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QE NEWS

DIARY DATES

Monday 26- Friday 30 October
Half term

Monday 2 November
Return to School

Monday 2-Friday 6 November
Y11 /13 Mock Exam Week 2

Monday 9 - 19 November
GCSE Art/Graphics/Dance Mock Exam

Monday 9-10 November
Y13 Photography Mock exam

Tuesday 10 November
AUB Drama Workshop

Wednesday 11 November
Remembrance Service
Art workshop with Tom Oldham

Thursday 12 November
6th Form Open Evening 5-7 pm

Tuesday 17 November
Frantic Assembly Drama workshop

Thursday 19 November
Y10 Parents Evening

Friday 20 November
Y12 Mock Interview Day

Thursday 26 November
Y11 Parents Evening

Tuesday 1 December
Flu Imms Catch up

Wednesday 9 December
QE Carol Service at Wimborne Minster
7.00 pm

Thursday 10-Wednesday 16 December
Y13 and GCSE Graphics/Art Mock exams
Criminology Controlled Assessment

Friday 18 December
Last day of term

Monday 4 January
Inset

Tuesday 5 January
All students back to school

Dear QE Community,

We have reached the end of our first half term and I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an extraordinarily vibrant, busy, and successful start to the academic year. There is lots to share in this edition of QE news and lots for us to look forward to between now and Christmas.

We opened our events calendar by welcoming back last year's year 11 and year 13 students for our annual Presentation Evening. It was a magnificent night dedicated to celebrating their hard work, resilience, and outstanding achievements. Seeing our alumni return with such confidence as they head off to top universities, apprenticeships, and exciting new careers was an absolute privilege.

It was fantastic to open our doors to so many prospective students and families during our Open Evenings and Open Mornings. Thanks to all staff and students who were involved in making these a success. Visitors to the school may have noticed a stunning new art installation in the Foyer, depicting Queen Elizabeth II in her youth. It serves as a colourful, inspiring welcome to everyone who steps through our doors and truly reflects the vibrant spirit of QE.

The extra-curricular programme continues to offer students a rich and varied life outside of the classroom. Our first D of E expedition of the year was a success and rehearsals for Les Miserables are fantastic to see each week.

Thank you all for your continued support, partnership, and enthusiasm throughout this dynamic first half term. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead!

Warmest regards,
Tom Neill

PARENT NOTICES



Student Shop: a full update on student items and where these can be collected can be found here.

ATTENDANCE ADVICE

The NHS's Is my child too ill for school? guidance and this DfE animation are useful for parents and carers, to help reassure you that pupils with a cold or minor illness can usually attend school.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder that unless you have a QE Parking Permit are are directly accompanying your child into reception, you must use the designated student car park for all drop-offs and collections.

BUS PASSES

Please ensure your child has an up to date bus pass with them every time they travel.

Office staff are having to issue numerous temporary bus passes at the end of the day which is delaying the buses.

FOOD PURCHASES

This is a reminder that if your child wishes to purchase food from the school canteen, you must ensure that sufficient funds are available in their ParentPay account.

To add funds, please select Lunch Money for Queen Elizabeth's School on ParentPay.

Please note that Caterlink staff are unable to provide food to students if there are insufficient funds in their account.

If you are unsure of your ParentPay login details, please contact Finance at finance@queenelizabeths.com or request a password reset via the ParentPay website.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT QE?

Blueprint Princess Elizabeth Installation

We are thrilled to share the news of the recent installation and official unveiling of Blueprint Princess Elizabeth in the Foyer. We are proud to be chosen to be the permanent home for this wonderful piece of art.

This stunning artwork is a collaborative masterpiece created by local secondary school students alongside local artist, Amanda Waite. Developed in partnership with Lighthouse, Poole, the artwork consists of nine individual 51cm x 61cm cyanotype panels, coming together as a striking 153cm x 183cm mosaic portrait. The piece overlays an iconic photograph of the late Queen in her youth by Cecil Beaton, used with licensed permission.

