



YEAR 10 NEWS

EDITION 4

17TH JANUARY 2025



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

Year 10 Diary Dates

Thursday 6th – Saturday 8th February

Footloose!

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Half Term

Monday 24th February

Inset Day

Friday 7th March

Healthy Relationships and Friendships
Assembly

Thursday 15th May

Parents Evening

Year 10 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*](#)

[Roblox](#)

[Sparx Superstars Expectations &](#)

[Rewards January 25](#)

[Report and Support Student Button](#)

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It is with great excitement that we begin the second half of the academic year, and we are thrilled to see our year 10 students ready to embrace the new challenges ahead.

The dedication and positive attitude displayed has already made a great impact, and we are pleased to share that attendance for the first week of term was over 90%! I am grateful for your support in ensuring students are present and engaged in their learning. I'd also like to praise the excellent punctuality with a strong commitment to being on time to lessons. This has helped set a great tone for the start of the term and contributed to a smooth adaptation to any changes with the new school year.

It's been fantastic to see such strong participation and success in both the girls' and boys' football teams and I am excited to see what the rest of the season holds for our talented players. Students involved in the upcoming school production of Footloose have been working hard, and their commitment is evident in the rehearsals. The energy and passion they are putting into the show is truly inspiring, and we can't wait for the performance to come to life on stage. Be sure to secure tickets, this will be an event you won't want to miss!

With continued dedication and support, we know that our students will not only meet but exceed expectations this year. There are many opportunities for success, and we are eager to see all the wonderful things that lie ahead!

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Mr Finean- Head of Year 10

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What parents and educators need to know about TikTok

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 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.

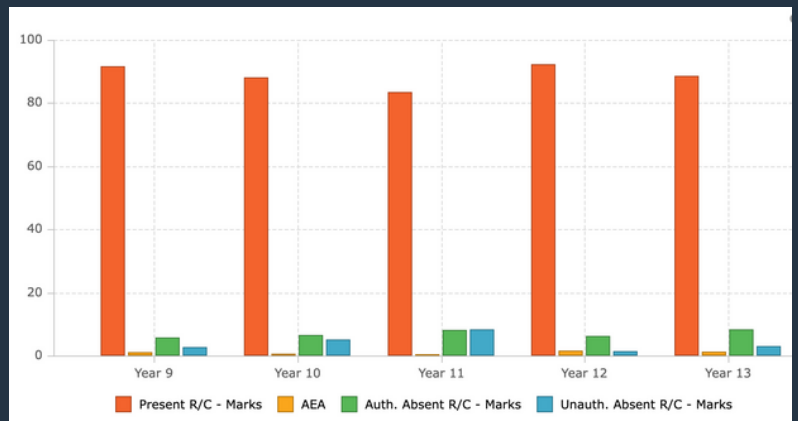
Toast/jam £1; cereal/yoghurt/fruit £1.30; pain au chocolat £1.57; juice 0.97

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

Attendance

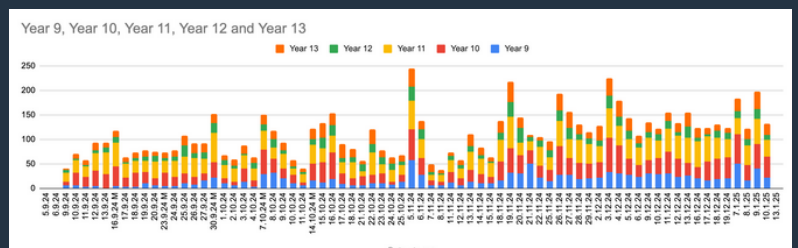
Our current attendance for years 9–11 is currently at 88%. As a school, we are working towards achieving above 90% and closer to the national average figure of 91%. We understand many students struggle but we are keen to work with families to ensure students are in school as much as possible in order 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 10 feedback in regards to their new timetable and four lesson days.

Our willing volunteers said the following:

'Double maths on a Monday...!'

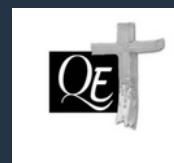
'I like the new timetable, the longer lesson times mean I can get more done'

'I have mixed opinions. It's great for my art lessons as I have a longer time to arrange my equipment and then pack away. I wouldn't mind an earlier break though'

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>



@footloose themusical_qe

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