

QEH NEWS



Premier partnership

with Bristol City FC

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Over 1000 pupils, staff, governors and friends of QEH congregated in The Great Hall at Bristol University for Prizegiving. Inset picture: The Headmaster talking with Dusty Hare

Prizegiving

On the eve of the Rugby World Cup Final, the Headmaster welcomed Dusty Hare as our guest speaker at QEH Prizegiving. The freshly restored Wills Building provided the perfect venue for this prestigious occasion.

The former England full-back, and the world record holder for points scored in first class Rugby Union, inspired the boys to meet challenges in life not just on the sports field!

Pictured below: QEH's remaining boarders with Captain of School and Housemaster, Mr Andy Clements, on Prizegiving Day



From the Headmaster

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of QEH News, which is deliberately more pictures than words in an attempt to give you a flavour of some of what has happened since September.

Of course the 'big story' is our exciting link with Bristol City which will see new pitches and other facilities at Failand. There's a good chance that Premiership players will be training alongside QEH next season!

QEH remains a very popular school and I had to disappoint many applicants in the recent Entrance Examinations when I had a record number of candidates. I am pleased that we will be assisting a number of new boys financially, who wouldn't otherwise have been able to come to the School. The foresight of previous generations and the generosity of Old Elizabethans, and other friends of the School, enables QEH to offer a quality education to bright boys from all sorts of backgrounds.

Life here seems busier than ever as these pages show. We are very fortunate to work with such talented boys who continue to achieve so much!

With best wishes

S W HOLLIDAY HEADMASTER

Mud, glorious mud!

(Cover Story)

At the end of last year QEH and high-flying Bristol City Football Club – currently at the top of the Championship – announced their exciting partnership plan to jointly develop a new £1 million training ground at Failand.

Work is well under way to develop the 23 acres of muddy land into first-class pitches. Other excellent school facilities are also yet to come on the 40 acre site.

For Matthew Faulkner (left), a Year 6 pupil at QEH Junior School, the link with the football club when he steps up to the Senior School in September is an appealing prospect. He said: "I'm really excited about the team I support being involved with QEH."





Exploring minds...

Sporting challenges...

As well as food for the mind, there are great sport opportunities and challenges at the QEH Junior School. The boys have played competitive rugby and football fixtures against many local (and not-so-local) schools. Every boy has had the opportunity to play in one of our teams.

At the U8 and U9 level, boys follow the rules of Tag Rugby developing the basic skills of running, passing and tackling. The U10 and U11s follow the RFU continuum which introduces the various aspects of contact rugby in a controlled manner.

Our rugby club and two five-a-side football clubs have proved very popular. Judo and Tae-Kwondo have also been embraced.

Of course, we are keen for our teams to do well but we aim to promote healthy competition and good sportsmanship with a clear sense of perspective. It is intended, therefore, that every boy experiences competitive sport at QEH Junior School.

AJ HENHAM JUNIORS' HEADTEACHER

Alex J. Henham



Junior School boys filling their minds with science At Bristol and At QEH



Above: Sharing lessons with Senior School boys
Top & Left: Enjoying sport for all!

A highlight of the year is the 'QEJ Christmas Lunch' and 2007 was a cracker! The event proved so popular that Julie Joyner, Colin Wood and their catering team provided 5 sittings!

Food plays a big part in the boys' lives and with lunch at QEJ being second to none, it is no surprise that almost every boy opts for it. A big 'thank you' goes to the catering team which provides 680 covers a day. And that doesn't include the many special events such as Sports Day for which they also cater.

Pictured right: Mr Bateson, boys, teaching, catering and cleaning staff all enjoying Christmas dinner

Festive Feast



Writers at work...

Thanks to Ms Laurel Casserley, QEJ Librarian, boys have witnessed a number of well-known writers in action.

As part of the *Bath Festival of Childrens' Literature* the author Joe Craig talked to Year 8 – his books, which have become firm favourites among young readers seeking action with thrills and twists, were a sell-out.

Pupils also saw Anthony Horowitz at the Festival, many leaving with prized signed copies of the author's books.

