



Queen Anne High School
E-bulletin for our School Community

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Queen Anne High School – Transitions Roadshows

As part of our transition programme Queen Anne High School will be holding information events at three of our associated primary schools after the October break. These events will be of most interest to parents/carers of pupils currently in P7 but are open to all parents/carers of pupils in P5/6/7. Parents/carers can choose to attend any one of the three events.

Dates Wed 25 October at Cairneyhill Primary School
Wed 1 November at Inzievar Primary School
Wed 8 November at McLean Primary School

Time 5.45pm – 6.30pm.

Catchment Review – Public Meetings

The Committee decided not to progress with statutory consultation on the proposal put forward by Education & Children's Services (E&CS) therefore the public meetings scheduled will not go ahead.

Further information on the way forward will be issued during next term. A letter from E&CS has been emailed to parents and will be available to view on our school website.

DAPL (Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited)

In line with the 'Our Minds Matter' framework Queen Anne High School are proud to be continuing their partnership with DAPL after the October holidays and for the remainder of this academic year. This forms part of the QAHS mental health strategy and we are using Pupil Equity Funding to help support this provision.

Up until now DAPL have offered nine individual counselling sessions per week which have been sought after by a number of Queen Anne pupils. Pupils can request a counselling session via their Guidance PT. In response to positive feedback, increased requests for support and the pressures associated with poverty and deprivation, we have invested in DAPL's provision to secure a School Counsellor who will be working within the school one day a week. Additionally DAPL would like to expand their support to parents, carers and families by offering drop-in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.

DAPL offers one-to-one counselling, support, information and advice to individuals and families who are affected by issues such as substance misuse and mental health within the QAHS catchment. The service is free and confidential and offered by experienced workers.

DAPL would like to invite parents, carers and families along to an initial presentation to explain the service and their role in supporting individuals.

Session 1-Wednesday 1st November 8:30am (Learning Hub at Queen Anne High School)

Session 2-Wednesday 8th November 4pm (Learning Hub at Queen Anne High School)

Parents only need to come along to one session if interested in finding out more. Please see the DAPL website for further information www.dapl.net

China 2017

A group of S3 pupils will be travelling to China during the October holidays to participate in the Sino-British Student Exchange Programme. They will engage in a varied itinerary of activities including cultural attractions in Beijing (including Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China) as well as an exciting learning programme in Tianjin including a 3 day visit to our link school, Tianjin No.2 High School. The visit is supported by Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools and the Tianjin Municipal Education Authority.

S1 Parents: Home Literacy Box Information Evening Invitation

'Children gain skills at home but also absorb a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Parental involvement has an impact across all ethnic groups and social classes.' (Desforges and Abouchar, 2003)

At Queen Anne we recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in supporting our pupils to achieve their personal best. We would like to build on your enthusiasm, to help you support your child at home, to build on the literacy skills he or she develops in the classroom.

Pupils and staff, who are members of our Literacy Working Group, have created the Queen Anne S1 Home Literacy Box. This online resource contains information and useful strategies to support your child's reading and writing; digital and media literacy; learning journey, library and study skills; and participation in school literacy initiatives.

We would be delighted if you could attend an information and discussion evening, from 6.30 – 8.00pm, in the Learning Hub on Wednesday 8 November 2017, where you will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation from staff and pupils and share your views on the features of the Home Literacy Box. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Graham.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Expedition Information Evening

This year at Silver we are offering a range of opportunities for the Expedition section. There will be an information evening on Thursday 26 October at 6pm in the Learning Hub. The aim of this evening is to explore the options available, the cost associated with each expedition and to meet the providers. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at this time. Please note this is only relevant for the participants and parents of participants who are undertaking their Silver expeditions in the year 2018. For further information, please contact Ms Fotheringham at karen.fotheringham@fife.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary

25 October – Transition Roadshow at Cairneyhill Primary School

26 October – S1 Settling-In Meetings

31 October – S1 Settling-In Meetings

1 November – Transition Roadshow at Inzievar Primary School

2 November – S1 Settling-In Meetings

8 November – Transition Roadshow at McLean Primary School

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable October break.

Ruth McFarlane, Rector