



Queen Anne High School
E-bulletin for our School Community

28 August – 1 September 2017

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Parking at the start and end of the school day

Please note that every school in Fife is required to have a Traffic Plan to ensure a safe environment for the arrival and departure of pupils. This can be accessed on the QAHS website and we politely request your support in order to implement this plan.

In particular we would like to raise awareness regarding the drop-off area. Please note the following extract:

There is a designated drop off area for pupils at the front of the school. This is specifically for taxis or parents wishing to drop off pupils at the start of the day. Parents, and pupils, are not allowed to park in this area to uplift pupils at the end of the school day. Taxis are allowed to use this area to pick up designated pupils. Pick-ups and drop-offs are not permitted in the bus park at any time.

The drop off area is also the main zone used by the emergency services so should be clear of vehicles during the day and they will always be given priority over any vehicles parked in this area.

There is also a Drop Off /Pick Up Area within the Rear Car Park for Integrated Support Area (ISA 2) traffic. There is NO parking in this area except for authorised vehicles.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Parent Interactive Workshop

Many thanks to all parents who attended this session on Tuesday evening. We have received much positive feedback which is extremely important in supporting our on-going self-evaluation particularly with regard to the impact of such events. The discussion groups at the end generated really constructive dialogue and were particularly useful. Many thanks for making time to join us and please see some examples of feedback received below:

"We found this session useful in getting to know some other parents. We are aware of the importance of a growth mindset but found the examples and focus on language helpful. Although hopeless at both team challenges we recognise that with increased practice and the right attitude we could improve! The discussion groups at the end were a very good opportunity to hear how other parents are supporting learning at home. We would like to thank the school for organising this and would welcome other opportunities to work with parents and the school".

"Great to talk to other parents and I got some good ideas from this. Thank you."

UCAS & SAAS Information Evening - Monday 4 September

Senior Phase pupils who are leaving school at any point during this academic year are invited to attend an information evening on Monday 4 September 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm at QAHS. The University of Edinburgh will give a presentation on all aspects of applying for courses at any UK university, UCAS, university life and the student experience. The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) will give a presentation on current student funding arrangements including support for living costs, tuition fees, student loans and bursaries. There will also be an opportunity to meet with the presenters to ask specific questions. The Senior Leadership Team and Guidance Principal Teachers will be represented. This event will be of particular interest to pupils applying to university this session for courses starting in September 2018, their parents/carers and any other pupils wishing to find out more. Recent school leavers and friends of the school are also most welcome to attend. The event is free and no booking is required. Please see the following links for further information about applying to university:

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS): www.saas.gov.uk

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS): www.ucas.com

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Following the information meeting on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award this week, please remember to submit your applications to Ms Fotheringham by Monday 11 September. If anyone missed this meeting, or if parents are interested in getting more information about doing the Bronze DofE in Queen Anne HS, there will be a parents information evening on Tuesday 5th September at 6pm in the Learning Hub. For further information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award please see www.dofe.org or contact Ms Fotheringham (RMPS department). You can also follow us on twitter @QAHS_DofE

QAHS – Badminton

S6 Queen Anne pupils, James Keenlyside, Ross Robson and Jamie Stewart recently organised and delivered a Big Hit Badminton Event at the Emirates arena in Glasgow. The Emirates is currently hosting the 2017 Badminton World Championships and as part of the day, James, Ross and Jamie delivered badminton to over 250 Glasgow school pupils.



Active Schools Coordinator Callum Imray nominated the boys to be selected as part of a Fife delivery team and during the 2016/2017 school year they have hosted a number of successful Badminton events in the Queen Anne Cluster.



Badminton Scotland commended James, Ross and Jamie for their organisation, confidence and team working skills on the day!

Data Capture Forms

All parents of S2, S3 and S4 pupils should now have returned data capture forms detailing the most up-to-date information regarding your child. S1 Data Capture forms will be issued next week and S5/6 will follow in the coming weeks.

It is essential that we have accurate contact details for parents and carers (including your e-mail address) so your help with this is much appreciated.



Active Schools Sports Ambassadors

Active Schools Coordinators Callum Imray and Tegan Kazeze recently held their annual recruitment process for S5 Active Schools Sports Ambassadors. The process included a written application form, an individual interview and a practical session.

The calibre of applications was extremely high and following a difficult decision the following S5 pupils were selected – Katie Halliwell, Molly Simpson, Eilidh Thomson, Leila Davies, Louise Barton, Finlay Hamilton, Finlay Wishart and Gregor Jordan.

Active Schools Ambassadors is a national programme and those selected play a key role in inspiring sport and physical activity in their High School. The picture on the right shows 6 of our new Ambassadors who attended the Fife training day, Louise and Finlay will be attending a Perth event next week.



Dates for the Diary

- 25 September – Parent Council Meeting
- 29 September – S1 & S6 Individual Photos
- 2 October – S1 Settling-In Report & Fortnight Letters issued
- 2 October – S6 Group Photo taken
- 9-20 October – October holidays
- 26 October – S1 Settling-In Meetings
- 31 October – S1 Settling-In Meetings
- 2 November – S1 Settling-In Meetings

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Rector