



Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to everyone!

Mr Harris (Maths) will be off for 3 weeks from Monday. His lessons will be taught by Mr Parsons, who has worked here many times before and is a familiar face to most of the boys.

Ski Trip to Folgarida, Italy



Looking at the web cams prior to the trip, it did not look promising. The warmest start to the winter season ever; panoramic views of green fields with just a hint of snow on the highest peaks, did not bode well for skiing!

However, when we arrived it was a different story. Thanks to the wonders of coach transport, we were able to go to a different resort where the conditions were great, with wide-open pistes and good variety of skiing for the different ability levels.



The boys really enjoyed themselves, being very enthusiastic for the skiing and the variety of activities organised in the evening.

Most impressive was the beginner group, who progressed during the week from the gentle nursery slopes to tackling some difficult red runs. A big thank you to all the boys whose easy-going attitude and keen sense of humour made the trip a pleasure to supervise and arrange.



Next year – should be relatively worry free as the resort in Austria has all year round skiing and as such, we are guaranteed skiing! If boys want to go on next year's trip £70 deposit to Mr Matthews, secures their place.

Robert Egli Competition

The results of last term's Robert Egli Competition are as follows:-

Individual Prizewinners

French Junior: Harry Buchanan (R)
Intermediate: Max Yuen (R)
Senior: Emerson Sharp (C)

German Junior: Ben Phillips (C)
Senior: Alex King (H)

Spanish Junior: Callum Payne (B)
Senior: George Naish (H)

Latin Junior: Ned McDougall (H)
Senior: Christian Holland (H)

House Points

1. Ramsey's 26.5 points
2. Hartnell's 24 points
3. Carr's 23.5 points
4. Bird's 16 points

Music Exams

Congratulations to the following boys on the results of their recent music exams:

Charles Cutland Grade 3 Piano
Andreas Richardson Grade 3 Piano with merit

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to the following boys on receiving their Duke of Edinburgh awards last term:-

Bronze Award

Torin Allen-Thomas
Lewis Harrison
Charlie Jackson
Marcus Rogers
Malcolm Thorne
Chris Toole

Silver Award

David Barnsley
Matthew Cohen
Ed Jackson
William Pearce
Tommy Sumpter

UK Senior Maths Challenge

The following boys were awarded 'Gold' certificates for their performance in the UK Senior Maths Challenge in December:-

Sam Wang
Matthew Thomas

and 'Best in School' to Joshua Inoue.

Well done to all three.

Letters you should have received!!

Year 7 – Chepstow Castle visit – Miss Sharrock

JUNIORS' OPEN EVENING

There will be an Open Evening on Monday, 23 January for anyone interested in sending sons to the QEH Junior School.

If you know of anyone who might like to attend this event, please ask them to email Mrs Carolyn Matthews, our Admissions Registrar, at cmatthews@qehbristol.co.uk or click on the link below:

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-442.html?newslistid=6>

Forthcoming events:-

Fri, 13 Jan – 7.30pm Friends' Quiz Night

Sun, 15 Jan - Ten Tors, Brecon Beacons

Thur, 19 Jan - Sixth Form Philosophy Society at Red Maids'

Fri, 20 Jan, 4.30-6.10pm - Sixth Form Salsa Dancing with Red Maids' and Redland High in theatre

Mon, 23 Jan - Results of November Exams

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 – Year 7 trip to Chepstow Castle

Fri, 27 Jan, 1.30-2.00pm – Informal lunchtime concert in the theatre

Fri, 27 Jan, 4.30-6.10pm – Sixth Form Salsa Dancing with Red Maids' and Redland High

Sat, 28 Jan, 8.45am-12.00 noon – Entrance Exam for Years 7 and 9 entry

Winter Rugby Team Photos

The latest QEH Winter Term team photographs are now available to order online courtesy of Bromhead Photography.



Order your winter sports photographs online from Bromhead Photography. If you wish to view or order these pictures click here:

<http://www.qehbristol.co.uk/news-story-584.html?newslistid=6>

You will need to enter: Event Name: *QEH Winter Teams*
2011-2012 Password: *failand*

Rugby Colours

Congratulations to Ben Woolf and Steven Wride on receiving their 1st XV colours at the end of last term.

