

Letter from the Head:

This term is always an exciting one, particularly for those higher up the school. Year 9 had a trip to the Three Counties Careers Fair last week followed by an assembly with me this week, where I detailed the timeline for the GCSE options process. I will soon be meeting with them in smaller groups to discuss which subjects they are interested in and what they, as a cohort, are keen to see on offer in the different option blocks.

Year 10 had a very interesting trip to Hartpury College, and it is great to see them starting to think about their next steps after QE. Year 11 visited Hereford Sixth Form for a taster morning, and I met with them this morning regarding the 'final countdown' to their GCSEs (65 days)! and the reference process for college applications. I hope this is something they will come home and discuss with you, however if they have any questions, please ask them to speak to their Form Tutor who will gladly help them.

Finally, a reminder to all parents; Tiktok, and social media in general, can be a great way for children to interact and socialise. The legal age for children to have a Tiktok account is 13 and they must be 16 to send or receive messages. Ultimately you, as parents, are responsible for your child's use of social media. We have seen a rise in inappropriate use of Tiktok and this is spilling out into school. Please monitor your child's usage and ensure they are staying safe online.—**Mr Seneque**

Dates for the Diary:

5th February—Yr10 Parents' Evening

5th February—Hereford Sixth Form College Open Event - 5.30pm—7pm

7th February—Walford College Shropshire Open Event—10am—12pm

9th February— Yr8 and 9 Mock Trial Competition—Hereford Magistrates

11th February—QE Careers Fair

11th February—Parents' Meeting for new school structure—4pm

13th February—Last Day of Half Term—Non Uniform Day £2 please pay on MCAS

14th-22nd February—Half Term

23rd February—26th February—Spanish Trip

24th February—Yr11 GCSE Geography Fieldtrip

2nd—6th March—Yr11 PPEs in English, Maths & Science

3rd March—Yr9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations

Yr11 Interventions

Yr11 interventions have started and will continue until Friday 27th March. These are shown to have a positive impact on pupil's results. Following the autumn term interventions and PPEs, we saw the results of pupils who attended these interventions, improve. Please see below for the timetable:

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography	English	Science	Maths	
RE	Food	Food	Food	
Spanish	Constuction	Constuction	Constuction	
	Automotive	Automotive	Automotive	
	Art	Art	Art	
	Photography	Photography	Photography	

Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History	English	Science	Maths	
RE	Food	Food	Food	
Spanish	Constuction	Constuction	Constuction	
	Automotive	Automotive	Automotive	
	Art	Art	Art	
	Photography	Photography	Photography	

Communication

We would like to remind parents about the Facebook page for QE parents and Carers. This page will be updated regularly when there are any **transport issues** outside the hours of 8.30am and 3.15pm. We apologise for any issues that have occurred this term but we are in regular communication with the bus companies.



Celebrating Success

We would like to celebrate our pupils' achievements and successes outside of school. If your child is happy to share them with us, please could you send some information about the achievement and a picture to go with it. We would like to share these and display them in the school canteen. They will also be included in the monthly school newsletter.



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.



QE STEM Trip to LAMMA at the NEC

Last week, QE Year 10 pupils visited LAMMA at the NEC as part of a STEM-focused trip, exploring how science, technology, engineering and maths are transforming modern agriculture and supporting local rural careers. One highlight of the visit was seeing how drones could represent the future of crop spraying, helping to reduce damage to ecosystems and



minimise soil compaction compared to traditional machinery. This clearly demonstrated how innovative technology can protect the environment while improving farm efficiency.

Pupils also learned about the important role the UK plays as a global leader in farming innovation, with many com-

panies showcasing cutting-edge machinery, precision agriculture tools and data-driven solutions developed here. Exhibitors emphasised how small changes and targeted investments in low-carbon technologies can lead to big improvements — reducing environmental impact while



increasing productivity and efficiency for farms. The visit brought STEM learning to life and highlighted a wide range of local rural careers, including agricultural engineering, environmental science, technology development and land-based industries. Overall, the trip was

both inspiring and informative, showing how STEM skills can drive sustainable change in the future of farming.—Mr Langley



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.

