



Newsletter & Updates

Friday 19 July 2024

Queen Elizabeth High School / Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another very successful year at QEH I would like to thank you for your continued support of our community. Whether through events run in the school, by charity support or simply by supporting your child to do the best they can, your support is tangible, and very much appreciated.

I would like to thank all our staff for the hard work and commitment demonstrated throughout this academic year. They have given up their time to support pupils and provide the experiences that make school days at QEH special. I wish them all a relaxing summer and know they will be back in September, energised and fully committed to supporting your child in the new academic year.

What a fantastic year this has been! Below is a link to a video that highlights the successes achieved this year. A personal highlight was the '3 Peaks Challenge' which raised over £2000 for our Adrian Brown fund for underprivileged children. It not only summed up the 'can do' attitude of our QEH family, but also stressed QEH's passion for supporting and being at the heart of our community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCQ2TIWvULY>

Once again it has also been an absolute pleasure to welcome our Year 6 into our QEH family this term. Their excitement and positive approach bodes well for a very bright future for QEH. Completing the school 'Circle of Life' our Year 13s completed their educational journey with us, as did some of our Year 11 pupils. Canolfan Elfed Leaver's have their Graduation on Thursday. We wish all those moving on all the very best with all their future plans. We also very much look forward to welcoming the majority of our Year 11 back in to our Sixth Form, where we know they will make a very positive contribution to school life.

Finally, can I wish you a fantastic summer. Hopefully the weather will improve! Please enjoy the break. I look forward to seeing you again in the new academic year.

INSET Days 2024/25

Mainstream

2nd September
3rd September
25th October
4th April
27th June
21st July

Canolfan Elfed

2nd September
3rd September
27th September
24th January
27th June
21st July



Congratulations to Martha and Martha who have both recently passed their grade 5 flute examinations.

Key Dates

Thursday 15th August - A level/Level 3/AS Level Results Day

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE/Level 2 Results Day

Wednesday 4th September - Year 7, 10 and 12 Return to school

Thursday 5th September - All pupils return to school

Friday 6th September - Year 12 Morfa Bay Trip

Thursday 12th September - Introduction to Year 12

Thursday 19th September - Introduction to Key Stage 4

Wednesday 25th September - School Photos

Important Information

Activities week

Our annual activities days took place at the end of his term. Alongside on-site activities we have run: Xcel Bowl, McArthur Glen Shopping Trip, Heatherton, Overhang Climbing, London Trip, Trostre shopping trip, Surfing on Gower, Folly Farm and Swimming in the Leisure Centre.

Today is the last day of activities, with paintballing, swimming in the Leisure Centre, sports and activities on site.

Thank you to all staff who have volunteered and organised trips and making this a really positive end of term. Also, a big thank you to pupils who have all behaved so well and have created a really positive buzz around school this week.

Canolfan Elfed Graduation

On Thursday this week we conducted a graduation for all those pupils leaving Elfed in Year 13 to move on to placements in College. It was a touching and bittersweet day. On the one hand it was a celebration for our students who are moving on to new experiences and to make new friendships, on the other hand we have become very deeply attached to our students in Canolfan Elfed and it is sad to see them leave us. They all go with our very best wishes – Good luck!





Year 11 Prom

What a massive success this was. A true celebration of our Year 11's time at QEH. Thanks must go to staff, particularly Mrs James, Head of Learning Year 11 who organised such a fantastic event. Pupils were impeccably behaved and clearly had a fantastic time. Hopefully we will see many of you again in Year 12. Enjoy your summer, see you on results day!







Creating a Dragon with Miss Surman

DrMz – Free Food Workshops for Children this Summer

The local youth centre Dr M'z has received funding for the summer holidays in order to be able to provide young people with free food and educational workshops. There will be daily activities throughout the holidays. Please see Dr M'z Facebook page for further information.

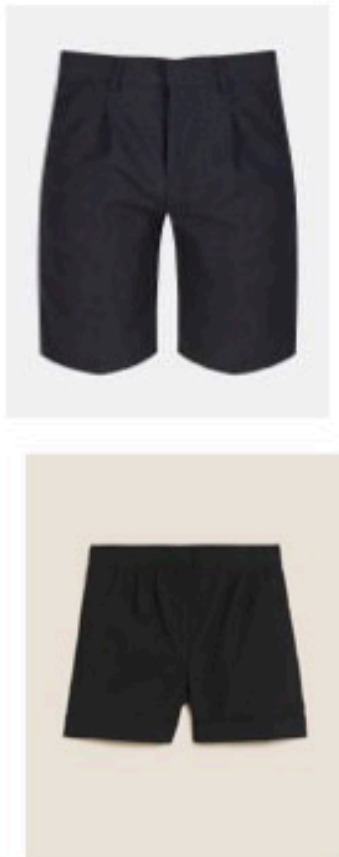


Uniform

As we return to school in September, can I remind parents/carers about our uniform policy. This link provides you with useful information regarding uniform:

<https://www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/media/mowc4tsp/uniform-newweb.jpg>

As part of a recent change to uniform policy, can I also remind parents and carers that pupils will be allowed to wear these shorts through to October Half Term. Please see below for full details. Should pupils choose to they can continue to wear trousers and skirts. **Please note that sports shorts and lycra shorts are not permitted.**

SUMMER UNIFORM – Allowed until October Half Term	
<p>Plain black, knee-length, tailored shorts with usual school polo shirt (see below). PE/sports shorts are not allowed. Tailored shorts are available in uniform retailers and most larger retail outlets, including online and in supermarkets.</p> <p>Alternatively, pupils may wear usual school trousers or skirts.</p> <p>Uniform Suppliers:</p> <p>Evans & Wilkins, 3 Hall Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1PH Tel: 01267 236 432</p> <p>Picton Sports, 3 Heol Aur, Dafen Industrial Estate, Llanelli, SA14 8QN Tel: 01554 754662</p> <p>Toppers Wales Ltd., Unit D1, Llanelli Gate Business Park, Dafen, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ Tel: 01554 777501</p> <p>Other suppliers:</p> <p>Matalan Truetex Sainsbury's Tesco's</p> <p>M&S Boys M&S Girls</p>	<p>Here are some examples of acceptable shorts:</p> 

Shorts will remain purely optional during the Summer Term and start of next term. There will be no obligation for any family to purchase extra or make changes to the usual uniform unless by choice.

If pupils choose not to wear the summer uniform, they must wear full school uniform as normal.



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/#>





Year 12 BTEC Law & Public Services students enjoying an educational visit to London where they witnessed a live legal hearing in the Supreme Court.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and our wider community, as well as your families and our learners. Please stay safe and well over the summer. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners.

As a school, we would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make these opportunities happen in our school, and especially our pupils who take part with such enthusiasm. Proud to be part of the QEH family!

Kind regards,



Dave Williams
Headteacher

