



**Queen Anne High School**  
**Weekly E-Bulletin**  
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### **Recent School Closure**

With the recent severe weather and resultant Fife-wide school closures now behind us, pupils and staff have quickly settled back into teaching and learning. Thank you to all parents/carers and the wider school community for their understanding during the closure.

It is essential that the school holds current and accurate contact information for you and your child – this is required in the event of an emergency, school closure or to enable your child's guidance teacher to contact home.

During the school closure, we sent out several Groupcall text messages and emails to each family's primary contact to keep you updated with developments – if you did not receive texts/emails then it is likely that you haven't notified us of any changes.

Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have recently changed your contact details so that we can update our records. Please email any changes to: [queenannehs.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:queenannehs.enquiries@fife.gov.uk)

We also strongly encourage all parents/carers to register on Fife Direct for closure alerts – please see <https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline/index.cfm?fuseaction=online.alert>

### **Study Sessions**

In light of the school closure days and as SQA submission dates are unable to be moved, various departments are offering extra sessions to complete SQA assignments and other work which are in addition to existing study support programmes. Senior pupils will be informed directly of this by their class teacher. Most sessions are either after school or during lunchtimes – please speak with the relevant departments.

The English department will continue to offer study sessions every Thursday after school.

The CDT department are offering after school supervised study sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (1500-1600) so that N5 pupils can catch up. N5 pupils in Engineering Science, Graphic Communication and Design & Manufacture are encouraged to attend. Sessions will run this week and next.

### **School Blazers**

All pupils in the **Senior Phase** are entitled to wear a school blazer with red braid and the school badge. Pupils in S3, S4 and S5 will have the opportunity be fitted for blazers by representatives from our supplier, *Logoxpres*, at assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Any pupil in the **Junior Phase** wishing to order a school blazer with the school badge should let their year head know by the end of school on Tuesday.



# University of St Andrews

## Start-Up Science Master Classes

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is inviting applications for the Spring 2018 Start-Up Science Master Classes. These are run in partnership with, and will take place at, The University of St Andrews. The Master Classes are intended to give young people who have shown an interest in science and technology the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and experience. S1 and S2 pupils at Queen Anne HS have been invited to apply.

Four Masterclasses will take place on successive Saturday mornings and will comprise of a mixture of talks and fun, practical activities with guidance and encouragement from session leaders. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

There is no limit to the number of students who apply from QAHS; however, places for each class are limited. Once applications have been received we will correspond with students and parents/carers at their home address. Please contact Karen O'Neill at the RSE on 0131 240 2791 should you have any questions.

## Dragonfly @ Heriot Watt University



Five 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupils Millie McDonald, Layla Cochrane-Wylie, Abigail Haining, Bethan Gibbon and Sarah McKee attended a full day



educational and motivational event that aims to encourage girls to develop their interest in engineering and technology. Held at Heriot Watt University on 21 February, the first workshop was to design and make the most effective slime that could be marketed at a reasonable cost. The second workshop involved the production of a hand held keyboard by assembling different electrical components onto a circuit

board. They thoroughly enjoyed their day at a University which hopefully inspired further study in this area after QAHS.



## **CAOL PROJECT EASTER REVISION TIMETABLE**

CAOL Easter revision session timetable will be available to **ALL** senior pupils on GLOW on Monday 12 March.

The timetable shows all the specific subject revision sessions available from Monday 2 April until Friday 13 April.

Senior pupils are requested to tick the sessions they wish to attend and submit their request by Wednesday 21 March. A summary of individual requests will be given out to pupils before the Easter Holidays.

## **Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society**

The airwaves in Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy will be buzzing in the middle of March when Fife's Community Orchestra, the KIRKCALDY ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY, gives forth its bright and lively programme.



With a season's theme of "Variations on a Theme", the Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society reaches Variation 4 and presents concerts at Queen Anne High School on Friday 16 March @ 7pm and at the Old Kirk in Kirkcaldy on Sunday 18 March @ 3pm.

The main work in the programme is the Trumpet Concerto by Bruce Fraser whose sudden death a year ago shocked the musical world. In a tribute to Bruce, KOS Musical Director and Conductor Graeme Wilson has included one of Bruce's works in each of the orchestra's concerts this season. The soloists will be John Wallace CBE, former Principal of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Kate Cooper, a 4th year student at the RCS and a former pupil of Queen Anne High School. Conductor Graeme Wilson was Principal Teacher of Music at Queen Anne High School from 1977 until 1995.

The Trumpet Concerto was written for and first performed by John Wallace with Graeme Wilson and the Fife Youth Orchestra in 2002 giving four performances including at the Festivals of British Youth Orchestras in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Other works in the concerts include the Overture and Polka from The Bartered Bride by Smetana and Pineapple Poll, Sir Arthur Sullivan's music from G&S operas reformed into a ballet and scored by Charles Mackerras.

Tickets for the (Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline) concerts are £8 for adults and £4 for children (a free programme is included). These are available from Orchestra members or by phoning 07473 752369 (for Dunfermline tickets) or 07770 332812.

**Tickets will also be available at the door on the night for both concerts.**

[www.kirkcaldyorchestralsociety.org](http://www.kirkcaldyorchestralsociety.org)

## **S1 Parents'/Carers' Evening – Tuesday 20 March 2018**

I am pleased to invite you to the school on the evening above **between 4.30pm and 7pm** to discuss your child's progress with the appropriate class teachers. Guidance Principal Teachers will also be available for consultation if not involved in their own subject interviews. Your S1 child may accompany you.

