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Wednesday 26 November

Sixth Form Open Morning

Thursday 4 December

Y11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 11 December

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Thursday 18 December

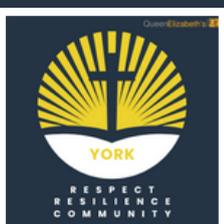
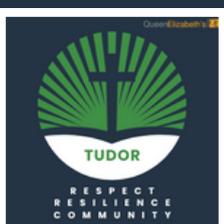
Carol Service, Wimborne

Minster 7 pm

Thursday 18 December

Last day of term

[2025/26 Term Dates](#)



QE NEWS- 21.11.25



Dear Parents, Carers and QE Community,

The festive season is approaching and we are keeping our focus firmly on learning and celebrating recent achievements.

Thank you to everyone who supported our moving Remembrance ceremony and the successful Wimborne Food Bank donation drive.

We are immensely proud of our U18 footballers for participating in the National Cup! Please note that Duke of Edinburgh sign-ups are now open.

Your continued support for excellent student attendance is vital as we approach the end of term: strong attendance at this time of year helps students to prepare for public exams and ensures they are in good habits for the New Year.

Please see my video message [here](#)

Best wishes

Mr Thomas Neill- Headteacher

Safety reminder for parking and pick ups

The designated disabled parking spaces at the front of the school are for the use of blue badge holders. If you are picking up students, please use the Sports Facility car park to allow room for school buses to have access and turning room in the front car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

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[Year 11 Tutor Team](#)



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2025

The school held its Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11 November attended by invited guests, students and staff.



Students proudly represented the Army, Air and Sea Cadets and representatives from each year group laid the wreaths.



Thanks to the Art Department for a wonderful display in the Foyer too!

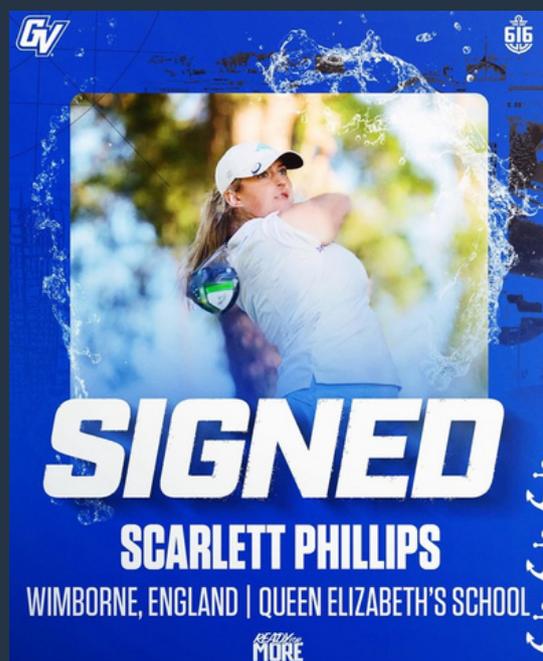




QE GOOD NEWS!



Lyme, a band made of QE Year 11 and 12 students performed a fantastic gig at The Horns Inn last Friday. They showed great musicality, stagecraft and stamina and were well supported by their QE fanbase. Well done!



Scarlett secures prestigious U.S. Golf Scholarship

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Sixth Form student Scarlett, a dedicated member of the QES Golf Team, who has secured a prestigious golf scholarship at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, USA.

Scarlett will be joining the university as a Laker, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects her relentless commitment to excellence both on and off the course. Her success is the result of years of hard work, determination, and countless hours of practice—often in the cold, wind and rain. This scholarship marks an exciting new chapter in her golfing journey, and the entire school community is incredibly proud of her achievement.

Fantastic Scarlett!





A Resounding Week for Music!



What a fantastic and packed week it has been for our Music department and talented students!

Remembering Together

The Remembrance Service was a truly moving occasion, greatly enhanced by the contributions of our students. The Choir performed a beautiful rendition of "Fields of Gold," with the lovely accompaniment of Charlie (Year 12) on the guitar, while also supporting the congregational hymns. A special mention must go to Felix (Year 10), who performed the demanding Last Post and Reveille with exceptional skill. Despite this being a challenging piece that tests even professional musicians, Felix managed his nerves brilliantly, helping to create a poignant and respectful atmosphere for the two minutes of silence.

