

# QE NEWS



## DIARY DATES

### Wednesday 8th July

Y8 Transfer Evening  
4.30 pm – 7 pm

### Thursday 9th July

Head's Parents Coffee Morning  
9 am – 10 am

### Thursday 9th July

Legally Blonde Awards  
6pm–9.45 pm

### Wednesday 14th July

Parents 26–27 Information Evening  
5 pm

### Wednesday 22nd July

ACE Games – PE Kit to be worn

### Wednesday 22nd July

Last day of term finish 3.15 pm

### Thursday 13th August

A-level Results Day  
9 am–12 noon

### Thursday 20th August

GCSE Results Day  
9 am–12 noon

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

### Tuesday 1st September

INSET day

### Wednesday 2nd September

INSET day

### Thursday 3rd September

Start of term for all year groups

Dear QE Community,

We are approaching the end of another successful academic year and it is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. School continues to be as busy as ever, and as I write this, England are still in the World Cup—let's hope they can keep the nation smiling for a little while longer!

The recent spell of unusually warm weather has certainly kept us on our toes. We are doing everything we can to ensure students remain comfortable, including relocating classes to cooler areas of the school where possible. Thank you for your support in helping students stay hydrated and prepared for the heat.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 9 and Year 12 students for their induction days. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm as they met staff, explored the school, and began the next stage of their educational journey. We very much look forward to welcoming them back in September as full members of our school community.

As we move towards the final weeks of term, there is still much to look forward to, with celebrations, events and opportunities to recognise the many achievements of our students. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.






Mr Thomas Neill- Headteacher

QueenElizabeth's 

## SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

14 JULY 2026 | 5:00PM

KEY TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

1.  Curriculum updates
2.  Homework
3.  Phones
4.  Uniform
5.  Routines: planners, toilets etc

All parents and guardians are welcome.  
Join us for this important information evening.



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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT QE?

## PE Kit to be worn from Thursday 2 July

Due to the expected warm weather, PE kit can continue to be worn until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring in refillable water bottles which can be filled before or after lessons (not during) and at social times.

## 25/26 Year 11 & Year 13 Presentation Evening

Further details will be sent to parents/carers and students who have been nominated for an award.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## QE Senior Student Team 2026-2027

After 2 days of interviews and 21 candidates we are pleased to announce our Senior Student Team for the next academic year!

**Head Boy:** Ryan Robertson  
**Head Girl:** Poppy Creed

**Deputy Head Boys:** Noah Wareham, Luca Mitevski  
**Deputy Head Girls:** Holly McNamara, Silvana Haynes

### Senior Students:

Naomi Barr • Harriet White • Jack Leach • Rowan Barr • Sasha Baldwin • Ysabelle Willingham

Many congratulations to all. They were all brilliant and we are looking forward to seeing the impact they have next year! Thank you to all those who did apply.

Mr J Cook  
 Deputy Head of Sixth Form



## Eloise Saberton – Public Speaking Opportunity and Tanzania – Wimborne Rotary Club

Following her successful fundraising stall at Wimborne's Christmas Market, where she sold handmade cards and crafts, Eloise caught the attention of not only Radio Wimborne but also a member of the Wimborne Rotary Club. Impressed by her determination to raise the money for her Tanzania expedition herself, the Rotary Club invited her to speak at one of their club lunches as part of their consideration for sponsoring her.

Despite being understandably nervous about speaking in front of an audience, she embraced the opportunity and delivered a presentation about her fundraising journey and her upcoming expedition to Tanzania.

The experience proved to be a valuable confidence-building opportunity, allowing Eloise to develop her public speaking skills while showcasing the dedication and hard work she has put into fundraising. She is extremely grateful to the Wimborne Rotary Club for their encouragement and support. Well done, Eloise



# PE AT QE

## South West Schools Athletics Combined Events Championship

On the weekend of 27th June, 3 QE boys Will H, Harry R and Jamie H, represented Dorset, competing in the intermediate boys events. Will was 3rd (3778pts), Harry 4th (3769pts) and Jamie 7th (3069pts). They will now go through to the English Schools in September.

