

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th May

Year 12 Theatre Trip- Life of Pi

Thursday 16th May (P)

Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday 20th May

Year 10 Geography Trip- Swanage
Miss Buchanan (10A2)

Tuesday 21st May

Year 10 Geography Trip- Swanage
Mrs Willcocks (10B1) and Mrs Dean (10A1)

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 10 Geography Trip- Swanage
Miss Acott (10C1) and Mrs Willcocks (10C2)

Thursday 23rd May

Year 9 Bournemouth University Day

(P- Parents Invited)

Year 10 Parents Evening reminder

Thursday 16th May (4-7pm)

Please arrange to see your child's subject teachers using our [school cloud link](#)

As these are face to face appointments, please can we request prompt start and finish times.

Car Parking at QE...

Following our health and safety audit where safety in the front carpark was reviewed, please be aware that from Monday 13th May, the front entrance to the school will be monitored. Only students who have been provided with accessible parking will be permitted. Please see our [visitor information](#) for further details.

QE NEWS- MAY 2024

A little update on my first 20 days of QE headship...

Following on from the successful recruitment of our new Headteacher Tom Neill last week, I'm excited for him to be joining us, as I know he is too.

Over the past few weeks, we've been diligently working to foster an environment where every student feels motivated, engaged, and supported in their learning through our improvement plan of care, communication and consistency.

Attendance is the foundation upon which academic success is built, and I'm delighted with the improvement in overall attendance rates across all year groups. This is a testament to the dedication of our students, the support of our parents, and the collaborative efforts of our staff. By prioritising punctuality and regular attendance, our students are maximizing their learning opportunities and setting themselves up for success both in school and beyond.

Equally inspiring is the increase in student engagement observed in our classrooms. From lively discussions to creative projects, our students are actively participating in their learning like never before.

With exams in full swing, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt wishes to our Year 11 and 13 students as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. As parents, your ongoing support and encouragement play a vital role in the success of our students. Your belief in their abilities are integral to their academic journey. Thank you for partnering with us in their education.

I also want to express my gratitude to you, our parents and guardians, for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and together, we can empower our students to reach their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards, Brian Boyes- Interim Headteacher

A punctual update from Mr Humphreys...

Attendance

We have seen positive improvements across the school and a variety of student groups this term around attendance, and there has been an increase in those attending everyday.

We are using a variety of strategies to engage students and where attendance is a struggle we are working closely with professionals and parents to ensure students are engaged and still making progress. We are working hard to close the gap to national attendance, and are managing to do this, thank you to everyone for working hard on this.

Student rewards are ongoing throughout the Summer term. The 100% award is for a 2 week cycle, we appreciate that 100% all year is extremely difficult to achieve. Our Student Voice requested that we recognised those students who attend every day for 2 weeks. They also wanted us to reward those students who are working hard to improve their attendance. Both groups will be celebrated every 2 weeks with a variety of rewards.

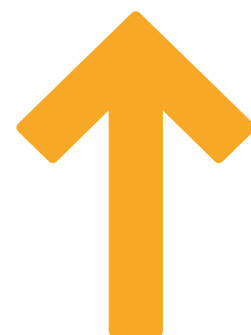
Student Voice asked for reward breakfasts, non uniform and chocolate/sweet treats. Whole year groups will also be celebrated if they can meet the targets set. It is worth pointing out that many of our students with attendance challenges will be on plans or attending other provisions, which are logged as attending school and therefore not counting against them in terms of accessing our rewards of either 100% for 10 days or the most improved awards. Year 9 are currently leading the way averaging attendance of around 90% each week!

Punctuality

There has been a huge improvement in our punctuality. We have dropped from an average of 80 students arriving late in the first week to now around 30.

A big thank you to everyone for supporting us with this. Ensuring students start their day on time is really helping to set the tone, lower anxiety and make sure the start of the day is really productive.

This has also helped us improve attendance. We really appreciate the support with this.



4%



200%

Queen Elizabeth's School and Wimborne Food Bank...

We are proud to support all of the fantastic work that Wimborne Food Bank does for our community. Whether it be Easter eggs, Christmas selection boxes or Harvest Festival, we thank you for your donations and would like to share an update from them:

We are busy planning for our upcoming Family Fun Day which is planned for Saturday 27th July (weather permitting) from 10.30-2.30pm on the field by Wimborne Rugby Club and have been contacting local businesses for raffle prizes & for a teddy bear for our name the bear competition.

