

Diary Dates

Monday 29th April (P)

Arts awards exhibition- QE foyer at 4pm

Friday 3rd May (P)

Cambodia trip meeting- 6pm

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Thursday 16th May (P)

Year 10 Parents Evening

(P- Parents Invited)

QE NEWS- APRIL 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our second edition of QE news! I hope that you have found these updates helpful and that you also enjoyed our first house bulletin last week.

I am filled with gratitude for the warm welcome I have received from the entire school community. Your kindness and support have been truly heartening.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the open lines of communication that have already been established. Your willingness to share your thoughts, concerns, and hopes for your children's education is invaluable to us. Together, we can ensure that every student thrives in an environment that nurtures both academic excellence and personal growth.

I am thrilled to provide you with an update on the incredible dedication and hard work I've seen from our students in lessons. It fills me with pride to see the commitment they demonstrate day in and day out to their studies.

In particular, I want to highlight the exceptional efforts of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for their upcoming exams. Their focus and determination are truly commendable. I am delighted that students are making the most of our Breakfast Boost sessions and Super 6 sessions. The enthusiasm and motivation shown by students to take advantage of these additional learning opportunities are truly inspiring.

It has been a pleasure to meet all of our new parents at our year 8 welcome event this week as we look forward to meeting our new year 9 in the coming weeks.

As parents, your support and encouragement play a crucial role in our students' success, and I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your continued partnership.

Have a lovely weekend, Brian Boyes- Interim Headteacher

An update on our school improvement plan...

- Breakfast Boost
- Super 6 Sessions
- Parent Sessions for revision and mental health
- Communicate through QE News and House Bulletins
- Introduction of our routines for punctuality- well done everyone, our lateness has been reduced by half!

Coffee Morning

You are invited to attend our first coffee morning with Mr Boyes on Friday 10th May at 11.30am.

To confirm attendance, please email kwareham@queenelizabeths.com



Meet Mr Humphreys...

Job: Deputy Headteacher at Queen Elizabeth's School

Degree: Physical Education – DeMontfort University (BEd) and National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

Other roles: Chairman and 1st Team Manager of Sturminster Marshall FC. Also run the Mini Kickers every Saturday morning

Family: Wife and 2 children (Aged 17 and 15)

Ideal holiday: Florida

Likes: Tottenham Hotspur FC and Star Wars

Dislikes: The team just down the road from Tottenham

Currently reading: Stephen Hawking – Brief Answers to the Big Questions



Next edition... Mrs Ashby!

A memorable Berlin trip for our History students...

The History Department have just returned from a successful trip to Berlin. The 45 year 11 students who attended were an absolute credit to the school, showing great interest throughout our visit. The trip is linked to our GCSE curriculum with a focus on Nazi Germany and the Cold War. Students visited a concentration camp called Sachsenhausen located just outside Berlin as well as the Wannsee Conference House where some of the key decisions regarding the Final Solution were taken.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Berlin's Olympic Stadium for an all access tour of what is an incredible stadium with many hidden surprises. Students also saw a number of locations linked to the Cold War and the period of the Berlin Wall such as Checkpoint Charlie and the Berlin Wall Memorial. Students visited most of the key tourist sites in Berlin such as the Brandenburg Gate, TV Tower and the Reichstag Dome.

The trip was great fun throughout with plenty of opportunities for shopping and sampling the local delicacies such as currywurst! Some of our evening activities included bowling and a quiz night and the group successfully navigated Berlin's underground trains to get around the city.

Many thanks to Mr Bishop, Mrs Ridley and Mrs Willis for accompanying me on the trip and offering great support to the students throughout.

Mr Kirby- Head of History

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Wimbledon Season is here...

Our courts have received a 'Wimbledon purple' makeover just in time for tennis season! You will see that both the PE rotations and after school clubs now feature tennis! What a perfect way to enjoy the sunshine that we are all keeping our fingers crossed for...



Student Services

Did you know that our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) also has a student shop?

Popular student items available at the moment:

Stationery pack (£10)- a clear pencil case containing a calculator, pencil, black pen, green pen, compass, protractor, whiteboard pen, eraser and 15cm ruler.

These are perfect for exam requirements, all items are also sold individually.

Students can purchase items using their cards with funds loaded on to their parent pay account. Please email

studentservices@queenelizabeths.com if you have any questions for Mrs Huggett, our Student Services Administrator.

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 Snapchat, this month we would like to highlight: [Energy Drinks](#)

Student Fixtures

Wednesday 1st May

Athletics @ Canford School

Thursday 2nd May

Tennis @ Clayesmore School

Wednesday 8th May

Athletics @ Kings Park

Thursday 9th May

Golf @ Milton Abbey School

Student Core PE Blocks

(4 week rotation from 15th April)

YEAR 9

1- Athletics- Broads/Track

2- Athletics- Broads/Track

3- Tennis- Courts

4- Volleyball- Sports Hall/Broads

YEAR 10

1- Athletics- Broads/Track

2- Athletics- Broads/Track

3- Tennis- Courts

4- Striking and Fielding- Broads

5- Striking and Fielding- Broads

YEAR 11

1- Broads/Track

2- Broads/Track

3- Courts

4- Broads

5- Astro

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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Year 10 Lancaster Student Aleessa Longhurst winning Gold in the U25s 900m rifle in South Africa last year



Team GB for Aleessa...