There were so many PB's. Some highlights include:

- Will H went over 5m for the first time in long jump with a jump of 5.66m
- Harry's shot putt, went out over 10m for the first time
- Harry ran an exceptional 400m time in 54.11.
- Jamie improved in the 100m hurdles dropping to 16.33s
- All 3 of them achieved PBs in the final event – the 1500m

What a team! Huge congratulations to all 3 of them and good luck for the English Schools.



## Poole and East Dorset Schools Athletics Selection

The following 17 students qualified to represent Poole and East Dorset in the Dorset Schools Athletics Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and a credit to their commitment and hard work in training. 6 of these athletes qualified in more than 1 event; incredible talent!

### Junior Girls (Yr9)

- Nicola M Long Jump
- Mila D Jav
- Mia W Hurdles

### Inter Boys (Yr 10/11)

- Harley S 200m
- Will H High Jump and Hurdles
- Harry R Hurdles
- Elliot Trickey Long Jump and Triple Jump

### Inter Girls (Yr 10/11)

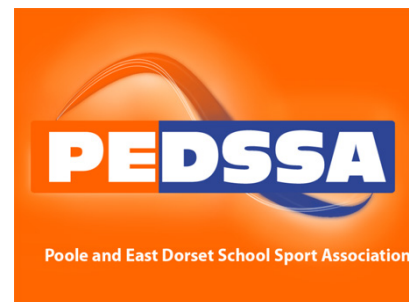
- Florence V F 800m and Long Jump
- Izzy R Triple Jump
- Kayla R Long Jump and High Jump
- Lucy S Pole Vault, Discus and Hammer
- Alissa I Pole Vault
- Kiri M Hurdles
- Ava D Shot Putt

### Senior Boys (Yr 12/13)

- Will L Triple Jump

### Senior Girls (Yr 12/13)

- Isla O 800m
- Bethany S 100m and Long Jump



## Dorset Schools Athletics Competition

14 of our athletes performed in the Dorset Schools County Championships, at Kings Park. We had 9 County Champions! Congratulations to them:

- Mila D Javelin Champion
- Izzy R Triple Jump Champion
- Lucy S Pole Vault Champion
- Lucy S Discus Champion
- Bethany S Long Jump Champion
- Bethany S 100m Champion
- Harry R 100mH Champion
- Will H 300mH Champion
- Elliot T Triple Jump Champion

We also had 5 athletes achieve 2nd or 3rd on the podium too. Well done!

- Kayla R Long Jump 2nd
- Lucy Smith Hammer 2nd
- Alissa I Pole Vault 2nd
- Harley S 200m 2nd
- Elliot T Long Jump 3rd

### English Schools Selection

Mila D (Year 9) has been selected to represent Dorset in the Junior Girls Javelin event. She is currently ranked No.1 in the country and goes into the competition as the current champion. What an incredible achievement. We wish her all the best as she takes on the rest of the country.



# INSPIRING VISIT FROM ACTION JACKSON

Students recently enjoyed an unforgettable visit from motivational speaker Action Jackson, whose engaging and inspiring message left a lasting impact on our school community.

The event focused on building a positive culture of respect, one of our core values, encouraging students to think about how they treat others, the values they live by, and the kind of community they want to create both in school and beyond. Through his energy, humour and powerful storytelling, Action Jackson challenged students to reflect on what true success really means.

One of the most memorable moments of the day came when Action Jackson shared a comment from a student that particularly resonated with him:

***"One man shared something that really stayed with me: 'It was great to hear that success isn't just about money, muscles and women. Success is about respecting people and looking after one another.'"***

This powerful message reinforced the importance of kindness, empathy and respect – values that are at the heart of our school community.

Students were fully engaged throughout the event, responding enthusiastically to the discussions and activities. The atmosphere was positive and uplifting, with many students continuing conversations about the themes long after the session had ended.