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** and please include a brief reason for the absence. You can report absences either via the MCAS app, absence@tcat.school or calling the school on 01885 482230.

All medical appointments need to be reported, if you have to make emergency appointments please call the school office as soon as you can. This is so the Reception team are aware and able to open the gates on time.

Attendance Streaks

Well done to the 100 pupils who have managed a 20 day streak this term. These pupils have arrived to every lesson on time and attended school every day. You will all be awarded with house points shortly.

As a reminder we are also offering attendance reward trips at the end of each term. These will be available to pupils who have over 96% attendance per term. The first one will be the last week of March. A letter will be sent out with all details of this trip. It will be a first come first serve basis as we will have to limit the amount of pupils on each trip.

Friday 5 will start after February half term. Names will be drawn in P2 and pupils will be notified in their lessons.

Our highest attending forms in each year group are:

Year 7— Wyvern 7

Year 8— Griffin 8

Year 9— Pegasus 9

Year 10— Wyvern 10

Year 11— Wyvern 11

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Pupil Reception

Pupil Reception has now moved, can you please remind your children if they are signing in late to go to pupil reception to sign in. Also any medication that is needed throughout the day needs to be handed in, in the morning when your child arrives. We also need parental consent for administering any medications, please email admin@tcat.school if you need a copy of this form.

Netball News

A mixed bag of results this month for our Netball players. Well done to all who have represented our school.

Keep up the good work!
Year 8 - Lost 4-3 to Lacon
Year 9 - Won 7-5 against EMC
Year 10 - Lost 7-3 to Lacon
- Ms Muirhead



Boys Football News

Due to the weather this term, we have had to cancel many matches. Yr10/11 played against Wigmore on 29.01.26. Though we lost 1-0 the boys never gave up.

They showed determination against a very tough team, and to only concede one goal is a testament to their attitudes. Fingers crossed we get some warmer and drier weather to be able to play more matches soon. – Mr Sercombe



Non Uniform Day- Friday 13th February- raising money for SEED. (Secondary Education to Encourage Development)

On Friday 13th February we will be holding a non uniform day to raise money to sponsor a pupil to attend school in Tanzania for a year. We ask that pupils make a voluntary contribution of £2 via MCAS. This year we are sponsoring a pupil who attends Kalenga Secondary School in Tanzania. The pupil's contributions will be used to fund the SEED project, which will be used to fund a year at school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



“Getting Court”

On January 16th, 15 year 10 and 11 pupils who were interested in pursuing careers linked to law, visited Hereford Justice Centre. This was organised by the High Sheriff of Herefordshire, Helen Bowden. During the trip pupils had the opportunity to speak to a range of different people who worked in the court. This included a Court Judge, Barristers, Ushers and Magistrates. The pupils could see how the court system worked and had the opportunity to sit in on some cases as members of the general public. It was an incredible experience for our pupils.

Year 8 & 9 Magistrates Mock Trial Competition.

We currently have a small group of year 8 & 9 pupils who are training to represent QE in the Herefordshire round of the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition. The Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition helps young people aged 12-14 understand how the law touches different aspects of their lives. It also helps them to gain an insight into how the legal justice system works. Schools are given access to resources, including a specially written criminal case, to help teams prepare legal arguments. In March, the QE team will take part in a local heat at Hereford Justice Centre and will go head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend a case. We would like to thank Mrs Kriss Ewing, our Chair of Governors who



Careers News

Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair on Thursday 22nd January at The Three Counties Show-ground in Malvern. Pupils had the opportunity to engage with companies and colleges to ask them questions about the wide range of career options and courses available to them. It was a very successful morning with pupils coming away with new insights to career roles and college courses & apprenticeships available to them. Also, on Wednesday 28th January Year 11s attended a taster morning at Hereford Sixth Form College. Pupils were provided with a list of available courses, so they could select their preferred subjects before attending the taster morning. They were able to go into the sessions for the morning, these included subjects such as Health & social care, Sociology, childcare, Mathematics, Art & Design and many more. This has given the pupils options for courses that they could apply for and they all enjoyed a taste of college life.

