



### Letter from the Head:

First of all, I want to congratulate Year 7 on how well they have settled into High School life. It is wonderful to see how well they have adapted to a new environment with greater independence and more responsibility for their behaviour and learning. It also makes me very proud to see how our Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects, as well as our school community, as a whole, have welcomed and supported our new pupils.

It was encouraging to see how many parents attended our Year 11 exam information evening, I hope you and your child found it useful. There was also a good turnout for the Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor, and it's great to see relationships being formed between parents and pupils and their Form Tutors, as these will help throughout your time at QE.

Today, the school has been full of excitement as we celebrated European Languages Day. To see so many pupils participate in the events put on by the Languages Department this week has been fantastic, and I hope pupils come home today with a renewed enthusiasm for learning languages. Thank you to Mrs Lozano and Mrs Peare for putting on such a fabulous week.

A reminder that Form Time starts at 8.35am and is an integral part of our school day. By missing Form Time, pupils may miss out on important information about the day/week ahead. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.

We have so much more to pack in before half term and I look forward to sharing the highlights with you at the end of October.— **Mr Seneque**

### Dates for the Diary:

**30th September** —Open Evening 5.30pm-8pm

**16th October** — Yr11 Parents Evening

**24th October** — Last Day of Term

### STEM Event - World Manta Day

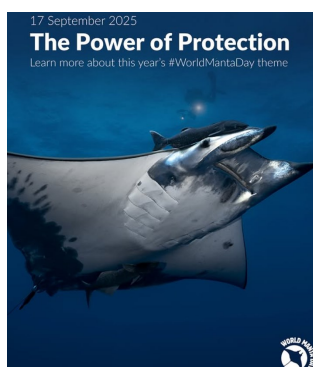
This term our pupils had the exciting opportunity to join a live online session with STEM Ambassador Jen from the **Manta Trust**, celebrating **World Manta Day**. The theme, "*The Power of Protection*", highlighted the urgent need for stronger safeguards for manta and devil rays. During the interactive talk, pupils explored:

- The fascinating science behind manta and devil rays
- The threats these species face in our oceans
- The global conservation efforts underway
- How international trade affects their survival
- The importance of upcoming policy decisions

This session was a powerful reminder of the role we all play in protecting marine life. The Manta Trust's mission to conserve these gentle giants through research, education, and collaboration truly inspired our pupils to think globally and act responsibly.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in making this a meaningful moment for ocean conservation and global citizenship! 🌍💙 -

**Mr Langley**

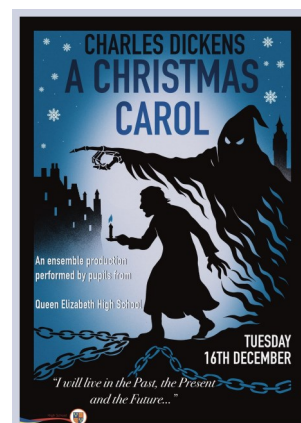


### Coming Soon: A Christmas Carol! 🎭

Rehearsals are in full swing, and it's shaping up to be a brilliant show! Don't miss this festive classic brought to life by the Drama Club.

**Tickets on sale now** from the Conquest Box Office. £7:50 TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Get yours early – it's going to be a magical performance! - **Mrs Fisher**



### 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.



### Help is here! Launch of the Homework Club

Attention all! We're thrilled to announce the commencement of the Homework Club, starting next week. This fantastic initiative is designed to provide you with the support you need to excel in your studies. The Homework Club will be available during lunchtime in room C08 and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in room C23 (3:15pm-4:15pm) offering a dedicated space for homework help or quiet study.

Whether you're grappling with challenging assignments or simply need a quiet environment to focus, our team is here to assist you. Bring along any assignments or study materials you require help with, and our supportive team will provide guidance and answers to your questions.—**Mr Langley**

### 🧩 Lunchtime Games Club – Donations Needed! 🧩

We're excited to be launching a **Lunchtime Games Club** to give pupils a fun, social space to relax and connect during the school day.

To help us get started, we'd be very grateful for any donations of **games your family no longer uses**. We're looking for items such as:

- Card games and playing cards
- Dominoes
- Board games
- Construction sets (e.g. LEGO, K'NEX)

Any other suitable tabletop games  
If you have anything to spare, please send it in with your child or drop it off at the school office.— **Mrs A Davies**

**Thank you so much for your support – it really makes a difference!**

### 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** 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**— Wyvern 8

**Year 9**— Phoenix 9

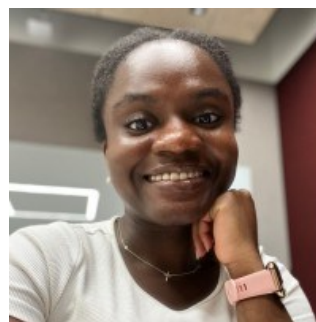
**Year 10**— Wyvern 10

**Year 11**— Wyvern 11

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MATTER,  
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### STEM Newsletter Update – A Strong Start to the Year

We've launched the academic year with two inspiring STEM talks that set the tone for curiosity, resilience, and critical thinking.