The excitement continued at the end of the event, where students queued patiently for the opportunity to meet Action Jackson and have their photographs taken with him. His willingness to spend time with students made the experience even more special and memorable.

We would like to thank Action Jackson for delivering such an inspiring and thought-provoking session. His message about respect, looking after one another and redefining success has given our students plenty to reflect upon and will undoubtedly contribute to the positive culture we continue to build together.

Parents can see more about Action Jackson's reflections on the day by visiting his Instagram account: [ActionJacksonLive](https://www.instagram.com/actionjacksonlive).

Mr Wood  
Assistant Headteacher



# MUSIC AT QE

## QE MUSIC TAKEOVER: STUDENTS SHINE AT WIMBORNE FOLK FESTIVAL AND CORFE MULLEN CARNIVAL!



Saturday, 13th June was a monumental day for the Queen Elizabeth's School music department. In a spectacular display of talent, dedication, and logistical wizardry, our students practically took over the **Wimborne Folk Festival** and the **Corfe Mullen Carnival**, delivering an incredible lineup of performances that left the local community absolutely buzzing.

From uptempo jazz to heavy-hitting percussion and sun-soaked rock, QE students showcased the very best of our school's creative spirit.

### Jazz and Grooves: Kicking Off the Festival

The day started in style on the **Willow Walk** stage at the Wimborne Folk Festival. The QE Jazz Band had the honor of opening Saturday's festivities, treating an early crowd to two fantastic sets of uptempo jazz classics.

The performance featured sensational solos from **Emily, Rosie, Harry, Noah, and Felix**, all backed by a powerhouse rhythm section. Audience members were quick to praise the group, with many commenting that they were blown away by the sheer level of talent and musicality on display.

Immediately following the jazz, the **QE Percussion Group**, led by Mr. Mellish, took the stage. **Jack, Bruno, Adam, and Sam** smashed out some seriously fantastic grooves, setting a high-energy tone for the rest of the afternoon.

### The Great Carnival Dash & Live Workshops

No sooner had the Percussion Group finished their final note than they had to pack up their gear and "hot foot" it over to the **Corfe Mullen Carnival**!

Not only did they share their piece with a brand-new audience, but they also ran a live composition workshop. Members of the public were invited to join in and help compose a new piece in real-time. A particular highlight was seeing two young ladies from the crowd join the band, living their best lives playing the 'sprinkles'!

### Midday Sunshine and Non-Stop Bands

Meanwhile, back in Wimborne, the live music was relentless. While traveling between venues, the PCA team could hear QE student band **Kolumbia** absolutely smashing their first set of the weekend from the road outside the **Olive Branch**. The crowd was loving every minute of their performance in the glorious midday sunshine.

The afternoon continued to highlight the incredible versatility of our musicians:

- **Lyme**: Gave a full-energy rock performance on the Olive Branch stage before showing their immense versatility by moving to the Willow Walk stage for a beautiful acoustic set.
- **Ultraviolet**: Put on a stellar performance, drawing a fantastic crowd over at the Willow Walk stage.
- **The Getaway**: Featuring two of our talented QE students, they brought the vibes with a wonderfully funky set on the Willow Walk.

# MUSIC AT QE

## A Headlining Finish to Remember

As evening fell, the energy reached a fever pitch. The Willow Walk stage was brought to an epic close by two extraordinarily varied, high-energy sets from **Left Hand Rule** (yet another incredible QE band) and **Kolumbia's** second performance of the day.

The atmosphere was electric. The crowd was completely captivated—people were up on each other's shoulders to get a better view, and custom banners were held aloft in the audience. It was clear that the crowd was having a fantastic time, largely because both bands were having just as much fun up on stage!

*"The compliments were flying around all day about the quality and dedication of the QE music students. This was Wimborne 'Town of Culture' in full flow!"*

— The PCA Team

## Thank You!

The PCA team was incredibly proud to be able to see every single band live throughout the day.

