

QE NEWS–FEBRUARY 2026



Diary Dates...
Wednesday 4-5 March
Y10 Take your child to work day
Thursday 12 March
Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 19 March
Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 23 March
Y10-12 Mock exam start
T**hursday 25 March**
Year 12 Destinations Evening
Monday 13 April
Inset Day
Tuesday 14 April
All students return to school

2025/26 Term Dates

Dear Parents, Carers and QE Community,

A highlight of this issue is our celebration of the talents of our students and staff who were involved with the wonderful production of Legally Blonde. Thanks to everyone who came along to watch in the 'sold out' shows.

Best wishes,
Mr Thomas Neill- Headteacher

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR FOR QE

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor on the Local School Committee please contact Hazel Serkis, Clerk to the LSC on hserkis@queenelizabeths.com by Friday 13 March

LOCKERS

If your child would like a locker for the duration of their time at QE, please email **finance@queenelizabeth.com** to request that a locker be allocated. Once the locker has been requested, you will be able to purchase it via ParentPay.

Key Contacts for our Parents and Carers:
Senior Leadership Team
Head of Year 9- Mrs Heighway;
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Year 9 Tutor Team
Head of Year 10- Mrs Mynard;
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Year 10 Tutor Team
Head of Year 11- Mrs Willis;
ewillis@queenelizabeths.com
Year 11 Tutor Team

Legally Blonde - The Musical



Shortly before half term, our Performing Arts Department delivered a production of Legally Blonde that will be remembered for years to come.

Bringing together over 100 student cast members, a technical team of more than 20 students, and a live band of 16 musicians, this was far more than a school show. It was a large-scale, professional-level production driven by extraordinary commitment, teamwork and talent.

The scale of this production cannot be overstated. Rehearsals ran for months. Lunchtimes, evenings and weekends were given over to choreography, music calls, line learning, set building and technical preparation. Staff and students worked side by side, united by a shared ambition to create something exceptional. Students showed resilience when things felt challenging, supported one another when energy dipped, and pushed themselves far beyond what they thought they could achieve.

Performing to a completely sold-out audience of over 330 people for every show is no small experience. To step onto a stage in front of a full house requires courage; to do so with such confidence, energy and joy is incredible. Our students embraced that opportunity to show the world exactly what they are capable of. The overwhelming positive feedback from parents and visitors commented not only on the polish of the production, but on the maturity, professionalism and stage presence of our students.

The standing ovation after every performance was well deserved. What the audience saw was talent; what we saw was growth. Students who began rehearsals tentative and unsure finished the run standing taller, speaking louder, and believing more in themselves.

We are immensely proud of every student involved. They were given an opportunity to demonstrate what they could achieve – and they truly smashed it.

QE School of Performing Arts

LEGALLY BLONDE STARS









LEGALLY BLONDE PHOTO GALLERY!































Year 12 Destinations Evening

Wednesday 25th March 2026 from 5.30pm

A great opportunity for our Year 12 students and their parents/carers to hear from various speakers including apprenticeships providers and Exeter university.



Representatives will share their knowledge and experience about post-18 options, applications and the support on offer for students to achieve their chosen destinations.

To register attendance, please complete this form

For further information please contact Mrs Ridley: tridley@queenelizabeths.com

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

We were honoured to be asked to contribute to the Holocaust Memorial Service which took place at Wimborne Minster on 26th January. 3 of our senior students were invited to read recollections of children in the Terezin Concentration Camp,
Ewan McKay Head Boy read from the prose of Peter Fischel who died in Auschwitz in 1944.



This was followed by assemblies in school for all students led by Heads of Year.

Ewan ' Helping out at the Holocaust Memorial Service was an honour - but also a deeply moving experience. Hearing real stories of the time and how they continue to affect the families involved was so powerful, as it left us all reflecting on both the history itself, and its deeper impact. The readers' poignant message emphasised the importance of remembrance and also education, in order to prevent events like the Holocaust from ever happening again. I myself left the service with a stronger sense of responsibility to carry this message with me. I would like to thank all those involved for allowing the Queen Elizabeth's students to be included, as we are all very proud to have been a part of such a powerful service'

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Please see below for the FACE Family Advice timetable for March.

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or click here Go to PARENTS - Live talks page.

Accessing the talks free of charge by using the school code (see below). This code can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools. QE code is QE290125 At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says PROMO code. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

FACE

March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidence	26 Mar 7-8pm