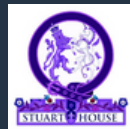




## YEAR 11 NEWS

EDITION 4

17TH JANUARY 2025



**Happy Friday to our QE community. Please click [here](#) for Mr Neill's video.**

### Year 11 Diary Dates

**Thursday 6th- Saturday 8th February**

Footloose!

**Monday 10th- Friday 14th February**

Mock Exams

**Monday 17th- Friday 21st February**

Half Term

**Monday 24th February**

Inset Day

**Tuesday 25th- Friday 28th February**

Mock Exams

**Thursday 20th March**

Parents Evening

**February Mocks:** All year 11 students will receive their timetables for these shortly in order to support their planning and revision.

### Year 11 Talk Trends

Please see below some of the recent communications that we have shared with you. The letters with a \* include links requesting your parental feedback of which we would be grateful to receive:

[Relationships and Sex Education\\*](#)

[Attendance Survey\\*](#)

[Extra Curricular- January 25](#)

[Passport to Prom](#)

[Roblox](#)

[Sparx Superstars- January 25](#)

[Report and Support Student Button](#)

[What parents and educators need to know about TikTok](#)

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As we reach the midpoint of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share an update on how our students have adapted to the changes in their timetable and the interventions introduced during tutor time.

I am delighted to report that they have demonstrated remarkable resilience and flexibility as they adjust to these changes. The additional subject specific time they receive in each lesson is being used and tailored to better prepare students for their GCSE exams, and provides them with the necessary time to consolidate their learning.

Feedback from both students and staff has been positive, with many students commenting on how the changes have allowed them to delve deeper into their subjects. The extra time for focused study has enabled them to manage their workload more effectively and gain a stronger understanding of key concepts.

In addition to the timetable changes, we have introduced a series of interventions during am and pm tutor time, aimed at further supporting students' academic progress and wellbeing. In am registration the students are now completing at least 10 minutes of targeted revision in one of their core subjects. In pm registration, they are recapping some of the key texts that they will need for their upcoming mocks and summer exams.

The combination of academic support and wellbeing initiatives has contributed to an overall improvement in students' confidence and mindset. Your support in reminding them of the importance of these sessions going forward would be appreciated, thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mrs Heighway and Mrs O'Neil- Heads of Year 11

[hoy11@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:hoy11@queenelizabeths.com)

# Breakfast Boost is returning Monday 10th February!

Further information to follow...



**Exam Revision sessions will also be taking place in school during the Easter holidays and May half term. Details to be shared shortly.**

# Year 11 After School Revision Sessions

The following core GCSE subjects will be up and running with their after school revision sessions as of **Monday 13th January from 3.20–4.20pm!**

**Science– Monday**



**Maths– Tuesday**



**English– Wednesday**



Science and Maths located in E block, English in C block. No pre booking required.

## Sixth Form Applications– September 2025

If any year 11 students are still considering applying for QE Sixth Form in September 2025, this is a reminder that our application deadline is **31st January 2025**.

The login details to apply on Applicaa, were sent to each student's school email address on 18th November 2024, but a copy will be resent to students before the end of January, for those who are still to apply.

Once we have a completed application, we will be able to allocate an interview to discuss subject choices and aspirations, with a view to making an offer of a place.

If any year 11 student is uncertain about applying, may we suggest that they visit the sixth form office on B3 and speak with Miss Dean or Mr Cook for more information.

Please also follow this [link](#) to access the sixth form area of our website.

## Student Equipment and Resources

A reminder that all students need to ensure they are ready to start their day with the correct equipment for their lessons. This will be regularly checked during tutor times. The required stationery is listed as follows:

- **Three black pens**
- **Two green pens**
- **Two whiteboard markers**
- **Two pencils**
- **Ruler**
- **Reading Ruler**
- **Scientific calculator**
- **Compass**
- **Protractor**



All of these items and many more resources such as revision guides and art/graphics equipment can be purchased from our LRC (Learning Resource Centre). A full price list is available [here](#).

Please contact [studentservices@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:studentservices@queenelizabeths.com) should you have any specific questions.



### Rise and Shine

**Restaurant open from 8.15am**

From Monday, the restaurant will be open daily for students to access as they arrive to school. Starting at 8:15am each morning, breakfast will be available before the school day begins. Students can access this via their main school gate entrance and then through the external door to the restaurant where they will sign in with a member of staff who will supervise. No other areas of the school will be accessible at this time.