A massive thank you and congratulations to every single student who performed. You represented Queen Elizabeth's School in the local community in the best possible way. Your talent and hard work will undoubtedly inspire the next generation of younger musicians to aim for exactly what you achieved this weekend!

Phill Hall  
Head of Music



# MUSIC AT QE

The incredible musical talent at QE isn't just on display at local festivals—our students have also been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to smash their music exams this term.

## Music Exam Success: Congratulations Ella and Bruno!

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate two outstanding individual achievements!



### Ella Read (Year 13) – Grade 7 Violin

A massive congratulations to Ella Read for passing her Grade 7 Violin exam this term! This is a monumental achievement. A Grade 7 classical exam is highly challenging, requiring immense technical skill, precision, and dedication. In fact, this exam is so rigorous that it actually earns Ella UCAS points to support her future university applications. Brilliant work, Ella!



### Bruno Milek (Year 9) – Grade 4 Drum Kit

Huge congratulations also go to Bruno Milek in Year 9, who achieved a fantastic 84% Merit on his Grade 4 Drum Kit exam! Balancing his live performances (including rocking out at the Corfe Mullen Carnival!) with the discipline needed to score a high Merit on a graded exam is no small feat. Keep drumming up a storm, Bruno!

 **Inspired to Make Some Noise?** 

Whether you've been inspired by our amazing festival performers or by the incredible exam successes of Ella and Bruno, there has never been a better time to get involved with music at QE. If you want to start learning a brand-new instrument this September, or if you want to pick up an instrument you used to play and find your rhythm again, we want to hear from you!



Simply click the link below, fill out the quick form, and the music team will do our absolute best to get you set up for the new term! [Quick Form](#)

