



Newsletter: 27th September 2024

Letter from the Head:

I must start this edition of the newsletter by thanking the staff and pupils for all of their hard work yesterday during the Open Evening. That so many pupils were willing to give up their own time to promote the school is a testament to what a fantastic school QEHS is. I am very proud of each and every one of them, thank you.

A reminder to all pupils and parents/carers that the school day starts at 8.35am and pupils go straight into their first lesson. By arriving into school late pupils are missing valuable teaching time. Further to this, because staff are teaching from 8.35am, appointments must be made if you wish to see a member of staff. We are no longer able to facilitate unscheduled meetings. By booking an appointment it will, firstly, ensure that you are seeing the most appropriate member of staff and, secondly, it means we can give you the time needed to discuss any issue you feel needs attention. Please call Reception on 01885 482230 to make an appointment.

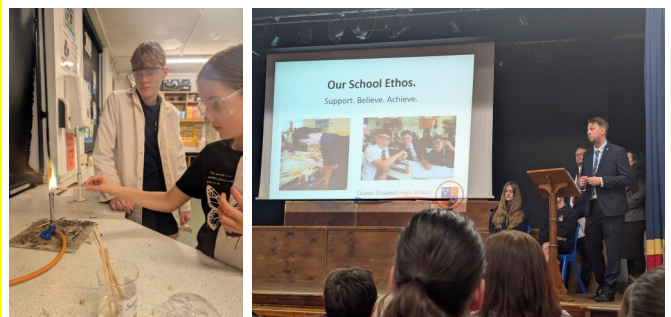
Though the academic year has just started, Sports Captains have been selected, after school clubs have begun, school trips have commenced and rehearsals for the school production are well underway. I am delighted to share some of the highlights below.

Dates for the Diary:

- 3rd October—Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor
- 25th October—Non Uniform Day
- 28th October—1st November —Half Term
- 14th November—Christmas Fair at QE (St Peter's PTA)
- 25th November—6th December—Year 11 Mocks
- 18th December—Year 9 Birmingham Christmas Market
- 18th December—Year 7 & 8 Carols at the Church
- 19th December—Term Ends

Open Evening:

Last night we saw QEHS at it's very best as over 100 pupils volunteered their time to represent their school to prospective parents and pupils. Lots of people braved the bad weather to see the best that QEHS has to offer.



"Great learning at QE - Independent Learning Tasks (IST)":

We have received some absolutely brilliant ISTs in Creative Arts. Notable mentions to Savannah M and Harrison T who put in a lot of effort and submitted two very creative projects. Well Done! We look forward to seeing the next round of projects which are underway now - check your class-charts!



QE in the Community:

Today, Friday 27th September, our Head Boy, William and Head Girl, Fiona, accompanied by Mr Seneque went into Bromyard for the unveiling of the new Monument dedicated to those that worked in the Workhouse in Bromyard that are buried in the cemetery. It was an honour to be invited and pay tribute to them.



Extra Curricular Clubs Reminder: Please come along and try at any point throughout the term! (DofE and Drama require you to sign up with the relevant teacher)

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

STEM Trip 20th September:

As part of Queen Elizabeth High School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's (STEM) programme and our drive to engage our pupils in rural career pathways, a group of pupils from Year 9 attended a guided tour of the APF Association of Professional Foresters (APF) exhibition 2024 on Friday 20th September 2024.

The APF Exhibition is the UK's largest forestry, woodland, arboriculture, firewood, fencing, trees and timber trade show. The show is targeted towards the forestry, woodland and tree care industries but is also of significant interest to the farming industry, with a dedicated fencing village and a lot of machinery and equipment designed for small woodlands and adding value to small parcels of timber and individual trees. Producing and utilising timber as woodfuel, whether as firewood or woodchips is also strongly featured, as are biomass boilers. There were competitions and events including the World Poleclimbing championships, the European Chainsaw Carving championships, the British Open Tree Climbing competition, the McVeigh Parker UK Open Fencing championships and the popular return of the UK Forwarder Driving championships. The Forest Worker and the Arb Workers zones had a wide variety of daily practical demos and workshops as well as many others focusing on training. There was also the UK's largest and most varied demonstrations of traditional woodland crafts, horse logging and, new for 2024, Axe throwing! A great day out!



Flu Immunisation:

You will have recently been sent out some information regarding the flu immunisation taking place on 25th October. You **must** respond to this whether you would like your child to receive it or not. Until the immunisation team get a response they will continue to contact you via e-mail and phone.



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

Our highest attending Form Groups in each year 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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