An Inspirational Trip

The very next day, our Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students had an enriching trip to the Westlands Centre to see the magnificent Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO). The orchestra performed a variety of pieces directly linked to the GCSE specifications, providing our students with invaluable exposure to a wide range of musical styles played by some of the area's finest professional musicians.

The highlight of the day was an unforgettable performance by James Fleming (Year 10). James was whisked from the minibus straight into a quick rehearsal to perform Badinerie by J.S. Bach (one of our set works) as the Flute Soloist with the BSO! His performance was outstanding. Adding to the pressure, he was asked to perform without a conductor, taking the lead himself, just as the piece would have been performed in Bach's time. James handled this extra layer of challenge with the composure of a true professional.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication, talent, and professionalism displayed by all our Music students this week!

Upcoming Event: Battle of the Bands!

Don't forget to show your support for our talented musicians at the upcoming Battle of the Bands event on **Tuesday 10 December** !

Please book your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool/qes-battle-of-the-bands/e-aggebq>





Football – ESFA U18 National Cup – Round 3

Queen Elizabeth’s School hosted Champions Football Academy in the third round of the ESFA U18 National Cup, producing a pulsating encounter played to an exceptionally high standard. After an excellent first-half performance, QES took a 2–1 lead and looked to be heading through, only for Champions to score a late equaliser in the closing minutes. The tie was decided by a penalty shoot-out, where goalkeeper T. Butt made a crucial save to secure victory and send QES into the next round.

Every player was outstanding, displaying grit, determination, and teamwork to overcome a talented opposition that featured several former QES students. A superb performance from the squad and a great advert for school football. QES will now travel away to Torquay Grammar School in Round 4.

Mr Green



More golfing success for Scarlett competing once again on the European stage!

Scarlett is once again representing her sport internationally as she competes in the Junior European Open in Spain. Having previously achieved strong performances in high-level junior tournaments, she continues to demonstrate exceptional skill and consistency on the course. We wish her every success as she returns to this prestigious event and look forward to following her progress.

Mr Hancock



Cross Country

It has been a fantastic start to the cross country season and so nice to welcome new members joining us from Year 9 to 13.

The **PEDSSA** league has been exciting and the warm autumnal weather has meant a lot less mud than usual! It is always a delight to see so many young people competing at these events and supporting each other no matter what year group.

At Ferndown in the senior race with Harry (Y 13) out in front he was cheered to the finish line by the whole of the Allenbourn team. Then at Chapel Gate, QES took a leadership role and Harry, Lucy and Millie acted as hares and led out the new race for Year 3 & 4. The rest of the team helped marshall the course to ensure no one got lost before going on to compete themselves.

We have seen some strong, individual performances from Millie, Lucy, Isla and Flo getting in the top 3. There were also some strong, individual performances from Harry and Louis in the senior boys. The final position in the league both individually and as a team all comes down to the last race at Chapel gate on 4th December so watch this space...



Cross Country Cup

This is a national competition that we enter every year and is always challenging and exciting.

The first round at Bryanston put us up against some very strong competitors but after two outstanding performances from both the inter and senior girls teams we were delighted to qualify for the regional round in November.

Unfortunately due to other commitments the inter girls were unable to compete at the next round.

However a huge well done to the team of Flo, Ava, Izzy, Catherine for qualifying with style. Here's to next year!





Senior Girls – Cross Country Cup

The senior girls juggled mock exams and part time jobs and on Saturday headed to Leweston to compete against the other top 11 teams in the South West.

The weather was lovely, the course challenging with some interesting features along the way and everyone gave it their absolute best.

Whilst we did not qualify for the National Finals, to have made it to this level as a team is such an accomplishment and we are super proud of them all. A big thank you and well done to the 5 girls who ran over the two rounds. These were Isla, Millie, Lucy, Hettie and Beth.

