

QE NEWS



DIARY DATES

Monday 25th–Friday 29th May

Half Term

Monday 1st June

First day of term

Wednesday 17th June

Parent Information Evening – 5,30 pm

Monday 22nd–Friday 26th June

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Tuesday 23rd June

Year 12 Induction Day

Parent Coffee Morning 9.00 am

Year 13 Prom

Wednesday 24th June

Meet the Tutor Evening– Year 9 (P)

Thursday 25th June

Parent Coffee Morning – 9.00 am

Friday 26th June

Transfer Day

Tuesday 30th June

Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 21st–Wednesday 22nd July

ACE Games

Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of term

2026/27 term dates [here](#).

Important Information: Julians Bridge Footway Trial



Dorset Council is investigating options to provide a safer route for local people across Julian's Bridge with a footway and signal trial. The bridge will be closed on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 26th May– 9.30 am to 3.30pm for the installation**
- **Friday 3rd July– 9.30am to 3.30pm for the removal**

A signed diversion route will be in place during these times.

As this period also coincides with the exam season, we kindly ask all families and students to plan their journeys to school carefully and allow additional time for possible traffic delays and congestion (delays between Lake Gates and Wimborne are likely during the trial).

Arriving promptly and calmly is especially important during examinations, helping students to feel settled and ready to do their very best.

When the trial starts, a survey will be available for residents and road users to submit feedback on the impact of the temporary footway and shuttle signals.

A link to the survey and more information about the trial can be found [here](https://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/julians-bridge):

Dear QE Community,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to express my thanks to all our staff, parents, and students for their continued support, resilience, and hard work.

Your collective strength, patience, and commitment have helped to support one another and continue moving forward together as a school community.

I wish everyone a well-deserved and restful break and enjoy the summer weather.

Mr Thomas Neill- Headteacher

Year 11 Locker Keys: as Year 11 finish their exams and prepare to leave school, please remind your child to return their locker keys to reception.

Student Shop: a full update on student items and where these can be collected can be found [here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT QE?

Summer Uniform

After May half term, due to the expected good weather, blazers are optional. Ties must be worn and shirts tucked in. Branded hoodies and coats cannot be worn in place of a blazer.

We will monitor temperatures and move to summer uniform (no ties) or PE kit on especially hot days if required. All other uniform expectations still apply which also includes black socks.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award accreditation!

The report noted that 'Queen Elizabeth's School has made strong progress in developing a rights respecting culture and meets the requirements for Silver: Rights Aware. There is a clear impact on relationships, inclusion and participation. This is reflected in improved attendance and increased engagement in school life'. Relationships are a key strength. Pupils described feeling safe, supported and listened to, and showed strong trust in staff to act on concerns and suggestions'. The accreditation reflects the commitment of students and staff across school in ensuring children's rights are taught and embedded'.



The work now begins in developing further student leadership and advocacy opportunities, as we embark on the Gold award accreditation.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Staff Members



Mr Broadbent- Teacher of English

Degree: BA (Hons) Language Studies (English & Spanish) Open University
 Postgraduate: PGCE- Bath Spa Uni
 Ideal Holiday: Mountains and Lakes
 Likes: Weekends away in the campervan, magic, sausage rolls
 Dislikes: Rudeness, Olives
 Currently Reading: The Sharpe Novels by Bernard Cornwell



Mr Evans- Teacher of Mathematics

Degree/Postgrad: BSc (Hons) Mathematics (Open University), PGCE Secondary Mathematics (University of Exeter).
 Previous jobs: Engineering- I used to plan and manage projects and parts for nuclear submarines and military aeroplanes. My first job was as a data analyst on anything to do with golf and golf courses, which was quite niche, I'm a terrible golfer though.
 Likes: Travel (been almost everywhere in Europe and keen to go further afield), football (Weymouth FC), playing tennis, watching any other sport, listening to loud indie rock or techno, and...yes, my job, maths!
 Dislikes: Brussels sprouts.
 Currently reading: 'The Cold War'- Odd Arne Westad



Mr Hackland- Head of Design and Technology

Degree: BA (Hons) Architecture and Planning, March Architecture
 Family: My dog Barney and partner who also works in education
 Ideal holiday: Anywhere near the beach.
 Likes: Football, BBQs and spending time with family and friends
 Dislikes: Seafood
 My idol: Sir Alex Ferguson



STUDENT SPORT SHOWCASE



On the 12th May our year 9 and 10 track and field athletes arrived at school ready to head to Salisbury for the first round of the competition.

We had a truly fantastic day with students trying out new events, others continuing to push their boundaries, new personal bests and everyone working together as an awesome team to make QE proud. A huge thank you to all of our students for their positive attitude and commitment. We are delighted that the boys team have qualified for the B final in Winchester on 17th June, we look forward to that!

