



Diary Dates...

Please see key dates below for the next few months. (P- Parents Invited)
The updated calendar is also accessible on our [website](#).

Monday 17th–Friday 21st February

Half Term

Monday 24th February

Inset Day

Tuesday 25th–Wednesday 5th March

Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

Wednesday 5th March

Year 9 Options Information Evening (P)

Thursday 13th March

Year 9 Parents Evening (P)

Thursday 20th March

Year 11 Parents Evening (P)

Monday 24th March– Friday 4th April

Year 10 and 12 Mock Exams

Thursday 27th March

Year 12 Destinations Evening (P)

Year 13 Parents Evening (P)

Monday 7th–Friday 11th April

Year 11 History Trip to Berlin

Monday 7th–Monday 21st April

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

Inset Day

Wednesday 23rd April

First day back

Thursday 24th April

Year 9 Options Evening (P)

2024/25 and 2025/26 term dates

Reporting absence

Daily Absence Form- before 8am

Please use this to report daily absence and future appointments (full list on the form link above)

Exceptional Circumstances Request

Please only complete this form if you are requesting a leave of absence during term time for an exceptional circumstance. This will be reviewed by the Headteacher and Head of Year.

QE NEWS– FEBRUARY 2025

EDITION 16– 14.02.25

Happy Half Term!

Please watch the following [video](#) for a round up of news.

We look forward to welcoming students back into school on

Tuesday 25th February.

Warm regards, Mr Neill. Headteacher.



School Talk Trends...

- [Arbor App](#)
- [Year 9 Diary Dates](#)
- [Young Carers](#)

Community Talk Trends...

- [Girls Cricket Free Taster Day- 19.02.25](#)
- [Wimborne Minster Pancake Race- 04.03.25](#)
- [Face Newsletter](#)

Student Cards

Students will be required to have their ID cards and lanyards on them whilst travelling around school after half term. Please remind them of this as they will be needed to access the doors.

Should you need to purchase replacements, this can be done through adding funds to the LRC via parent pay.

These items can then be collected from the library during break, lunch and PM tutor time:

ID card £2.10 Card holder £0.50 Lanyard £0.75

Student Medication in School

Following our termly safeguarding review, we would like to bring to your attention the following from the [supporting pupils with medical conditions policy](#).

75. Pupils carrying non prescription medicines should only bring one dose into school. This is to avoid the risk of these being misused.

Please contact our First Aid Lead [Miss Elford](#) should you have any further questions.

Student Support

Are you a Young Carer?

What is a young carer?

A young person who provides regular care/support to someone in their household who has a long term illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction.



Being a young carer can feel: tiring, lonely, brilliant...

We can help! Support we can offer:

Access to phones during break and lunch times to contact home

Homework and coursework extensions

Homework club

Lunchtime groups

If you think that this is you, then please speak to:

Mrs Sherwood- can be found in C block!

Mrs Wareham- can be found in A block!

You can also email: youngcarerchampion@queenelizabeths.com



Safe Space with Miss Crook will be open every break and lunch time in C308 after half term. There will be arts, crafts and activities to help with self esteem. Everyone is welcome.

Student Personal Development

Rights Respecting Schools.

We are pleased to announce that we have been accredited with Bronze 'Rights Committed' status through the 'Rights Respecting Schools' award.

Students and staff have been studying, learning and actively participating in events that underpin the United Nations universal rights of the child. Work now begins on our journey to attaining our Silver accreditation. Within the programme this half term, students have been participating in voting on key rights to focus upon actively engaging in kindness week, internet safety day and celebrating LGBTQ+ history month. These events have been led by student leaders and house coordinators. More details on the Rights Respecting schools award can be found <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>



Wimborne Town Schools Council

Last week, our school council representatives Lily-Rose Hubbard and Grace Perkins represented QE at the Wimborne Town schools council. Students discussed the town council bid for Wimborne to be the town of culture 2026 and the students provided views on how teenagers would like to shape the development of services within the town and community.

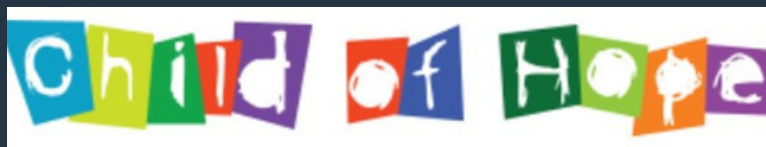
Non Uniform Day- 7th February

We would like to thank parents, carers and students for donations to our non uniform day last week. £750 was raised for the Mayor of Wimborne Charities: Victoria Hospital and Planet Wimborne!

Relationships and Sex Education Update

On Friday 7th March, as part of students' education and personal development, years 9 and 10 will have an assembly on healthy relationships led by the 'You Trust' and Dorset council safeguarding education team. The assemblies will include education on coercion, healthy and unhealthy relationships, stalking, and the law in upholding safety in society.

This is to support students' understanding on staying safe, making healthy choices and developing confidence in forming positive friendships and relationships.



