



2020 Transfer Weekly Update Issue 6 July 3rd

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Dear Parent/Carer

Hello and welcome to the sixth issue of the QE Transfer Weekly Update.

This week in Meet the staff, we have an interview with me! What I love about QE and some words of advice for new starters.

We are looking forward to meeting Year 8 next week and the Heads of Houses and tutors have been hard at work preparing the days. Thank you to parents for the Google Form returns, if you still haven't completed this use the link on the next page. If you have indicated that there are medical needs such as Epi Pens or other medication, please pass this to the tutor on the morning. We have qualified first aiders who will administer any medication on the day. The medication will be returned at the end of the morning.

You will have seen in the press this week that the government has now released the guidance for schools reopening in September. The guidance states that where possible, students should be taught in year group "bubbles" This will have an impact on our vertical tutoring system. We are still looking at the guidance and planning this for QE. While this may have an impact on your son or daughters tutor allocation in September, we still believe that next week will be useful in meeting the Head of House and the House team.

I have had some concerns from parents about the amount of transfer work we have set. As we have not had the opportunity for students to have taster mornings and transfer day we wanted Year 8 to have the opportunity to have a taste of a QE lesson where possible. I don't want parents or students to be worried about completing all of the work over the summer, please use the work as a taster, students won't be at a disadvantage by not completing it.

We look forward to meeting Year 8 in the next couple of weeks. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Mark Willis

Assistant Headteacher



Allenbourn Middle School Colehill First School Emmanuel Middle School Hayeswood First School Hillside First School Lockyer's Middle School
Merley First School Queen Elizabeth's School St John's First School St Michael's Middle School Verwood First School Witchampton First School

Meet the Staff

What's your name and what is your role in school?

Mr Willis Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



How long have you been at QE and where have you taught before?

I have been at QE since September 2001, I joined as a NQT and have held various positions including Head of Faculty, Head of House/Year. I completed my teacher training at the Kennet School in Thatcham and Bath College.

What do you teach and why did you decide to go into this subject?

I teach Business and Economics. I love the subject as there are so many real life examples to draw from.

Why did you come into teaching?

Before I came into teaching, I worked for BMW Group as a purchasing manager. As part of my role I led workshops with visiting schools to the factory. I also worked with local schools on the Young Enterprise scheme. I enjoyed working with young people and teaching about the business. When the government in 2000 offered training bursaries for new teachers, it was an opportunity to pursue this as a career.

What do you like most about working at QE?

I enjoy every day working at QE. We talk a lot about the "QE Family". It really exists! The students, staff and the wider community all work together as one big family.

Since joining the school which event has stood out most for you and why?

I have had so many experiences in my 19 years. The musicals, ACE Festivals have all been amazing and make me proud to work here. I was lucky to take students to Kenya in 2007 and 2009 and these were amazing experiences for students and the teachers.



When you are not at QE what do you like doing?

I have two step sons who will both attend QE in September. They keep me busy! I love cycling and spending time on my mountain bike. In the winter, we ski as a family and try to get away each year to the Alps.



What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Approachable, Supportive and fun!

Can you give us one fact about you that is not related to QE?

Before I came in to teaching I bought steel for a major car manufacturer.

And finally....what piece of advice would you give a Year 9 student joining QE in September?

Enjoy every moment and grasp every opportunity that is available!

Meet The Tutor Morning

He is a reminder of the layout of the morning. If you have not yet complete the form please click <https://forms.gle/8dio7FKqYTyMPach9>

House Day

Lancaster Monday 6th July

Stuart Wednesday 8th July

Tudor Friday 10th July

Wessex Monday 13th July

York Wednesday 15th July

Video Please follow the video link below that shows how the morning will work.
<https://youtu.be/UgHTmHxoLvE>

Uniform Students must be in their Middle School uniform.

Arrival The day starts at 9.00am, students will need to be dropped off at the QE Leisure Centre car park between 8.45 and 9.00am. **Please do not use the front of school.** Drivers should follow signs carefully to ensure that students can be dropped off safely. If students are cycling to school there will be bike racks allocated for them to use. If they are walking please use the QE Leisure Centre path and entrance.

When students arrive they will need to make their way to the QE Leisure Centre tennis courts, they will be directed to this location by the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of House. They will be met by their Tutor who will have a sign indicating their Tutor group. The tennis court will be set up to enable social distancing. Sanitiser stations will be available. Students must maintain social distancing at all times.

Their Tutors will escort them to E Building and the designated room for the morning. This will be done one tutor group at a time. On entry into the classrooms students must use the hand sanitising resources available.

Tutor Sessions During the time in the room the students will have the opportunity to go through some housekeeping and rules for the morning, including the location of toilets and social distancing rules.

There will be a virtual Assembly led by Mrs Boyes, the Senior Leadership Team and the Heads of House.

The Heads of House address will welcome students to QE and go through our expectations. There will be an opportunity to have a virtual tour of the school by the Head of House, followed by a Q&A session led by the Tutor. There will also be an opportunity for some Tutor group icebreaker activities and a quiz.

Students will remain in the room for the duration of the morning session.

Equipment There is no need for students to bring a great deal with them when they attend school. We would advise a snack, water bottle and pencil case. Anything else required will be provided. Students should not borrow or lend resources during these sessions.

Toilets If students need to use the facilities when in school they will need to ask the teacher in the normal way. No more than 2 students are permitted to use the facilities at the same time. There will be an allocated toilet for students to use, which will be cleaned regularly. Students should wash their hands thoroughly after using the facilities, and use the hand sanitiser on re-entering the classroom.

Leaving The school day ends at 11.00am. Students will be dismissed from their room a group at a time by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, and directed back to the tennis courts for collection of students by parents by 11.00am. When collecting students in the car park we would ask that drivers should try to leave a one space gap between cars where possible.

Useful contacts

Heads of House:

Lancaster - Mr Mead - jmead@queenelizabeths.com

Stuart - Mrs Mynard - tmynard@queenelizabeths.com

Tudor - Mr Oldfield - moldfield@queenelizabeths.com

Wessex - Miss Parker - sparker@queenelizabeths.com

York - Mr Smith ismith@queenelizabeths.com

SENDCO - Mrs Ashby kashby@queenelizabeths.com

General Enquiries: office@queenelizabeths.com

Transfer Info: <http://www.qe.dorset.sch.uk/admissions>

Uniform

Our PE kit supplier Star Sportswear's website is now up and running for online ordering. This can be found at <https://starsportswear.co.uk/qe-options/> There is a dedicated ordering process for new starters.

Bartletts in Wimborne are now making appointments for uniform fitting. They can be contacted via messenger on their FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/bartlettsschoolwearwimborne> or email at Bartletts.schoolwear@hotmail.co.uk

Coming up next week in issue 6

Meet the Staff.

An opportunity to find out about the staff at QE. Each week we will quiz a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a Head of House

Next week - Mr Smith, Head of York House.

The Buildings

Following on from the Meet the Tutor Mornings we have an tour of the building and some FAQs