Our first session on the 8th of September was led by award-winning STEM Ambassador and engineer **Samuela Osei**, who delivered a powerful talk titled *"Building Resilience and Healthy Living in Exam Years and Beyond."* Pupils gained practical strategies to support their wellbeing and maintain a balanced approach to their studies throughout the year.



We then welcomed **Dr Jeff Ralph** from the University of Southampton, who presented *"Statistics – Through the Lens of Teenagers in Society."* Dr Ralph offered a fascinating exploration of data trends—from baby names and workforce shifts to university admissions over the past 200 years—equipping pupils with fresh insights and analytical tools to better understand the world around them and why statistics matter.

These sessions have sparked meaningful conversations and set a high bar for STEM engagement this term.—**Mr Langley**



### European Languages Week

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated European Day of Languages with a fancy dress day and a baking competition. During the week the pupils had the opportunity to attend French and German taster lessons, take part in a Flag Treasure Hunt and also a European General Knowledge quiz to show the diversity of languages we have here at QE!

*This term the Spanish department have appointed Language Ambassadors from across KS3 and KS4 to promote languages throughout the school.*



*In the photo are the Language Ambassadors from 8D : Deon Bibin, Riley Sullivan, Eli Walker , Sofija Stoilkova and Makana Mutikani.*

*Eadie Jones Phoenix 7 made German Flag Cupcakes for the Bake off competition for European Day of Languages. Well done Eadie! Mason Baker from Phoenix 7 also made some wonderful Spanish Churros! Fenomenal!*



### Netball Club

What a turnout for netball club this week... 3 teams!! 🏐

What a wonderful way to end a Tuesday. Thank you to the pupils for their hard work and dedication this evening.

Please sign up to netball club via MCAS if your child would like to join us.—**Miss Muirhead**



### Bronze DofE Cooking Skills

Great start to DofE Bronze cooking skills. Being creative by thinking of recipes to meet the cooking skills challenge and practicing knife skills with apples.—**Mrs Kent**



## Year 7 Rugby Round-Robin – Luctonians Report

Our Year 7 rugby team took part in the Luctonians Rugby Club round-robin tournament this week, showcasing not only their developing skills but also excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the day.

The boys have been working hard in lessons with Luctonians coaches since the start of term, and it was fantastic to see that hard work pay off in real match situations. Key skills we've focused on such as teamwork, effective communication, and support play were all on display, highlighting just how far the team has progressed in a short time. There were some strong tackles, confident runs, and a few brilliant tries that reflected both individual talent and collective effort.

The boys faced three tough opponents, We won one match and narrowly lost two others both of which could have gone either way.

More importantly, the boys represented the school with pride and maturity. Their positive attitude, respect for officials, and constant encouragement of one another stood out, making for a very enjoyable afternoon of rugby in the sun.

### **Well done to all involved**

Jack Francis, Bertie Reece, Gilbert Allen, Charlie Collins, Albie Cartwright, Seb Arnold, Tyler Powell, Theo Brittain, Bobby Lee, Ted Sidebotham, Noel Marchant, Albie Forster, Leighland Turley & Peregrine Phillips—**Mr Sercombe**

## Careers

Year 11's should now be starting to attend open days to explore their post 16 pathways. Year 11's can apply to more than one college, as it's good to have a backup option.

College applications ideally need to be submitted by the end of Dec/early January.

Anyone wishing to apply to a sports course at Hartpury should apply by the end of October.

Apprenticeship vacancies will be live for a Sept 2026 start from Spring 2026

Mrs Stevens is available on Thursdays and will be supporting College applications to those that require it. - **Mrs L Stevens**

**Sports Science** - Our Sports Science pupils had a fantastic afternoon meeting **Clare Balding** while proudly representing QE. We were the only school invited to attend as part of The Women's Institute Inspiring Women Day. Clare, a renowned sports broadcaster and author shared inspiring stories from her career and spoke about her debut novel *Pastures New* 📖.

She took time to chat with our pupils and even signed their books, the pupils were overjoyed to meet her. A special shout-out to our other pupils who were also there representing the Pony Club as part of the day 🐾. It was a truly memorable community event that we were honoured to be part of 🏆. – **Miss S Griffiths**





### 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 Muirhead
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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### Year 7—First week of term

Year 7 finish their first week on a high with Creative Arts lessons. Great participation from everyone. We are so impressed by how well they are adapting to High School life.