We are also planning a Community Lunch, our school Summer holiday parcels for pupil premium families & the Easter cooking event that we held with the Friendly Food Club was so well received that we are planning another cooking session with them in the October half term. The Friendly Food Club are also coming to our family fun day along with Jamie Jigsaw, Tumble Tots, Diamond Faces Face Painting, Ems Friendly Farm & more!

We have been given a large amount of toiletries by a couple of local businesses so we have been giving out an additional toiletry bag alongside each parcel.

We now have 6 people in our money advice team, one of which is a debt advisor. They are working with many families to help them with budgeting & reducing their debts & are at the sessions every Wednesday morning.

We recently changed the layouts in our food stores, so we have much more room to make the parcels & store items. So, the volunteers are happy!!

Our stock levels are doing ok thanks to the support of our wonderful caring local community although they are not quite keeping up with demand. The items that we are short of we post on our social media Facebook & Instagram pages however we would still love our local schools to hold a mufti day for food donations if possible.

We are searching for a part time storeman to help move heavy crates of stock to our sorting & packing area so that we can keep making parcels and restock the shelves.

We have fed over 1000 adults & children so far this year & we could not do it without your help.

Thank you all so much 😊



Meet Mrs Ashby...

Life before teaching: Proud to be a former QE student, I studied interior architecture and exhibited at New Designers and Norman Foster with published work for Design magazine

Degree: B.Ed Honors degree in Resistant Materials at Wolverhampton University

Job: SENCO for QE, Head of Inclusion and currently teaching textiles

Future Aspirations: Creative floristry

Family: Husband, three grown up children, two have gone into teaching!

Ideal holiday: Adventure- long haul, road trip, anything that brings something new

Likes: Entertaining, cooking, gardening, reading, music

Dislikes: Peas

Currently reading: Verity by Colleen Hoover

Fun fact: English is my second language, I am proud of my Dutch heritage and I am still a Dutch National!



Next edition... Mr Neill

Dorset Schools Girls Champion 2024...



Superstar Golfer Honor Johnson....

A huge congratulations to our very talented year 12 student Honor who added a further title to her achievements at Came Down Golf Club this week! Honor has had a busy few weeks, she also came 25th in the Welsh Women's Amateur Championships recently!

A huge well done from everyone at QE, we cannot wait to watch your talent flourish!

Music news from Mr Glover...

On the 22nd April, a number of our talented QE Musicians delighted their very appreciative audience in the wonderful acoustics of Wimborne Minster. There was a high quality and very varied programme of music, mainly from the Western Classical tradition, in the annual Michael James Bursary Award Winners' Concert.

The level of musicianship was excellent and, in certain performances, truly sublime. Our winners this year are two very fine musicians: Isabella Bushell (piano) and Hannah Phenix (trombone). Both musicians have given so much to the school's music and arts performances over the years, and were thoroughly deserving of these prestigious awards, presented on the night by Mr Peter Cook.

I would like to thank all the musicians who performed on the night, the Minster and the Trust for hosting us, and all the music teachers and parents who support our young people on their musical journeys.

QE how to sessions

These are not to be missed, click on the link above to access future live sessions with some of our QE team! Please find the links to videos that have been recorded so far:



Planning and Core Revision Success with Mrs Burrows



Mental Health and the Importance of Sleep with Mr Willis



Revision Techniques with Mr Cook



How to control you inner voice with Mr Willis

HOW TO SESSIONS

Parents, we invite you to the following sessions in support of your children during their exams. Please log into the links below at 7pm for a 7:10pm start.

WEDNESDAY

- ✓ Revision Techniques Mr Cook 1/5/24
Link [HERE](#)

THURSDAY

- ✓ How to control your inner voice Mr Willis 9/5/24
Link [HERE](#)
- ✓ Use of Exam Questions Mrs Willis 8/5/24
Link [HERE](#)
- ✓ Wellbeing check in Mr Willis 16/5/24
Link [HERE](#)
- ✓ Supporting students SEND Mrs Ashby 15/5/24
Link [HERE](#)

This week

Visit from Simon Hoare, MP for North Dorset.

Leon Somerville, Politics Intern- Year 12

'Regardless of any of our political affiliations, MP Simon Hoare's visit was met with enthusiasm from all politics students'.