Duke of Edinburgh 2025–2026

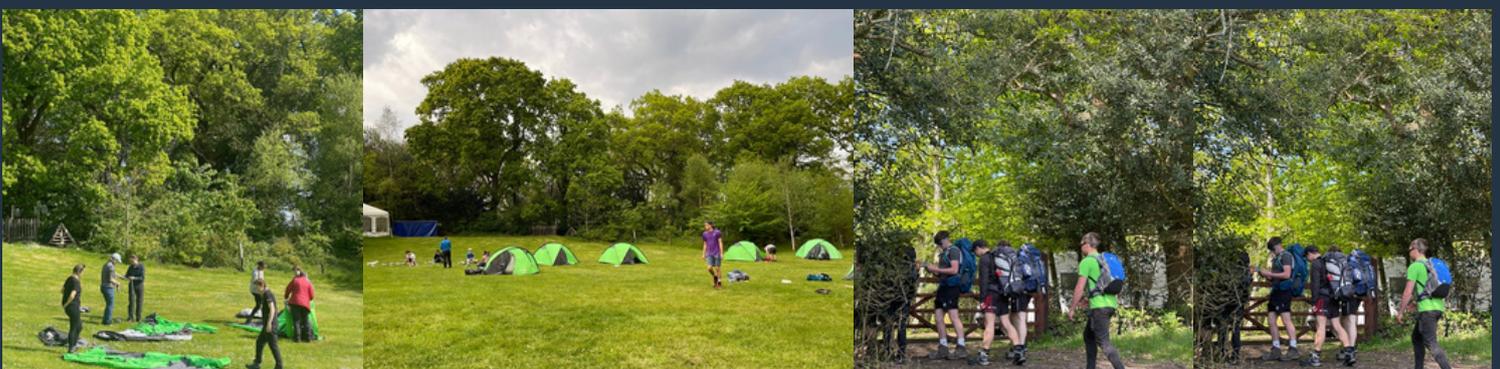
The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a highly respected youth development programme that encourages young people to challenge themselves through a series of adventurous and community focused activities. It is a popular and rewarding opportunity for our students, with many choosing to take part each year. The programme helps them grow in confidence, develop resilience, and gain valuable life skills through volunteering, physical challenges, skill building, and outdoor expeditions. Participation not only enriches their time at school but also supports personal growth and strengthens university and job applications, making it a meaningful part of their teenage years.



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Mr Priest- PE Teacher and DofE Coordinator



Junior Athlete Education Programme

This programme recognises talented young people in our school who compete at a high level in their sport or discipline committing many hours to training and travelling far and wide to competitions whilst alongside this juggling the demands of the school and exams.

The students can apply to be on the programme and if successful the support offered to each individual is bespoke to them depending on their current needs. If you feel your son/ daughter may be eligible for the programme please read through the [powerpoint](#) and then complete the application form [here](#).

Here is an update from some of our incredible athletes so far this term. Look out for more of our talented young people in the 2026!

Mrs Bailey

Isabella Haynes- Year 12 - Swimmer

Isabella went to the Para Swimming World Series Lima 2025, this was a fantastic opportunity for her and she came away with an incredible 5 medals in 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke(youth+A final), 100m breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley. Along the way she made new friends and had a great time.



Verity Webber- Year 12 - Tennis Player

This term has been super busy for Verity, alongside studying her A Levels she has had the opportunity to play on the British tour, represent Dorset in the ladies cup and at this very moment in time she has just won her first match in the junior ITF in Cyprus. This is her first ITF main draw win and she will now have a junior world ranking!! She played so well and was delighted with this performance. We wish her the best of luck for her next match!

Jamie Curry - Year 9 - Motocross

He has done fantastically this season in Motocross, and achieved 6th place in the 85cc Small Wheels Bridgestone British Championship competing against 40 of the best racers across the UK. He is currently training all through the winter to be ready for the new challenges next year.



QE PROUD TABLE

QE School Proud Table

We are especially proud of the students who have their work displayed here

QueerElizabeth's

A fabulous display by our Graphics pupils



Student Reminders...

