

KEB/cl

6th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a good and restful summer break. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students on achieving such brilliant results in their summer examinations. The fantastic results achieved by all students are testament to their hard work and determination following the challenging time they faced in completing their exam courses through the pandemic. We are incredibly proud of all of them.

Over the last two days we have welcomed our Year 9 and 12 students back into school and look forward to welcoming the students in all years back on Wednesday 7th September. The staggered start to term allows us to fully support those students joining us as QE students for the first time in Year 9 and allows us to support Year 12 students making the transition to their Sixth Form studies.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents of our new students and hope that your child has a happy and successful time as a member of the QE family.

Communication

Effective communication between home and school is vital for the success of your child. Your child's tutor is the first point of contact for any questions or concerns that you may have. Throughout the term I will write to parents with key information and dates and we will send emails using the contact information we have for your child. Our website also contains all of the key information about the school and we will update social media with notices about forthcoming events within school.

Year 9 and 12 Tutor Consultation Evenings

We will be holding a meet the tutor evening for all parents/carers of students in Year 9 on Thursday 15th September from 4.00 to 7.00pm. This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's tutor in person, discuss their start to the term and any concerns that you may have. Students can attend this meeting. Please log on to the Parents Evening booking form at: <https://queenelizabeths.schoolcloud.co.uk/> from 5pm on Friday 9th September to make appointments with the tutor.

On the same evening there will be a Year 12 Information Evening for parents/carers and students from 5.45 to 7.00pm about the Sixth Form journey at QE as well as future destinations information. There will be a talk by Miss Dean, Head of Sixth Form at 6pm and you will be able to meet your child's tutor after the talk.

Attendance

Good attendance within school supports students to achieve their best in all aspects of school life. To this end, we will do all we can to ensure that our students have excellent attendance and that any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted upon promptly.

We expect that all students will:

- Attend school regularly
- Attend school punctually and be in tutor time at 8.40am.

In order for an attendance record to be deemed very good, it must be 96% or above.

We expect that all parents/carers who have day to day responsibility for the children and young people will:

- Encourage regular school attendance and be aware of their legal responsibilities;
- Ensure that the child/children in their care arrive at school punctually, prepared for the school day;
- Contact the school before 8.30am on the morning of each day of the student's absence by using the online absence form on the school website. Any unexplained absence is treated as unauthorised absence. We would ask that parents contact the school promptly whenever any problem occurs that may keep the child away from school.

We may ask for medical evidence to be provided for any period of absence that exceeds three days.

If a student's attendance falls below 90% you will be expected to provide medical evidence for the absence to be authorised.

Car Park

Please can we remind all drivers that the collection and drop of area AM & PM is the QELC car park. If you need to collect a student during the hours 0900 and 1430 you may access the front car park near reception.

AM - 8am Study Club

We have a limited number of spaces at our 8.00 - 8.40am study club. A booking form will be sent separately with the instructions of how to request this.

Buses

We have been advised by Damory Coaches, any student waiting for a paid for/entitled pass that is yet to arrive, may travel on their designated service for two weeks. After this period bus passes will then be checked in the morning and afternoon for all year groups.

New Staff

We welcome a number of new staff to the QE family this term.

Miss E Acott - Geography and PE
Ms R Amos - Languages
Mr S Askew - Maths
Ms I Bardsley - Drama (Maternity Cover)
Mr J Bicknell - Social Science
Mrs J Clark - Social Science
Miss S Deacon-Tillard - Maths
Miss K Mason - Business Studies
Miss C McAdam - Dance
Dr D May - Languages
Mrs C Miller - Science (until December)
Mr C Murray - IT & Computing
Mr C Newham - Drama
Mrs C Rimmer - English
Mr B Smith - Science / Head of Physics
Mrs E Spurgeon - SEN - English
Miss E Taylor - Drama (Maternity Cover)
Mr P Weight - Science

A number of staff got married over the summer and have also changed their names. These include:

Mrs S Jones (nee Mullins)
Mrs N King (nee Coker)
Mrs L Kelly (nee Bickley)

Thank you for your support in all aspects of school life as we start this new school year.

Yours sincerely



Katie Boyes
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday 15th September	Year 12 Information Evening
Thursday 15th September	Year 9 Tutor Consultation Evening
Thursday 22nd September	Open Evening (early finish at 1pm)
Friday 23rd September	Staff Training Day - no students in school
Thursday 6th October	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 14th October	Year 9 Welcome Service at Wimborne Minster
24th to 28th October	Half Term
Thursday 10th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Service at school
Wednesday 7th December	Carol Service at Wimborne Minster
Thursday 15th December	Last Day of Term (early finish at 1pm)
Friday 16th December	Staff Training Day - no students in school
Monday 19th December	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4th January	First day of term - all students in school