



Letter from the Head:

As we reach the end of what has been a very long half term for pupils, parents and teachers, I would like to first of all say how proud I am of the pupils for their hard work and overall attitude they have displayed so far this term. We hosted our Open Evening on 30th September, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils from every year group showcasing QE at it's very best. I would like to thank all of the pupils that volunteered for their exemplary behaviour and for taking such pride in their school.

This term we have already taken part in lots of sporting fixtures. I would like to thank the PE department for facilitating these and going above and beyond getting pupils engaged in team sports. There have been varying results, but what has been evident throughout is the commitment shown by all the pupils taking part. Well done!

A quick note to Year 11 about their upcoming Pre-Public Examinations; I wish you all the best. Treat these as a rehearsal for the real thing and give it your best effort. Good luck! - **Mr Seneque**

Dates for the Diary:

24th October — Last day of term

3rd November — Back to school

17th - 28th November — Year 11 Mocks

1st December — Whole School Flu Vaccinations

4th December — Year 9 Parents' Evening

11th December — Catch-up Flu Vaccinations

19th December — Last day of term

Inter-House Competition

The combined results for our Inter-House Competition for Y7, Y8, Y9 are in:

1st Place: **Griffin – 135**

2nd Place: **Phoenix – 90**

3rd Place: **Wyvern – 35**

4th Place: **Pegasus – 22**

A big thank you to all pupils for participating and showing great resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day! Excellent day showcasing some brilliant talent.



Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations will take place between 17th and 28th November and will be held under GCSE examination conditions. Please familiarise yourself and your child with the JCQ regulations for written examinations which can be found on our website <https://www.qehs.co/pupils/exams> where you will also find upcoming exam dates. The PPE timetable will also be added here after the half term. If you have any questions regarding exams, please contact **Ms Mitchell** (Exams Officer) gmitchell@tcat.school

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.



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— Griffin 8

Year 9— Phoenix 9

Year 10— Phoenix 10

Year 11— Wyvern 11

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

QEHS Netball Teams

Year 8 netballers travelled to Tenbury to play in the Three Counties League. The girls played some amazing netball and came away with a 15-9 win! As always, I'm so proud of them. Well done all of you



Well done to the Year 9 & Year 10 girls for participating in the Three Counties League against Lacon Childe this week.

The girls came away with a win and a loss so the points have been shared. As always, I am very proud of the dedication they show to netball at QE.



John Masefield travelled to QE to play our Year 9 girls in two netball matches this month as well

Results:

Match 1 - JM 6, QE 2 (L)

Match 2 - JM 1, QE 4 (W)

A win and a loss for our girls this evening, but I am so proud of how resilient they were throughout.—**Ms Muirhead**

Rugby boys report

Over the last couple of weeks, the QE boys have taken part in rugby fixtures across all age groups. The boys have been putting the skills they've learned this term into practice



against local schools with great success!

The Year 7 boys participated in a three-week tournament, finishing in an impressive 3rd place what for their first tournament it was an excellent achievement.

The Year 8 boys produced a dominant performance against Dyson, with standout displays from Stan and Vinnie, who both scored multiple tries.

Finally, the Year 9, 10, and 11 boys came together as one team and delivered some very respectable performances against some strong opposition in their league.

— **Mr Sercombe**

Massive Congratulations

Congratulations to our pupils taking part in the HOYS and winning! We are very proud of you all



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.

Sheep on Tour: Sold-Out Success for *Sheep Say Boo!* at Norbury Theatre

It's been a baa-riant week for QE's talented staff and pupils, whose collaborative production of *Sheep Say Boo!* took to the stage at the Norbury Theatre, Droitwich — and sold out every seat!

Written by a group of current Year 10 pupils, the original play was performed to local primary schools in July. It was too good to waste and we hope that we may be able to revive it again in the future! - **Mrs Fisher**

Official Opening of 3G pitch and Netball/Tennis Courts

We are thrilled to announce the official opening of our brand-new 3G pitch and netball courts at QE. This has been an incredibly exciting time for both the local community and our PE department, as these fantastic new facilities will offer a wealth of opportunities for pupils to participate in sport, develop their skills and enjoy being active.

