

KEB/cl

20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our face to face Year 11 Parents Evening and Year 9 Options Evening over the last few weeks. It was fantastic to see so many of you in school. As we have moved through the half term a number of students have been arriving to school without their full set of equipment making full engagement in their learning challenging. Please could we ask that parents and carers check that students have the following with them each day.

Equipment

Students are expected to have the following basic equipment with them in school every day.

- Knowledge organiser
- Pen
- Pencil
- Green pen
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Compass
- Protractor
- Whiteboard pen
- Glue stick

If you need help with obtaining any items of equipment please make contact with your child's tutor.

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening

A reminder to all Year 9 parents that the booklet containing all the information you need to support you in making choices is on our website [here](#). The deadline to complete the options choices is Friday 10th February. To support with the decision making process we have the face to face Year 9 Parents Evening taking place on Thursday 9th February. The online booking system for the Year 9 Parents Evening opens on Monday 23rd January at 17:00. Appointments can be made between 16:00 and 19:00. Appointments are 5 minutes long. When booking appointments, it is advisable to keep 5 min breaks between appointments to allow movement. The evening will be held in school and face to face.

The link for booking and for the evening is: <https://queenelizabeths.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 11 Revision Sessions

The following timetable outlines the lunchtime and after school sessions which are running for Year 11 students. We would encourage all students to attend sessions linked to their option choices to support their preparation for the forthcoming PPE exams which take place during the week before and after half term and the final examinations in the summer.

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
Lunch Study Sessions		GCSE Dance		GCSE Dance			GCSE Dance		GCSE Dance	
A/S Study 15:20-16:20		Maths 90 - E	English - 120 C	Science - 60 E			Enterprise A204	Drama B203	Business A204	
		SEND Maths A202		RE - 40 C			Art A307	Art A307	Computing A211	
							Geography C305	Geography C305	H&SC C206	
							History C309	Graphics A304+5	iMedia A212	
							H&SC C206	History C310	DT A108	
							Psychology C202	GCSE PE F302	French C205	
							SEND Maths A202	BTEC Sport F303	Food Tech A103	
								Sociology C206	Geography C305+6	
								Spanish C208	Graphics A304+5	
								Textiles A302	Textiles A302	
									Psychology C202	
									Music B204	
									History C303	

School Musical

Staff and students involved in our musical production Shrek are in the last week of rehearsals before the shows begin next Thursday evening. Tickets are still available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool>. We look forward to seeing you at one of the performances.

Personal Development Day - Wednesday 8th February

Students have a further Personal development day on Wednesday 8th February. Sessions have been held developing Careers and destinations education, widening understanding of British rights and values, and physical and mental health workshops. Workshops planned for this Personal Development day include Nationwide Finance education and resilience training from the Amy Winehouse Foundation. These days fulfil a key strand of students' Personal, Social and Health education.

Year 11 Applications to QE 6th form

Applications are still open for Year 11 students to apply to QE 6th form. Details of course information and the application process can be found below. Students are encouraged to speak to their tutor, subject teachers and leaders and the 6th form team in discussing any questions they have about course information and 6th form studies.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.com/page/?title=Prospectus+and+Admissions&pid=51>

Student Services:

Student services is based in the LRC in D building and can help students with the following:

- Uniform
- Locker Keys (including replacement keys)
- LRC / stationery shop

To contact student services for any of the above please email studentservices@queenelizabeths.com

For Parent Pay enquiries and other queries, please contact office@queenelizabeths.com

A number of parents have reported that their child is struggling with maintaining good sleep routines . We would like to share some information with you from the National Sleep Helpline. Please see the posters at the end of this letter. You can also read more here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

If you have any questions or concerns then please make contact with your child's tutor who will be able to support or direct your concern to the correct member of staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Boyes'.

Katie Boyes
Headteacher

Key Dates

26th, 27th & 28th January	Shrek the Musical Performances
31st January	QE Sixth Form Applications
Thursday 2nd February	Year 9 Parents Evening (face to face in school)
13th to 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	Staff Training Day - no students in school
Thursday 23rd February	Year 13 Parents Evening (online)
Thursday 23rd March	Year 11 Parents Evening (online)
Friday 31st March	Staff Training Day - no students in school
3rd to 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	First day of term - all students in school
Thursday 27th April	Year 10 Parents Evening (face to face in school)
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - no students in school
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation - no students in school
29th May to 2nd June	Half Term
Thursday 8th June	Year 12 Parents Evening (face to face in school)
Friday 30th June	Staff Training Day - no students in school
Thursday 6th July	Meet the Tutor Evening (for Year 8 students who are joining us in September)
Friday 7th July	Transfer Day (middle school students in school)
13th and 14th July	ACE Festival
Friday 21st July	Last day of term (normal finish time)

Communication and Information

The first point of contact for parents in all instances is your child's tutor.
You child's tutor is supported by the Head of House:

Lancaster: Mrs N Drewitt	ndrewitt@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
Student Services	studentservices@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/gedorset/

National Sleep Helpline



the national sleep helpline


Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
 Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
 Wednesday 9am - 11am



the national sleep helpline

Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541
 Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
 Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
 In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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