Child of Hope Charity
Brass and Jazz Bands!
childofhopeuganda.org

I currently teach music here at QE and am a trustee for the Child of Hope charity in Uganda. Our schools are in the slums where poverty and associated problems are rife. Our children and young adult learners are so resilient and many are talented performers. In the past year we have completed two amazing performance projects whilst I was in Mbale, Uganda with our sixth form performing arts students here. This has hugely raised the performing arts profile at Child of Hope. Just this month we have appointed a teacher for the first time who is a brass band specialist, playing trombone.

I would love to be able to take out some brass instruments and a saxophone or two when I hopefully travel back to Child of Hope Uganda sometime before the Summer. Have you any instruments lurking around at home that aren't being played please? If you are happy to donate them I will personally make the plan to get them out to our young people living in the slums. Hopefully in a reasonably short time we will have new bands and wonderful music being produced there. If you think you can help make this dream come true please email at agoudie@queenelizabeths.com



Football Update...

Year 9/10: A fantastic start for this team so far. The girls have dominated the PEDSSA league by winning all of their games and now face Parkstone or Lytchett in the semi finals after half term. We have also made the semi finals of the national cup competition and face a semi final v Surbiton High on March 13th. Fingers crossed we make another national cup final!!



Year 10/11: Another great season for this team. Despite losing to Corfe Hills in the PEDSSA League, we still managed to finish top of the group through goals scored and now face a tough challenge against LeAF in the semi finals of the PEDSSA Cup. This team are also having a great run in the County Cup and will face LeAF again in the semi finals! This team really gives it their all.



Year 12/13: The girls have had two games so far this season. Losing to a strong Poole High side in the National Cup in September, and then beating Sherborne in the County Cup group stage. Two more games after half term v Thomas Hardye and Gryphon; win both and the girls then face Canford in the semi finals!

Dorset Schools Football: It's been a pleasure to see five of our students representing Dorset Schools. It proves that we have so much talent in the school and the hard work that they have put in is rewarded with call ups to the Dorset Squad: Izzy Roberts, Elsie Gray, Alissa Irving, Bella Minhinnick, Lucy Clemas

Don't forget we have a huge offering of extra curricular activities [here!](#)

Core PE Blocks: starting after February half term for six weeks

(The number indicates the group, students will identify this from their timetable and google classroom)

Year 9

- 1- Handball (Astro)
- 2- HRF (Fitness Suite)
- 3- Badminton (Sports Hall)
- 4- Hockey (Astro)

Year 10

- 1- Rugby (Broads/Field)
- 2- Basketball (Sports Hall)
- 3- Hockey (Astro)
- 4- HRF (Fitness Suite)
- 5- Handball (Astro)

Year 11

- 1- Badminton (Sports Hall)
- 2- Hockey (Astro)
- 3- HRF (Fitness Suite)
- 5- Handball (Astro)
- 5- Orienteering (Site)

February and March Fixtures

Tuesday 25th February

U14 boys rugby 7's tournament Swanage and Wareham

Thursday 27th February

U18 girls football vs Canford (A)
U15 boys hockey vs Canford (H)

Friday 28th February

U15 boys football(B) vs Poole Grammar (A)

Monday 3rd March

U16 boys football vs Ferndown (A)

Tuesday 4th March

U14 boys football vs Purbeck (H)

Thursday 6th March

U15 boys hockey vs Clayesmore (H)



U20 England Rugby Match trip last week!

A message from Mrs Willis

Lead Practioner for SIAMS and RE

This half term our focus has been on the value of kindness. We began by exploring a Bible teaching chosen by our student worship committee **"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you". Ephesians 4:32.**

Each week in DACW/year group worship we have looked at different ways kindness can be explored. We explored metta (compassion) in Buddhism and looked at how Buddhists meditate with a focus on compassion for others. The video of Manapo helped us to see what this looks like in practice. During our 'random acts of kindness' week, students and staff will be looking at how we can live out our values by showing kindness to others. Last week, six students visited Wimborne Minster to volunteer in the garden and assist with their Easter display, a great example of showing kindness to others in the community.



Maths Challenge 2025!

We present to you our gold winners Beth H and Nate B! 72 students took part in the UKMT challenge last week, we are super proud. Bronze and Silver awards also went to: Adam B, Arron S, Finley E, Imogen W, Jack H, James C, Megan B, Megan F, Nicole J, Aden OL, Aidan M, Aimie M, Charlie T, Daisy M, Dylan C, Eliza L, Ewan T, Georgia J, Jack R, Jake F, Jay S, Kai P, Koray P, Lewis S, Mackenzie C, Morgan K, Ollie LB, Phoebe P, Rahim I, Roman A, Rowan C, Sam C, Sunny H, Verity W, Willow R, Willow H, Zara B.



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Year 9 MFL Competition

How many XP can you earn?
Friday 14th February - Friday
28th February

Have students visit [duolingo.com/classroom](https://www.duolingo.com/classroom) and enter classroom code:

ZCRDVX



TDZKFX



Winners from each school get a £5 Amazon voucher!!!