



Dear Parents

I am pleased that you have received QEH's first-ever e-newsletter. *QEH Matters* will be sent out to current parents and staff on a regular basis to inform them of important current information and news.

It is only being sent out electronically, so if you find that other QEH parents or staff have not received a copy please remind them to let us have their up-to-date e-mail address and remind them to 'allow' the attachment so that it does not end up in their spam folder.

Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following boys who received their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards:-

Bronze

James Bapty
Jack Woodruff
Sam Hughes
Tim Gibson
Ryan Harley
Raymond Hodges
Edwin Howe
Alex Loveday

Silver

James Greener
Alastair Roweth

Congratulations to Alex Loveday on passing his Diploma Exams in Music Performance Piano.

Supermarket Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers from the Sainsbury's and Tesco's Reward Schemes. Please place any vouchers in the collection boxes on the table outside the Headmaster's study.

Rugby Results

Sevens

1st VII at Wycliffe QEH beat BGS, Dean Close, Wycliffe, Wellington and Millfield 24-12 in the final.

Inter House Rugby 2010

Year 7 winners – Ramsey's then Bird's, Carr's, Hartnell's

Year 8 winners – Carr's then Hartnell's, Bird's, Ramsey's

Junior winners (Cup) – Carr's then Ramsey's, Bird's, Hartnell's

Inter winners (Cup) Ramsey's, Carr's, Hartnell's, Bird's

Senior winners (Cup) – Ramsey's, Carr's, Hartnell's, Birds'

Overall – Shield winners

1st Ramsey's

2nd Carr's

3rd Hartnell's

4th Bird's

Football Results

Clean sweep for our footballers v Downside

Tom Pearce scored 4 times for the 2nd X1 and has overtaken James Bailey in the race for the coveted Golden Boot awarded to the season's top goal scorer across all ages. To be presented at the Annual Football Dinner on May 12th.

1st won 4-0

U15 won 7-2

2nd won 10-0

U14 won 6-1

3rd won 3-2

Farewell Concert

All QEH staff, students, family members, OEs and friends of the School are invited to a special event to mark the retirement of Mr RJ Jones, Director of Music, on Sunday 14 March at St George's, Brandon Hill at 5pm. Entry is free; there will be a retiring collection in aid of the work of UNICEF in Haiti.

Illness

If your son is absent from school from illness please contact the School Office. We would be grateful if you could let us know the type of illness as we try to monitor any trends of viruses that may affect the school. With this in mind please remember that if your son has diarrhoea and/or vomiting they must remain off school for 48 hours after symptoms cease. They should also refrain from swimming for 2 weeks.

CRY

Following a successful uptake of Cardiac screening last year we have again invited CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) to visit the school in April. Cardiac Screening is offered to all boys over the age of 14. A Cardiologist and his medical team will undertake an Electrocardiogram on the students and if felt necessary an Echocardiogram to follow. The hope is that any cardiac abnormalities that often are not picked up in the young will be picked up. The cost is £35. If you would like further details please contact the school nurse 0117 9303062 or nburns@qehbristol.co.uk

Life for a teenager (and his parents) is a minefield of issues. QEH can offer literature for help and advice. If you would like to use these resources please contact the school nurse, however, in the meantime, here are a few websites you may find useful:

Alcohol: www.drinkaware.co.uk;

www.whyletdrinkdecide.dirct.gov.uk

Health: www.kidshealth.org;

www.patient.co.uk; www.nhsdirect.co.uk

Diet: www.b-eat.co.uk;

www.nhs.uk/change4life

Drugs: www.talktofrank.com

Letters to Year Groups/Trips

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

Year 11 – Parents' Evening Appointments form

Year 11 – Option Blocks at AS Level

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news/senior-letters.html>

Forthcoming Events

- Tues 9th March 7.30pm, Showcase for GCSE Drama Production – All welcome
- Wed 10th March, Year 9 Dads and Lads
- Thur 11th March, 9.45 - 11.00am House Swimming Gala at University Pool
- Thur 11th March, 11am Results of January GCSE, AS and A Level Modules
- Thur 11th March, Year 13 Parents' Evening

Development News

Many thanks to all who have supported our annual appeal. The cricket covers are on order and the musicians are already using the music technology equipment. We are still looking to fund the purchase of an off road vehicle.

All contributions gratefully received.

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/development/>

Charity Auction

On Thursday 25th March at 7.00pm, QEH will be hosting a Charity Auction in the School Dining Hall to help raise money for 'Cardiac Risk in the Young'.

