



Newsletter & Updates

Friday 21 February 2025

Queen Elizabeth High School / Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half-term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, and families for their hard work, dedication, and support. It has been a half-term filled with achievements that truly reflect our school values of **Caring, Learning, and Leading**, and we are incredibly proud of everything our school community has accomplished.

QEH School has once again been at the heart of its community, with our students excelling on both local and national stages. Highlights from this half-term include:

Winning the National Youth Speaks Debating Competition – a fantastic achievement showcasing our students' confidence and eloquence.

Success in the National Rotary Young Chef Competition – a testament to the incredible talent and skill of our young chefs.

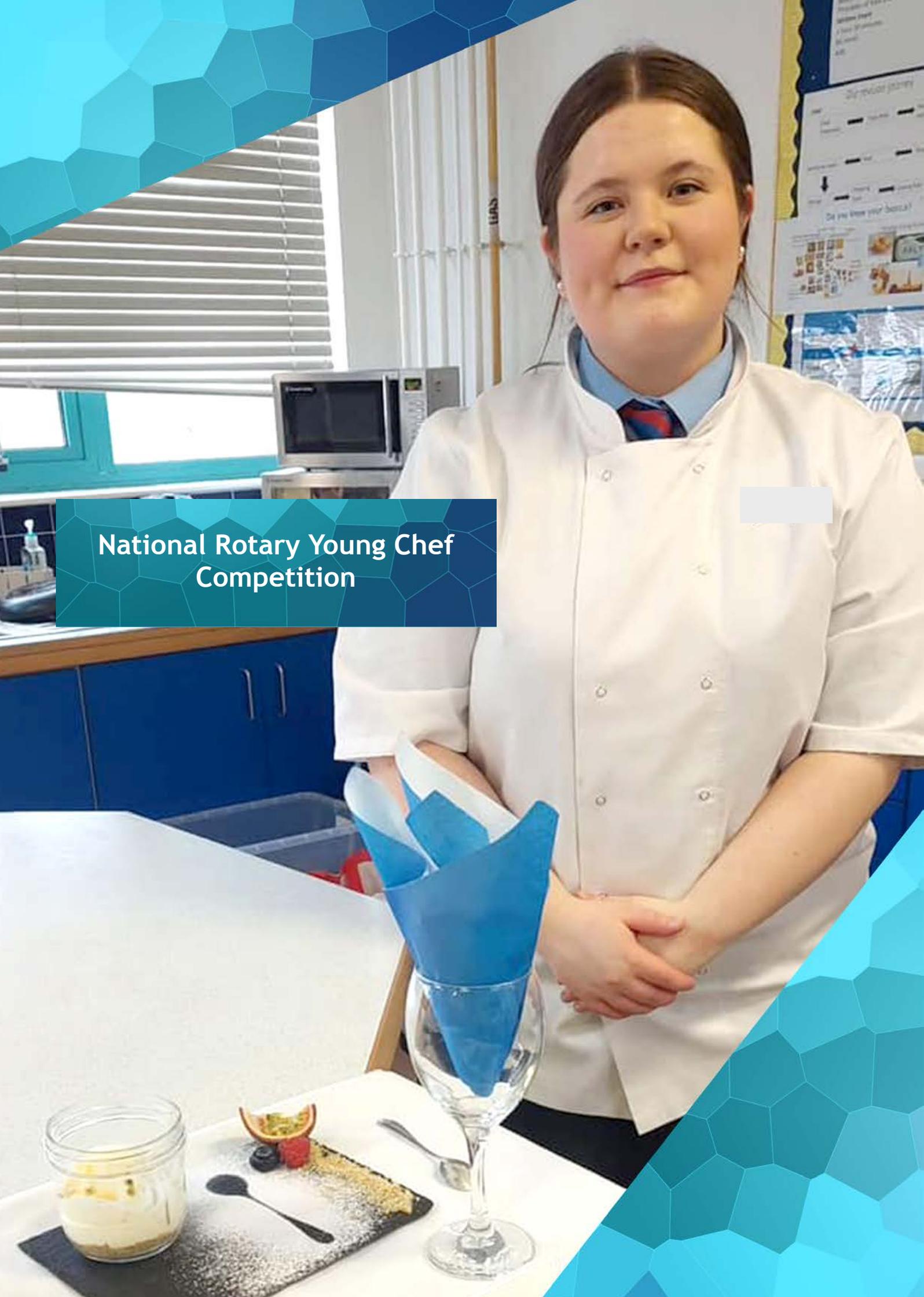
A hugely successful Sixth Form Open Evening – inspiring future students and celebrating the opportunities available at QEH.

