



**QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
YSGOL UWCHRADD Y FRENHINES ELISABETH**

NEWSPLETTER No. 2

16th November 2010

Dear Parent/Carer,

CHILDREN IN NEED

There will be a whole school non-uniform day on Friday, 19th November. Contributions of £1.00 will be sought from all pupils, with proceeds going to the BBC's 'Children in Need' Appeal. There will also be other fund-raising events held during break and lunchtime.

PLEASE NOTE: all proceeds will be donated to 'Children in Need'.

PFA NEWS

MINI-BUS APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have supported the fund-raising programme for a school mini-bus. So far, we have succeeded in raising more than £20,000.

PFA OFFICERS

At the AGM, which was held on Wednesday, 10th November, the following officers were elected:

CHAIR: Ms. Penny Gripper;

SECRETARY: Mrs Sara Pilkinton;

TREASURER: Mr Trevor Routley.

Mrs Veronica Williams and Mrs Gwen Evans announced their retirement as PFA officers at the meeting. We are extremely grateful to them for their enormous commitment and tireless efforts.

FUND RAISING

Christmas Shopping Yet? Shop Online and Raise Money!

Have you heard about easyfundraising yet? It's the easiest way to help raise money for **Queen Elizabeth High School PFA!** If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

So how does it work?

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qehscarmarthen> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. The new link is on the school website, go to the PFA page.

How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There's over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Save money too!

easyfundraising is FREE to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping us, you'll be saving money yourself.

We need as many shoppers as possible to join in at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qehscarmarthen> and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

Our next PFA meeting will be held in the Sixth Form Common Room [near to our main entrance] at 7.00pm on Monday, 6th December.

~ A warm welcome to all parents/carers to attend ~

LANGUAGES VISIT TO GERMANY

On Wednesday, 24th November, all students who are coming to the Christmas market in Cologne in December and their parents/carers are cordially invited to an information evening in the Main Hall at QEHS from 6.30pm onwards. You will have a chance to meet accompanying members of staff, fellow travellers and find out more details about the impending trip.

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday, 12th November, our under-16 netball team won the Brianne round of the Ann Smart Tournament, by winning all five of their matches. They will now go on to represent Brianne in the West Wales competition in January.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday, 23rd to Monday 29th November – Y11 Trial Examinations;
- Thursday, 2nd December – Y12/13 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening;
- 7.00pm, Monday, 6th December – PFA Meeting, Sixth Form Common Room;
- Thursday, 9th December – Y10 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening;
- 7.00pm, Thursday, 16th December – Carol Concert, Main School Hall – ALL ARE WELCOME;
- 7.00pm, Monday, 20th December – Carol Service, Christ Church, Carmarthen – ALL ARE WELCOME;
- 3.35pm, Wednesday, 22nd December – END OF TERM;
- Wednesday, 5th January – START OF TERM

EMAIL ADDRESSES

In order to improve our communication with you, we would like to use emails. This will give us a quicker, more direct way of keeping you informed about school news and forthcoming events. I would be very grateful if you could let us know of your current email address by emailing us at the following:

gehsregister@gehs.carms.sch.uk.

Please make sure that you write the name and form of your child/children in the SUBJECT section of the email. This will make it much easier for us to set the system up, especially as we now have a pupil population of 1504!

If you have any queries or comments about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school:

Telephone – 01267 245300;

Post - Queen Elizabeth High School, Llansteffan Road, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3NL

Yours faithfully / Yr eiddoch yn gywir,
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Pennaeth/Headteacher