Other recent highlights were a visit on *World Book Day* from Ally Kennen (shortlisted for The Carnegie Award) and an activity afternoon with Graham Marks who ran workshops with Year 9.



The 'Great Read'

This term saw a new venture for QEJ, with our first Reading Week, which coincided with World Book Day on 6 March.

The idea was to share our love of books with each other by reading for an hour a night, instead of doing all the usual homework.

The week was a great success with some families even having reading evenings when TVs and computers were kept switched off.

Recipe for life

Boys from QEH joined girls at Redland High for a series of after-school cookery lessons. Both schools believe in the recipe of mixing girls and boys together when it comes to social events and learning life skills. That way, they savour the best of both worlds.



Pictured above right: Married couple, Mrs Caroline Bateson, Headmistress of RHS and Mr David Bateson, Deputy Headmaster of QEH, who led with a demonstration of their winning partnership in culinary matters



6th Form Shakespeare

Red Maids' and QEH English students met in December to examine the inextricable link between tragedy and comedy, love, revenge and colonialism in *The Tempest*, Shakespeare's last play.

Participants provided a blend of magical musical compositions, Powerpoints, an acted extract offering a fresh, male perspective upon the characters of Prospero and Ariel, and an absorbing debate.



Above: Army Instructor directing the boys



Army action day

From Salsa to Careers, from unarmed combat to role play, from spelling competitions to Tug of War, the Lower Sixth Activity Day was a chance to make new friends, to enjoy team work and to learn more about the part played in the school by members of the Sixth Form.

Latest on Debating & Public Speaking

Recent successes for QEH teams:

Tom Pye, James Fletcher and Liam Colman (Year 13) have qualified for the National Final of the *BPW Public Speaking Competition*, where they will be representing Wales and Southern England in competition with teams from Northern Ireland, Scotland and the other English Regions. At the qualifying Regional Final Tom Pye was judged 'Best Speaker' and James Fletcher 'Best Chair'. This is the second year running a QEH team has reached this Final.

At *Cambridge Union Finals Day* James Savin (Year 12) and Mike Cole (Year 13) comprised one of 24 teams taking part alongside teams from England, Scotland and Ireland.

Both QEH pairs have qualified for Finals Day at the Oxford Union in May in the *National Debating Competition for Under-15s* after the local round. Team A: Ed Blancke and Ali Roweth (Year 10) were the winning team, while Team B: Mike Beck and David Holliday (Year 9) were runners-up.

Charlie Kenber, Luke Harries and Matt Allen (Year 11) took part in the Regional Final of the *ESU Public Speaking Competition* in Taunton.

Maths winners

QEH came first in the *Bristol Schools' Mathematics Contest* out of 123 Sixth Form students competing from eight other top Bristol Schools: Backwell, Bristol Grammar, Clifton College, Clifton High, Redland Green, Redland High, Red Maids' and St Mary Redcliffe.

Mr Bill Ellis, Head of Mathematics, said: "It was an added bonus that the QEH 'A' team were winners on the day with Mark Raymond (17) and Daniel Lau (17) achieving full marks overall."

In the same vein, congratulations also to Year 9 pupils Ed Parry, Szelong Ng, Josh Inoue and Matt Thomas, pictured with science teacher Dr Jonsson, who were awarded certificates by the *British Association for the Advancement of Science*.

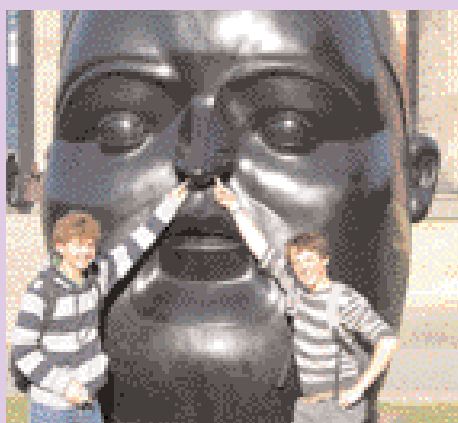




Shades of Berlin

During October half-term forty GCSE history students and four staff visited Berlin for four days.