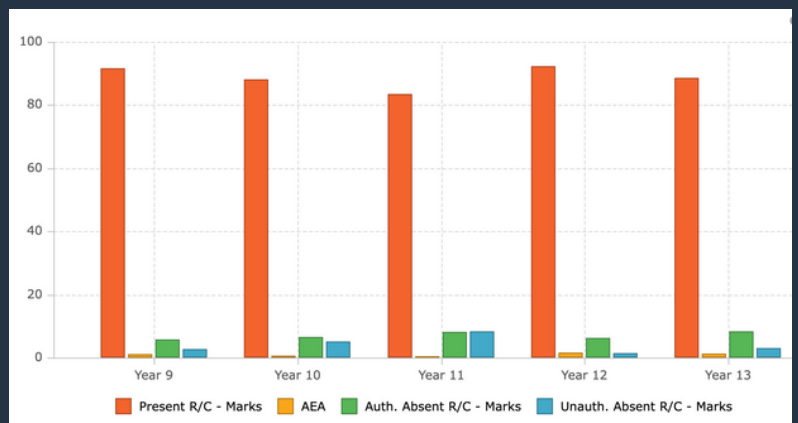
**Toast/jam £1; cereal/yoghurt/fruit £1.30; pain au chocolat £1.57; juice 0.97**

## An update on attendance and punctuality from Mr Humphreys...

### Attendance

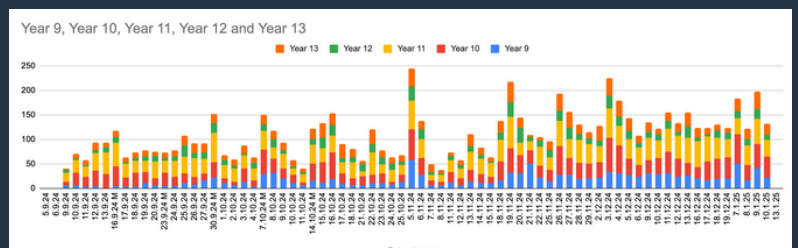
Our current attendance for years 9–11 is currently at 88%. As a school, we are working towards achieving above 90% and closer to the national average figure of 91%. We understand many students struggle but we are keen to work with families to ensure students are in school as much as possible in order to maximise their chances of success.

Please keep supporting us with keeping students in school as much as possible.



### Punctuality

We appreciate that Wimborne offers some unique traffic challenges which includes the school and public bus services. Having a prompt start to the day ensures all students have what they need and can begin positively with the understanding of the day ahead with their lessons and receiving important communication and information from their tutors.





## Student Timetable Feedback and Arbor

During student council on Thursday 16th January, we asked for some year 11 feedback in regards to their new timetable and four lesson days.

Our willing volunteers said the following:

'It's good. There is more content in the lesson and less cramming in, double subject lessons can be a struggle!'

'The day feels shorter, the structure feels good and two tutor times are helpful for revision.'

'Once two lessons are done, half a day is done!'

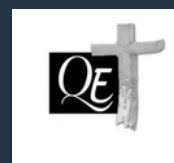
'I have felt a real change in my performance in maths and can engage fully.'

'I think it's a positive thing for the school.'

Our new database, Arbor, will significantly enhance parental communication by providing real time updates on student progress in specific subjects allowing an engagement in meaningful discussions between students, parents and carers. We look forward to updating you when the new app is ready to launch which will further enhance your interaction with Queen Elizabeth's School.

## Church School News: did you know ?

Up until the merge of the school with the county modern in the early 1970s, QE was a grammar school, with a long tradition that is closely tied with both Wimborne and its minster church.



The school was founded by Lady Margaret Beaufort (the Mother of Henry VII and Grandmother of his more infamous son, Henry VIII) in 1497, who added a provision to her will that the minster's priest would help teach the boys of the town Latin grammar.

The work of both the Wimborne Minster parish and the school's governors have enabled our school to provide education for the children of Wimborne and beyond for over 520 years.

In 1563, we received a new charter from Queen Elizabeth I, which allowed free education to continue in Wimborne, as well as giving our school its new name.

In 1945, the school accepted 317 students, not even a quarter of the 1500 that attend QE today, and in 1953 the school opened its doors to girls for the first time in its history which allowed even more children to be a part of the legacy created by Lady Beaufort

As the size of the school increased, QE moved to Pamphill where it remains to this day.

## National Apprenticeship Week

This is a week long celebration from the 10th to the 14th February, bringing together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

In preparation for National Apprenticeship Week, there are many opportunities on offer for parents, carers and students to get involved. Here are just a few which include links for you to access with more to follow!

**Thursday 6th Feb** Bournemouth & Poole College [Apprenticeships Unlocked](#) 4pm-6.30pm Bmth Pavilion

**Tue 11th Feb** [The BIG Apprenticeship Assembly](#) 11am online

**Tue 11th Feb** [Warner Bros Apprenticeships](#) 6pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Army Apprenticeships](#) 1pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Unifrog Virtual Apprenticeship Fair](#) 4pm-6pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Success at School Virtual Careers Fair](#) 9am-3pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Green Career Apprenticeships](#) 3pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Apprenticeships at Babcock](#) (aerospace, computing, engineering, tech) 5pm online

**Wed 12th Feb** [Dorset Careers Hub Future Pathways: parent/carers session supporting young people with recruitment](#) 5.30pm- 6.30pm Lighthouse, Poole

Department of Education's [apprenticeship toolkit](#) for apprentices, students and parents.

[Amazing Apprenticeships and Arcade](#)

[Choices](#): The monthly parent & carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education

[Supported Internships](#). Information Session for Parents, Carers & Young People

We still have some tickets remaining, don't miss out!

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# Footloose

the  
musical

6th, 7th, 8th  
February 2025



## Book Now!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool>



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FOOTLOOSE

Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by TOM SNOW Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD

Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN