



Newsletter & Updates

Friday 4 October 2024

Queen Elizabeth High School / Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to report that the start of this term has been nothing short of fantastic. Our students have returned with a positive attitude, demonstrating impeccable behaviour and fostering a happy, welcoming atmosphere throughout the school. It has been a joy to see such an enthusiastic and motivated community of learners returning to our QEH family this term.

Our Year 7 Pupils have settled in incredibly well and adapted very quickly to life here at QEH. We hosted a 'Meet the form Tutor' evening here last week, it was a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers who parents were all so positive about our school.

Thank you for your support!



Summer Results Celebrations

The summer also saw some outstanding exam performance. At A level our students once again demonstrated the excellence that Queen Elizabeth High is known for. A remarkable 32% of our students achieved A*-A grades, 81% achieved A*-C grades, and 98% A*-E. At GCSE we were also thrilled to bits. Here are some highlights:

- ***23% of pupils achieved 5 or more A*-A grades.***
- ***Our top ten pupils alone earned a remarkable 116 A*-A grades between them – truly exceptional!***
- ***78.4% of pupils were awarded 5 or more A*-C grades or equivalent.***
- ***The school achieved a Capped 9 Points Score of 370.***
- ***Every pupil supported by the school left with a recognised qualification.***
- ***A total of 29 subjects attained 100% pass rates.***

Our students excelled across a wide range of subjects, showcasing their dedication and hard work, as well as the invaluable support they received from our dedicated staff and, of course, from you, their families.



Head Boy, Head Girl and Senior Prefect Team

This start of term, after a challenging and competitive selection process we appointed our senior prefect team and Head Boy and Head Girl.

We are proud to announce that Head Girl was awarded to Cira Thomas and Head Boy to Jacob Squires. Our Deputy Team for 2024/25 are Kwame Asibey Berko, Alex Hogan, Charles Fernandez, India Skone, Yehor Meschanov, Nicole Sadurski and Lara Rathod.

Congratulations to them all! I know they will make a positive impact on our QEH family and community throughout this year.

INSET DAYS 2024/25

Mainstream

25th October

4th April

27th June

21st July

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24th January

27th June

21st July

KEY DATES

- Monday 7th October Key Stage 5 Assessment Fortnight commences
 - Year 11 GCSE English Orals
- Tuesday 15th October Year 11 Interim Reports to parents/carers
- Thursday 17th October – Year 11 Parents' Evening – in person
- Thursday 24th October – Year 6 Open Evening
- Friday 35th October – INSET Day
- Monday 28th October – Half Term



Important Information

New School Garden

We are excited to announce the development of our new school garden, a fantastic addition to our campus, made possible through generous grants from the Welsh Government and the invaluable support of Keep Wales Tidy. This wonderful space offers our students an exciting opportunity to engage with nature, explore gardening, and learn more about the importance of nutrition.



A Hands on Learning Experience

The garden will play a key role in our Farm to Fork Programme, allowing pupils to get hands-on experience growing their own fruits, vegetables, and herbs. It's an incredible way for them to understand where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating, while also cultivating key skills in teamwork, responsibility, and sustainability.

The garden is now open for students to explore, and it will be incorporated into various lessons and extracurricular activities throughout the year. From science projects to cookery classes, the garden is set to become a vibrant learning hub for our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of this new initiative and look forward to seeing our students thrive in this beautiful outdoor environment. We are grateful for the ongoing support from the Welsh Government and Keep Wales Tidy in making this dream a reality.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a space where students can grow – both literally and figuratively!



Attendance - Miss School, Miss Out!

We have set a target of 98% attendance for our pupils this year.

There are many reasons why a child should attend school, including meeting with their friends, building relationships and maximising opportunities to learn and develop.

Excellent school attendance allows a child to develop as an ambitious, capable learner, ready to learn throughout their life.

Going to school will help a child become an enterprising and creative contributor, ready to play a full part in life and work and will allow them to mature as an ethical, well-informed citizen of Wales and the world.

Children and young people are also more likely to become healthy and confident individuals from attending school, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Carmarthenshire County Council are running their Miss School, Miss Out campaign. Please see the video link below and letter.

<https://vimeo.com/998592131/a37b01118f>

https://www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/media/fbkexhda/miss_school_miss_out_letter.pdf



Macmillan Cake Sale!
Our Sixth Form raised a total of
£700 for Macmillan Cancer
Support.



Free School Meals and School Essentials/Uniform Grants

Please find below some key information regarding Free School Meals and grants for equipment and uniform. It is important that parents who are eligible access these grants. By accessing this support you help the school access funding which is so important in helping us to help and support our community.

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/financial-support/school-essentials-pupil-development-grant-access/#>



Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and wider community as well as your families and our learners. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners through the busy half term ahead.

Kind regards,



Dave Williams
Headteacher

