



Newsletter & Updates

Friday 23 May 2025

Queen Elizabeth High School / Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Success and Looking Ahead

As we approach the end of another successful spring term, we wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your encouragement and partnership have played a pivotal role in the achievements and milestones that our students have reached this term.

We are thrilled to share that our students have excelled in various aspects of their academic journey, and we look forward to continuing this positive momentum into the summer term. This term promises new opportunities for growth, learning, and exploration, and we are excited to embark on this journey together.

A special mention goes to all our students preparing for their GCSE, BTEC, AS, and A Level exams this summer. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and we wish you all the very best. Remember, Year 11 pupils, your study leave commences after the May half term.

To our Year 13 students, who left us on Friday, 9th May, we want to express our deepest pride in your accomplishments. While it is always bittersweet to see you leave our QEH family, we are confident that you are well-prepared for your future endeavours and upcoming exams. Your journey with us has been remarkable, and we wish you nothing but success and happiness in all your future plans.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our school community. Your support ensures that each student receives the guidance and encouragement needed to thrive academically and personally.



KEY DATES

Week Beginning 5th May – External examination season begins

12th May - Years 12 and 13 begin study leave

26th May – Half Term

2nd June – Year 11 Study leave begins

16th June – Year 10 Internal exams begin

23rd June - Year 12 return from study leave

27th June – INSET DAY



We welcomed Mark Drakeford SM to the school last week to officially open our school garden; Gardd Hiraeth.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Uniform Update and New Changing Rooms

We are pleased to inform you that our new changing rooms will be available from 2nd June. As a result, we will be returning to our traditional school uniform at this time.

A reminder of the key elements of the school uniform:

- Shirts: Blue shirts
- Ties: School ties
- Trousers/Shorts/Skirts: Black trousers, **tailored shorts**, or skirts. **Please note that skirts should be modest and tailored.**
- Jewellery: Jewellery should be limited to a single pair of earrings. Facial piercings are not permitted.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that all students adhere to the uniform guidelines. This helps to maintain a professional and cohesive environment at school. Thank you for your continued cooperation, and we look forward to the positive changes the new facilities will bring.



**Pupil Achievement Story. U13
Carmarthen Stars League
and Cup Champions.**

Mobile Phone Policy “On Site, Out of Sight”

As we are in the exam season, we would like to take this opportunity to remind both parents and pupils of our mobile phone policy. In line with the "On site. Out of Sight!" initiative, led by Carmarthenshire County, students are not permitted to use mobile phones while on school premises.

Our Mobile Phone Policy:

- *All phones must be turned off upon entering the school site.*
- *Phones should remain in students' bags during the school day.*
- *Any phones seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated and stored safely in the Key Stage offices until the end of the day.*

This policy is in place to help ensure a focused and distraction-free environment, particularly as we move into a critical period for our students.

The Benefits of Reducing Smartphone Use in School:

- *Improved Focus: Students are less likely to be distracted by social media, messaging, or gaming during class time.*
- *Enhanced Academic Performance: Fewer distractions lead to better concentration and higher-quality learning.*
- *Promotes Social Interaction: Encourages face-to-face communication and social development among peers.*
- *Reduces Anxiety: Minimises the pressures of digital communication and social media, allowing students to focus on their well-being.*
- *Healthier Screen Time Habits: Helps students develop balanced relationships with their devices by limiting screen time during school hours.*

We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring that these guidelines are followed. Together, we can create an environment that prioritises academic achievement and personal growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Sixth Form Prospectus

We invite you to explore our online Sixth Form prospectus, which provides a fantastic insight into the support, opportunities, and excellent facilities available at QEH. With over 20,000 views online, it's the perfect way to discover what makes our Sixth Form such a great place to learn and succeed. Visit today and see what we have to offer!

[Sixth Form Video Prospectus](#)



Please let us know of any successes your child is achieving whether inside or outside school. We are proud of all our pupils achievements and the leadership and success they are attaining in our community. For wider success stories please visit our [Pupil Achievement Page](#) on our website.



Pupil Achievement Story.
Year 9 students, completed a
maths masterclass
at Swansea University.



Pupil Achievement Story.
Congratulations to Millie and
Tegan who both ran in the
Carmarthen Mayor's Race 2025.

OTHER INFORMATION

Attendance - Miss School, Miss Out!

Attendance is vital, especially for **Year 10 and 11 students** as they approach their **crucial exams**. Every lesson missed is a missed opportunity to **learn, revise, and prepare** for success. Being in school every day ensures that students **stay on track, receive essential teacher support, and build confidence** in their subjects.

Why is attending school so important?

- ✓ **Better understanding** – Lessons provide key knowledge and exam skills that can't be fully replaced by independent study.
- ✓ **Teacher support** – Direct guidance, explanations, and feedback help students tackle difficult topics.
- ✓ **Routine and discipline** – Regular attendance builds strong study habits and keeps students motivated.
- ✓ **Exam preparation** – Mock exams, revision sessions, and coursework deadlines are all easier to manage when students are in school.
- ✓ **Social and emotional benefits** – Learning alongside classmates fosters teamwork, friendships, and a sense of achievement.

Parents, we need your support to ensure that every child is in school, giving themselves the best chance to succeed. Let's work together to **make every day count!**

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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/#>

As we wrap up this half-term, we would like to extend our heartfelt **thanks to all parents and carers** for your continued support of our school community. Your encouragement and partnership play a vital role in helping our students thrive. We look forward to another exciting and successful term ahead and wish you all a **safe and enjoyable break**. **Thank you for being part of the QEH family!**

Kind regards,



Dave Williams
Headteacher

