sir Thomas Rich lost 24-22
U14C v Sir Thomas Rich lost 39-36
1st XV v Plymouth College Lost 12-17
2nd XV v Plymouth College Won 21-7
U16A v Plymouth College Won 66-0
U15A v Plymouth College Won 58-0
U14A v Plymouth College Won 46-5
U13A v Plymouth College Draw 12-12

*U15 v Plymouth
(17 September)*



1st XV v Taunton School lost 0-32
2nd XV v Taunton School won 36-12
3rd XV v Taunton School lost 24-31
U16A v Taunton School won 19-17
U16B v Taunton School won 26-5
U15A v Taunton School won 36-21
U15B v Taunton School won 68-0
U14A v Taunton School lost 14-20
U14B v Taunton School won 17-0
U13A v Wellington School lost 7-42
U13B v Wellington School lost 12-24



Geography Fieldtrip in Snowdonia



Year 12 Geographers recently took part in a residential fieldtrip in North Wales, staying at Betws Y Coed.



The fieldtrip is designed to support students' study of Rivers and Glaciation, and is timed to coincide with both the teaching of these topics and, it is hoped, reasonably clement weather in the mountains.



Year 8 Masterchef Prizewinner

In the summer term, Ben Hamilton won the Year 8 Masterchef competition. His prize was to spend an afternoon cooking alongside John Watson, OE and Michelin star chef, at his restaurant in Westbury-on-Trym, Casamia. A tremendous experience for a budding young chef and greatly enjoyed by Ben this term!!



Year 9 Academic Mentoring Programme students participated in a Two-Day Retreat in the Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales on September 22nd-23rd with Dr Dutton and Mrs Kenchington. Activities for this year's retreat were centred around the themes of Readiness and Civilisation.



Outdoor challenges including climbing the Sugarloaf and Table Mountains, plus visits to St Mary's Priory and the Tithe Barn Centre in Abergavenny; these were complemented by indoor sessions at the Ty'r Morwydd Environmental Study Centre which involved readings and discussion on the opportunities, responsibilities and challenges of being gifted, plus team-building exercises designed to make students more aware of their learning strengths and weaknesses and to stretch their creative thinking skills.



It was an action-packed two days, full of learning opportunities outside the traditional classroom environment.

Bowling



On Wednesday 21 and Monday 26 September, the Peer Mentors and Peer Supporters travelled to Hollywood Bowl with their Year 9 and 7 groups.



On both occasions, the boys had a great time trying to beat their Peer Mentors and Peer Supporters. This evening always proves to be a good opportunity for the boys to get to know their individual supporters/mentors.



Letters you should have received!

All Pupils – QEH Running Club – Mr D Hawkes

Harvest Appeal

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

Donations of non-perishable goods have already started to arrive in to Mr Ryan's office. 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

New Running Club

A new running club which will be starting shortly at QEH. The club will cater for all abilities and age groups.

Students will be meeting every Monday after school in the Gym at about 4:05, where they can get changed before leaving the premises and jogging a short way to the training venue, which will be Brandon hill to start with, but may change. Wearing P.E kit and trainers will be absolutely fine, though an extra layer may be necessary if it is either cold or rainy. In addition, a large lunch is recommended, but no food just before as this may cause a stitch. Sessions will finish between 5.15 and 5.30pm. Zak Tobias, a national athlete in the lower sixth, will be planning and running the sessions, along with Mr Hawkes, who is also a keen runner.

Letters to sign up for the club are available from the School Office.

Lost Property

Final call to look through all the lost property left in school over the holidays. These items will be on display in the schoolroom until 7 October. After this date, any remaining items will be taken to a charity shop. 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.

Already this term we have been told of numerous items, which have been lost, but unfortunately they have not been named and are then difficult to find.

Uniform Suppliers

We know many parents were frustrated with the service provided by IKON over the summer and we have had discussions with them to ascertain what they propose to do next year.

This is a statement from them:

We very much regret the retail experience that many parents / carers suffered when visiting the Ikon Schools & Sports shop in Henleaze Road during the recent, intense, 'back-to-school' period. As most are aware, it has been reported in the local press and an Ikon public apology has been made.

There were some specific, main reasons that were at the root cause of the problems behind the experience. These problems are unlikely to occur again and certainly not to the same extent. Nonetheless, Ikon is treating the inconveniences caused very seriously and we will be doing everything we possibly can to ensure that, even if they were to re-occur, the risk of similar unsatisfactory customer experiences will be reduced to the point of, hopefully, being eliminated.

As part of Ikon's consideration towards improving its service offered to schools and the parents / carers of students attending the schools that Ikon provides for, Ikon will be offering some 'protected times' to your school next year in the form of dedicated school late night opening sessions. We will be offering an appointment system at certain times, which can be agreed with the school nearer the busy period. The appointment system will operate outside of normal shop trading hours. Information regarding this will be announced through the school and by Ikon at the shop and on our website. We hope that this, along with the internal assessment of our methods of operation that we will be considering, will go a long way towards the improvements that our customers would want to see.

We thank our visitors for their valued custom and we hope that they will remain patient with us as we strive to provide the level of service that Ikon wants to provide and our shop visitors want to receive.

Regards
Brian North
Managing Director Ikon Ltd.

Tennis Matches – AEGON Cup

Last year in the AEGON Cup Tournament, the Year 8 squad was unbeaten at Tennis, and won the South West Division 1 and went through to the next regional round.



In the second round on Tuesday, we played Dauntsey's School in Wiltshire and beat them resoundingly 12 matches to love.

We now go on to the next round, which has never happened before in QEHS history, where we will meet Millfield. It promises to be an exciting fixture.

QEHS celebrates another Century of Football!!



QEHS 1st XI Football Team – 1910



QEHS 1st XI Football Team - 2011