The new 3G pitch and courts will be a fantastic addition for our pupils, allowing us to enhance PE lessons, host more fixtures, and support a wider range of sporting activities. We are delighted to be part of this development and look forward to making full use of these outstanding facilities for many years to come.—Ms Griffiths

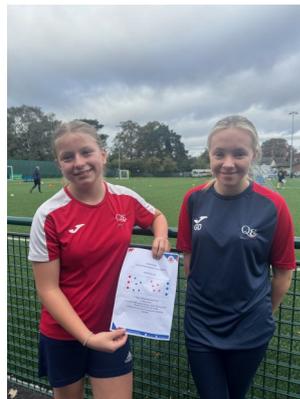


Girls Football Festival

What a fantastic day at the Girls Football Festival hosted by Herefordshire FA! Over 9 schools took part, with nearly 150 girls getting involved in the action. Our pupils performed brilliantly, showing outstanding sportsmanship from start to finish. ⚽

A huge well done to our Sports Science Young Leaders who supported the event by leading activities and drills for other schools throughout the day. We're incredibly proud of everyone who took part!

We also won our Barclays Girls Football School Partnership Equal Access Award for offering equal opportunities in football at QE 🏆 - Ms Griffiths





Is TikTok safe for children?

Six safety settings to help keep your child safe

What is TikTok?

TikTok is a video-sharing platform where you can watch and create videos, and livestream. **The app has an age-rating of 13+** Children under 13 should not have Tik-Tok, any pupils brought to our attention with underage Tik-Tok accounts will be asked to delete them and the accounts will be reported.

Users can browse different videos on TikTok via a personalised feed known as the 'For You Page'. You can also **search for content** using topics or hashtags.

Is TikTok safe for children?

TikTok can be a creative outlet for young people as it allows them to learn about video editing and discover new interests. However, **it can be easy for children and young people to come across inappropriate content on the app.**

Because TikTok uses algorithms to show users new content, it's easy for young people to come across inappropriate or upsetting videos. The platform also has communication features that allow users to privately message each other which could **put your child at risk of being contacted by someone they don't know.**

Make sure you check your child signs up to TikTok with the correct age

All accounts created by 13-16-year-olds are set to private by default. They also have restricted access to direct messages and livestreaming. However, you should still review the settings to ensure they've been set up correctly.

How to keep your 13 years+ child safe on TikTok using safety settings

There are six security settings that can help you to keep TikTok safe for your child and prevent them seeing anything that might worry or upset them:

Family Pairing

This allows you to connect your child's account with your own. It gives you access to parental controls to help manage who they can speak to and how long they can spend on the app.

Private account

Setting your child's account to private means that only approved followers will be able to watch their videos.

Restricted mode

This feature helps to filter out videos that may contain inappropriate or adult topics and stop them appearing on your child's 'For You Page'.

Comment filters

Enable to manage who can comment on your child's videos and stop inappropriate comments from appearing on their feed.

Direct messages

This can help them manage who can contact them privately on the app. You can choose who can send them direct messages by selecting 'Friends only' or 'No one'.

Daily screen time

This setting allows you manage how long your child can spend on the app. You can set a daily time limit, and once it's up you'll need to enter a passcode to keep using the platform.

Reminder—Homework Club

Homework club is on Tuesday and Thursday in C23 after school (3.15pm-4.15pm) and lunchtimes in C08. There is dedicated space for homework or quiet study—**Mr Langley**

Co-Curricular Activities

Day	Club	Time	Staff Member
Monday	Spanish Film Club	Lunchtime – 12.40pm – 1pm	Mrs Lozano
Monday	GCSE RE Club	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Bohan
Monday	Boys Rugby – Yr7 & Yr8	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Tuesday	Mixed Netball	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Muirhead
Tuesday	Drama Club – (Yr8,9,10 & 11)	Afterschool – 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Mrs Fisher
Wednesday	Chess Club	Lunchtime – 12.40pm – 1pm	Mr Allan
Wednesday	Girls Football	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Griffiths
Wednesday	Boys Rugby – Y9 & Yr10	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Wednesday	KS3 Art Club	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Gwilliam
Wednesday	Drama Club – Yr7 Only	Afterschool – 3.15pm -4.30pm	Mrs Fisher
Wednesday	DofE Cooking Skills – DofE pupils only – Starting 17 th September	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Kent
Thursday	History Homework Club	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4pm	Mr Rees
Thursday	DofE – Bronze – Pupils who have already signed up only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Ms Eames

Yr10 Work Experience

In July Year 10 Pupils went on Work Experience for a week, which was a great opportunity for them. They went to various companies, such as Vets, Hospitality, local schools, hair-dressers, some building & construction companies, plus many more companies within Herefordshire & Worcestershire.



This is an amazing opportunity for them to explore different careers, develop new skills and gain a real taste of working life.

We had very positive feedback from companies and some of the pupils were offered work on Saturday's and some evening work too.

Thank you to all the parents/careers for their support with helping find a work placement for your child.

We are really pleased with how well the work experience went this year and we now have some good connections with local companies from Bromyard and the surrounding area.—

Mrs Watkiss