Outstanding performances in the Shakespeare Schools Festival and our Drama Presentation – showcasing creativity, teamwork, and passion for the arts.

Hosting the County Careers Fayre – supporting our students in planning their future pathways with expert advice and guidance.

National Youth Speaks Debating Competition





**National Rotary Young Chef
Competition**

As we look ahead to next half-term, we are excited for more memorable experiences, starting with our **School Eisteddfod** in the first week back – a fantastic celebration of Welsh culture and talent. Shortly after, our **Welsh trip to Paris** will provide students with an enriching opportunity to explore language and culture in an international setting.

For our **Key Stage 4 and 5 students**, the focus will soon turn to the all-important **exam preparations**, and we will be offering a range of support to help them achieve their very best.

Finally, we would like to wish all our students, staff, and families a **safe and enjoyable half-term break**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting and successful term ahead.

County Careers Fayre Next Steps to Future Success



More than 50,000 maintenance calls completed per year.



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KEY DATES

Monday 3rd March

Key Stage 5 Assessment Fortnight begins

Wednesday 5th March

School Eisteddfod Years 7, 8 and 9

Thursday 6th March to Sunday 9th March

Welsh Festival Trip - Disneyland Paris

Friday 7th March

Canolfan Elfed Eisteddfod

Friday 14th March

Year 10 Interim Reports to parents/carers

Tuesday 18th March

Welsh Second Language Exam Window opens

Friday 28th March

Silver DoE expedition

Monday 31st March

Year 7 and 8 Internal Exams begin

Sunday 6th April

DofE Gold Expedition

INSET DAYS

MAINSTREAM

CANOLFAN ELFED

FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025

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MONDAY 21 JULY 2025

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Investors in Carers
Bronze Award



Gardd Hiraeth
School Garden



Other News

Careers Fayre

The **QEH Careers Fayre** was a resounding success, welcoming over **1,800 pupils** from schools and special schools across **Carmarthenshire** over three days. With **80 local companies and employers** represented from across the region, students had the invaluable opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths and develop key employability skills. The event provided an excellent platform for pupils to gain insight into the opportunities available to them, helping them make informed decisions about their futures. Feedback from pupils, parents, and employers was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the event's impact and value. A special mention goes to our **school catering and hospitality stall**, which impressively raised **£2,500** for the **Adrian Brown Fund**, supporting underprivileged children. **A huge well done to all involved** in making this such a successful and meaningful event!



Schools' Shakespeare festival and Night Of Drama

The **Schools Shakespeare Festival** and **BTEC Drama Performance Evening** were a true celebration of the incredible talent we have at QEH. Audiences were treated to a spectacular showcase of **acting, singing, and stagecraft**, with performances that captivated and inspired. The evening featured a stunning selection of songs from **West End classics**, spanning generations—from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Les Misérables* to *Wicked*, each delivered with passion and professionalism. The **abridged version of Romeo and Juliet** was equally superb, bringing Shakespeare's timeless tragedy to life with energy and emotion. The breadth of talent on display was truly remarkable, and none of it would have been possible without the **dedication and support of our fantastic staff**. A huge well done to all involved for delivering such an **enjoyable and memorable evening!**

Rotary Youth Speaks and Young Chef Success!

A huge congratulations to our **Rotary Youth Speaks Seniors Wales Champions, Harriet, Judy, and Sonika**, whose **outstanding debating skills** saw them triumph against **stiff opposition** at both the local and national rounds. Their eloquence, confidence, and teamwork were truly superb, and we wish them the very best of luck as they head to **Bristol** in March for the **South West UK wide round**.

A special mention also goes to **Lena in Year 10**, who showcased her **exceptional culinary skills** to win the **Rotary Young Chef National Competition in Cardiff on 15th February**. She too will be competing in **Bristol** at the **Regional UK competition**, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement.

A heartfelt **thank you to all staff** for their **guidance and support**, helping our students shine on both the debating and culinary stages. Well done to all!





New York
School Trip 2025



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.



Important Information

Refurbishment of Changing Rooms

The renovation and refurbishment of the Changing Rooms will continue until April. We will continue to keep parents informed. Pupils should continue to wear **school PE kit 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>

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

