

SJF/kw

15th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Attendance**

Attendance continues to be a priority and our recent PPE's for year 11 shows the impact of attendance on academic performance.

- *Those with 95%+ attendance are on target to reach / exceed their predicted grades.*
- *Those with attendance between 85%-95% are half a grade below their predicted grades.*
- *Those with attendance between 80%-85% are a grade below their predicted grades.*
- *Those with attendance below 80% are 2 grades below their predicted grades.*

You can see that those students consistently attending school are achieving the best outcomes. As a result we are looking to add some more rewards around good and outstanding attendance. We will be launching a series of rewards for individual student attendance and whole year attendance. Watch this space!

We also want to celebrate some of the fantastic work our students are doing. Since February half term 150 year 9 students, 123 year 10 students and 119 year 11 students have 100% attendance. This is an excellent achievement. We are also going to be rewarding those with improved attendance because we know this can be a challenge for some of our students to be in school everyday.

**Year 11**

We have seven weeks until the start of the Summer exams for Year 11. A reminder that our revision support can be accessed [HERE](#). Please check in on your child's revision schedules and help support them with space to revise. Top Tip: when students are using exam questions to go through, they need to do this in silence and with a timer, emulating the exam hall so they are familiar with these conditions. Silence when working in this way helps them control the 'chatter' in their brains and makes it easier to focus on the task at hand. A reminder that our examinations page of the [WEBSITE](#) shows the summer exam schedule, individual timetables will be out in due course.

**Year 11 and 13 Easter Revision Sessions**

Please complete the google form on the letter circulated yesterday to book onto Easter Revision sessions for both Y11/13.



**Year 10 National Cup Semi Final vs Kingsdale Academy**

Our Year 10 boys team has a major match to play on Tuesday! Please support them if you are able to at Wimborne Town Football Club at 1.30pm. Good Luck Boys!!!

**School Catering Information**

Our new Catering Manager at Queen Elizabeth's School is very proud to announce that we have once again achieved a 5-star food hygiene rating following a visit on Wednesday 13th March.

Since September, we have introduced new healthier products in both the kitchen and the POD, along with branded products for the sixth form café.

The Pod is located in the grounds of the school and not only accessible at break and lunch times but also open from 8am- 8.45am for healthier options, serving items such as Muesli, Porridge and English breakfast items. Ensuring the student has a healthy start to the day.

While we try to maintain a healthier lifestyle, the main restaurant has introduced more vegetables, brown rice and lentils, these little things have been received positively by the students.

The Sixth Form cafe has also introduced new food items and there will be further drinks additions in the Summer. Thank you to the Catering Team.

**Community News and Events**

**Wimborne Community Food Supply** - based at the Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne

<https://www.theallendale.org/wimborne-community-food-supply>

Please click on the [link](#) for information on the following:

Wimborne Food Bank Easter Egg Appeal 2024

Wimborne Food Bank Reverse Lent March 2024

Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre- Activities for Young People

Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre- What's on for Families

Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre- Activities for Adults

Verwood Hub Community and Leisure Events 2024

Verwood Hub Easter 2024 Childrens Programme

Lantern Church Music Social- 19th April

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/)