Queen Elizabeth High School

22nd October 2026

Letter from the Head

As Halloween approaches, please remember to stay safe and respectful. If you are going trick-or-treating, please only visit houses with pumpkins displayed outside and always be mindful of others in our community.

Our recent Recognition Assemblies were fantastic! I am incredibly proud of the effort and commitment our pupils have demonstrated. It was wonderful to celebrate their successes and recognise the positive contributions they make to school life.

Year 7 have made a really positive start to life at QE. It has been great to see them settling into school routines, embracing new challenges and beginning their secondary school journey so well.

Year 11 pupils have shown a great attitude to learning, and I am pleased with the focus and commitment many are demonstrating as they work towards their examinations. Our intervention programme will continue to provide valuable opportunities for pupils to strengthen their knowledge, build confidence and make progress.

Finally, I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout what has been a long half term. Their continued support makes such a difference to our pupils and our school community.

I hope all our parents, carers and pupils enjoy a well-deserved half-term break. Take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time together. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to QE on **Monday 3rd November**.

Dates for the Diary:

23rd Oct – Inset Day

2nd Nov – Inset Day

3rd Nov – Return to School

3rd Nov – 4th Dec – Year 11 Interventions continue

4th Nov – Year 8 BT Digital Skills

11th Nov – Remembrance Day

3rd Dec – Year 9 Parents' Evening

7th – 17th Dec – Year 11 PPEs

10th Dec – Year 7 Panto

15th Dec – Year 7 Church/Carols

15th & 16th Dec – Year 9 Christmas Market Trip

17th Dec – Christmas Jumper day

17th Dec – Last day of term

Following on from Mr Farmer's letter announcing his retirement, we would like to pay tribute to a wonderful former Headteacher, colleague and friend. He will be sadly missed next year, and we would like to thank him for everything he has done for QE and the wider community. **Mr Seneque**

'For now, I simply want to say thank you. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked alongside me over my years at QE, to the governors and Trustees who have supported and challenged us, to parents for entrusting their children to the school, and above all to the thousands of pupils whom it has been my privilege to serve. I am immensely proud of what the QE community has achieved and profoundly grateful to have been part of it.' **Mr Farmer**

Recognition Assemblies

It has been a long half term – **almost eight weeks!** As I mentioned in this week's recognition assemblies across Key Stage 3, Year 7 have successfully completed their first half term, earning over **3,000 House Points** in 190 lessons by demonstrating their **readiness to learn, respect for others and resilience**.

Across all year groups, subject teachers have nominated pupils who have demonstrated **exceptional progress and outstanding effort**. These pupils have been recognised with a certificate and star pin badge. Certificates were also awarded to pupils who have achieved **100% attendance**.

My challenge to all pupils is to make sure they return after half term **well-rested and recharged, ready to be even better next half term**. There are only 33 school days until Christmas, so the challenge is to:

- attend every lesson, every day;
- earn more House Points than they did this half term; and
- demonstrate their best at all times, both in and out of lessons.

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate and was recognised for their efforts.

If you didn't receive a certificate this time, what do you need to do differently next half term?

Mr Lake



On Friday 9th October Business Studies pupils from Year 10 and Year 11 welcomed former pupil Steve Smith to the school to participate in a Business Studies workshop on Finance. The budding entrepreneurs learned about investing in the stock market and how and why companies sell shares.

Steve currently works as a Fund manager at Invesco, a global investment management company. As a company they manage $2.6 trillion of investments on behalf of clients. With offices in 20 countries. Pupils have an opportunity to visit the London office in January.

Steve left QEHS 18 years ago, and surprised Ms Gwilliam - his former tutor with a quick hello at break!

Thank you to Steve for giving up his time today, supporting pupils in preparation for their GCSE Business exam.

Mr Lake



Malvern Show Trip – Year 10

On the 25th September Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition visited the Autumn Show at the Three Counties Showground. Pupils were able to explore the amazing seasonal produce; watch demonstrations by Jane's Patisserie and the Malvern Bakehouse and investigate a range of culinary creative experiences.

Mrs Kent





Careers

This term Year 11s should be visiting college and apprenticeship open events to explore their post 16 options. Go prepared, think of questions you may wish to ask and research via prospectuses or use their websites.

College applications are open for the following: Hereford College of Arts, Hereford Sixth Form and Hartpury.

Applications are not yet open for Herefordshire College, Holme Lacy College and Ludlow Sixth Form, they will be open from the 16th of November onwards.

Remember more than one application can be made.

Careers guidance sessions with myself are ongoing so please build upon those conversations at home too.

Last week we welcomed Hereford Sixth Form College and in November Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College will be presenting in an assembly to Year 10 and 11.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lydia Stevens, Careers Adviser

Lstevens@tcat.school

Netball News

Well done to our KS3 netballers who played against Tenbury on Tuesday 20th October. Unfortunately, it wasn't our night, however there was lots to celebrate:

- First netball match for our Year 7s
- Lois with an outstanding 8 goals, as well as POM
- Ava's first goal, as well as POM
- Lots of progress within the teams made

Well done girls, I am very proud of you all.

Netball club will resume after half term on Wednesdays.

Miss Muirhead



Pupils Success

Congratulations to our very talented pupils that took part in the Pony Club Mounted Games and won the LeMieux Pony Club Cup! We are very proud of you Lilly, Chloe and Elythea!



Congratulations to Stef in Year 11, who has become our first-ever Spanish Star Writer Award winner! This fantastic achievement recognises her hard work, creativity and dedication to developing her Spanish writing skills. I am incredibly proud of her progress and commitment to learning languages. ¡Enhorabuena! We look forward to celebrating many more Spanish Star Writers in the future!





