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17th November 2023

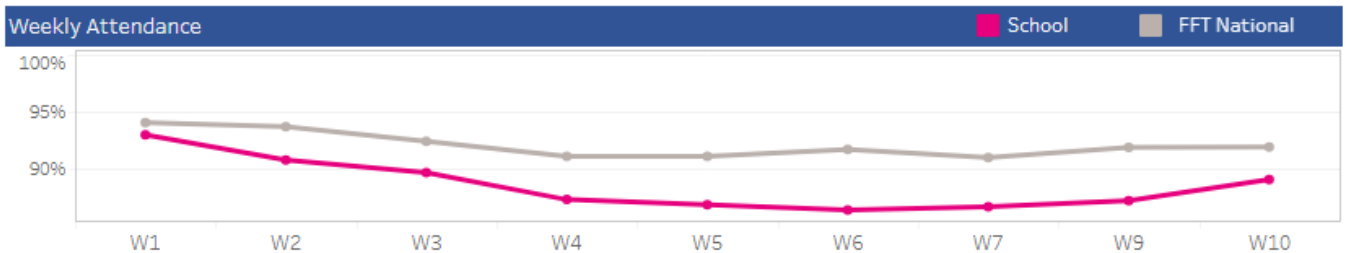
Dear Parent/Carer,

**Lukas Barr- Local Hero**

We want to take this opportunity to praise our year 12 student Lukas Barr. A road traffic accident occurred just outside school last week which involved some members of the community. Lukas supported the people involved with phone calls to the emergency services, alerting staff within school and showed real compassion throughout the incident. He has been praised by the people involved and is a real credit to Queen Elizabeth's School. Well done Lukas, we are proud of you.

**Attendance - up to week 10**

Attendance Headlines						YEAR TO DATE	9/4/2023 - 11/10/2023
All Pupils	Girls	Boys	FSM6	Not FSM6	Persistent absentees		
88.4%	86.8%	90.1%	77.3%	90.2%	30.0%		



Attendance breakdown		YEAR TO DATE	9/4/2023 - 11/10/2023

QE attendance is the red line in the graph above and has started to move closer to the national average which is encouraging. Year 11 attendance has improved significantly during week 10. However, year 9 attendance has declined slightly and year 10 remains a cause for concern.



All Pupils	Pupils		All	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
All Pupils	1,171	School	88.4%	92.0%	86.2%	86.9%
		FFT National	92.0%	91.3%	90.8%	90.7%
		Difference	-3.7% <span style="color:red">•</span>	+0.7%	-4.6% <span style="color:red">•</span>	-3.8% <span style="color:red">•</span>
Gender			All	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Female	619	School	86.8%	91.1%	84.7%	85.2%
		FFT National	91.8%	90.9%	90.3%	90.1%
		Difference	-4.9% <span style="color:red">•</span>	+0.2%	-5.6% <span style="color:red">•</span>	-5.0% <span style="color:red">•</span>
Male	552	School	90.1%	92.8%	88.1%	88.9%
		FFT National	92.3%	91.7%	91.3%	91.1%
		Difference	-2.2% <span style="color:red">•</span>	+1.1% <span style="color:green">•</span>	-3.2% <span style="color:red">•</span>	-2.3% <span style="color:red">•</span>

Girls attendance remains an issue and we will continue to work hard with families to get students into school. As parents may remember, I wrote to you at the beginning of term and said, *“In the penultimate week of the summer term, attendance at QE fell to 85% which is 4% below the national average. Academic data from the DFE states that nearly 84% students with 100% attendance achieved grades 4-9 in both English and Maths. Only 35.6% students with attendance below 90% achieved grades 4-9 in both English and Maths”*. A timely reminder of the importance of good attendance.

### Buses

We are aware that some students have experienced issues with the bus services recently. Please be reassured that as a school we are working closely with Damory and will always aim to provide you with any feedback, updates and changes as quickly as possible. Please can we ask that all students who are entitled to transport carry their bus pass with them to present to the driver at the beginning and end of each day. Students should also ensure that they travel on the bus that has been allocated to them. Students who are not entitled to school transport should not be boarding the bus services.

### Christmas Selection Boxes- Wimborne Food Bank

From Monday 23rd November we will once again be collecting chocolate selection boxes in support of Wimborne Food Bank. This will be run as a house competition and students will be able to drop these into their house box at reception. The deadline for this will be Friday 1st December. Thank you as always for your support with this, we were able to provide local food banks with all of your charitable donations for the Harvest festival earlier this month and they were very much appreciated.

### **Christmas Meal Deal Roast- 6/12**

The weekly Wednesday roast dinner for students will be a Christmas one on the 6th December, £2.70.

### **Sixth Form Applications**

Last week we held our Sixth Form Open Evening, it was a really busy and informative evening. The information for September 2024 can now be found on the Sixth Form page of the website which can be found [here](#). Applications for Sixth Form are now open. Please use the following link for the application process:

<https://queenelizabeths.applicaa.com/year12>

### **ParentPay**

Queen Elizabeth's School use ParentPay for lunch money, lockers, trips and all other school activities . Please contact our finance department via email: [finance@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:finance@queenelizabeths.com) if you require your login details to be emailed to you.

### **Scabies**

During this week we have had two reported cases of students with scabies. If you believe your child has scabies please follow the NHS advice for treatment which can be found at the following [link](#).

### **Year 9 STEM Club**

This is run every Wednesday at 3.20pm in E104 for our year 9 students. With lots of exciting weekly subjects on offer such as making fireworks and discussing asteroid impacts, please come along!

### **Year 11 and Year 13**

We have had a very productive two weeks of our Pre-Public Examinations. Well done to those students who have sat their exams and worked hard with their revision to extend their learning and outcomes. We are now 24 weeks away from the summer exams. Following the marking of these exams and data drop, both year groups will receive their results and reflect on their progress and next steps. As parents, you can continue to support your children by ensuring they have a revision space and time to be able to study in peace; as well as checking their revision schedules and encouraging healthy habits.

### **Cross Country- Yr10**

After an early start and a last minute change of location, we all headed to Taunton racecourse for the South West round of the competition. The boys were all well prepared and the sun shone brightly, after a thorough course inspection and warm up our race was off. It was packed with drama after Harry fell at the start but he got up and fought back the whole race, making the whole team proud. The boys had the most fantastic run and have now

qualified for the National Finals in a few weeks time. This is a truly fantastic achievement and I could not be prouder of the boys. The boys are: Harry Butcher, Nathan Swift, Sam Berry, Buddy Mitchell and Noah Wareham.  
Mrs Bailey

### Local Events

Thursday 30th November- QE Choir at the Museum of East Dorset Christmas Shopping Evening-  
<https://museumofeastdorset.co.uk/project/christmas-shopping-night-at-the-museum-3/>

Saturday 9th December- Youth Music Christmas Concert featuring our talented QE students at the Lighthouse Arts Centre: <https://www.lighthousepoole.co.uk/book-online/705001/>

Yours Sincerely



Simon Firth  
Headteacher

### 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:

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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 [www.facebook.com/qedorset/](http://www.facebook.com/qedorset/)

Twitter [twitter.com/QESDorset](https://twitter.com/QESDorset)

Instagram [www.instagram.com/qesdorset/](http://www.instagram.com/qesdorset/)