

Queen Elizabeth High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

This term has been an exceptionally long one for both students and staff, and I suspect for you as well so it is good that a well-deserved break is nearly upon us.

We say goodbye today to a long serving member of staff who I know has been a favourite of many students over the years. Mrs Tyler leaves us to pursue a slightly different post within education in a neighbouring county. We thank her for all she has brought to QE and wish her every success in her new role.

Our examination results in the summer were not where we would have wanted them to be but our current Year 11 were fantastic in their English Literature examination which they took at GCSE standard a year early. 80% of them secured a pass at the end of Year 10, with 65% getting a strong pass or better. Special mention must be made of the performance of Holly Lloyd, who secured the highest grade 9, a grade reserved for the top 2% nationally, even more impressive when that is comparable to students a year older than her, very well done Holly.

QE have played their part in the Everybody Remembered Poppy Tribute. Working with the Royal British Legion, Miss Gwilliam, Mr Down and students have made a truly moving display that many of you will have seen at the entrance to the school. If you have not, then I would encourage you to take advantage over the next few weeks and pay it a visit. We will be holding a full ceremony of remembrance on Friday November 9th attended by members of the legion, distinguished guests and relatives of the fallen heroes who attended QE. On Sunday November 11th, myself and students will attend the service at St. Peters Church where we will lay a wreath on behalf of Education for Bromyard.

Myself and the Head Boy and Girl attended the inauguration ceremony for the New Model in Technology and Engineering (NMiTE) university at Hereford Cathedral. An event attended by many hundreds of dignitaries, our Head Boy, Harvey Young, was asked to read a prayer which he did faultlessly, well done Harvey for what must have been a memorable yet daunting experience.

Our students, your children, do some amazing things. Just this term, Lauren Weaver and a group of Year 10 students organised and delivered a fantastic Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan, raising a staggering £1000.22. Students also collected a huge amount of food for Bromyard Food Bank and raised money for Children with Cancer. Next term sees them take part in Children in Need, supporting the PTFA, putting together Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse and other worthy causes.

We are keen to develop even further our communication with you. To this end we find Facebook to be a benefit. We have a school page, simply go to <https://www.facebook.com/QEHSBromyard/> and like the page to be kept up to date. We have also got a page set up for our new federation Education for Bromyard that we run in conjunction with our primary partners, visit here <https://www.facebook.com/EducationforBromyard/> to follow the news from the federation. Finally, we have a group just for parents and carers, for those times you want to know what a piece of homework was, need to know holiday dates or other information that other parents and carers might have the answer to. This is a closed group and members are only current or prospective parents or carers. To join, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2191349007851716/> and submit an application.

You may have seen on Facebook that we are working on a project for the Quad area. We would like to totally redesign it with an emphasis on horticulture and animal care. We don't often ask parents for financial support, even in these difficult times, so can I encourage you to visit the page for the appeal and read about what we are trying to achieve. If you are able to you can support our efforts for as little as £10 through the site here: <https://donatemyschool.com/project/1670>. We hope to have all of the funding in place over the next 3 months to make this transformation a reality so it really will help if you are able to support us.

I wanted to let parents know that they will soon be represented by an addition to our Governing Body as a Parent Governor, Mr Hugh Raven. Mr Mac Henderson will relinquish his Parent Governor role and be appointed as a Co-opted Governor. If you are interested in a vacant parent governor space do let me know and I can pass your details to governors. Similarly, if you wish to get involved with the Parents and Friends of QE PTFA please let us know and we can put you in touch.

We have lots of exciting things coming up as we continue to improve provision both within our own school and throughout the federation, do keep up to date with what is happening via Facebook or our website and I look forward to writing to you again shortly before Christmas.

Yours faithfully

M Farmer
Headteacher

Advanced warning of some events for your diaries:

DATE	EVENT
9 Nov	Yr10/11 Trip to Hartpury College
16 Nov	Children in Need
17 Nov	Trip to Twickenham RFU
19 Nov	Non-uniform PTFA Chocolate
23 Nov	Yr11 Full Reports home
25 Nov	Community Christmas Fair (1pm to 4pm)
30 Nov	Trip to BBC Good Food Show
30 Nov	Year 5 Taster Day
5 Dec	Christmas Concert (7pm to 9pm)
7 Dec	Study Skills for Years 9, 10 & 11
10 Dec	Carol Service St Peter's Church (1.45pm to 2.45pm)
20 Dec	Christmas Lunch
21 Dec	End of Term – Christmas Jumper Day