Boys learned of Berlin's pivotal role in many of the formative events of twentieth-century world history, from Hitler's seizure of power to the nuclear stand-off during the Cold War.



Philosophy Society

Each half term, our sixth formers meet Red Maids' girls for an evening of philosophical discussion and debate followed by refreshments, including an astonishing array of cheeses! Students present short talks on philosophical subjects with the rest of the group joining in with questions, ideas and more questions!

GCSE pupils also had the chance to join Red Maids for a Religious Studies Conference, focussing minds on difficult ethical issues – this time *Euthanasia* – which our boys enjoyed thinking about and discussing with the girls.



Classics trip

Year 8 Latin students hit the road to Cirencester and Chedworth filling the footsteps (and the tunics) of the Romans.



The History Department took Year 9 to the Black Country Museum in Dudley as part of the *Industrialisation of Britain* course. Boys were able to experience both being down a mine and schooling in the nineteenth century, giving them a powerful reminder of when times were hard.

Hard Times





Sixth Form geographers at Chesil Beach on their annual pilgrimage – seen here taking a huge leap forward in their fieldwork studies and burying themselves in the subject!

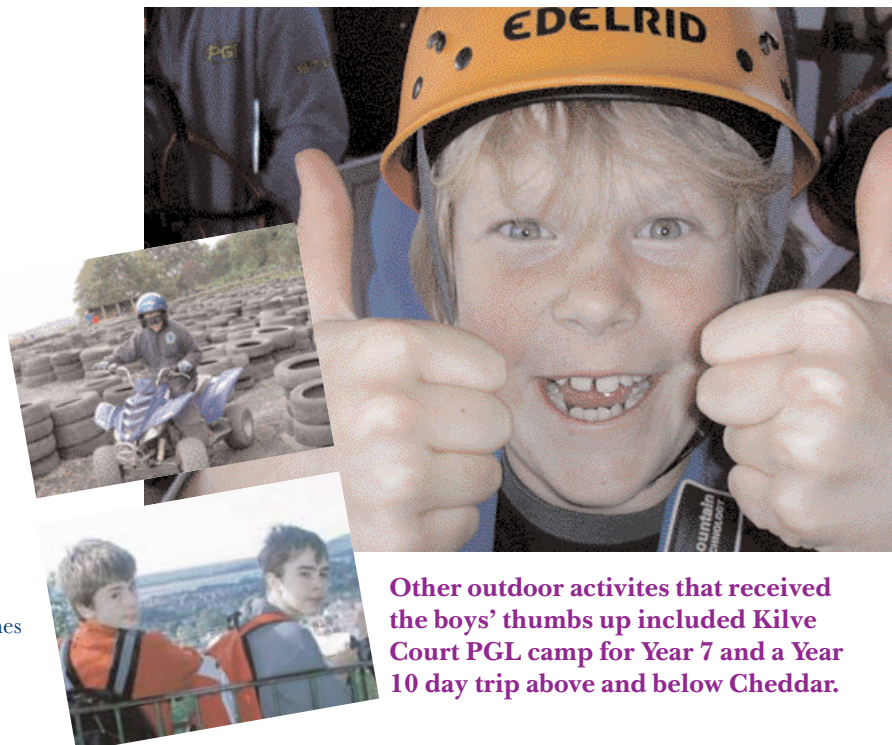
Geographers in Dorset...



