



## Letter from the Head:

I hope everyone enjoyed their half term break, even if it was a little wet.

First of all, I must congratulate Year 10 in the way they have conducted themselves in their PPEs. I know that it can feel intimidating taking exams under official exam conditions but their behaviour has been exemplary, I hope they get the results they deserve to boost their confidence before their GCSE exams in May.

Good luck to Year 11 taking their PPEs next week. Whilst they may not be the real thing, this is what the colleges will be looking at when they make their initial offers so don't take your foot off the pedal now.

I look forward to seeing lots of Year 9 parents at Options Evening on 19<sup>th</sup> March. It's an exciting time for Year 9 as they start to have some choice in what they study and really think about their future. With that in mind, we will also have representation from several local colleges to offer advice when it comes to making their option choices. Some Year 9 pupils will have already met with Mrs Stevens, our careers advisor, and the remainder will do so before they make their choices, but it is proving to be very useful for them. It's great to see them so engaged in their future.

Finally, a big welcome home to our international jetsetters. I have heard some wonderful reports from the teaching staff that accompanied the pupils to Valencia, and I look forward to hearing more from the pupils next week. Thank you to Mrs Lozano, Mrs Pearce, Mr Lake and Mr Rees for giving the pupils such a fantastic experience. – **Mr Seneque**

## Dates for the Diary:

**2nd—6th March—Yr11 Core Mocks**

**3rd March—Yr9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations**

**3rd March—Hereford Justice Centre—Yr8/Yr9 Trip**

**5th March—Yr7 Parents' Evening**

**5th March—World Book Day**

**9th March—GCSE Geography Fieldtrip 2**

**14th March—Mock trial Competition—Yr8/Yr9**

**16th—20th March—British Science Week**

**19th March—Yr9 SEN Meetings**

**19th March—Yr9 Options Evening**

**23rd & 24th March—Attendance Reward Trip**

**25th March—Racing to School Maths Trip—Yr8**

**26th March—Yr11 SEN Meetings**

**27th—29th March—Silver DofE Practice Expedition**

**27th March—Last Day of Term**

**13th April—Summer Term Starts**

## National Careers Week

It's National Careers week from the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. There are many resources you may wish to explore with your child. Amazing Apprenticeships

2026 resource Interactive booklet - <https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides/>

2026 parent guide - <https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides/>

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zbvrt39#zgrwh4j>

STEM Careers - <https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/library/collection/533809/national>

NHS Careers - [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/?utm\\_source=NCW&utm\\_medium=booklet+&utm\\_campaign=NCW\\_2026](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/?utm_source=NCW&utm_medium=booklet+&utm_campaign=NCW_2026)

**NCW 2026 IS ON THE WAY!**



## Communication

We would like to remind parents about the Facebook page for QE parents and Carers. This page will be updated regularly when there are any **transport issues** outside the hours of 8.30am and 3.15pm. We apologise for any issues that have accrued this term but we are in regular communication with the bus companies.



## Be Prepared for Lessons

✓ Please check your child has the following equipment :

- ✎ Blue pen
- ✎ Black pen
- ✎ Pencil
- ✎ Ruler
- 🧼 Rubber
- 🔪 Glue stick



## Hot Chocolate Friday:

A huge well done to all the pupils that have been nominated by staff for their efforts either for their hard work in the classroom or their fantastic behaviour around school.



## A Message from the SEND Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to introduce the updated SEND team at QEHS. I, Miss A Davies, have recently been appointed as SENCo, and I am joined by Miss B Godsall as Deputy SENCo. We are also fortunate to continue working closely with our Assistant SENCo, Mrs L Taylor. Together, we are committed to ensuring every pupil feels supported, valued, and able to achieve their very best.

We warmly welcome any queries or communication regarding SEND, and kindly ask that future correspondence is directed to our new dedicated email address: [qesend@tcat.school](mailto:qesend@tcat.school). We truly look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and supporting our pupils to thrive.

Kind regards,

**Miss A Davies and Miss B Godsall**  
SENCo and Deputy SENCo

## Annual Careers Event

Our Annual Careers Event took place on 11.02.26. Year 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to engage with the Colleges, Companies offering Apprenticeships & local companies were there too.



## Attendance:

A reminder that if your child is well enough to attend school, please send them as it is vital they attend school as regularly as possible. Absences **must be reported daily** and please include a brief reason for the absence. You can report absences either via the MCAS app, [absence@tcat.school](mailto:absence@tcat.school) or calling the school on 01885 482230.

Our highest attending forms in each year group are:

**Year 7**— Wyvern 7

**Year 8**— Wyvern 8

**Year 9**— Griffin 9

**Year 10**— Wyvern 10

**Year 11**— Wyvern 11

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



## School Gates

We would like to remind parents that the school gates will remain closed until **3:00 PM each afternoon**. Access to school is only permitted if your child needs collecting for various reasons. This measure helps us maintain the safety and security of all pupils and staff, and we appreciate your cooperation.