'From the second he entered the room, he made sure to shake everyone's hand and put us at ease with a friendly greeting. As soon as everyone was seated he proceeded to discuss his role as an MP; covering the beginning of his interest in politics in Cardiff, to his current position as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as Minister for Local Government (very useful for our future politicians)!

Afterwards, we discussed current issues, locally and nationally, as well as his beliefs on the BREXIT agreement. Questions from our German exchange student Phil on Dorset bus services compared to German ones also received clear answers.

The most challenging question of the afternoon was posed by Harry R who wanted to know which three historical political figures the MP would invite to a dinner party. We as politics students left the meeting satisfied with the discussions and thought it was very useful revision for the upcoming exams! We are looking forward to seeing him again in June in Westminster.

Safeguarding

Details of [Safeguarding at Queen Elizabeth's School](#) can be found here.

Students in QE will be supported in:

Who is available to help?

When can I speak to someone?

How will you keep me safe?

All students have access to our student worry button which can be used through the school website and the QR code:



Mr Willis and Mrs Nolan-Ford lead safeguarding across the school and can be contacted via safeguarding@queenelizabeths.com

Last month we featured some important support and guidance on Energy Drinks, this month we would like to highlight: , this month we would like to highlight: the online safety act

Student Fixtures

Tuesday 14th May

U14 Girls Softball Cricket vs Corfe Hills @home

Wednesday 15th May

U14 Boys Hardball Cricket County Cup vs Poole Grammar @away

Thursday 16th May

U15 Boys Tennis vs Blandford @away

Thursday 23rd May

Boys and Girls Tennis @Canford

Friday 24th May

Netball trip- Bath Uni vs Manchester Thunder

Student Core PE Blocks

(4 week rotation from 20th May. The number indicates the student block)

YEAR 9

- 1- Cricket- Astro
- 2- Tennis- Courts
- 3- Athletics- Broads/Track
- 4- Rounders- Broads



YEAR 10

- 1- Tennis- Courts
- 2- Striking and Fielding- Broads
- 3- Striking and Fielding- Astro
- 4- Athletics- Track/Broads
- 5- Tennis- Courts

YEAR 11

- 1- Courts
- 2- Broads
- 3- Track/Broads
- 4- Track/Broads
- 5- Broads



After School PE Clubs

3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday- Rounders, Tennis, AUB Dance

Wednesday- Year 9/10 Dance, Basketball, Cricket

Thursday- Athletics



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Enhancing Classroom Dynamics: The Role of Mini Whiteboards in QES

Mrs Detterick- Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning
English teacher



Have you ever wondered why your child is required to have a whiteboard pen in their pencil case? Read below!

At the heart of our instructional philosophy is the belief in creating dynamic, interactive learning environments where every student feels empowered to participate and engage actively with the material. That's where mini whiteboards come into play.

One of the primary reasons we use mini whiteboards is to assess our students' understanding of the material in real-time. Instead of relying solely on verbal responses, mini whiteboards allow every student to express their thoughts, ideas, and solutions visually. This method not only provides teachers with immediate feedback but also ensures that every student has an opportunity to participate actively in the learning process.

By incorporating regular "mini whiteboard moments" into our lessons, we encourage students to reflect on their learning, articulate their thoughts, and engage in meaningful dialogue with their peers. From maths problems to language exercises to science experiments, mini whiteboards are incredibly versatile tools that can be used across a wide range of subjects and activities.

However, to fully harness the benefits of mini whiteboards, we need your support. We kindly request that you ensure your child has access to whiteboard pens for use in the classroom. By providing your child with whiteboard pens, you're helping to create an environment where they can actively participate in their education, develop critical thinking skills, and deepen their understanding of the subjects they're studying.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that every student at Queen Elizabeth's School has the tools they need to succeed.



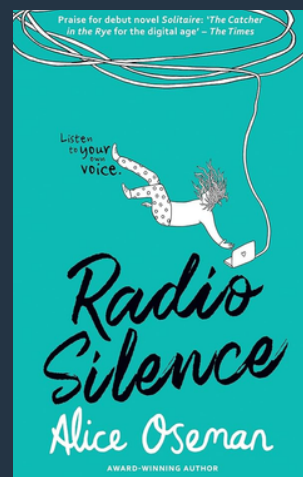
QE Recommends...