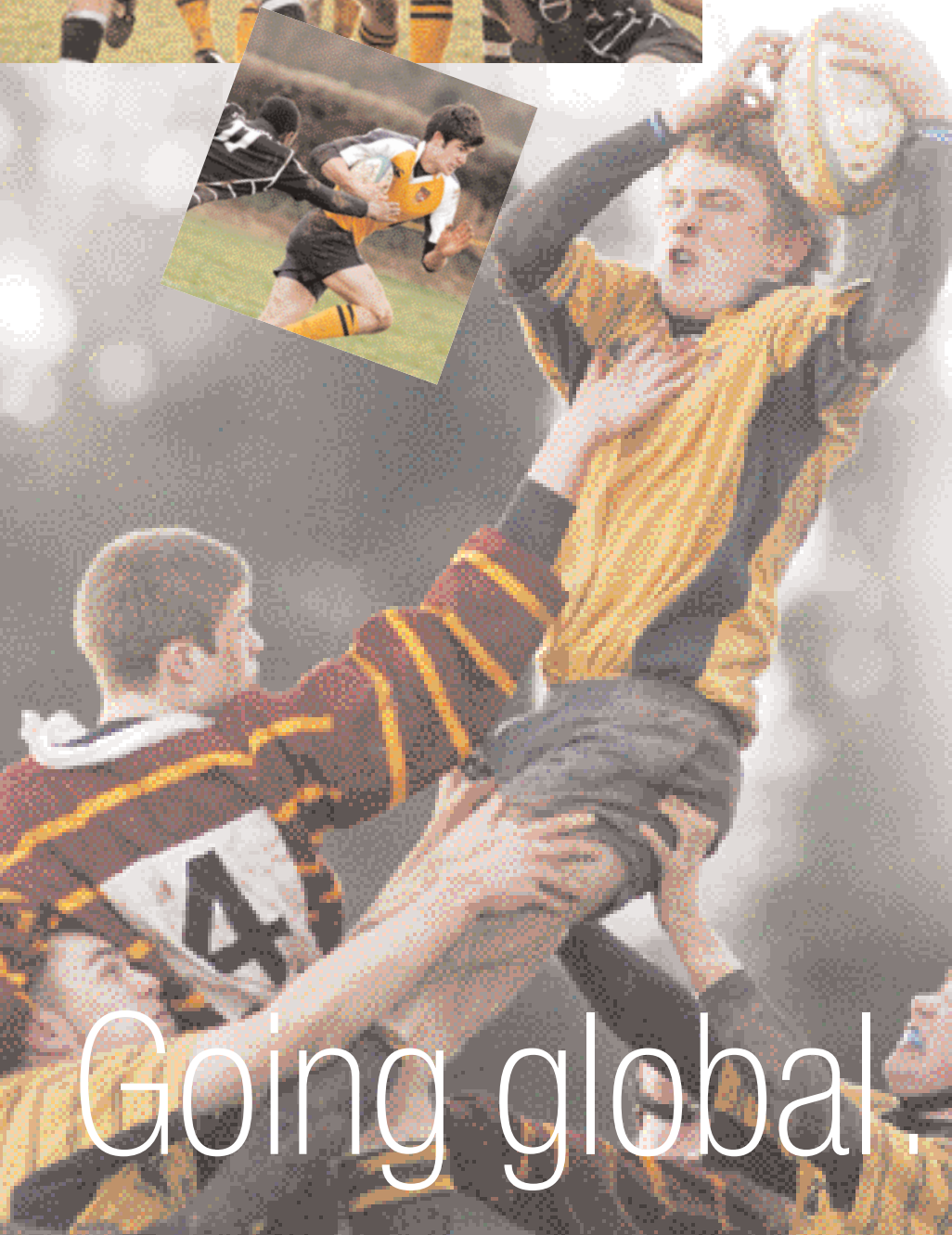
Le débat français à Red Maids'

Nous sommes allés à Red Maids' pour débattre plusieurs sujets polémiques contre les filles. C'était vraiment utile d'avoir l'opportunité de pratiquer notre langue française avec elles. Les thèmes ont inclus la peine de mort, l'immigration, les chats contre les chiens, et même si les filles étaient plus intelligentes que les garçons! C'était vachement bien! Nous sommes tous d'accord, nous avons gagné!

Liam, Lawrence, Jonathan, Oscar et Alex



Other outdoor activities that received the boys' thumbs up included Kilve Court PGL camp for Year 7 and a Year 10 day trip above and below Cheddar.



RUGBY ON TOUR...

In recent months rugby teams have hosted, and been hosted by, players from across the country and around the world.

Ireland

The Under-14s took on a strong Catholic University, Dublin side at home and came off second!

