



Queen Anne High School Weekly E-Bulletin 1 – 4 April 2019



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Spring Holidays

Please note that today (Thursday 4 April) is the last day of the Spring term. School resumes for the Summer term on Monday 22 April.

The school office is only open Monday 8 – Friday 12 April only. Pupils wishing to make payment for school trips etc can do so from Monday 22 April – the tills are closed during the holidays. Pupils will have no access to classrooms or concourse areas during the holidays and have been reminded to remove any personal property or revision materials before we break up.

School holidays, term and closure dates for the remainder of this academic year and up to academic year 2021/22 can be found at:

<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/topics/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&p2sid=816D295E-8DFE-4F5B-9216-0EEB10C08C51&themeid=2B4D39FB-1CC4-E06A-5201AAA15FE8C653>



As of Thursday 4 April, there are only 3 school days until the SQA exams start!

SQA Examination leave for Senior Phase pupils

Please note that examination leave for Senior Phase pupils starts on Wednesday 24 April (last day for pupils is Tuesday 23 April). Pupils are welcome to study in the Dining Hall between 08.45 and 12.30 each day to work with peers. Any pupil in school during the examination diet is required to be in full school dress.

We also have a new silent study area in the Rector's corridor. This area, comprising four large desks with seating for 16 pupils, is for Senior Phase pupils only and may be of particular benefit to those who require a smaller study space for silent, independent study. Wishing all of our pupils every success in the forthcoming exams!

Arrangements for SQA Examinations

Pupils are reminded to arrive in good time for their SQA examinations. Upon arriving in school, pupils should check their seat number etc in the dining hall. Pupils should wait in the dining hall and follow further instructions given by the Senior Leadership Team or SQA Invigilator.

For pupils who are entitled to Additional Assessment Arrangements: please report to the Help Desk in the ISA1 corridor at least 20 minutes before the exam is scheduled to start. A member of staff will be on duty at the Help Desk to give you further instructions.

SQA Examination Results

Pupils can receive their exam results straight to their mobile phone via email or text from 8am on results day – Tuesday 6 August. Pupils have been issued with an information leaflet which can also be accessed at the following link: www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/MySQALeaflet2019.pdf

Transport Arrangements for SQA Examinations

Pupils who need to travel by school bus outwith the normal school day will be issued with a supplementary travel voucher to enable them to travel to/from school free of charge.

Pupils should speak with the school office who will issue them with a travel voucher.

Gateway to Medicine – The University of St Andrews

QAHS students who have just completed S5 and who are interested in pursuing a career in Medicine have been invited by The University of St Andrews to apply for their Gateway to Medicine programme.



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The Gateway provides an opportunity for students who have completed S5 at QAHS to study at first-year undergraduate level. Those who pass the course and meet the other requirements will transfer into the six year Medicine course at The University of St Andrews.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students who meet the eligibility criteria and further information can be found at: <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/gateway-to-medicine/>

Interested students must speak with their Principal Teacher of Guidance, who can assist with the application process, upon returning to school after the Spring holidays.

Scottish Youth Parliament Elections

Well done to both Zara Boo Mitchell and Alice Collyer for raising awareness of youth issues during their respective election campaigns. Congratulations to Zara Boo Mitchell MSYP (S2 QAHS) for being elected to represent children and young people in the Dunfermline and West Fife Constituency.



Zara Boo would like to share the following message with you:

Following my successful campaign I am super excited to share the news that I was elected as a Member of Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) for Dunfermline and West Fife Constituency (2019-2021). I would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to each and every one of you who have supported me throughout my campaign and who voted for me in the Scottish Youth Parliament Elections.



I care about STUFF.... STanding Up For Fairness and STanding Up For YOU!!

I am not officially in Office until June but will be busy with all the preparation work between now and then. I am so grateful for this opportunity to work with young people in my constituency and I am passionate to take my STUFF to National level with @OfficialSYP. Let's get STUFF done!!

You can follow my Twitter page @ZaraBooMSYP Details of my official email address and Facebook page will be provided through my Twitter page as soon as I have the details myself. Here's to getting STUFF done!

Spring Concert

Well done to all our musicians and performers who contributed to yet another excellent concert on Wednesday evening. Thank you to all families and staff who came along to support and to enjoy the event. Many thanks also to the Music and Drama teachers, Music instructors and technicians for an outstanding effort at the end of term.

The event closed with a taster of 'Rock of Ages' which will be the QAHS School Show taking place taking place from the 12 - 14 June. Based on pupil performance this is an event not to be missed!

Letter from Police Scotland sent to all Fife Secondary Schools

The following letter, sent to all Fife secondary schools, has been received from Local Area Commander Michael Williamson. We continue to work in close partnership with our community police officer, PC Kirsty Kay, and all pupils are reminded to be safe and sensible during the Easter holidays and study leave.



Chief Inspector Michael Williamson
Local Area Commander - Western Command
Dunfermline Police Station
Hollyrood Place
Dunfermline

31st March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, ABERDOUR/SILVER SANDS

I am writing seeking your support and assistance in providing some advice to your senior pupils, and parents/guardians thereof. Last year, the month of May saw quite unprecedented levels of anti-social behaviour (and other offences) in the village of Aberdour and its surrounds. This was in its entirety perpetrated by young people aged 14-18 years, many of whom were absent from school on 'study leave'. A period of exceptionally, and un-seasonally, warm weather exacerbated the problem which led to numbers in excess of 250+ young people converging on an area of Silver Sands.