The evening should prove highly enjoyable with food and drink, entertainment and a range of fabulous 'lots' on offer.

With signed memorabilia from such personalities as: Gordon Brown; Manchester United FC, Usain Bolt; Sir Tom Jones and Roger Federer, fine artwork from celebrated artists, and tickets to such events as Dara O'Briain's tour and the West End musical 'Sister Act'; plus spa treatments, meals and gym memberships, there are 'lots' appealing to everybody and in all price ranges.

To buy tickets, to view the 'lots' or to find out more information please follow this link:

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-332.html?newslistid=6>

Clothing Cupboard

The second-hand clothes cupboard will now be available on a daily basis during school hours. (Mon-Fri 8.15 am-4pm) at the Health Centre.

We are in need of good quality school uniform, especially up to date sportswear to sell on your behalf. Once sold, half of the sale price goes to the Friends of QEH and the other half to the parents. Of course, you may wish to donate your items as a gift to the Friends.

We are temporarily not accepting trousers or shirts due to an abundance of those items.

To sell:

- Please pack all laundered clothes in a carrier and deliver to either the school office or the school nurse
- Please label the bag clearly with name, address and phone number.
- Please state (reasonably) what you would like the item to be sold for, remembering that 50% is donated to the Friends of QEH.

We will keep the uniform for approximately two years – if it has not sold you have the option to collect it or we will pass it on to a charity shop. Please indicate on your details, which you would prefer. If it is a gift to the Friends, please mark accordingly.

Please contact either Kathy Turner on 0775-9682715 or Mrs Burns, school nurse on 0117 9303062 if you need any further details.

We are most grateful for your support.

Charities

Mufti Day – ‘End Polio Now Campaign’ - we raised £500.

Well done to all those ‘purple people’.

QEH'S First Podcast

QEH sixth formers, James Bailey and Josh Oware, have produced QEH's first-ever Podcast!



Pictured: James Bailey and Josh Oware, producers of the first ever podcast on the QEH website

The brainchild of Maths teacher, Mr Paddy Moore, the podcast includes:

- music by 'up and coming' band *Kilimanjaro*
- QEH Sports News with Ben Morris and
- Teachers' highlights of 2009.

It includes items from Ed Blanke, Archie Witter, Tom Pearce and Matt Willett.

Go to <http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-333.html?newslistid=6> to listen to the boy's work.

Also available on 'iTunes'.



Academic Matters

Spring is the time for thinking about the next academic year and for boys in Years 8, 9 and 11 there are choices to be made. This year's process is going well and our thanks all those who have helped by handing in choices forms on time. Just a reminder of some deadlines:

Year 8 – Friday 5th March (for anyone who missed it!)

Year 11 – Wednesday 17th March

Any boys in Year 11 whose subjects do not fit the options blocks are asked to drop in and see Mr Sykes to explain the problem. Very often a solution can be found even at this late stage.

Anyone who has lost their form containing a list of the subjects in each of the options blocks may print off another by going to the following link on the web site <http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news/senior-letters.html> and clicking on Mr Sykes's letter of 3.3.10.

Meanwhile Options Blocks for next year's Year 10 are being compiled and Year 9 boys will be contacted about those shortly.

Year 11 AS Induction Day

This has now been moved to the afternoon of Tuesday 22nd June so that all Year 11 will be able to attend.

Once again, the purpose of the afternoon is to prepare Year 11 boys for the start of their Sixth Form life, to outline some preparation work to be done over the summer holiday and to have a final opportunity to hand in textbooks from the GCSE courses.

Further details will follow.

Lizzies 2010 Short Film Festival

The Friends' Short Film Festival takes place on Thursday, 29th April.

- £250 Cash Prizes to be won
- Closing date for entries is 20 April.

Three categories Junior (7/8), Intermediate (9/10) and Senior (11+). Entry Forms available from the School Office. £5 per entry.

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

Friends' Spring Ball

This year's Spring Ball will take place on Saturday 15 May 2010.

This hugely successful annual Spring Ball has become a highly popular calendar event at QEH.

Be wined, dined and entertained, before dancing the night away at one of our most sociable and successful events of the year.

This is a pre-booked ticket event only, due to catering arrangements. Please ensure you have bought your ticket prior to the event.

Tickets booked and paid for before **Friday 23 April 2010 - £40:00**; Tickets bought after this date - **£45:00**.

Ball tickets are strictly limited. To avoid disappointment book early!

To buy your tickets, or to organise a table, e-mail Katharina Yeadon at katharinayeadon@hotmail.co.uk