Deputy Head, Steve Ryan, said: "Despite being half Irish, this result was a bad omen for the England versus Ireland clash at Twickenham in mid March, where England avenged their heavy defeat at Croke Park last season."

Paraguay

Senior players hosted a tour from 35 Paraguayan players who they visited last August. The 1st XV won 17-6 while the 2nds lost 15-5. Mr Joslin, Director of Sport, said: "They found the weather cold, but it's great to build lasting relationships with teams from across the globe."

Australia

The Under-15s hosted a team from King's School, Parramatta, winning 27-17. This is the third occasion that QEH has met this Sydney team over the last few years.

Coventry

Nearer to home, the Under-15s rugby team won through to the last 8 of the *Daily Mail Vase*, beating Reading Bluecoat School 28-9 points. They then lost 11-5 in a closely fought contest with The Woodlands School Sports Academy in Coventry.

Rugby features strongly at QEH with our top team, the Under-16s, being unbeaten until they met Millfield and Bishop of Hereford's in their last two matches of the season. For detailed results go to 'Sport' at www.qehbristol.co.uk

Going global...

New buses



Mr John Gibbs, the QEH School Gardener, is pictured with one of our three brand new minibuses.

The first is a 17-seater liveried in white whilst the other two are 15-seaters in silver, with one being designated for Junior School use.

The two Senior School buses come complete with roof racks and access ladders which will prove useful for outdoor activities such as Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Speedy Zamparelli

Watch out in your rear-view mirror for Dino Zamparelli, QEH's own version of Lewis Hamilton! His next three races are at Brands Hatch, Cadwell Park and Rockingham over the Easter Holidays.

He will be competing in his soon-to-arrive Ferrari red Junior Ginetta, reaching speeds of over 100mph. Each race will be supported by the British Touring Car Championship which is to be televised on ITV4 live on Sunday afternoons. Go to www.dino-zamparelli.com



Grenada cricket tour

On Valentine's Day a QEH Senior Tour Cricket Team left Gatwick to play 5 matches in Grenada, West Indies.

This was the first World Cricket Tour embarked upon by QEH in recent years and there were some momentous highlights during the two-week tour, including a match played at Grenada's National Stadium.



Victory scores

Football has been highly competitive this year with the 1st and 2nd XIs in the Mercian League. Notable performances for the 1st XI were the victories over local rivals BGS and BCS.

Prospects look good with a really strong U14 XI knocking in goals right left and centre. Captain Joe Bryan, a member of the *Bristol City Academy*, leading by example with 23 goals so far. The U15s and U18s are in the *ISFA Cup* next year.

Spring updates



QEH: 2nd in Bristol Schools' BMH Climbing Competition



Dads being good sports with the Lads!



Dancing on Ice at Bristol Ice Rink

Young composers

Richard Millington (17), was declared the winner of the first *Carol Competition for Young Composers* – held by St George's Bristol before Christmas. He is pictured below with Owain Park (14) and David Reynolds (17) from QEH who also won through to the final.

His setting of *The First Nowell* was later included in a prestigious concert of Renaissance music given by *The Tallis Scholars* at St George's Bristol and repeated as an encore.

The Director of the world-renowned vocal ensemble, Peter Phillips, was one of a distinguished panel of judges when Richard's carol was chosen again at a concert given in November by *The Bristol University Chamber Choir*.



Joseph sell-out

The musical *Joseph & His Technicolour Dreamcoat* brought together a cross-section of QEH students, ranging from Year 7 to Upper Sixth, with a hand-picked selection of girls from Redland High School. They delivered a musical extravaganza packed with dancing, drama and song which was guaranteed to have the audience singing along!

The production was co-directed by QEH Modern Languages teacher, Miss Clare Winchester and Assistant Director of Music, Mr Ed Gent. Miss Winchester said: "Students and staff from both schools have worked incredibly hard to bring the musical together and we were delighted that all three performances were an early sell-out!"



