



Letter from the Head:

First of all can I thank you all for your patience whilst I was away last week on the Ski Trip. It is always a privilege to go on these type of trips with the pupils as I get to know them as individuals and see their pride in learning a new skill and experiencing a new culture. They gave the skiing everything they had and, once again, I was incredibly proud to be Head of School at QEHS.

We arrived home to some beautiful weather and it was great to see the progress that had been made on the site work currently happening. Mr Weighill has given you an update below but I also wanted to extend my thanks to pupils, staff and parents for their consideration as we near the end of the works. It is very exciting to see it all starting to take shape.

Whilst we want everyone to enjoy the warmer weather, can I remind you of the school uniform policy stating that shorts worn by pupils must be the black Bermuda style shorts and not sports shorts. There is a notable improvement in uniform since Half Term and I would very much like it to continue.

This term we sadly say goodbye to Christine Hines, our Exams officer. She is a long serving member of QEHS staff and we have been incredibly lucky to have her knowledge and experience as Exams Officer with us for so long. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a very long and happy retirement.

Finally, the way in which both Year 10 and Year 11 conducted themselves during the mock examinations was exemplary and, as we head into the Summer Exam period, I want to remind each and every pupil that they all have it in them to be the very best they can be. This is now the final push and, whilst not everyone's strengths lie in the academics, now is the time to make sure you have no regrets. We are all here to support you.

Dates for the Diary:

10th April—Year 8 Parents' Evening

10th April—Movie Morning (Year 7&8)