'A World Championship cycle begins with a new Captain of Team GB. The rifle championships will be held at Bisley, UK, in 2026. The team will now be developed to ensure that Great Britain become World Champions'.

Aleessa now has 2 international tours under her belt talking several medals in 2022 at the South African Nationals, not as an U25 but against the entire field!

Earlier this year, Aleessa was asked by the Captain of Team GB to attend the 'try outs' and as a result of her marksmanship then, and her previous performances and experience, Aleessa has been awarded a place on the Great Britain F-Class Rifle Team development squad.

This squad will work closely together competing as a unit from now until the World Championships. Along this journey, Aleessa will be required to shoot the National League which comprises of 8 two day events per year up and down the country against the best Britain has to offer. From the development squad, a team will be drawn to represent Great Britain in the European Championships in September, which will be the first real test of the team."

A Punctual Update from Mr Humphreys...

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to discuss the vital importance of punctuality and attendance. These elements are essential in ensuring that every student can make the most of their learning journey and receive the support they need to succeed. I'm delighted to share that we've made significant progress in improving punctuality and attendance. The implementation of various out-of-lesson passes has played a key role in reducing confusion and ensuring that students are in the right place at the right time.

However, it's important to acknowledge that unforeseen circumstances, such as bad weather and traffic, can sometimes cause delays. Therefore, I encourage you to plan ahead to ensure that your child arrives promptly. This allows them the necessary time to prepare for the day ahead and fully engage in their learning experiences.

Your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child is invaluable. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to thrive both academically and personally. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to emphasise the significance of punctuality and attendance.

QE Recommends...

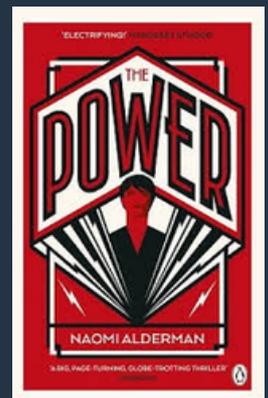
Our English department would like to introduce their favourite reads! This week is Head of English Miss Farmer.

The Power by Naomi Alderman

Set in a world where teenage girls suddenly gain the ability to release electrical jolts from their fingertips, granting them immense power, this book looks at what happens when women wield more power than men and what they choose to do with it.

The book itself is presented as a "historical novel" from thousands of years in the future, written by one "Neil Adam Armon" who dares to question how the natural dominance of women over men might have developed. This novel really makes us question power; those who have it, those who don't and those who choose to abuse it.

Miss Farmer says, "I am a big fan of Margaret Atwood, so was really looking forward to reading this book, and I wasn't disappointed! The stories of Allie, Roxy, Tunde and Margot are told so well, taking us all around the world, exploring the impact of this new and mysterious power on them and those around them. I couldn't put it down! At times both exciting and thrilling, this book is also full of moments that make the reader think 'what if?' Sure to become a modern classic, I highly recommend this thought-provoking text."



You'll enjoy 'The Power' if you enjoyed: The Handmaid's Tale, The Hunger Games, Klara and the Sun.

Careers and Apprenticeship news at QE....

Two separate workshops for Y11 & Y13 students actively seeking an apprenticeship were very well attended recently.

Jo Small from ASK apprenticeship delivered an interactive presentation where students were encouraged to log onto the National Apprenticeship website. Best practices for finding an apprenticeship were shared, and students were advised on how best to contact employers including speculative applications.

'I found the workshop really helpful as I have some new ideas of what I could do' said one Y11 student. **'I am even more motivated to find an apprenticeship following the session today, I was concerned it was going to be boring but it was really good!'** said a Y13 student.

Any students who are actively looking for an apprenticeship are encouraged to register on the government apprenticeship website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> as well as looking on social media, employer websites and contacting employers directly.

'Discover your skills and transitions fair', is a careers fair which is aimed at students who are struggling to attend school and for those with additional SEND needs. This event is taking place at Merley House on the 9th May from 3.30pm to 5:00pm. All students are to be accompanied by parents/carers.

There will be a good spread of employers in industries such as engineering, animal care, conservation, NHS and childcare. Alongside colleges/training providers, 6th forms and support agencies such as the Preparation for Adulthood team, SENDiass4BCP, Department for Work and Pensions, CAN etc. are all signed up to exhibit.

Although the event is free you will need to book at space which can be accessed via the link below:

[Discover Your Future: Skills and Transitions Fair Tickets, Thu 9 May 2024 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)



Hayley Jones
Careers Advice and Guidance Manager



Nadia Gribbins
Work Experience Coordinator

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