Upbeat and bright future

Luke Steven, a talented QEH drummer in the Lower Sixth, has been invited to take part in a prestigious residential course at Dartington Hall in Devon. He will spend a weekend collaborating with professional composers, especially Bristol-based composer and jazz pianist Keith Tippett.

Luke has been drumming since he was a toddler, when he used pots and pans to bash out rhythms and plans to emulate his heroes, world music stars Dave Weckl and Horacio Hernandez, by becoming a professional jazz drummer.

His immense talent was also spotted by judges in the 'Battle of the Bands' concert (see page 12).



Unplugged with a number of new faces making an appearance alongside seasoned performers from Year 9 to Sixth Form.



Director's Report

In the Development Office we continue to be very grateful for all the generous donations we have received both in terms of money and time. The number of Old Elizabethans returning to school just grows and grows every year.

Mike Smith (1982–1984) the MD of Columbia Records came back to talk to the Sixth Form about his career and 'volunteered' to judge the *Battle of the Bands!* Having been instrumental in starting the careers of such groups as *Blur* and the *Arctic Monkeys*, he should have an eye for talent. Martin Bright's (1977–1984) powerful exposé of Ken Livingstone's London on Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme did not pull any punches and he is due to speak to the Sixth Form in March. Stephen Brown (1975–1982) also returned to give the Sixth Form an insight into life as a solicitor. The eagerly awaited sequel to *Life on Mars* by Ashley Pharoah (1971–1978) hit our screens in February. *Ashes to Ashes* has already made a tremendous impact.

Jonathan Pearce (1971–1978), of *Match of the Day* fame, returned to Failand to see the work in progress in conjunction with his beloved Bristol City.



The recent Cambridge Dinner at Emmanuel College in February was a great success and we thank Mike Riste (1993–2000) for his help. Reports and pictures of the dinners in London, Oxford, Cambridge and Year group reunions are on the website.

Our challenge now is to further foster good relations with our Alumni – look out for the upcoming events, not least our celebration of Boarding 1590–2008 in July. The publication of ambitious science development plans will put further pressure on us to harness all the goodwill out there and to help fund such projects as well as gaining more support for Bursaries.

S P RYAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CANADIAN LUNCH



It was a suitably English setting in a pseudo English pub, *The Cheshire Cat*, on the outskirts of Ottawa for the meeting of Donald Watson (dayboy 1929–1937), Mike Ward (boarder 1950–1957), Tony Myres (boarder 1955–1962 and pictured below in his bluecoat) and Nicholas Reilly (dayboy 1983–1990). Over lunch of fish and chips, bangers and mash and good English ale there was much reminiscing about school days and how much had changed over nearly 80 years. Despite the span of years there were many things in common – all are, or were, scientists and three (Donald, Mike and Nicholas) are in the same field, physics (only Tony flies the flag for chemistry thanks to Alfie Richardson!).



Mike Ward has kindly offered to coordinate another event in a more central location – this time inviting any OE who lives in Canada, or northern USA. If you would like to hear from Mike please send him a message (grumpymike106@sympatico.ca).

In memory

**Mr Richard Pavey
– ex teacher from the 1960s.**

Robert Andrews (1966–1971) informed us of the passing of Mr Richard Pavey, physics teacher from the '60s. He remembers Mr Pavey as a kind teacher who contemplated all things scientific over a pipe and drove an ancient Austin Cambridge. Mr Pavey established the Radio Club with an ex-wartime receiver and a home built transmitter.

Mr Andrews had hoped to thank Mr Pavey for introducing him to a hobby which has brought him 40 years of pleasure and asked for his gratitude to be recorded here.

DINNER DATES

Our next regional dinner will be held in the East India Club, St James' London on Friday 6 June 2008. Last year was a great success and this year we will be unveiling our QEH plaque at the club.

We will also be returning to Lincoln College, Oxford in October 2008 to enjoy another evening of fine dining. If you would like further information on either of these events please have a look at the website.



Fine wine

If you are ordering wine from a club or society you might also want to consider having a look at the QEH wine. Visit the website for further details as new wines are being added constantly. With each glass you'll be supporting the Development Fund!



