



Newsletter: 13th September 2024

Letter from the Head:

First of all may I extend a warm welcome to our new pupils, parents and carers and welcome back to those returning after the summer break. It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year and it is wonderful to see how quickly our new pupils have settled into life here at QE. I would also like to mention how smart the children look. I hope this continues throughout the year.

I am going to take this opportunity at the beginning of term to go over some house keeping. At drop off and pick up we are seeing increasing numbers of parents driving around the buses round the turning circle. Please do not overtake the buses as more often than not pupils are getting on or off the buses. If you are dropping children off/collecting your child and do not want to wait behind the buses, please use the top car park to turn. In addition to this, we have had reports from some members of the public about pupils crossing the bypass either without waiting for the lights to change or in unsafe places. Please reiterate the importance of road safety to your child. See also the messages below regarding safeguarding, absence, FSM and lost property.

We have hit the ground running and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with many trips planned, sporting fixtures scheduled and clubs such as DofE to participate in. I look forward to sharing with you the highlights of these, and hearing about the successes of all our pupils, be it in school or outside of school.

Dates for the Diary:

- 26th September—QE Open Evening
- 27th September—Y10 Food Trip
- 3rd October—Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor
- 25th October—Non Uniform Day
- 28th October—1st November —Half Term
- 25th November—6th December—Year 11 Mocks
- 19th December—Term Ends

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs E Davies and is contactable by phone on 01885 482230 or email edavies@tcat.school



Year 7s settling in:

It has been a pleasure meeting the new Year 7 cohort. I am incredibly impressed with the way in which they have conducted themselves in their first week. I have had glowing reports from members of staff about their behaviour and enthusiasm in lessons and, as importantly, Reception staff have mentioned how polite and courteous the new Year 7 pupils have been. I look forward to getting to know them all better in the coming weeks months and years as they embark on their QE journey—**Mr Seneque**



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OPEN EVENING Thursday 26th September 5.30pm till 8.00pm

For your convenience we offer individual family group tours during the school day throughout October.

To book a tour, please contact Mrs Lilley-Attwell on 01885 482 230 or email direct jilleyattwell@tcat.school to secure a slot.

Transport assistance may be available.



Queen Elizabeth High School



Tel: 01885 482 230 Email: admin@tcat.school Website: www.qehs.co

Lost Property:

We already have quite the collection of lost property. Please ensure you have your child's name in their coats/PE kit etc as it will find it's way home a lot quicker. If your child has lost something, please come and search lost property in Reception.

Free School Meals:

If you have had a change in circumstances, you are able to apply for free school meals at any time during the year by visiting the Herefordshire Council website: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals>

Extra Curricular Clubs:

Please see this list of extra curricular clubs that will be running this term. Please note the clubs in blue are at lunchtime and the clubs in green run after school. Along with the below, there will also be some afterschool sports matches. If your child has been selected you will be notified in advance with the timings for collection. Please note; if your child catches a bus and attends a club or match you will need to make alternative arrangements for them to get home.

Day	Club	Open To	Time	Location	Main Teacher(s)
Monday	Animal Care	Everyone	13.15 – 13.45	Animal Care	Mrs Deeks
	Mixed Netball	Everyone	15.15 – 16.15	Netball Courts	Miss Muirhead
Wednesday	Boys Rugby	Boys All Years	15.15 – 16.15	Playing Field	Mr Brookes
	Girls Football	Girls All Year	15.15 – 16.15	Playing Field	Miss Griffiths
	Food Tech (DofE)	DofE Pupils	15.15 – 16.30	C14	Mrs Kent
	Drama Production	Everyone	15.15 – 16.30	Drama/Art/C13	Mrs Fisher/Miss Gwilliam/Mr Down
Thursday	Book Club	Everyone	13.15 – 13.45	C28	Mr Huntzinger
	DofE (Bronze)	DofE Pupils	15-15 – 16.30	C30	Ms Eames
	DofE (Silver) Selected Dates	DofE Pupils	15-15 – 16.30	C30	Ms Eames

2024/2025 College and Training Open Days/Evenings

Saturday 21st September—Hartpury College 9am—1pm
<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/>

Thursday 3rd October—Ludlow Sixth Form College 5pm—7pm
<https://hlpsc.ac.uk/ludlow-sixth-form-college-open-event-tuesday-9th-july-copy/>

Wednesday 9th October—Heart of Worcestershire College 5pm—8pm
<https://www.howcollege.ac.uk/about/open-events/october-open-event-2024/>

Saturday 12th October—Hartpury College 9am—1pm
<https://www.hartpury.ac.uk/college/open-days/>

Tuesday 15th October— Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training (HWGTA Worcester) 4pm—6.30pm
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Saturday 19th October—Walford College 10am—12.30pm
<https://hlpsc.ac.uk/walford-college-open-event-saturday-19th-october-2024-10-00-12-30pm/>

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Attendance:

We have had a strong start this term with attendance, thank you.

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, e-mailing rjones@tcat.school or calling the school on 01885 482230.

As per the letter sent out last week, there have been change to the national guidance regarding term time holidays. We are unable to authorise any term holidays now unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is a decision taken by Herefordshire Council and is beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 10 Your Impact:

On Thursday 12th September, Year 10 were visited by Your Impact, a multi-agency road safety scheme aimed at reducing death and serious injury amongst young road users in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. It is aimed at Year 10 pupils as car passengers, road users (on bikes, foot and E-Scooters) and who will soon become young drivers themselves. The pupils took part in various workshops, using the latest Virtual Reality Technology, and learnt about the importance of seatbelts, speed limits, impairments and distractions. It seemed to have made an impact with our pupils who said it was “Very intense and sometimes shocking, but very informative and useful.”

Fire and Rescue



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