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please inform the school office in advance. Prior notice allows us to update attendance records accurately and ensure your child is ready for collection at the correct time. It is also helpful if you remind your child on the morning of the appointment so they can come to Reception to sign out. When they return, it is essential that they sign back in for safeguarding purposes, including in the event of a fire.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## Payments for Trips & Clubs

Please note; we are unable to accept cash as payment for school trips/clubs. You can make payments via MCAS or BACS or, alternatively, you can call the school to make payments via card over the phone.

## Netball News

This is what it's all about

On the 11th February, the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 girls came together to celebrate not only their netball skills, but also the friendships and enjoyment that make the sport so special.

The court was filled with energy and encouragement as both teams demonstrated their growing confidence and teamwork. The Year 7/8 girls impressed with their determination and developing skills, showing excellent passing accuracy, strong defensive pressure, and a willingness to support one another in every third. Their communication on court highlighted the strong bonds they have built as teammates and friends. Unfortunately, they fell short by 3 goals, but they were exceptional throughout. Special shoutout to Abigail for POM.

The Year 9/10 girls led by example, displaying sharp movement, tactical awareness, and composed shooting under pressure. Their experience was evident in their structured play and positive leadership, as they encouraged each other throughout the thirds. It was fantastic to see their sportsmanship and maturity shine through. The smiles, laughter, and high-fives reflected a shared love of netball and the joy of being part of a team. The final score was an added bonus, winning 14-4 😊 - captain Milly once again retained her POM status.

Well done girls!

## County netball tournament 🎉

Well done to these girls for taking part in the county netball tournament this evening. A mixed bag of results... wins and losses, but a whole lot of grit and determination.

A highlight for the girls was beating Kingstone 12-2 after having lost to them last year.

Well done girls, same again next year!! – Ms Muirhead



## Boys' Football Report

The football season is now in full flow, and our teams across the school have been showing fantastic commitment, determination, and school spirit in every fixture and tournament they've taken part in.

**Year 7** have made an excellent start to their secondary school football journey, competing in two tournaments against other local schools. They produced brilliant displays of teamwork and perseverance throughout, growing in confidence with every match and representing the school superbly.

The **Year 8** team have enjoyed a remarkable run of form this season, going **seven games unbeaten** in the local schools' B Team tournament—an incredible achievement that reflects both their hard work and their improvement as a squad.

Our **Year 9** squad travelled away to Lady Hawkins School, battling through an extremely rainy afternoon in a closely fought encounter. Despite narrowly missing out on the win, the team showed great resilience.

The **Year 10/11** team have faced two very tight contests against Wigmore and Lady Hawkins. Although they narrowly fell short in both games, there were several strong individual performances,

Overall, it has been a highly encouraging start to the season for all year groups. We look forward to seeing the teams continue to grow, compete, and enjoy their football in the weeks ahead. – Mr Sercombe



## Year 8/9 Magistrates Mock Trial Competition.

Our team of year 8/9 pupils who are training to represent QE in the Herefordshire round of the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition have been working hard training with Mrs Ewing. In a few weeks the team will be in the local heat at Hereford Justice Centre and will go head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend a case. We would like to thank Mrs Kriss Ewing, our Chair of Governors who is helping pupils with their preparation for the competition. We will update you in the next newsletter about how the team got on!



## Languages Trip to Valencia

We've just got back from an exciting school trip to Valencia, where we explored the city's rich mix of history, culture, and modern attractions. We visited the stunning City of Arts and Sciences, wandered through the old town to see historic buildings and lively plazas, and even had time for a football match in the park! Many of us tried authentic Spanish tapas for the first time. The trip was not only educational but also a great chance to bond with friends and create memories we'll never forget.—Mrs Lozano



### Spring Term 2026 Co-curricular Activities

Day	Club	Time	Staff Member
Monday	Girls Rugby	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Monday	DofE – Bronze – Pupils who have already signed up only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Ms Eames
Tuesday	<b>Volleyball—To Start 10.03.26</b>	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Muirhead
Tuesday	Yr7/8/9 Boys Football Club – Starting 20.01.26	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Tuesday	Drama Club – All Years	Afterschool – 3.15pm-4.30pm	Mrs Fisher
Wednesday	Chess Club	Lunchtime – 12.40pm – 1pm	Mr Allan
Wednesday	KS3 Art Club	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Gwilliam
Wednesday	DofE Cooking Skills – DofE pupils only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Kent
Wednesday	DofE – Silver – Pupils who have already signed up only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Ms Eames

### Celebrating Success at QE

- Alex won the British Auto grass Series last year. He picked up his trophy at the awards ceremony last week. Well done Alex!
- Poppy was selected by the Courtyard Theatre to win the 2025 prize for Outstanding Achievement. Her commitment, talent and positive approach to youth theatre put her at the forefront of over 300 members! Well done Poppy! Poppy also directed a sellout show about a school lockdown at the theatre during half term. It will now be performed at the Herefordshire Drama Festival at Ledbury Theatre on the 21st March. Well done Poppy!
- Gabriela is doing very well and is at the gold level for figure skating. Well done Gabriela!
- Harry is a great artist outside of school and will be having his own window in the Bromyard art walk this year. Well done Harry!

