



Dear Parent/Carer

New Staff Member

We are delighted to announce the addition of Arlo to our student support team. Arlo is a working cocker spaniel puppy who will be joining the team to support and work with students in school around anxiety, self-regulation and attendance. The trust policy is attached for your information and we would welcome any thoughts or feedback from parents/carers.



Of course, we understand that not all students like dogs and there is no expectation for all students to interact with Arlo and he will be kept in very specific areas around school. If your child has any allergies or anxieties relating to dogs, please let us know by contacting admin@qehs.net and we will ensure that appropriate protective measures are in place and that our lead first aider is aware.

Arlo still has a bit of growing up to do so won't be joining the team properly until October but we wanted to share this exciting news!

Y9 & 10 Reads

Y9 & Y10 will be reading three books this year in form time. This is part of our ambition to celebrate reading and maintain a passion for books that students often lose in high school. The reading will be guided by form tutors and students will have a copy of the book that will be kept in form classes. The three books chosen link to personal development and character education.



'Show Us Who You Are' is written by neurodiverse author, Elle McNicoll, and explores the world through the lens of a neurodiverse young person. Marjorie Blackman's, 'Boys Don't Cry' tackles gender norms and race. 'The Happiest Man on Earth' is about the Holocaust and a survivor's ability to deal with his experience and celebrate life.

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First Aid

From next Monday First Aid will be closed to all students other than those receiving medication during registration and after lunch.

If students are unwell, they can access First Aid during break and lunchtime and Carol remains available for those seriously unwell and emergencies.

We have seen an increase in the number of students accessing first aid immediately after break and lunchtime to request water. Please ensure your child has a water bottle which can be refilled. Heads of Year will make sure all students have access to one, please contact your child's form tutor if support is needed. There are water fountains available to students throughout break and lunch so they should not need to visit first aid for this.

Please remember that we are unable to send students home without an adult to collect them if they are unwell. Equally, we are unable to authorise absences if the call for collection has not been made by the school office. If your child contacts you to say that they are unwell, please direct them to first aid and contact the office yourself. Please do not come to collect your child without first speaking to first aid to establish whether they need to come home and are unfit to be in school.

Open Evening

On 28 September we are welcoming prospective Y9 parents and students to the high school. We have requested volunteers from the student body to come along and help. The event runs from 6pm-8pm.

For the English open evening, we are planning:

- Literary quiz with a literature hamper prize!
- Literature treasure hunt with prizes
- multimedia display and soundscape
- magnetic poetry
- literary dinner party...
- guess the author game

MacMillan cake sale

Thank you to all the parents and students who donated cakes for our Macmillan Cake sale last week. We were delighted by the response and raised a total of £307.25.



COVID

Government guidance no longer advises that we test for covid. We do not expect our students to test, even if they are symptomatic. The government published the following [guidance](#) on school attendance. In line with this, we would expect students to come to school with general cold symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Students should not come to school

with a temperature of 38 degrees or above. If your child is not well enough to come to school, please notify school by calling the absence line

Uniform

Shirts should be collared shirts that fasten to the neckline. A small number of students are wearing open collar blouses meaning their tie is not secure and prone to fall off. We appreciate that this may take a few weeks to rectify but please ensure that all shirts have a top button and are not open collar. The PTFA have collected pre-loved uniform and if you wish to access that please apply through the [website](#).

Cycle to School Week starts on Monday 25 September

Organised by The Bikeability Trust and Sustrans, Cycle to School Week is a fantastic opportunity to get kids talking about cycling and its benefits. Throughout the week, families are encouraged to try cycling or scooting to school. Why? It's a great way to build physical activity into everyday life while improving fitness and mental wellbeing. Oh, and it's good for the environment!

Yours faithfully



Neil Seaton
Head of School