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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome all year groups back to school. Students have returned looking smart, prepared and ready to embark on their new learning. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with this.

We had a large number of students in school yesterday evening as part of our annual open evening. It was a wonderful evening where students were able to share their fantastic work with prospective parents and the local community. Thank you to all of the staff and the students for their work in making this such a successful evening.

School Priorities 2022/2023

We have finalised our key school priorities for the year. A summary of these are given below and we will continue to communicate developments on these areas throughout the year;

- **Attendance** - our school aim is for all students to have 100% attendance
- **Teaching and Learning** - focus on implementing latest research into classroom practice to ensure that all pupils make excellent progress
- **Rewards** - working with the student voice to further develop rewards for students
- **Mental Health Support** - implementation of the NHS Mental Health in Schools team to support in school counsellors

Parental Survey Feedback

A number of parents contributed to the parental feedback survey that we sent out during the summer term. Thank you for taking the time to do this as the feedback is vital to help us improve our work within school. We are working through the comments and are addressing some of the common themes that were highlighted. To help reduce the number of emails that are sent we will collate all key information and dates within a parent letter which will be sent every fortnight.

Further to the feedback from the survey we are moving back to mainly face to face evenings for parents with some online parents evenings throughout this year. The next event is **Year 13 Parents Evening** which will take place face to face on Thursday 6th October. We will open the system from 5pm on Thursday 29th September for you to book appointments.

Assessment information

We like to keep you regularly informed regarding the progress of your child in their academic studies and their approach to learning. Progress checks will be sent out during the following weeks.

Week beginning:

17th October - All year groups including current grades for Years 11 and 13

12th December - All year groups (Except Year 13)

6th February - Year 13 only

13th March - Year 11 only

27th March - All year groups (Except Year 11)

17th July - Years 9, 10 and 12

PPEs will take place in the following weeks:

Year 11 PPE 1 - 14th and 21st November

Year 11 PPE 2 - 6th and 20th February

Year 13 PPE - 9th and 16th January

English - GCSE English set texts for Year 10

The books for all Year 10 pupils are still available to purchase from the LRC shop. £15 (Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls). They are also available to purchase individually.

Careers & Apprenticeship Fair Wed 19th October

On Wednesday 19th October, 5.45pm - 8.00pm we are holding our annual Career & Apprenticeship fair here at QE school and encourage students in every year group and parents/carers to attend.

It is a great opportunity for students to start to think about their future career, whether they are just starting out and have no idea what pathway they wish to pursue or they have some career ideas in mind and want to speak to the experts and find out more. With over 70 Local and National Employers, Further Education, Higher Education and charity organisations attending, there is something for everyone and all under one roof so please do save the date!

Equally if you are an employer/employee of a company who would like to exhibit at this event (or have friends or family who may be interested) then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Hayley Jones Hjones@queenelizabeths.com for more information.

We are pleased to share the September 2022 issue of our Careers Newsletter [here](#)

Choir and Orchestra Music Tour Information Evening **Tuesday 4th October 2022 6.00pm - 7.00pm**

If you play an instrument or sing and want to join the choir or orchestra and come on our tour to The Rhineland, Germany in July 2023, please come along to weekly rehearsals. The tour will be an unforgettable opportunity for ensemble players to perform in exciting venues together, supporting their musical learning.

An Information Evening about the tour is being held on Tuesday 4th October, 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the main school hall. During this information evening, parents will find out all of the details about the tour and there will be the opportunity for questions to be answered.

If students are interested then please ask Miss Phenix for a letter and return the reply slip by Friday 30th September.

Student Drop off and Collection area - QE Leisure Centre Car Park

For parents who drop off and pick up students on the school site please view the short video below which explains how to access the school site.

<https://youtu.be/l-BoM6mu5aq>

Second Hand Uniform

We have a varied but limited amount of Second Hand Uniform available in Student Services for Year 9 - 11, including shirts / blouses, blazers and PE Kits. We do ask for a small voluntary donation if possible, which can be sent through ParentPay.

If you are interested or feel that you need some assistance with second hand uniforms, please contact studentservices@queenelizabeths.com and we will be able to help you.

Morning Study Club

Morning Study Club takes place in the LRC from 8.00am - 8.30am each morning for students to complete silent study or reading. Bookings can be made using the link below, and are on a first come first served basis. There is a maximum of 30 spaces per day.

<https://queenelizabeths.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Students need to arrive and sign in at the House Office by 8.10am in order to access the LRC for study club.

Please contact studentservices@queenelizabeths.com if you have any questions

Year 10 Options

I hope your son / daughter has made a good and enjoyable start to their new GCSE courses following the options process from transitioning from Year 9 into Year 10. This process is now closed in terms of students changing their options and any queries relating to this can now be directed to your son/daughter's Head of House.

K9 Detection Dogs

Last year we had a very successful and productive visit from a specially trained drug detection dog from K9 School Support. As part of our ongoing work to keep the school as safe as possible the detection dog will visit the school again during this year. The visits will be spread out throughout the school year and will not impact on any learning time or school activities.

The visits will not be advertised but will follow a simple format so that they do not disrupt the students from their normal daily routines. If you have any questions related to this then please make contact with Mr Humpreys, Deputy Headteacher.

Wimborne Food Bank Update

We will be running our annual harvest festival competition within school in October. Should you wish to make donations, students will be able to access their house drop boxes in the main reception. Wimborne Food Bank are in particular need of the following donations:

Tinned potatoes	Tinned carrots	Corned beef
Tinned custard	Tinned rice pudding	Packets of rice
Packets of porridge	Long life fruit juice	Squash
Washing up liquid	Washing pods	Deodorants
Shampoo	Shower gel	

Wimborne Food Bank is also going to be one of Tesco Ferndown Verwood stores community projects from early October 22 - Jan 23. They would really appreciate any Tesco blue tokens in the Wimborne Food Bank slot if you shop in any of those stores. This will help them with funds towards a Family Fun Event next year.

PE Faculty Sports Clubs

[PE Faculty - Autumn Term 2022 Extra-Curricular Timetable](#)

Wimborne Academy Trust

Finally, we have been asked by Wimborne Academy Trust to share information with you.

Please click [here](#) to read their first Staff Development Newsletter for 22-23.

Please click [here](#) for information on the Trust Schools Open Events.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns then please make contact with your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely



Katie Boyes
Headteacher

Communication and Information

The first point of contact for parents in all instances is your child's tutor.

Your child's tutor is supported by the Head of House:

Lancaster: Mr J Mead	jmead@queenelizabeths.com
Stuart: Mrs T Mynard	tmynard@queenelizabeths.com
Tudor: Mr C Finean	cfinean@queenelizabeths.com
Wessex: Mrs G Heighway	gheighway@queenelizabeths.com
York: Mrs C Taylor-Gallop	ctaylor-gallop@queenelizabeths.com

Our school website contains all of the key information about school and is updated regularly.

www.queenelizabeths.com

We are also using our social media platforms to communicate key dates and events with parents

Facebook www.facebook.com/qedorset/

Twitter twitter.com/QESDorset

Instagram www.instagram.com/qedorset/