We are raising money throughout the year for 5 different causes (please see attached poster). All money will be split equally between them at the end of the year. To make a voluntary donation for today's non uniform day, please visit MCAS and click on Store at the bottom of the screen. This will remain open until the end of the half term.

A reminder that Interventions are running before, during and after school between now and 4th December. We strongly encourage pupils to attend as the benefits are proven.

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Intervention Timetable

19th October - 4th December

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00 - 08:30			Science		
08:35 - 09:00		Science (By invitation)		Spanish (By invitation)	
12:30 - 13:00	Sports Science (Coursework catch-up)			Computer Science	
15:15 - 16:15	Geography/History	Maths/RE	Art/Photography English	Food Tech/Childcare - Work on NEA	

Sports Round Up!

It's been a fantastic half term for sport! Every year group has had the opportunity to represent the school in fixtures against a range of different schools, showing great teamwork and determination.

Boys' Rugby – KS3 & KS4

Our boys have been competing in rugby fixtures against Ludlow, Lacon and Tenbury, gaining valuable match experience and representing the school with pride.

Girls' Netball – KS3 & KS4

Our girls have also been busy on the netball court, taking on Ludlow, Lacon and Tenbury in a series of fixtures, developing their skills and working brilliantly as a team.

Girls' Football – Years 7, 8 & 9

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls have kicked off their football friendlies playing against John Masefield. It's been great to see them getting involved, building confidence and enjoying the opportunity to compete.

We've had great success across both home and away fixtures this term and it's been brilliant to see so many pupils getting involved and representing the school so positively.

A huge well done to everyone who has taken part and thank you to all those who have supported our teams! Let's keep this momentum going and build on our success next term!

Miss Griffiths

Three Counties Academy Trust

Three Counties Academy Trust
Ashfields, Bromyard
Herefordshire HR7 4QS

Breakfast & After School Assistant

School: Lugwardine Primary Academy
Start Date: 10th November 2026 or before.
Contract: Permanent variable, 2.5–5 hours per week (min. 2.5 hours, max. 5 hours), Term Time Only
Salary: Grade Scale TC03 (scale point 3-4)

Lugwardine Primary Academy is part of the Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT) which includes Queen Elizabeth High School and four local Primary schools.

Lugwardine Primary Academy serves a catchment based around the villages of Bartestree and Lugwardine. Located within Bartestree, the school is on a housing estate with easy access to fields and farmland. We are a fully inclusive school with happy and enthusiastic children, highly motivated staff and a supportive Governing Body.

Lugwardine Primary Academy is looking to appoint an enthusiastic, well-motivated, reliable Breakfast Club/After School Club Assistant to assist in the provision of quality wraparound care.

It is expected the successful applicant will be willing to have fun and enjoy working with children:

- An NVQ Level 2 (equivalent or above or a willingness to work towards)
- Knowledge of the National Standards
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- First Aid qualification or be willing to undertake training
- Food hygiene certificate or be willing to undertake training
- ICT skills
- To work as part of a team
- To work in support of the ethos of the school.

Application forms and full details are available here: - Careers at Three Counties Academy Trust - Bromyard, United Kingdom, Hereford | Eteach

Fore more information please contact Mrs. Kim Lane klane@lugwardine.hereford.sch.uk

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview.

Closing date: 12:00noon Wednesday 21st October 2026
Interview Date: week commencing Tuesday 3rd November 2026

TCAT is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. We are committed to protecting our students and staff and therefore have a rigorous recruitment process which includes assessing candidates' suitability to work with children. We expect all staff to share this commitment and hold an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Three Counties Academy Trust

Three Counties Academy Trust
Ashfields, Bromyard
Herefordshire HR7 4QS

Exam Invigilator (Casual)

School: Queen Elizabeth High School
Start Date: 1st December 2026
Contract: Casual
Salary: Grade Scale TC03 (scale point 3-4)

At Queen Elizabeth High School (QEHS), we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. Our mantra—Support. Believe. Achieve —is at the heart of everything we do. As part of the Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT), we work collaboratively to deliver exceptional education across our community, which includes four local primary schools.

Why QEHS?
Nestled in the picturesque town of Bromyard, Herefordshire, QEHS offers a unique blend of rural charm and accessibility—just 20 minutes from Hereford and 25 minutes from Worcester. With stunning views of the Malvern Hills and even the Black Mountains on a clear day, our location provides an inspiring backdrop for teaching and learning.

The Opportunity
Queen Elizabeth High School wishes to expand our team of invigilators to help and support our existing team in readiness for next academic year's exams.

What We're Looking For
We require authoritative and confident individuals who are able to invigilate public and internal examinations in school on a flexible basis.

Hours are variable between 8.15 am and 4.15 pm with morning and afternoon exam sessions. There are currently requirements for invigilators for 2027 exam season onwards. The main core public examination period is from May until the end of June.

You will work under the direction of the Examinations Officer and full training will be given.

What we offer:
Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT) recognises its employees as the most important asset and critical to its success. To demonstrate this all staff are offered the following benefits: -

- Collaborative working to support our endeavours to work smarter and achieve an effective balance between home and work
- A supportive ethos and concern for the well-being of all colleagues

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We highly recommend coming to visit our school and faculty.

For further information or to arrange a visit please contact: Mrs. G Mitchell gmitchell@tcat.school

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Closing date: 12:00noon Friday 6th November
Interview Date: week commencing Monday 9th November

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Equal Opportunities Statement
We are committed to equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.