Our LRC Manager Mrs Bicknell would like to introduce to you her favourite read this week....
Radio Silence by Alice Oseman

This book is explored through the lens of self-titled 'study machine' Frances Javier, who feels unable to show her real self to her school friends. Over the course of the book, many diverse characters are introduced and there is a lovely message about accepting people for who they are. The characters are normal teenagers juggling various issues such as friendships, the pressures of school, relationships and identity.

Mrs Bicknell says, "Alice Oseman is a fantastic author and so I was keen to read Radio Silence. This is not your typical 'boy-meets-girl' romance novel, and Alice Oseman does a great job of challenging our assumptions about gender and identity throughout the book. The friendships and characters in this book are very accurate to real life. They're imperfect and at times messy, but they are worth holding onto. At times it was a hard hitting read (trigger warning for some violence) but definitely worthwhile."

You'll enjoy 'Radio Silence' if you have read any of the Heartstopper graphic novels or Solitaire. Radio Silence nods to characters in Oseman's other books, but you can read Radio Silence as a standalone novel.



Mr Jackson and Miss Acott are celebrating a season of success for our female footballers...



Sixth Form XI

A fantastic season which resulted in finishing runners up in the Dorset County Cup final. The season started with a win vs a determined Sherborne girls side. They then played a very strong Gryphon team away which resulted in a brilliant 3-3 draw. This meant we had qualified for the quarter finals with a home game vs Canford!

Canford were a strong team and made the game difficult for the girls, a really good 2nd half performance saw us win 2-0 and into the semi-finals vs Weymouth College. They were a big and strong side, but we moved the ball around on a big pitch. This was our best performance so far and thoroughly deserved to win the game 5-2.

Onto the final vs Parkstone Grammar. This was fantastic, back and forth with chances for both teams. 2-2 with 15 minutes to go and Parkstone showed their class and scored 2 amazing goals to break QE hearts. Amazing efforts to reach the final, the first County Cup final a female side has made for over 13 years. Incredible achievement.

We all wish these girls could play together for another year but we say goodbye and goodluck to Megan, Lauren and Maisie.

(Back row - from left to right - Cordy Pearson-Bartlett; Ashleigh Prince; Lauren Jeziorek; Megan Andersen; Erin Maltman (GK); Holly Richardson; Chloe Dover; Imogen Rawles; Olivia Simmonds;)

(Front row - left to right - Lucy Lucas; Willow Watkins; Maisie Riley; Emilie Regnart; Scarlett Sutcliffe; Mary Dean)

Year 10/11 XI

What can we say about these girls; from History makers in winning the National Cup last year to making another final this year. This time in the PEDSSA Cup. They also reached the semi final of the County Cup too. A great PEDSSA Cup campaign saw them overcome Purbeck, Ferndown Upper and Swanage. In the County Cup the girls played some great games against BCS, Highcliffe and then losing out in the semi finals to Bournemouth School for Girls.

The PEDSSA Cup final saw an epic game v LeAF which saw the game end 3-3. Unfortunately we lost on penalties. This team have been amazing over the last 2 seasons and should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. We wish the year 11's all the best with their exams and every success.

(Back row - left to right - Lily Hancock; Hollie Mann; Evie Trussler; Lexi Pike; Millie Smith; Georgia Mitton; Erin Maltman (GK); Willow Watkins; Ashleigh Prince)

(Front row - left to right - Scarlett Phillips; Scarlett Sutcliffe; Mary Dean; Lucy Lucas; Sofia Noakes-Zapater)

Year 9/10 XI

A great first season for this team, with a mixture of results in different cup competitions. Unfortunately the girls were knocked out in the quarter finals of the 9v9 National Cup competition against a strong Kingston side. A great away experience, despite the result, they had a great day.

In the County Cup, we were knocked out against a very strong St Peter's side. However in the PEDSSA Cup competition the girls were brilliant, beating Ferndown Upper; Purbeck; St Edwards and Corfe Hills, scoring 25 goals in the process and conceding just 5 goals. This set up a semi final v LeAF. Unfortunately LeAF were just too strong for us with some injuries and illness we were not up to full strength, but this doesn't take away the amazing effort the team put in.

(Back row - left to right - Bella Adams; Sofia Noakes-Zapater; Millie Smith; Jessica Warwick; Erin Maltman (GK); Georgia Mitton ©; Evie Trussler; Evie Mailer; Ella Bradford)

(Front row - left to right - Ava Ainley; Poppy Sloan; Leila Elford; Ellie Riggs-Moulden; Sophie Shotter)