This specific portrait was chosen because it captures Princess Elizabeth embarking on her new destiny—reflecting our own commitment to inspiring young people to discover their true identity and purpose in life.

To mark the unveiling in September, we were honored to welcome:
Elspeth McBain, CEO of Lighthouse, Poole, Maureen La Frenais, trustee and resident artist at Walford Mill, who was part of the BPE project team, the Deputy Mayor of Poole and Alix Rusley, The Powerhouse Project Manager and Co-Founder and Amanda Waite.

Please take a look when you are next in school.



PRESENTATION EVENING

Our Year 11 and Year 13 Presentation Evening was a resounding success, bringing together students, families, staff, and community members including the Mayor and Mayoress of Wimborne, Mayor of Poole, Govenors of Wimborne Minster and Old Winburnians Association to celebrate the exceptional accomplishments of the 2025/26 cohort.

The evening was to recognise the hard work.dedication and positive impact in the classroom, sport and in the wider school community. Outstanding Contribution and Outstanding Achievement certificates were presented to over 80 students along with our Special Awards and Outstanding Student of Year.

A highlight of the evening was a keynote address from our guest speaker, local farmer and entrepreneur Ben Chick. Ben also presented some of the awards during the evening too.

Ben's journey is a remarkable story of adaptability, passion, resilience, hope and community spirit. Based in North Dorset, Ben is transforming traditional farming by diversifying his family farm to introduce popular indoor padel courts and a bustling cafe after health set backs made him rethink his future. Beyond his entrepreneurial success, Ben captured national headlines when he and The Hawkstone Farmers Choir won Britain's Got Talent. We look forward to hopefully having a QE Padel team in the future!

The Y11 Outstanding Student of the Year was awarded to Alfie M.

The Y13 Outstanding Students of the Year (Male and Female) were awarded to Lillia Allcroft and Ewan McKay. Anthony Oliver and Francis Howard-Vine from the Governors of Wimborne Minster presented the award to both students along with the prize of £300. Well done to both and wish you well at University.

We extend our huge congratulations to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 award winners, and our sincere thanks to Ben Chick for delivering a speech that inspired students as they embark on their next chapters.





OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening in September! It was wonderful to see our school community thriving and full of energy.

We were thrilled to welcome over 1,000 visitors through our doors and show them what QE has to offer.

A special mention goes to our incredible staff, who put so much effort into making the event a success, and our small army of amazing student volunteers (over 200 this year!).

Whether guiding tours or helping out in subject areas, our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Thank you to you all!







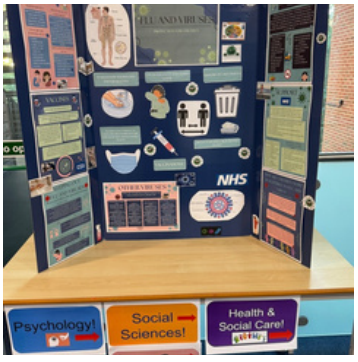


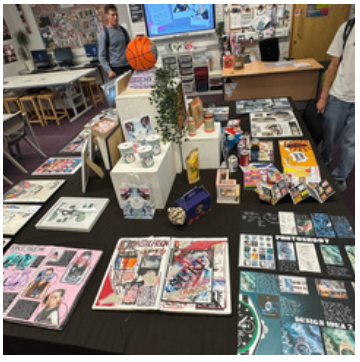















QE School of Performing Arts
JOIN US!
COURSES:
Dance, Drama, Music,
Media Studies, Film Studies,
PLUS
QE Productions
STAGE
Dracula
GCSE English

QE YOUNG CARERS

At Queen Elizabeth's School, we recognise that some students carry caregiving responsibilities at home. We are committed to ensuring every young person enjoys equal access to education, regardless of their personal circumstances.

