

KEB/cl  
5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now into the third week of this half term and are very proud of the achievements of students in the wide range of extra curricular events that have taken place this half term including the Dance Live Final and the National Theatre Connections event at the Lighthouse. The students who participated within these events performed exceptionally well.

We are coming towards the final week before the examinations start for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We know how hard they have worked for the exams and wish them the best of luck for the exam season.

The remainder of this letter provides some updates on some events that are taking place within school over the next two weeks together with information on the online maths homework provision.

#### **Everything Apprenticeships Day - Tuesday 9th May 2023**

On Tuesday 9th May **during lunchtime** in the **main school hall** we have an Apprenticeship Marketplace open to **all** students in all year groups where they will be able to meet with a wide range of employers who recruit apprentices to find out more about the different apprenticeship opportunities that are available locally. Please encourage your child to attend as it is a unique opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships.

In addition to the marketplace, if your son/daughter is in Year 11, 12 or 13 and would like some 1:1 support searching for apprenticeship vacancies and support with their application then please do book them onto the relevant apprenticeship workshop as follows:

Year 11, Lesson 1, Tue 9th May in room A105 Click [HERE](#)

Year 12, Lesson 2, Tue 9th May in room A105 Click [HERE](#)

Year 13, Lesson 3, Tue 9th May in room A05 Click [HERE](#)

#### **Yr9 Bournemouth University Visit: Wednesday 17th May 2023**

On Wednesday 17th May all Year 9 students will be visiting Bournemouth University as part of our programme of raising aspiration and building career awareness. The visit will include a tour of the campus, a talk from BU staff and the opportunity to speak to current students studying at Bournemouth University about university life in general. The visit will last approximately 2 hours and will take place during school time.

Due to the large number of students involved, we will be running a shuttle bus service to the university and so half of the year group will be taken to Bournemouth University whilst an activity programme will be delivered in school for the other group. This process will then be reversed so everyone completes both parts of the day.



We are excited to announce that we have had an overwhelming response from local and national employers who have signed up to participate in our activity programme that we will be running at school on this day so all Year 9 students will have a good insight into university life, and will also get to learn about future career opportunities all on the same day!

### **Destinations 2024**

A reminder that all Year 12 students should be registered and looking at Apprenticeships on the [National Apprenticeship Service](#) and also using the extensive database through their [Unifrog](#) account.

All students should also be registered on the [UCAS Hub](#) as the details of courses for 2024 entry are now live and searchable on the website.

Applications will be open from May 16th and all students will be receiving support on how to get the application right and how to complete their personal statements.

All details about Destinations can be found under the Destinations heading in the Year 12 Google Classroom.

Please speak with Mrs Ridley, Destinations Lead if you require any further information.

### **Sparx Maths**

We currently use HegartyMaths to provide our weekly online Maths homework. HegartyMaths has evolved into Sparx Maths and we are transitioning the students across from HegartyMaths to Sparx Maths. So far the Year 9 students have successfully moved across and we are now in the position to transition Year 10 over to the new platform. Below are some links which give more information on the Sparx Maths platform.

Information using the links below will help you navigate the Sparx site which can be found here.

<https://sparxmaths.com/>

Information on using the website can be found here

[https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Parent%20video\\_v2.mp4](https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Parent%20video_v2.mp4)

Details on logging onto Sparx

<https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20How%20to%20Videos%20-%20Spring%202021/How%20students%20log%20in.mp4>

There is an expectation on the Sparx Maths homeworks that students achieve a 100% completion for each homework. The Sparx platform uses an algorithm to adjust difficulty and quantity for questions to help students achieve this completion.

The tasks are set every Monday and are due the Monday of the following week. The first Sparx task will be due on Tuesday 9th May as Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday.

If you have any questions please contact your son/daughter's Maths Teacher.

### **Wimborne Food Bank**

Our local food bank in Wimborne is in need of the following donations, any support would be greatly appreciated: rice, squash, pasta sauce, tea bags, washing pods, washing up liquid, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, fruit juice, jam and UHT milk. These items can be dropped to the main reception at school or directly to the food bank.

On Monday 8th May, they will also be holding a family fun day from 10.30am-2.30pm at Wimborne Rugby Club, Leigh Road.

### **Bus Services**

This is a reminder that all students who travel on one of the local bus services must ensure that they are boarding the correct bus allocated to them, both in the morning and again in the afternoon. All students should have valid bus passes ready to show both the driver and school staff who may need to check when on bus duty. In addition to this, in the event of a delay to your child's service, the following social media channels will be updated by Damory:

<https://www.facebook.com/damorybuses/>

<https://twitter.com/TravelDorset>

<https://www.excelsior-coaches.com/>

### **Lost Property**

If your child is missing an item, please ask them to visit the main office where we are currently holding lost property such as coats, uniform and PE kits. Any items not collected by the end of this half term will be disposed of.

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful coronation weekend and look forward to seeing all students at 8.40am on Tuesday 9th May.

Yours sincerely



**Katie Boyes**  
**Headteacher**

### Key Dates

Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation - no students in school
Friday 12th May	Year 11 Smart Day
29th May to 2nd June	Half Term
Thursday 8th June	Year 12 Parents Evening (face to face in school)
Thursday 22nd June	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 28th June	Year 13 Prom
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.

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

<b>Lancaster: Mrs N Drewitt</b>	<a href="mailto:ndrewitt@queenelizabeths.com">ndrewitt@queenelizabeths.com</a>
<b>Stuart: Mrs T Mynard</b>	<a href="mailto:tmynard@queenelizabeths.com">tmynard@queenelizabeths.com</a>
<b>Tudor: Mr C Finean</b>	<a href="mailto:cfinean@queenelizabeths.com">cfinean@queenelizabeths.com</a>
<b>Wessex: Mrs G Heighway</b>	<a href="mailto:gheighway@queenelizabeths.com">gheighway@queenelizabeths.com</a>
<b>York: Mrs C Taylor-Gallop</b>	<a href="mailto:ctaylor-gallop@queenelizabeths.com">ctaylor-gallop@queenelizabeths.com</a>
Student Services	<a href="mailto:studentservices@queenelizabeths.com">studentservices@queenelizabeths.com</a>

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

[www.queenelizabeths.com](http://www.queenelizabeths.com)

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

Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/qedorset/">www.facebook.com/qedorset/</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/QESDorset">twitter.com/QESDorset</a>
Instagram	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/qedorset/">www.instagram.com/qedorset/</a>