You may book appointments with teachers online using a computer with internet access or a smartphone. If you choose to use the smartphone then appointments can be made automatically, finding the best slots within the times you have specified.

The online booking system can be found at <https://queenannehigh.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>  
The system opens for booking on Tuesday 13 March and closes on Monday 19 March. Both dates are inclusive. You should be aware that teachers are only able to meet with the parents/carers of a maximum of 24 pupils, so it may not be possible to see every subject teacher you wish. If that is the case, please contact your child's Guidance Principal Teacher with the information you are seeking. The Guidance Principal Teacher will find out the information you want from the subject teachers and get back to you.

If you don't have access to a computer with internet access or a smartphone, please contact your child's Guidance Principal Teacher with a list of teachers you'd like to see and we will attempt to book as many of those appointments as possible for you.

Parents'/Carers' evenings are always well attended and I ask that you help us to ensure the appointment system runs smoothly by keeping to each arranged interview time of five minutes. Staff will also be asked to keep interviews within the allocated time.

A plan indicating where each teacher is located will be provided on the evening when you sign in. You may find the advance information below useful in helping you to navigate between appointments.

**Main Hall Subjects:** English; Mathematics; Modern Languages; Art & Design; Religious Education; Physical Education; Home Economics; Craft Design and Technology; Social Studies (Geography; History; Modern Studies)

**Dining Hall Subjects:** Sciences; Music; Drama

**ISA 1:** Guidance; Pupil Support; ISA 2

If at the end of the evening you feel that there are still some problems unresolved please contact your child's Guidance Principal Teacher for an appointment as soon as possible.

You may find the 'My World of Work' section of the Skills Development Scotland website ([www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)) useful to support discussions regarding your child's career aspirations.

Refreshments will be available for purchase at the coffee bar in the dining hall between 4pm and 6.30pm.

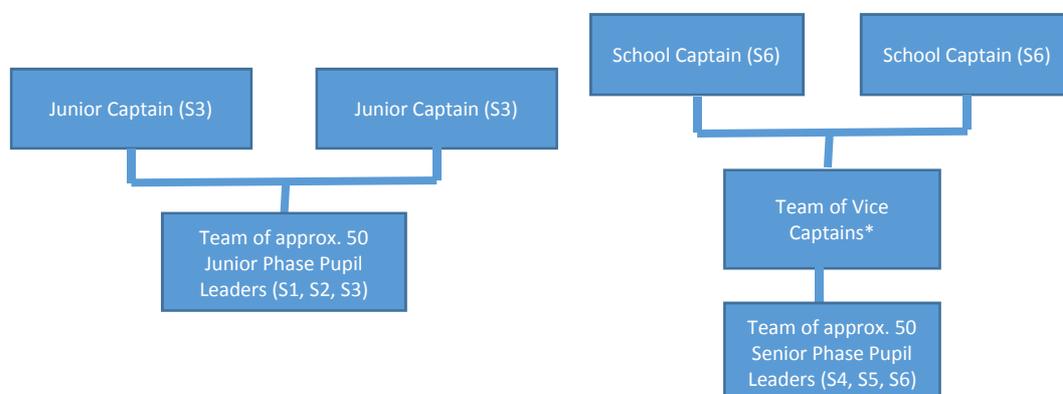
Members of the Parent Council, who are in attendance, will be happy to discuss with you the role of the Parent Council and the benefits that it brings to our school.

## **Pupil Leadership Team 2018/2019 - Information**

The Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) selection process for session 2018/2019 is now underway. Once again we are looking for pupils from S1-S6 to undertake various roles and responsibilities around the school, both during the school day and at extra-curricular events. This is an excellent prospect for pupils who want to take on extra responsibility, extend their experience and provide themselves with opportunities.

Mrs Davie and the School Captains are visiting year group assemblies this week and next week to explain the role of the PLT. It is hoped that there will be much interest from enthusiastic young people who are prepared to go the extra mile for the benefit of all QAHS pupils, their own development and the school's commitment to ensuring our school is a community based on the three key concepts of **Personal Best, Human Aspect and Self-Worth**.

### **Illustration of the Junior Phase and Senior Phase PLT model**



\* The title of 'Vice Captain' has been adopted this year in place of 'Group Leader' based on the feedback received from the S6 Pupil Leaders.

### **Selection process**

#### **Pupil Leaders (S1-S6)**

Prospective pupil leaders are required to complete an application form stating their suitability for the role of Pupil Leader.

#### **Junior Captain (S3)**

The election of Junior Captain will involve an application process and an interview. (date and time tbc)

#### **Vice Captains (S6)**

Pupils interested in becoming a Vice Captain will be required to complete an application form and a group task which will test their problem-solving and leadership skills. (date and time of group task tbc)

#### **School Captains (S6)**

Those interested in applying for the role of School Captain will be required to complete an application form and attend an interview on Tuesday 17 April between 10.50am and 1.20pm.

All application forms can be collected from Mrs Davie and must be returned to the school office by the end of the school day on **Wednesday 21 March**. Staff input will be sought with regard to pupils' suitability for all roles.

Please note that current Pupil Leaders will not automatically be reappointed next session. All interested pupils must reapply for session 2018/2019.

**Dates for the Diary**

20 March – S1 Parents & Carers Evening

28 March – Spring Concert

30 March-13 April – Easter Holidays

18 April – Parent Council Meeting

23 April – S3 Parents & Carers Evening

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable weekend.

**Ruth McFarlane**

**Rector**