When a student helps care for a family member living with a disability, physical or mental health condition, or addiction, tailored support can help them thrive academically and personally. Our school is attentive to these unique experiences and provides a compassionate, encouraging environment for students balancing extra duties at home.

We proudly collaborate with the MYTIME Young Carers Charity to connect our young carers with vital support, enriching activities, and opportunities to connect with peers. Partnering with MYTIME plays an essential role in helping our young carers achieve their full potential alongside their classmates.

If your child fulfills a caring role, please reach out to our Young Carers Lead to discover how we can best support your family:
QUEyoungcarers@queenelizabeths.com

MUSIC AT QE



Exam Successes



Congratulations to:

- Evie R Grade 6 Clarinet with Merit
- Isla M Grade 6 Clarinet with Merit
- James F Grade 8 Flute with Distinction (scoring 145/150!)

These Y11 students are performing to an exceptionally high standard for their age.

QE ALUMNI

QueenElizabeth's School QE
Calling All Alumni!

- Ex-QE students we need you!
- Where are you now?
- What have you been doing since you left QE?
- What have you achieved?

We want to hear from you, to celebrate your successes and inspire current QE students with your story and show them there are no limits to where you can go from here!

During work experience week, Ava R in Year 12, took on the responsibility for designing and launching our Alumni project. Ava interviewed **our first Alumni, Sarah Porretta, CEO of Young Enterprise**, who kindly gave her time to mentor Ava throughout the week. Please read Sarah's interview below, it really does show that there are no limits to what QE students can achieve. We will be featuring alumni across our social media, website and in the newsletter every month so please get in touch.

Sarah also came to our first "Ask me Anything" session, where Year 12 and 13 students asked questions ranging from finding out about travelling and working in Asia to gaining advice on how to succeed in securing a job and working your way up in big companies in London.



Sarah's profile can be found on the next page!

We would love for more alumni to get in touch, to share their experiences and wisdom about life beyond QE and if you can come and visit our students across all year groups.
Please get in touch via our Alumni form or via email contactcareers@queenelizabeths.com

RECIPE CORNER

Miss Stough, DT teacher, came up with this receipe for the for the Food Tech students to make for Open Evening -a resounding success so we though we would share the recipe with you!





Bean Taco Cups

Bean taco cups

1x punnet Cherry tomatoes
1x tin Black beans
1x tin of sweetcorn
1x tin Chopped tomatoes
2x Onion
1x Pepper
Handful of Spinach
200ml Water

2 tbsp Paprika
2 tbsp Cumin
Salt and pepper
2x cloves of Garlic
Coriander

White wraps
Cheese
Sour cream

1. Dice the onions, pepper, garlic and coriander.
2. Dice the cherry tomatoes.
3. Drain the black beans.
4. Add oil to a frying pan and put it on medium-high heat.
5. Add ¾ of the onions, the pepper and all of the garlic to the pan and fry until soft (3-4 mins)
6. Season and add spices, let fry for 1-2 minutes, stirring to mix.
7. Add black beans, sweetcorn and chopped tomatoes to the pan, stir and let simmer for 10 mins, stir occasionally.
8. Cut out the wrap with a cookie cutter and place in mini cupcake trays, brush oil lightly onto wraps. Let wraps bake in the oven for 5 minutes.
9. Add the spinach, stir and let wilt.
10. Add half of the coriander and simmer for 5 mins.
11. Take wrap shells out of the oven and place on a cooling rack.
12. In a bowl mix the remaining onion and cherry tomatoes as well as the coriander.
13. Add a spoon of taco mix to each shell, top with cheese, salsa mix and sour cream.