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[Autumn 25 Extracurricular Timetable- Lunch](#)

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CATERLINK NEWS



Caterlink have announced lots of offers on their menu.

Details can be found on [QE Website](#)

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update

We are pleased to share with parents the package of support available from Dorset Council as we step towards the Christmas Holidays.

For our students who are in receipt of Free School Meals, the workshops are all fully funded. Please sign up using the following web link - [Winter-in-dorset](#) or contact 01305 221157 by phone to secure student places.

At QE, we are looking forward to our Young Carers Christmas get together to be hosted by Mrs Leonard on 12th December. School will provide a celebration lunch and the opportunity to get together before we break up for the festive season. Invitations will be sent out by the end of next week. Please see invite below.

Finally, we are looking forward to meeting our families at the Family Centre in Leigh Park on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am for a coffee and a mince pie. We will be supporting Wimborne Food Bank with our school donations alongside sharing chocolate goodies for Santa and his helpers to hand out



Community News and Events

Did you know that we have an area on our website which promotes local information that is shared with us?



Wimborne Food Bank

We are proud to work in partnership with Wimborne Food Bank to support families in need within the community.

So far this year Wimborne Food Bank has helped to feed over 2000 adults & children, delivered 175 food parcels to people who have no way of getting to the food bank and provided 420 recipe bags to make a fresh, healthy sweet or savoury dish. Our money advice team hold regular appointments working with people towards the goal of not needing food parcels long term, we are establishing a new financial resilience role which will be working with people to help them with benefits, budgeting, providing money courses and much much more.

With Christmas looming, lots of families need extra support and your donations are very much needed to help. At school students have been asked to bring in a selection box to donate to Wimborne Food Bank and we need to get the each house bin full of goodies so please donate if you can!

Hah! BUMHUG: 'BETTER THAN DICKENS, AS GOOD AS THE MUPPETS'

Artsreach will be back in Cranborne Hall with a highly-entertaining Christmas show for adults and children alike. On Friday December 5th we'll be welcoming The Lonely Clown Club with Hah! BUMHUG, a re-telling of the classic Dickens story. If you ever wondered what happened in A Christmas Carol after Tiny Tim grew up and the ghosts scarpered, then this is your chance to find out.

The performance starts at 7pm. Tickets are £12.50; under 18s £6; family ticket £35. Doors will open at 6pm for those who would like a pre-show Christmas-themed light supper (more details to follow) and there will be a cash bar. Book now by calling Alison Lawson on 01725 517028 or by visiting www.artsreach.co.uk



SHOE BOX FOR TEENS APPEAL



Bring in an individual item or a shoe box filled with gifts. Items to wrap or decorate boxes would also be useful



SUGGESTED ITEMS: SNACKS - SWEETS , CHOCOLATE , CRISPS, NOODLES , BISCUITS ETC TEA , COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, MILKSHAKE POWER BATH PRODUCTS - TOOTH BRUSH, TOOTH PASTE, HAIR TIES , BRUSH, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER , BUBBLE BATH, BATH BOMB, FACE MASK , STATIONARY AND PENCIL CASES, NOTE PAD HATS, GLOVES , SOCKS AND SLIPPERS ADULT COLOURING BOOK , SMALL GAMES , FIDGET TOYS, MUG , GIFT CARD FOR COSTA, STARBUCKS, GREGGS, PRIMARK ETC



House competition for filling the most boxes!!

If you would like to get involved with packing boxes at the Minster then please speak to Mrs Leonard

Items can only be accepted if they are new. Please drop all items into your house bin by reception. Full shoeboxes can go to Mrs Leonard in C302

**FIRST PRIZE: A DAY IN THE RECORDING STUDIO
AT BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY!**

QE BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

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What we'll cover

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
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- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

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"It was so amazing, I looked forward to the sessions each week, learnt a lot of mind blowing information, that I have applied to my life and have seen improvements! Wish there was more sessions, so sad that it has ended! I have loved learning about my strengths, the ABCs, process praise, the growth mind set, being aware of my gremlins, it has been wonderful learning, and these sessions have been apart of my self care! Thank you ever so much!"

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