11th April—End of Term/Non-Uniform day

28th April—Return to School

5th May—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

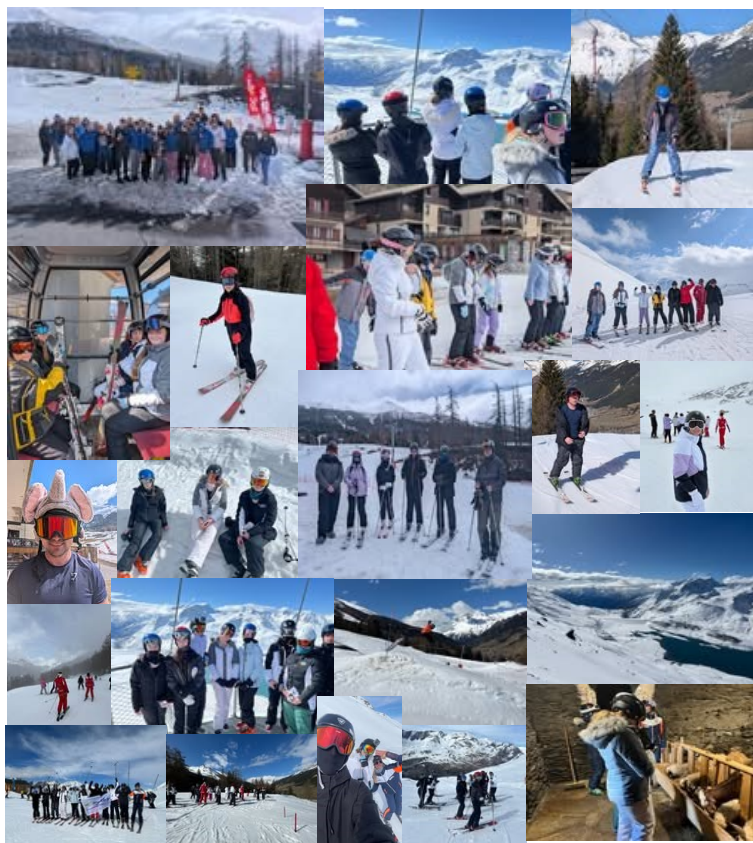
26th—30th May—Half Term

RBL: The Great Tommy Sleep Out 2025 can be either a team or individual event where participants sleep outside in order to raise the profile of homeless veterans. This event must be undertaken in the month of March. As the Chairman of Bromyard Royal British Legion, and the County of Herefordshire Youth Officer for the RBL, it came to my notice that a QE student in Year 9, Jack D, had taken it upon himself to partake in this charity event to raise money for the RBL Industries (a cousin of the RBL and was established in 1919 in aid of homeless veterans, assisted living and other issues such as Demita). With the help of some fellow classmates and Army Cadets, Jack has raised a whopping sum of over £80. On Saturday the 29th of March after sleeping out in the Falcon Hotel carpark with 10 members of my branch...with the average age of 71 [myself the youngest at 61] we invited Jack and his parents to attend our branch breakfast, where I was able to present him to the Deputy Lord Lieutenant to Hereford, Mayor of Bromyard and the County Chairman of Hereford RBL. Jack was awarded a certificate of achievement from the Royal British Legion Hereford. Well done, Jack! **Mr Weighill** Congratulations to Poppy, who won 1st prize in the raffle. We raised £83.61. Thank you everyone. **Jack D**



Ski Trip:

On 22nd March, 35 pupils and 4 members of staff boarded a coach and headed off to the French Alps for a week of skiing. We arrived on Sunday and were able to explore the local town before setting up camp in our new home for the week. The weather was fantastic and the pupils made the most of the ski tuition provided throughout the week. Every pupil gave it their all and the progress made by each individual, from beginner to those more experienced, was exceptional. Everyone arrived home very tired but having had an amazing week. A huge thank you to all of the staff for giving up their time to take the pupils on such an incredible trip.



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 this week—

Year 7— Mia, Esme, Austin, Jack B, Gabi, Hazel, Faith, Deon, Summer Rose, Eliza, Jack M, Lewis

Year 8— Reka,

Year 9— Evie, Millie, Somer

Year 10— Alex R, Alex D and Mrs Hanson!

DofE:

Last weekend the Silver DofE group took part in their Practice Expedition through the Forest of Dean Area. They exhibited great campcraft, strong navigation and good resilience on Saturday when they had a tough day with navigation, meaning they travelled a little further than they intended! But they came good on Sunday and finished on a high, showcasing the skills they have learnt both this year doing their Silver DofE and last year when they completed their Bronze DofE.



The Silver group will now continue with their sessions after school before taking on their Qualifying Expedition in July!

The Bronze DofE pupils will be setting off on their Practice Walk on 13th April before doing their Training Expedition in May and their Qualifying Expedition in July.



If you have a Year 8 pupil and would like to know more about taking part in DofE, please keep your eyes peeled for dates in the Summer Term for an assembly I will have with the pupils and an evening for parents to come and find out what the DofE is all about. I look forward to seeing lots of you there! **Ms Eames**



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** either via the MCAS app, **absence@tcat.school** (please note the change in e-mail address) or calling the school on 01885 482230.

Our highest attending forms in each year group are:

Year 7—Wyvern 7

Year 8—Pegasus 8

Year 9—Wyvern 9

Year 10—Griffin 10

Year 11—Griffin 11

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3G Pitch Update:

We are progressing really well with the 3G pitch and reinstatement of the Tennis courts at QE. All the matting has gone down in the pitch and 29 tonnes of sand arrived and was spread on the pitch yesterday. Today 21 tonnes of rubber will be spread on top of the matting. Still to come in the next week or so is the light spotting for the flood lights. The footings for the push bike cover and Mini bus hard standing is progressing and the tennis courts will be marked out soon, however the priority is still the ground work to the traversing foot path to the courts.

We are on schedule to finish in the Easter Holidays as planned!

The contractors have been really respectful to the site and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and tolerance during the busiest times of the day. **Mr Weighill**



Drama Production:

I am very excited to announce the next production by the Drama Club is William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. It will be performed at The Conquest Theatre on Thursday 7th July and tickets are now available on their website: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/conquesttheatre/events> I am sure tickets will sell quickly so get them while you can! **Mrs Fisher**



Phoenix 8:

Eve, Carly and Aiden have been working hard in Miss Muirhead's form to create an animal care display board. Phoenix 8 have been discussing British Farming, and how they can use their knowledge on the subject to have a positive impact on the animal care department at QE. Carly has been busy taking photos of her lambs during lambing season, and with the help of Eve and Aiden, have managed to create a display board to show the different types of lambs on her farm. Well done guys! Thank you for making a positive contribution to animal care at QE. **Miss Muirhead**



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