Careers Fair - Wednesday 11th February

Our Annual Careers fair will be taking place on Wednesday 11th February in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend with pupils from 3.30 - 4.30pm. We have various colleges and companies attending such as Hereford Ludlow College, Hereford 6th form, Hartpury, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Group Training, Hereford College of Arts, Bromyard vets, Avant Garde Hairdressing Training Academy and many more. Pupils will have the opportunity to find out about courses & apprenticeships available to them. They will also have the opportunity to talk to companies about various job roles. Everyone is welcome to attend from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

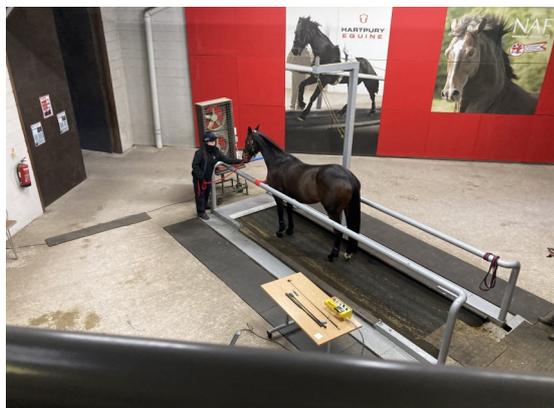
Visit to Hartpury College: A STEM-Focused Exploration of Animal Sciences

As part of our STEM trip programme, pupils recently visited Hartpury College to explore how science, technology and real-world problem solving are applied within Animal Sciences.

During the visit, pupils took part in two engaging taster sessions that highlighted key STEM principles. In a session led by Dr Lucy Garratt, *"Using Technology in Wildlife Conservation,"* pupils explored how technology and data science are used to identify bird species in their natural environment. By comparing identification using the human eye with digital identification through the Merlin ID app, pupils developed an understanding of how scientific observation, digital tools and evidence-based decision making support modern conservation efforts.

Pupils also participated in a hands-on Animal First Aid session delivered by Grace Nattras from the Canine Facility. This session focused on biological science and applied medical knowledge, teaching pupils how to deliver first aid to animals while also exploring STEM-related career pathways such as veterinary science, animal health, and wildlife management.

The visit concluded with a tour of Hartpury College's outstanding campus, where pupils were inspired by the exceptional laboratories, animal facilities and specialist learning environments. Seeing these high-quality resources in action helped pupils to clearly visualise how the STEM knowledge and skills they are developing at QE can lead to exciting future opportunities. The experience raised aspirations, strengthened pupils' understanding of STEM career pathways, and motivated them to aim high as they consider their next steps in education and beyond.—**Mr Langley**



Spring Term 2026 Co-curricular Activities

Day	Club	Time	Staff Member
Monday	Girls Rugby	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Monday	DofE – Bronze – Pupils who have already signed up only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Ms Eames
Tuesday	Mixed Netball – Until February Half Term	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Muirhead
Tuesday	Yr7/8/9 Boys Football Club – Starting 20.01.26	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Sercombe
Tuesday	Drama Club – All Years	Afterschool – 3.15pm-4.30pm	Mrs Fisher
Wednesday	Chess Club	Lunchtime – 12.40pm – 1pm	Mr Allan
Wednesday	KS3 Art Club	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Gwilliam
Wednesday	DofE Cooking Skills – DofE pupils only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Mrs Kent
Wednesday	DofE – Silver – Pupils who have already signed up only	Afterschool – 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Ms Eames

Careers Event



Wednesday 11th February 2026

3.30 – 4.30pm

Open to Years 9, 10 & 11

Pupils & Parents

An opportunity to come along and chat to local colleges and businesses about your next steps.