Well done and thank you to everyone who competed.

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Adams



It was so exciting to see the return of the after school climbing club!

Students have the opportunity to climb with a qualified instructor learning a whole range of skills. It has been so great to see them working together to learn the techniques of climbing and belaying whilst supporting each other.

As their confidence has grown, they have taken on some of the more challenging climbs and really pushed themselves.

Climbing club takes place at QE at evenings. More details are available from the PE faculty. We offer clubs to groups of 12 students, 2 evenings for a term.

STUDENT WELLBEING

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Big changes ahead?

Moving school years can feel scary, but you're not alone. Hear from other young people like you and get support from Kooth with whatever's on your mind.

REMEMBER THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE YOU CAN TALK TO.

Join some clubs. It's a great way to make new friends with the same interests as you.

JUST TRY YOUR BEST – NOBODY'S PERFECT!

If you have any worries talk to a teacher.

HAVE FUN! IT IS NOT AS SCARY AS IT SEEMS.

Visit [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Time for change- embracing our next steps!

We are entering the final half term of the year and the excitement of change is on the horizon. Some students will begin to feel a little worried about the next steps they are going to be taking.

Transitional changes are felt whether entering QE school for the first time, moving from year 9 into 10, or year 11 into post 16.

We wish to support our students' journey and share that all the emotions that they are feeling to help them prepare, build resilience and reflect on the strengths they have built over this year.

We are working closely with our Heads of Year to ensure we are supporting our students' next steps. This time of year gives us the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the achievements whilst recognising where future support can impact progress. If you have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

We have much to look forward to as the term comes to an end. We will be encouraging each other to take part in the QE ACE games.

From all of us at QE Safeguarding, we wish you all a very happy May half term. We look forward to seeing you back safe and happy to conclude this busy and positive year.

Mrs Ashby
Assistant Headteacher- Safeguarding

Did you know we have plenty of resources on our website for student wellbeing? These can be found [here](#).

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Kooth offers a wealth of information for students and parents to support mental health and wellbeing.

You can access free resources through their website [here](#).

Don't forget: Kooth is always free, safe, and confidential. Students can access live 1:1 chats with practitioners from 12pm-10pm on weekdays and 6pm-10pm on weekends.

They also have 24/7 access to self-help tools and peer support.

QE & THE COMMUNITY



Join your Family Hub and
TRAIN TO BECOME

A volunteer parenting group leader

Lived Experience
Shared Strength
Lasting Impact

- The years between two and eleven can be an intense emotional roller coaster for **any parent or carer**.
- Could your parenting journey **support other parents and carers?**
- We're looking for **volunteers to lead** Empowering Parents Empowering Communities **a course by parents, for parents.**
- **You bring your experience.**
- We'll give you the **training to thrive as a leader.**

Mums, dads and carers can apply



To find out more, please scan the QR code, fill in the short enquiry form and we will contact you for an informal chat




Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership. Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience
Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance
A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen
A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.



www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk




WIMBORNE TOWN OF CULTURE 2026

AT WIMBORNE FOLK FESTIVAL

Sun 14th June - WIMBORNE'S GOT TALENT





GLOBAL FAIR




Saturday 27 June 2026
at Walford Mill, Wimborne, BH21 1NL
11am-4pm




Free art activities
Families welcome



This FREE event is brought to you by DEED, the FairGround Shop, Walford Mill and friends, and is part of Wimborne Town of Culture 2026

Discover cultures, share traditions and learn about the environment. Enjoy a day of global celebration with children's storytelling & activities, delicious food and drumming & dance performances for the whole family. Visit stalls by DEED, the FairGround Shop, Planet Wimborne, BPC Indian Community, Dorset Ukrainian Community, Wimborne First School, Allenbourn Middle School, Queen Elizabeth School and more. Please bring cash for some of the stalls.

Contact: DEED at training@deed.org.uk to find out more
www.deed.org.uk










Upton
Country Park

ALIEN DESIGN COMPETITION

Open to all
ages, groups
and
individuals

COMPETITION RULES

Help Upton Country Park design their Halloween 2026 Trail characters. We are looking for unique and creative alien designs for our four alien characters– Astra, Estelle, Izar and Dara. Design just one or all four with the winning designs chosen by the Upton Country Park Team and used in our Halloween 2026 trail out in the Country Park!

Submissions to be returned no
later than

JULY 17 2026



For completed submissions please email these to uptoncountrypark@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or post them to The Visitor Services Team at Upton Country Park, Poole Road, Poole BH17 7BJ