UK Climbing Competition

At the end of last term, the BMC held their Open Youth Competition at the Sunderland climbing wall. Well done to Max Ayrton who came 8th in his age range.



The standard of climbing was sky high and the event was used to help select climbers for the GB Youth Team.

Football Results

Matches v Beechen Cliff

1st XI Drew 1 – 1
2nd XI Lost 4 – 0
3rd XI Won 7 – 2

Lost Property

We have a large amount of “unnamed” lost property, which was left in school over the Christmas holidays. The lost property will be held in Mr Ryan’s office until the end of January, after which time any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Tennis Results

Senior boys played Beechen Cliff towards the end of last term – lost 5 matches to 1.
Senior boys played Chew Valley School. Tied 3 matches all – played a shoot out and QEH won.

Congratulations to all team members.

House Debating Competition

Results of the House Debating from last term are as follows:-

Senior - Winners – Hartnell’s
 David Holliday
 Christian Holland

Intermediate – Winners – Ramsey’s
 Matthew Stoddart
 Nick Gallagher

Well done to all those taking part. The Juniors Competition will take place later this term.

Rugby Results

House Rugby 2011 results:-

Junior Winners – Hartnell’s (cup)

Intermediate – Ramsey’s (cup)

Senior – Hartnell’s (cup)

Overall – Shield

1st – Hartnell’s

2nd – Ramsey’s

3rd – Carr’s

4th -- Bird’s

Health News

We trust you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. With every New Year comes promises to be healthier and fitter especially after overindulging on many a Christmas treat. As adults, it is easier for us to watch and amend our diets; however, our kids often need help in this area too.

In the UK alone, there are 1 million obese children under the age of 16 and only 11.5% of parents of overweight children recognise it. Research shows that many parents are unaware of the link between obesity and preventable illnesses, such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

The Department of Health aims to help reduce the number of children overweight and obese by 2020. They run a wonderful campaign called “Change for Life”.

I have attached a link to this fantastic, informative site, which not only highlights the risks of obesity, but also gives sound, useful advice regarding diet and exercise and how as families we can work together towards bringing up healthy and happy children.

http://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk/ecom_dh/public/saleproduct.jsf?rowId=C4L007

If you have concerns that your son is overweight and need help or advice, please contact the school nurses for support.

Team Geography in Morocco



"Team Geography" [17 boys and 2 staff], spent the first week of the Christmas holiday in Morocco. This was a truly amazing trip, during which we had several "once in a lifetime" experiences.



We started in the chaotic world of souks and snake charmers, which make up Marrakech, before heading up and over the High Atlas Mountains via the Tizi-n-Tichka pass.



The vegetation and scenery changed so quickly that you barely dared to blink!



Remote villages, subsistence farmers, irrigation channels, mules, Kasbahs and fossil factories were all experienced along our journey into the Sahara desert.



After purchasing headscarves, using our newly acquired haggling skills, we swapped our coach for camels.

A trek through the vast sand dunes brought us to the ideal spot to witness the most dramatic of sunsets. The orange sun and sand gave a staggeringly beautiful scene, and one, which left us temporarily speechless.



As the sky turned jet black 2 shooting stars came out to play amongst the clearest of constellations. We returned to Marrakech via another route so we could marvel at even more sights.



On the last day, we visited a tiny, traditional village where ex nomads now live. This gave us the opportunity to experience the "real" Morocco.



We fetched water from the well using the village donkey, made charcoal, and pise mud bricks. The contrasts between life in Douar Oulad Elgern and Bristol could not have been more stark.



Thanks to all the boys, Mr Amor and Rayburn Tours, who all helped to make this a truly spectacular trip. We plan to return in December 2014 if this has whetted your appetite.

Mrs Michelle Dimes



Family
Quiz Night
2012



Pit your wits against
some of the brightest
sparks in Bristol!

Friday 13 January 7.30pm

Friends of

2012 FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Please complete and return to the school office



Boy's name and form

Tickets requiredAdults @£5Children @£3

Total payment enclosed £ (cheques payable to Friends of QEHB)