



Letter from the Head:

As you will have all seen in my letter this week, the heating issue will soon be resolved. Unfortunately, before that can happen there will be some disruption and, whilst we will try to minimise it, some of it is unavoidable. In order to ensure everyone is as warm and comfortable as are able, we are allowing all pupils and staff to wear non-uniform for the remainder of the term. Please note, this is to ensure everyone stays warm, so please remind pupils to dress appropriately for the weather.

It is with sadness we are losing two members of staff this term; Mrs Ali, who has been with the Science Department for the last two years, and Sue Lewis, our wonderful cleaner, who is leaving us after many years of service. I know pupils and staff will miss her. I would like to wish them both well and thank them for all they have done for QEHS. We also have some new members of staff, Mr Gateley who is rejoining us in the Math Department, Mrs Hulm, who will be joining the Science Department and three new TAs, Mrs Gill, Mrs Cox and Mrs Mellor starting in January. I'm sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to them all.

We have a lot of festivities planned for next week and I look forward to sharing the highlights with you before we break up. Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas break. Merry Christmas!

Dates for the Diary:

- 17th December—Black Pepper Christmas Lunch
- 17th December—Christmas Concert 7pm
- 18th December—Year 9 Birmingham Christmas Market
- 18th December—Year 7 & 8 Carols at the Church
- 19th December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December—Term Ends
- 6th January—Inset Day
- 7th January—Return to school for Spring Term
- 10th January—Year 11 Mock Results



Food Tech: In Y10 Food Prep and Nutrition pupils were given the opportunity to design their own cheesecake as part of their study on dairy products. They all produced some fabulously tasty creations. Here is Emily's displaying some great knife skills with strawberries and Georgia showing great resilience and making a structure from a biscuit.



Y9 Bronze DofE cooking skills have worked on a range of skills over two afternoons to produce deliciously chocolaty Yule Logs. Well done Wren, Charlie and Brooke.

On Thursday 11th December, Year 5 pupils from St Peter's came to make bring their Christmas biscuit designs to life. The results were fantastic and they had a lot of fun, learning a lot along the way. They also did a brilliant job cleaning up after!



Mrs Kent

Queen Elizabeth High School Christmas Concert

at Queen Elizabeth High School
Tuesday 17th December 2024
 at 7.00pm

A Celebration of Musical Achievement

Tickets £8 each or £5 concessions to include a drink and mince pie.

Come and join us for mulled wine and spread the festive cheer!

There will be a raffle during the interval fundraising for Year 11 Prom

Tickets available from the MCAS store or Reception.

Ready to Learn:

Equipment is a brilliant present for QE pupil this Christmas. At the top of many of our pupils Christmas lists are:

- 1—Black Pen
- 2—Blue Pen
- 3—Pencil
- 4—Ruler
- 5—Rubber



*Many discount retailers have these kits available for sale

Herefordshire Schools' Climate Conference:

Eight Y10 pupils participated in the inaugural *Herefordshire Schools' Climate Conference*, which was held at the Herefordshire Council offices at Plough Lane on Wednesday 4th December.

In the morning the pupils were involved in UN-style global negotiations as at COP29 in Azerbaijan. Each school attending was assigned to play the role of a country's delegation and tasked to prepare and deliver an opening speech. Pupils from QE played the role of the USA (Sebastian, Isla & Thomas & Owen) and Barbados (Liam, Georgina, Ellie-May & Neve). During a question-and-answer session they represented their country's views, addressed key questions about the climate crisis, and collaborated with other teams from Herefordshire schools. The COP29 negotiations were reported on during *Midlands Today* on BBC1, with Isla being interviewed and speaking eloquently about the usefulness and importance of the event.

In the afternoon the pupils learnt about climate action in their area in a *Climate Question Time*. Local decision-makers from Herefordshire Council made short speeches on key themes, and the pupils put forward their questions to challenge the action being taken by local government to confront the climate crisis. They then met a range of Herefordshire Council departments in a *Climate Action Fayre* before feeding back QE's pledge for more action on climate related issues.

All the pupils participating represented QE with pride, made important contributions to the event, learnt information for their GCSE Geography course, and strategies to help protect our planet from the clear and present danger of anthropogenic climate change. **Mr Durham**



Rewards Assemblies:

All week we have had rewards assemblies, where Mr Racic has given out certificates for 100% attendance and I have rewarded pupils who have made the most progress within their respective year groups, these pupils have received a gold star pin badge which we hope to see the pupils proudly wearing on their uniforms.



Pupils will have opportunities to win more prizes at the end of the spring term, where I will be looking to see which pupils have made the most progress between now and the end of next term as well as each year groups top progress performers. **Mrs Watkiss**

Congratulations to the pupils below:

Year 7: William P, Mia S, Lissie C, Freya W, Cosima C, Daisy H, Nyla P, Floss B, Millie B, Hugh R and Feleena S

Year 8: Lilly M, Gabi B, Tiara J, Chloe P and George S

Year 9: Sophie F, Isabelle H, Laura C, India G, Charlie W W, Montgomery D-B, Stefania B, Olivia L, Joey P, Irine S, Isla W and Toby W

Year 10: Daisy B, Diana B, Will B, Esme W, Savannah G, Seb S-J, Isla SC, Klaudia O, Danny B, Seb J, Lauren B, Liam J and Oscar M

Year 11: Isaac H, Clemence M, Gemma H, Crystal P, Fiona S and Gareth T

Tuesday 17th December:

The school canteen will be offering Christmas lunches. Please see options below:-

Christmas meal with pudding - £4.00
without pudding - £3.50

Turkey bap with pudding - £3.00
without pudding - £2.50

Christmas meals will be the only menu option on this day. Crisps, drinks and snacks will still be available.

**If your child is eligible for FSM this will be included



Match Reports:

Rugby: Year 9 and 10 lost in a close game with Dyson Per-rins. An end to end match separated by a try. Charlie P starred with two tries with great contributions from Piers K and Alex H throughout the game. **Mr Brookes**



Netball: Year 8 & 9 travelled to Kington to play against Lady Hawkins on 1th December, in what was our final fixture before Christmas. Both matches were extremely competitive, and the girls remained resilient throughout, despite playing outside in some pretty cold conditions. Unfortunately our Year 9 team fell short and weren't able to secure a win this time, however they played extremely well as a team and have improved so much since the beginning of term. Well done girls, I am so proud of you.



A massive congratulations to our Year 8 team for winning their match 14-6. Our relatively new defensive duo, Eileen and Gabi were a force to be reckoned with, as well as Lilly and Niamh at the attacking end. Special shoutout to Gabi for POM. Well done girls, I'm so proud of you and the hard work you're putting in. **Miss Muirhead**

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 Form Groups in each year are:

Year 7— Wyvern 7

Year 8— Griffin 8

Year 9— Griffin 9

Year 10— Wyvern 10

Year 11— Griffin 11

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