Disappointingly, this led to anti-social behaviour in the form of alcohol consumption leading to drunkenness, littering, urinating, defecating and criminality, in the form of fire-raising, theft by shoplifting, vandalism and fighting. Several young people were inebriated to the point of requiring medical assistance and significant strain was put on Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. As a result of this behaviour we had several complaints from residents of the village, business owners, transport providers and visitors to the area, as well as the issue being raised by the local Community Council and elected members. Unfortunately, it also made headlines in the local press who helpfully described Aberdour as a "Warzone".

We are once again on the cusp of the Easter holidays and annual 'study leave' period and Police Scotland are concerned that there should be a repeat of the issues experienced in 2018. To manage this we are at an advanced stage in terms of planning our response, which will be one of robust Policing and a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour and in particular, alcohol consumption. We have been working with our partners at Safer Communities (Fife Council), Stagecoach, British Transport Police, FFRS, and SAS, as well as members of the local community, and all are in support of this initiative.

I would very much appreciate your support in raising this issue both with the young people at your school and also with parents/guardians. Doing so would be extremely helpful as the last thing we want is to criminalise young people, given the potential affect it can have on their future prospects. However, there should be no doubt that a repeat of last year will undoubtedly see young people charged with offences, such is the seriousness with which we view the matter. Thank you for your support and should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the local Community Ward Policing Sergeant, Kenny Bow, on 01383 318920.

Yours faithfully
Michael Williamson
Local Area Commander

Pupils issued with course choices to be checked

The course choice process for pupils currently in S2 to S5 which began in January is almost over. Pupils have been issued with a printout of the courses they will start in June to check for any mistakes. Should there be a mistake pupils must see Mr Robertson on Monday 22 April.

The timetable for June has been created and is currently with Subject Principal Teachers for checking and fine-tuning.

At the start of next term the staff in the office will be very busy entering the new timetable into the computer system so that we can print out new timetables for pupils before the new timetable starts on Wednesday 5 June.

Pupils in the current S1 to S3 will receive their new timetables the week before the new timetable starts. Pupils in the current S4 and S5 will be on study leave so they will receive their new timetables on Wednesday 5 June.

S1 Parents' and Carers' Evening

Parents and Carers of pupils in S1 are invited to attend the S1 Parents' and Carers' Evening on Tuesday 23 April. The evening runs from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Your child is welcome to accompany you.

The appointments take place in the school Assembly Hall, Dining Hall and Pupil Support corridor. The coffee bar in the Dining Hall will be open for the first part of the evening. Parents/carers bringing a car are asked to park in the bus park on this occasion. When you arrive, please enter via Reception. You will be asked to sign in at desks which will be just through the doors. Pupil leaders and senior staff will be on hand to help you. When you sign in, you will be given a map showing where each teacher is located.

Appointments with teachers are made online via our online booking system. The system can be accessed here <https://queenannehigh.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> from a computer, tablet or smartphone. If you use a smartphone, the system can automatically book appointments for you.

To log in to the system, you need to provide the following information:

- Title (e.g. Mr or Mrs), your first and last name
- Your email address (This **must** be the email address you gave the school and is the one you are using now.)
- The first and last name of your child and their date of birth

If you have more than one child in S1 you will need to log in for each child.

The appointments are for a maximum of five minutes. Teachers only have 24 appointment slots, so in classes where there are more than 24 pupils it will not be possible to offer appointments to everyone. If you are unable to get an appointment with a specific teacher and you have something you need to find out, please contact your child's Guidance Principal Teacher who will speak to your child's teacher to get the information you want.

You will also find information about your child's progress, including advice on how they can make even better progress, in our school Learning Tracking system. This can be found here <https://my.didbook.com/mobile/en-gb/Login/> Information in the Learning Tracker is updated several times a year. It is worthwhile checking it towards the end of each term as teachers will normally have recorded new information for that term.

Information on how to use the Learning Tracker and understand the information in it can be found on the school website. (<https://qahs.org.uk/parents-carers/learning-tracker/>)

The booking system opens at 7 pm on Tuesday 15th April and closes at the end of the day on Monday 22nd April. If you are unable to make bookings during that time period, there may be a few appointments available on the evening. Please speak to one of the pupil leaders on the front desks who will check whether there are any suitable appointments for you.

ClubConnect – S1 and S2 pupils

As promoted last week, we are introducing an exciting new programme for S1 and S2 pupils at QAHS. Pupils in S1 and S2 have now received assemblies and letters home regarding ClubConnect. Sign-up to the programme has been excellent so far and places are filling up!

If your child would like to participate in the programme please email Active Schools Coordinator Callum Imray for details:
callum.imray@fife.gov.uk



School Captaincy Team for Session 2019/2020

Our Captaincy Team has been interviewed and all pupils who were involved did exceptionally well. We are delighted to inform you of the following appointments for session 2019/20:

School Captains

Zoe Wilson and Andrew Keenlyside

School Vice Captains

Each Vice Captain will have a pupil leadership role linked to key school improvement themes from the “How good is our school?” improvement framework.

(<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/Documents/HGIOURS-Part2.pdf>)

Krishna Alkanti (*Relationships*)

Matthew Leitch and Caitlin Sands (*Learning and Teaching*)

Eilidh Jones (*Health and Wellbeing*)

Gregor Campbell (*Successes and Achievements*)

Abbie Macdonald (*Our School and Community*)

Groupcall

The attendance system that Fife schools use has been experiencing some problems in recent weeks and we have been unable to send out attendance alerts. We are working with Groupcall and hope that the problem is rectified for when we return after the Easter break.

Dates for the Diary

5 April- 19 April

8 April - 12 April

23 April

25 April

6 May

Spring Holidays

CAOL Project Subject Revision Sessions (10am –12noon & 1pm – 3pm)

S1 Parent/Carer Evening ([see article in e-bulletin about online booking system](#))

SQA Examinations start

Monday Holiday

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable Spring holiday.

Ruth McFarlane
Rector