



Newsletter & Updates

Thursday 19 December 2024

Queen Elizabeth High School / Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by wishing all our parents and carers a Merry Christmas. As the year draws to a close and we prepare for the festive season, we reflect on what has been a wonderful and eventful term here at QEH. At the heart of everything we do is our strong sense of community and family ethos, and this term has truly exemplified the spirit of caring, learning, and leading that we hold dear.

Canolfan Elfed made us all proud by putting on a spectacular performance of *Oliver!* The students showcased their incredible talents, teamwork, and confidence, making it a night to remember for everyone involved. We are grateful for the hard work and commitment shown by the staff and students in making this production such a fantastic success.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our students this term. The dedication they show in both their studies and extracurricular activities is inspiring. One of the highlights was our annual Christmas Concert, where our talented students filled the hall with music, joy, and festive cheer. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and attended – it was truly a celebration of our diverse and supportive community. This term also saw numerous achievements in academics, sports, and community projects. Please visit our Pupil Achievements page on our website to catch up on all the fantastic successes of our pupils; <https://www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/about-us/pupil-achievement-stories/>

Our students continue to grow as learners and leaders, demonstrating kindness and respect, values that are central to our school's mission. Thank you to all parents and guardians for your ongoing support, which helps us nurture a caring and inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

As we head into the holidays, we hope you enjoy a peaceful and joyous Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for another exciting term of growth and achievement.



INSET DAYS 2024/25

MAINSTREAM

*4TH APRIL
27TH JUNE
21ST JULY*

CANOLFAN ELFED

*24TH JANUARY
27TH JUNE
21ST JULY*



Our School Orchestra performed at both our Open Evening and Christmas Concert. We would like to extend our thanks to the school orchestra, wind band and school choirs along with the Peripatetic Music Service for their contribution to the school family.

Key Dates

Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

All pupils and students return to school

Monday 6th January

English Literature GCSE exam (am)

Wednesday 8th January

Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 14th January

Friday 17th January KS5 Mock Examinations

Thursday 9th January

Year 9 Reports to parents/carers

Wednesday 22nd January

Year 11 Reports to parents/carers

Thursday 6th February

Year 12 & 13 Reports to parents

Monday 10th February





This week our Hospitality classes have had some festive fun in practical lessons creating an array of Christmas bakes.

Important Information

Refurbishment of Changing Rooms

There is a full refurbishment and renovation of our PE Changing Rooms taking place. The work commenced on 14th December and we are expecting the work to be completed by March. Whilst changing room facilities are unavailable pupils can wear **PE kit to school on those days they have PE**. Pupils have to wear the agreed school PE kit and should refrain from wearing hoodies. Quarter zip school tops are available from suppliers and can be worn as part of everyday school uniform.

<https://evansandwilkins.co.uk/collections/queen-elizabeth-high-school/products/qe-high-unisex-1-4-zip-top>

PE End of Term Video:

<https://fb.watch/wzXk9DD5Su/>

End of Term Activities and Charity Events

There is a full schedule of activities planned this week. With year groups attending cinema visits, fun Team building activities in Year 11, Christmas concerts and 6th Form pantomime. It is a fantastic way to end the term, and it is really important that pupils continue to attend in order to make the most of this special time in school.

As a family here at QEH we take our role as a school at the heart of it's community very seriously, and never more so than at Christmas. Our Sixth Form have been busy collecting for the foodbank appeal, and we thank each and every one of you that has contributed tins of food to this appeal. In addition, can I thank everyone who has made donations, especially the Carmarthen Round Table for their donation of £2000 to our Christmas Stocking Appeal for underprivileged children. Thank you to all who have





Our ECO Club have been tremendous in supporting Keep Wales Tidy in building new permanent pathways at our School Garden; Gardd Hiraeth.

supported on this important appeal.

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.



Huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the Christmas concert on Tuesday night. It was an absolutely outstanding evening of festive entertainment.

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

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

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.



Thank you to DTPH Arb & Groundworks for donating the school Christmas tree this year. Our Sixth Form enjoyed the task of decorating the tree.

<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 over the Christmas period and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide the very best experiences for all our learners through the next term ahead.

Kind regards,