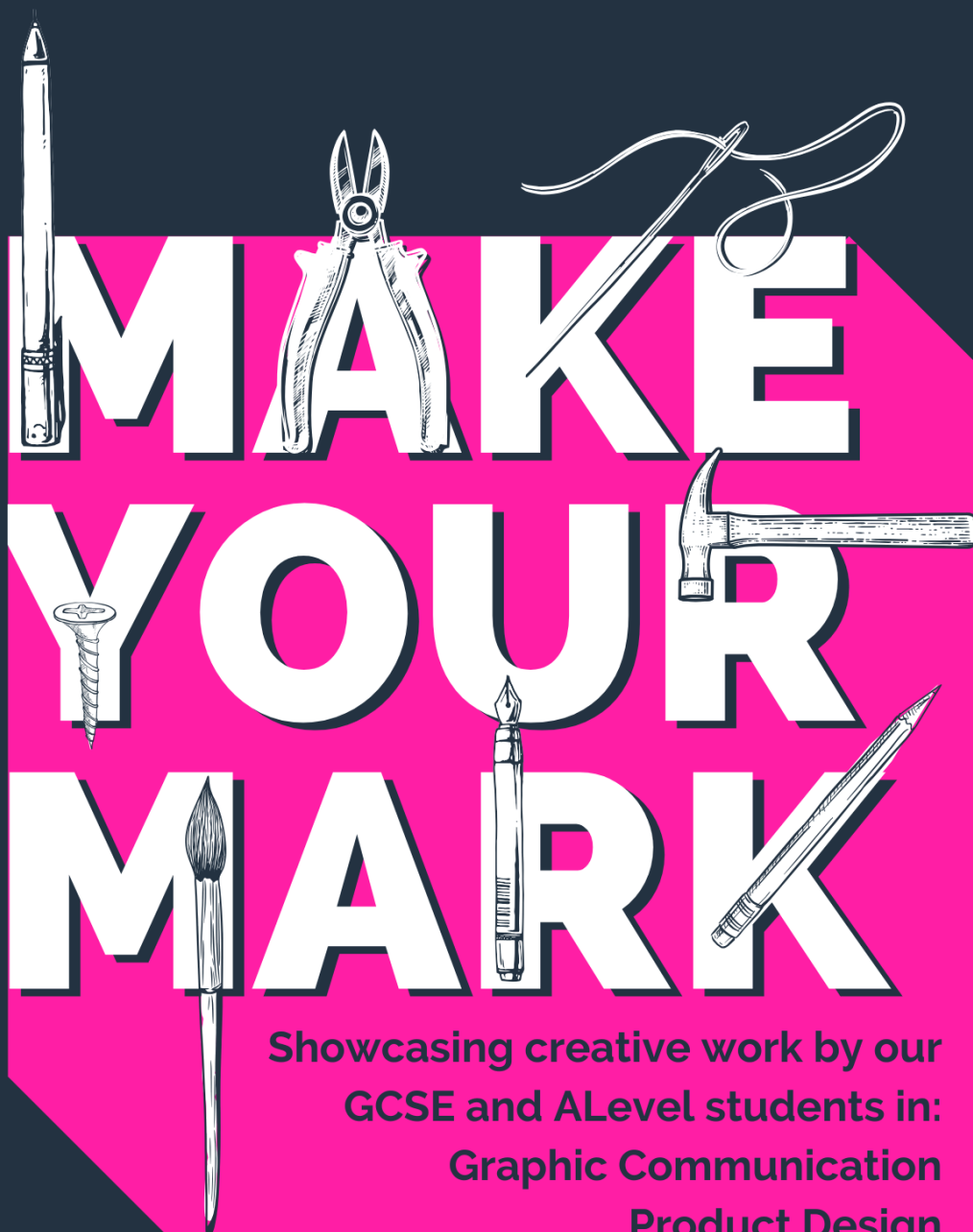
**Phill Hall**  
**Head of Music**

**YOUR INVITATION TO COME AND SEE THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR STUDENTS IN OUR CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY 'MAKE YOUR MARK' DISPLAYS AND 'RAISE YOUR VOICE' SHOW ON THURSDAY 16 JULY.**

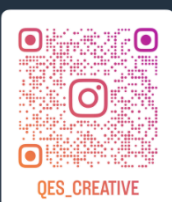
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QueenElizabeth's 

5.30 - 7PM



Showcasing creative work by our  
GCSE and ALevel students in:  
Graphic Communication  
Product Design  
Photography  
Textiles  
Fine Art





*Invites you to:*

**RAISE**

**YOUR**

**VOICE**

**THE SOPA SUMMER SHOW**

**16TH JULY  
2026**

**7:00 PM**

[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/QUEENELIZABETHSSCHOOL](https://ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool)

**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL**

600 BLANDFORD RD, WIMBORNE BH21 4DT



# ECO CLUB

Our Eco Club has won the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, recognising their outstanding commitment to environmental action this year.

This achievement highlights the dedication of our Eco Club members, who led initiatives like tackling litter/waste and enhancing biodiversity to make our school greener.



Assessors praised the school's collaborative approach, noting that: **"Your commitment to collaboration, community engagement, and whole-school participation has created a powerful foundation for continued growth and impact."** They also commended the "enthusiastic involvement of staff and children" and "strong relationships you have forged with local organisations."

A key focus on reducing litter and waste was commended, as it "creates stronger links between actions, reinforces positive habits, and builds a more cohesive whole-school approach to reducing your environmental footprint."

Assessors also highlighted pupils exploring environmental responsibility through Religious Education, where **"Learners explored how religions emphasise duties of care and stewardship of the Earth, recognising that protecting the planet is a shared moral responsibility across many faiths."**

Sincere thanks go to our wider school community—staff, families, and volunteers—for their vital support.

Most importantly, congratulations to the Eco Club members for earning this recognition. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to building on this success next year for a more sustainable future.

Mrs A Leonard



# STUDENT WELLBEING



## 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](#).



**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




Upton  
Country Park

## ALIEN DESIGN COMPETITION

### 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!

Open to all ages, groups and individuals

Submissions to be returned no later than  
**JULY 17 2026**

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



## July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
<b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b>	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm