



Dear Parents

I hope all families enjoyed a good half term break – those boys involved with our trips and tours certainly did.

One plea: please, on Parents' Evenings, do not try to park in school – we do not have enough spaces for staff and the car park easily becomes blocked. Thanks

U15 Rugby Tour to Dublin

An enjoyable Under 15 rugby Tour took place to Dublin over the half term weekend.



We were hosted by Catholic University School, who we have been playing in Bristol over the past 6 years, so it was great to play them away. On the Saturday, we lost narrowly 23-19 to CUS after a spirited 2nd half comeback.

This was followed by sightseeing to the Guinness Storehouse Museum and to Croke Park, the home of Gaelic football and hurling.



On the Monday, we had a tour of the new Irish Aviva stadium, which was followed by our second match. In tropical monsoon conditions, we beat St Columba's 15-5 to seal a very satisfying tour to Ireland.

Harvest Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Harvest Appeal. The Community of the Sisters of the Church was delighted with the number of tins, packets and boxes of food QEH gave for their appeal.

AS Level Courses

Mr Sykes reminds all Year 11 that their subject preferences forms for AS level courses are due to reach their form teacher on Monday 7 November.

Fireworks

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for the "Friends' Fireworks" on Saturday it's not too late, you can pay on entrance at Failand. The gates open at 5.30pm and the display will begin at 7.00pm.

Family ticket - £15, Adult - £6, Children £3.
Bar, BBQ, Soup and Tuck Shop

Letters you should have received!!

Year 13 Physics Trip to University of Bristol –
Wed 16 November – Dr H Kyle
Years 12/13 Chemistry Revision – Mr Huband
All Years – Carol Service tickets – Mr Ryan

Christmas Appeal 2011

The Community of the Sisters of the Church is now turning their thoughts to the festive season and is appealing for donations for their Christmas Appeal.

They give out 500 food bags over the Christmas period and need tins of biscuits, ham, salmon, sweets, jars of peanut butter, jars of chocolate spread, coffee, tea and Christmas puddings.

The Sisters also make gifts to both adults and children. They are looking for new toys and games from babies up to teenagers. For adults they require toiletries, gloves, socks, hats and scarves.

If you are able to help, please send any donations into Mr Ryan before Friday 2 December.

Unwanted Rugby Kit for St Lucia



Joel Martin with some of the kit already donated

A big thank you to everyone involved at QEH – a real sizeable amount of kit and training equipment is now being put to good use in St. Lucia.
Joel Martin

Lost Property

We have had a large number of white school shirts – all unnamed – left at Failand during the first half of term. Please ask your son to check the lost property, if he has mislaid a school shirt.

Rugby Results

U14B v Sidcot School U14A won 33-7
1st XV v St Brendan’s Sixth Form College won 24-0 (Daily Mail Cup Round 2)
U15A v Bristol Grammar School won 29-0 (Daily Mail Cup Round 3)
U16B v Sidcot School won 40-10
1st XV v Pate’s Grammar School lost 12-14
2nd XV v Pate’s Grammar School lost 7-41
3rd XV v Pate’s Grammar School lost 0-38
U16A v Brymore School won 60-12
U15A v Pate’s Grammar School lost 7-26
U15B v Brymore School U15A lost 19-24
U14A v Pate’s Grammar School lost 7-15
U14B v Brymore School U14A won 50-24
U13A v Pate’s Grammar School lost 17-52
U13B v Pate’s Grammar School lost 0-50
Congratulations to the following boys on winning their 1st XV Colours:
Johnny Obree
Jack Woodruff
David Holliday
U15B v Warminster School U15A lost 14-19
U14A v Warminster School won 26-5
U14B v Warminster School won 59-0
U13A v Prior Park College lost 0-48
U12A v Prior Park College U13B won 19-10
U12B v Prior Park College U13C lost 17-20
2nd XV v Warminster School U18A won 26 -10
3rd XV v Warminster School U18B won 27-17
U16B v Warminster School U18C won 25-26
All teams U12 – lost to Monmouth
3 XV v Kingswood won 22-14

The Elizabethan

Your son should have brought home a copy of this year's "Elizabethan". For the first time this year, it is now possible to view this on the school website. Click on the following link to view the Elizabethan:

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-549.html?newslistid=6>



Forthcoming events:-

Tue 8 Nov – 2.00-4.00pm Year 11 Geography Trip, Bristol area

Wed 9 November - Worldwise Quiz at Bristol Grammar School

Thur 10 Nov – A-Level Ethics Conference with The Red Maids' School in Oxford

Fri 11 Nov – 11.00am School Remembrance Service

Mon 14 Nov – 5.00pm Year 12 Parents' Evening

Tue 15 Nov – (am) GCSE Science Modules

Tue 15 Nov – "Youth Speaks" – Rotary Club Debating Competition in the Theatre

Tue 15 Nov – 7.30-8.45pm Sixth Form Geography Lecture, Bristol University

Thur 17 Nov – 9.00am - 1.00pm Year 12 Geography Trip, Bristol area

Thur 17 Nov – 7.00-9.00pm Sixth Form Philosophy Society at Red Maids'

Fri 18 Nov – MUFTI – Children in Need

Sat 19 Nov – 9.00-6.00pm Year 13 Oxbridge Interview Preparation Day

Football Tour to Barcelona



School football tour to Barcelona took place Sunday Oct 23rd to Thursday October 27th 2011. In total, 35 pupils from Years 7-13 and

4 members of staff left QEH school in the early hours of the morning and headed to Heathrow airport onboard a speedy coach. Getting through security throughout the whole trip seemed to be a hazard for Aly Abdelfattah-Elmakhzangui, our acrobatic Year 13 goalkeeper.

Having arrived in Barcelona, we went straight to a hospitality establishment to watch the world cup final before heading to our hotel, which had excellent facilities and lots of good tucker. The first night ended with us watching Man City destroy Man U and having some memorable topics of conversation.

The boys played two matches under floodlights, to the backdrop of Champions League music against some skilful Spanish players, who were at times helped with some



inventive refereeing and the fact that some of their senior players looked 25 years old! The facilities were top class and our hosts generally very friendly. The matches were the highlight of the tour for the boys, who seemed to really enjoy the trip, which was very well organised. A trip to the theme park caused joy for many and panic attacks for some, the sight of John 'Clint Eastwood' Brown chewing gum and looking very cool, calm and collected on the spinney, twirly 'Serpentina' ride was inspiring. For us teachers, the rides were pretty easy and we did not scream, close our eyes or have any 7-year-old girls point and laugh at us at any point.



A trip to the Nou camp, sightseeing around Barcelona and a tour of Parc Guell and the Olympic Stadium provided the cultural part of the tour. The boys also enjoyed a mini 6-a-side tournament and

were very fortunate to have a training session with Barcelona's La Liga rivals Espanyol, which they were very excited about. Various friendship groups emerged, with the older boys taking Henry Burns and Smithy under their wing, whilst the 'Bad Boi' unit of Albon, Pandya, Moore and Brown ripped it up and generally owned their patch for the full trip-innit! The final few hours saw Mr Moore getting very excited by chocolates in the markets at Las Ramblas and obtaining big brownie points from his wife. The trip home was fairly tiring and this must have in some part contributed to Mr Albon forgetting his suitcase as we left baggage reclaim - even the greatest make mistakes! A top class trip had come to an end, with the boys behaving very well. It was enjoyed by everyone and very well organised by Mr Albon-vamos!
Mr Pandya



X-Factor at QEH

Talented pupils from QEH and The Red Maids joined together for their own X Factor contest and provided the audience with an exciting and entertaining evening.



The aim of the event was to raise money for the joint choir tour to China in February next year and was sold out almost immediately.

All the finalists had survived 'boot camp' and there were sections for soloists and groups. All the acts were competing for the votes of the judges, which included Mr Davies as QEH's own Simon Cowell!

All the contestants gave tremendous performances, but it was Red Maids' girls' ensemble who took the X-Factor title.

For more details, click <http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-532.html?newslistid=6>

National Sailing School Association

Well done to Joe Elwes who represented the county at the NSSA single-handed team championships at Upton Warren, Bromsgrove last weekend. Joe has been training at South Cerney Outdoor Education Centre and, with coaching from the RYA, is improving his skills. Hopefully he will continue to represent the county in regattas in 2012, when the Golden Jubilee regatta will be held in the Olympic venue at Weymouth and Portland, immediately prior to the Olympics.