Off the cuff

We have new memorabilia up our sleeve and will be taking a stock of QEH cufflinks shortly for a limited time only. An order form is available otherwise visit the website to place your order.



PS. Thank you for returning your surveys following the Christmas newsletter. We had a very encouraging 450 responses and the wine was won by Mr J Martin (1962–1969).

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OE DIARY DATES

REUNIONS IN 2008...

- **Saturday 17 May** 1998 Leavers
- **Saturday 5 July** 1983 Leavers
- **Saturday 15 November** to coincide with the Old Boys' Society Annual Dinner.
 - 1978 Leavers
 - 1958 Starters
 - 1948 Starters

...and 2009

Saturday 2 May 2009 1969 Leavers

If you want to be involved in a Year group reunion please get in touch with the Development Office. Further details are on the Development pages of the school website.

Celebration of boarding

2008 sees the end of Boarding at QEH. To mark the occasion we are holding a full day of events in school on Saturday 5 July. All boys and staff, old and new, are welcome to help us celebrate all that QEH has offered the boarding community over the past four centuries. If you wish to attend please reserve your place as soon as possible – full details on the website.

CHARITY...

Hair today

A highlight of the year was when the QEH community once again threw itself into fundraising for *Children in Need* as boys and staff paid £1 to appear in Mufti, the two Deputy Headmasters sang with great gusto in Assembly and cakes were sold during break in vast quantities.

A great attraction was when Mr Paddy Murray and Mr Rick Martineau sacrificed valuable hair for the cause! Mr Murray had it removed (painfully!) from the lower legs, raising £500, whilst Mr Martineau managed a further £500 for the removal of half his beard – boys decided on the final style!



Altogether £2,668.10 was raised on the day, with staff volleyball in the Yard attracting the biggest crowd. £5,200 has been raised for various charities since September in events staged by boys and the QEH community.

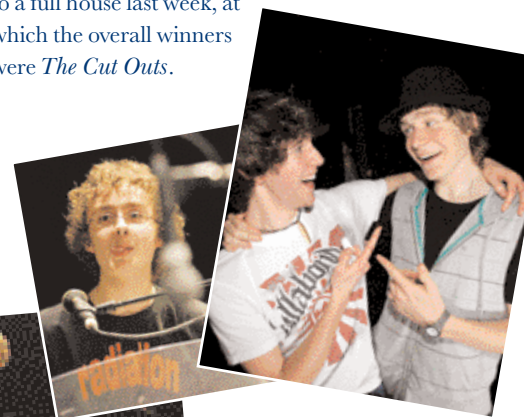
Friends' news...

The Friends of QEH contribute much in terms of the time they give up, the enthusiasm with which they do it and the funds they provide for the benefit of the boys.

This year they have raised more than £9,000 from their events which they have agreed to put towards new weights and equipment for the Fitness Room, re-vitalising the garden behind the Art School and possibly sponsoring a prize for the Young Enterprise scheme.

Highlights that they have staged since September have been: *Fireworks at Failand*, *Family Quiz Night* and *Battle of the Bands* where we were privileged to have a panel of high-profile judges, including Mr Mike Smith (OE), MD of Columbia Records. At time of going to press, the *Spring Ball* is about to take place and is sold out.

Below is a selection of photographs depicting musicians at the *Battle of the Bands*, played to a full house last week, at which the overall winners were *The Cut Outs*.



Diary dates 2008

Summer Term:	Tuesday 15 April – Friday 4 July
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May
Half-term	Friday 23 May (4.00pm) – Monday 2 June (8.40am)
6ii Leavers' Assembly	Saturday 14 June (9.30am)
SPORTS DAY	Saturday 14 June (12 noon)
CELEBRATION OF BOARDING (1590–2008)	Saturday 5 July (all day event)
Autumn Term:	Tuesday 2 September – Friday 12 December
OPEN MORNING	Saturday 11 October
Prizegiving	17 October (10.30 am)
Half-term	Friday 24 October (4.00pm) – Monday 3 November (8.40am)
CAROL SERVICE BRISTOL CATHEDRAL	Friday 12 December (2.30pm)