Acts4Sharing - Is a charity based in Ringwood that we refer people that we are working with to who supply furniture, household items & electrical goods to people within a 25-mile radius of Ringwood. I am sharing this as I recently did a talk at a local Church where someone had just paid for a house clearance & they expressed to me how much they would have loved to have donated the furniture to them & know that it had helped someone in need. We often see people who have just been housed & have nothing, so they need a lot of help with things like cutlery, saucepans, furniture & appliances. Acts4Sharing collect these items free of charge or they can be taken directly to their warehouse, people just need to arrange a collection / drop off date with them. For more information, please see their website - acts4Sharing.org.

QueenElizabeth's School QE

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 12th November 2026
5 - 7pm

Discover your future at QE Sixth Form

- Meet staff and students.
- Explore our courses and find out about Sixth Form life.
- Get advice about your next steps.
- Ask questions!

Be 1% better each day!



Be part of something great!

HOPE
RESPECT
RESILIENCE
COMMUNITY

For further information please email - rriding@queenelizabeths.com



Christmas

CAROL SERVICES

Celebrate the season with Queen Elizabeth's School in a joyous Carol Service filled with songs, prayers, and the warmth of community.

Come early to ensure you have good seats as this has become a very popular event and is a real showcase of some of our students musical talents

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2026
7PM
AT WIMBORNE MISTER

QE School

REVERSE ADVENT FOOD BANK APPEAL

Help us make a difference this Christmas!

Wimborne Food Bank

We are supporting Wimborne Food Bank's Reverse Advent initiative to help local families who may be struggling this Christmas. Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a huge difference.

Together we can spread some Christmas cheer

Day 1 Long Life Fruit juice 	**Day 2** Pasta 	**Day 3** Tube of Pringles 	**Day 4** Packet of Rice 	**Day 5** Pasta Sauce 
Day 6 Washing up Liquid 	**Day 7** Cranberry Sauce 	**Day 8** Tinned Hot Dogs 	**Day 9** Washing Pods / Gel 	**Day 10** Shampoo 
Day 11 Box of Chocolates 	**Day 12** Tinned Corned Beef 	**Day 13** Chicken / Turkey Gravy 	**Day 14** Bottle of Squash 	**Day 15** Toilet rolls (4 pack) 
Day 16 Tinned Meatballs 	**Day 17** Box of Biscuits 	**Day 18** Shower Gel 	**Day 19** UHT Milk Carton 	**Day 20** Jar of Coffee 
Day 21 Packet of Stuffing 	**Day 22** Tinned Ham 	**Day 23** Deodorant 	**Day 24** Tinned Chilli / Mince 	**Day 25** A Christmas Present (for an adult or teenager) 

Please bring your donations to school by Friday 27th November.

If you're unable to donate items, a £5 contribution would help us buy a Christmas present for someone who might not receive one otherwise.

Exciting New Girls' Sports After School Club Launching This September!



Get ready to level up your Wednesdays because girls' sports are back and bigger than ever this September!

Starting after school from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, we are taking over the courts, astro gym and field for the ultimate mix of fun fitness and epic competition across netball, hockey, football, and high-energy fitness sessions.

There is absolutely no limit on how many teams you can join, so you can dominate the football pitch one week and rule the netball court the next. Every single year group and ability level is welcome, whether you are aiming for the match-day lineup or just want to move and have a laugh.

Bring your best friends along or show up ready to build a brand-new squad—let's make this term unforgettable!

STUDENT WELLBEING



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.

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.

QE & THE COMMUNITY





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FACE

November 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

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

Scouts

SIXPENNY HANDLEY

FIREWORK SPOOKTACULAR

Your paragraph text

25th Anniversary

Halloween themed

CHURCH FARM CAMPSITE, SIXPENNY HANDLEY

31st October

firstwoodcutts.org.uk/fireworks

Gates open 5:30pm
Children's display 6:30pm
Main display 7:30pm

TICKETS:Child£7,Adult£9,Family(2+2)£30(£5, £7 & £20 in advance)
Available from:
Budgens Sixpenny Handley, Clarke the Butchers, Chettle Shop, Sheaf of Arrows