If there are other pupils who are interested in improving their sailing skills please contact the NSSA Development Officer, Brian Hall, on 07989 216 720 or development.officer@nssa.org.uk for further details.

Maths competition



Congratulations to the Year 12 and 13 teams in their recent success in the Maths competition. The Year 12's came second and the Year 13's tied first, which meant QEH took home the trophy!

The "Lizzies" Short Film Festival

The "Lizzies" Short Film Festival will be on Friday 23 March next year. In order to give you plenty of time to prepare your films, the categories have been announced and are as follows:-

For the Juniors (7-8), Intermediate (9-10) and Seniors (11+)

The Film Titles for the 2012 Lizzies Short Film Competition are:

Black & White
Diamonds & Demons
An Uninvited Guest

Please choose one of the above Titles.

Please choose Film or Animation

Your Film must be a minimum of 60 seconds and a maximum of 3 minutes.

Entry Forms will be available in due course.

Click on the following link for more information:

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/friends/film-festival.html>

History Trip to Berlin

Over the first weekend of half-term 30 history students from Y10-12 visited Berlin. More than anywhere else on earth this city encapsulates the momentous events of twentieth century history and is by turns a grim reminder of the horrors of war but also a tribute to man's extraordinary powers of regeneration.



The boys followed a packed schedule taking in the Reichstag, the House of the Wannsee Conference, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, 1936 Olympic Stadium and of course The Wall.



Many questions were raised and thoughts provoked not least by Berlin's famously exotic street life. All returned a little more tired but undoubtedly much wiser than when they left.



Carol Service



This year's Carol Service is on Friday 9 December at 2.30pm in Bristol Cathedral. This is always a very popular event and therefore entry is by ticket only, initially limited to two per family. Letters have been sent home with an order slip, but you may also order tickets by downloading the slip below.

Pupil's Name

Form One / two tickets*

*please circle required number

Parent(s) name

Visitor from New Zealand

Just before half term, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Gabrielle Reekie, the great-granddaughter of former Headmaster Robert Jackson (1880-1917), to the School - she had come all the way over from Auckland in New Zealand.

Mrs Gabrielle Reekie holding up a picture which includes Robert Jackson and the staff of the time



Headmaster Mr Jackson brought stability to QEH after a period of turmoil. He was still Headmaster in World War 1 when in 1916, on the eve of the Somme, the School entertained wounded veterans.

He died peacefully in the Headmaster's house in Upper Berkeley Place on 21 December 1917.

His son George presented the Jackson Memorial Cup in his honour and it is still competed for by the Senior athletes each year at Sports' Day. We are hoping that Gabrielle might return to present it at our Sports Dav next year!

News from the Health Centre

Babysitting

We have a number of sixth formers who are interested in babysitting younger students within the school.

The feeling was that this would be of mutual benefit to the boys and parents. The Sixth Formers would be earning some pocket money whilst the parents would be able to use boys that would be familiar to their sons.

A list of baby sitters is available via the junior and senior school office. This list will only be given to parents of boys in QEH and we ask that no details should be passed on. The list includes possible baby sitters name, home phone number and the area they can cover.

For parents of sixth formers interested in being included, I will send consent to you for signing prior to adding his name.

Please note that the only involvement/responsibility the school holds is that of forwarding the list of babysitters to those QEH parents who ask.

Flu is a viral infection that is most common during the winter months. Unfortunately, the influenza virus can be passed on via liquid droplets that have been sneezed or coughed into the air or when people touch objects contaminated with the virus. Influenza can cause various symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, headache and muscle aches.

At QEH, we encourage boys to maintain good hand hygiene at all times and ask that you support us with this. We also ask that if your son displays symptoms of influenza that he remains off school until he feels better. This will not only allow your son to recover sooner but helps stops the spread of the virus.

For further details regarding seasonal flu, including signs, symptoms and methods of treatment please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

This site will also explain who is liable for Flu vaccination (e.g. Asthmatics, Diabetics and those with lowered immunity) and how it may be obtained.

Westward Travel – Routes S4 and S5

All boys who use Westward Travel on routes S4 and S5 should have received a letter from the company advising that unfortunately these services will not be operating after the end of this term.

It is hoped an alternative operator will take on these routes. We will keep you advised as details become available.

Smallpiece Trust Courses



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Mrs Kenchington