



## 2020 Transfer Weekly Update Issue 2 May 27th

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Dear Parent/Carer

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

This week in Meet the staff, we have interviews with Mrs Boyes and Mr Mead. What they love about QE and some words of advice for new starters. We also have a letter from Katie in Year 9 who joined us in 2019 for all Year 8 students.

Uniform is an important part of the identity of the school. When worn correctly it is smart and business like. If you have any questions about the uniform please do contact us.

I have asked faculties to provide information on extracurricular activities. This week the MFL Faculty tell us about the French Film Club.

As always there are Important contacts at the bottom of this update.

Kind regards

Mark Willis

Assistant Headteacher

# Meet the Staff

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



Mrs Boyes -  
Headteacher

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

I have worked at QE for 9 years and have been Headteacher for the last year . Prior to this I worked at Sir John Colfox School and Thomas Hardy school.

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

I teach Science and my specialism is Chemistry. I decided to teach Chemistry as it is a fascinating subject that has so many Wow! moments.

Why did you come into teaching?

I came into teaching as I really wanted to make a difference to young people and provide them with the best opportunities for their futures.

What do you like most about working at QE?

We are so privileged to work with such fantastic students and staff at QE. The way in which everyone works together within our QE Family is what I love most about working at QE.

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

There have been so many events which have stood out where students have been remarkable however Les Miserables, our school musical this year is one that was really amazing. The students who took part were phenomenal and showed such incredible talent. It was an example of the QE family at its best as staff and students collaborated to put on such a great show



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

Spending time being a Mum to my small children and running!

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Kind Caring Committed

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

I was taught Drama at  
school by Greg Davies



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

Take every opportunity that comes your way to make sure that you make the very most of your time at QE

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

Mr Mead - Head of Lancaster House & Teacher of Business Studies



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

I have been at QE for 4 years now & I have previously taught at Ringwood School.

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

Business studies was my favourite subject when I was at school & I was always motivated by making money through new innovative & enterprising ideas. At the age of 6 I used to sit outside my front door selling the fruit from my house's fruit bowl. My parents thought I was eating my 5 a day but instead I was pocketing 50p a day from selling Bananas & Apples to cyclists who would cycle through the village. Business studies is a subject which impacts everyone & is ever changing. I love the fact that a business news outbreak can happen on the way to work & I can incorporate that into my lesson on the same day. Ultimately, everyone will work for a business one day & it's integral to have an understanding of how an organisation operates.

### Why did you come into teaching?

Like my friends, I had originally planned to finish university and move to London to work for an investing & trading company. Following a travelling trip to south east asia, it changed my mindset and instead I wanted to enter teaching. From that point on, I wanted to impact the next generation and inspire them into becoming better citizens whilst achieving their aspirations.

### What do you like most about working at QE?

I love the QE family spirit which is very much evident in everyday school life. There is an embedded culture where everyone looks after each other which makes it a fantastic environment to work in. The house system here is integral to our success by encouraging personal development through a sense of community and charity whilst encouraging collaboration and of course promote competition.

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



Our yearly ACE festival is an event which personally stands out for me. I'm sure that for many of our students it is a particular highlight of the year. Students embrace the competition between houses & it's above and beyond your normal average sports day. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate achievement & unlike your average sports day, non-sporty pupils can also engage & thrive in various activities from our own rendition of The Cube to large board games to the QE Factor!

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

I love most sports but particularly enjoy playing football, tennis, golf & cricket. I enjoy attending festivals and gigs but I also like to visit libraries & enjoy reading a book or two. I also have a passion for travelling and countries which have so far stood out include Australia, Cambodia, Serbia, Croatia, Guatemala, Belize, Ukraine, Mexico & Colombia. All come with various experiences and stories.

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

'Bad at following instructions'

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



I have a New Zealand & British Passport.

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

Embrace extra-curricular opportunities, involve yourself as much as you can & attempt to make as many new friends as possible giving everyone a chance.

## Uniform at QE

At QE we recognise the influence high standards in appearance have on high standards in education. Parental support in upholding our Dress Code is greatly appreciated.

What Uniform do I need?

Details of the uniform can be found on the website [here](#)

Where can I purchase it from?

The uniform can be purchased from **Bartletts** schoolwear in Wimborne. They reopen for appointments from 15th June. They are located at 45 East Street, Wimborne (01202 856205)

Our PE kit supplier is **Star Sportswear** <https://starsportswear.co.uk/>.

Star Sportswear are currently adding our products to their website which will be live soon -we will send out an email when it is up and running. There will be several options for collection including click and collect(from shop or school) or shipped to your home.

Our dress code is designed to encourage a smart and business-like style, appropriate to a modern learning environment. The dress code is intended to provide the opportunity for collective pride in our school as well as a clear structure for students and parents to follow. The overriding principle to the

dress code is that uniform should be worn smartly and neatly at all times. We look forward to parental support in the promotion of the students wearing their uniform with pride.

#### What are the rules regarding hair and jewellery?

- Hair length and style should be reasonable and not represent extremes of fashion
- Hair colour should be a natural shade
- Make-up should be unobtrusive and natural looking
- Coloured nail varnish or false nails of any type are not permitted.

We do allow students to wear a limited amount of jewellery. However, we do have concerns over security and health and safety. We are striving for a business-like approach to student life; therefore the following items are acceptable:

- Watch
- One ring on one hand
- Maximum of two studs per lobe. Students are allowed two discreet plain ear studs in the lobe of each ear. Earrings(hoops) are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

The following therefore applies:

- Nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow studs or any other body jewellery are not allowed [unless for religious or cultural reasons]. Clear plastic bars worn in any such piercing are NOT acceptable. Students who wear such items will be asked to remove them
- The school can take no responsibility for items of jewellery brought into school
- Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn.

Excess jewellery will be confiscated, placed in a marked envelope and passed to the House Office, to be reclaimed after one week. Persistent offenders will be sanctioned further.

### What about shoes?

Many sports manufacturers and retailers sell black leather trainer shoes as “school shoes” Any shoes with a sports logo for example Nike, Adidas etc. are not acceptable as are “vans” and shoes made from canvas or suede. We have included acceptable and unacceptable below. School shoes should be black leather and again business like. If you are unsure please contact us.



### Uniform Grants

Queen Elizabeth’s School will consider providing clothing support on individual application. Students who are eligible for free school meals are also entitled to assistance with the purchase of uniform. For these and for others who are facing great financial difficulty, applications should be made in confidence to Mrs S Dean, Assistant Headteacher. Applications are considered in the strictest confidence.

Year 9 French Film Club

Every Monday at 1.30 pm

- Are you in Year 9?
- Do you love films?
- Fancy seeing a French film? (with English subtitles!)

Then meet us in C203 on Mondays at 1.30!

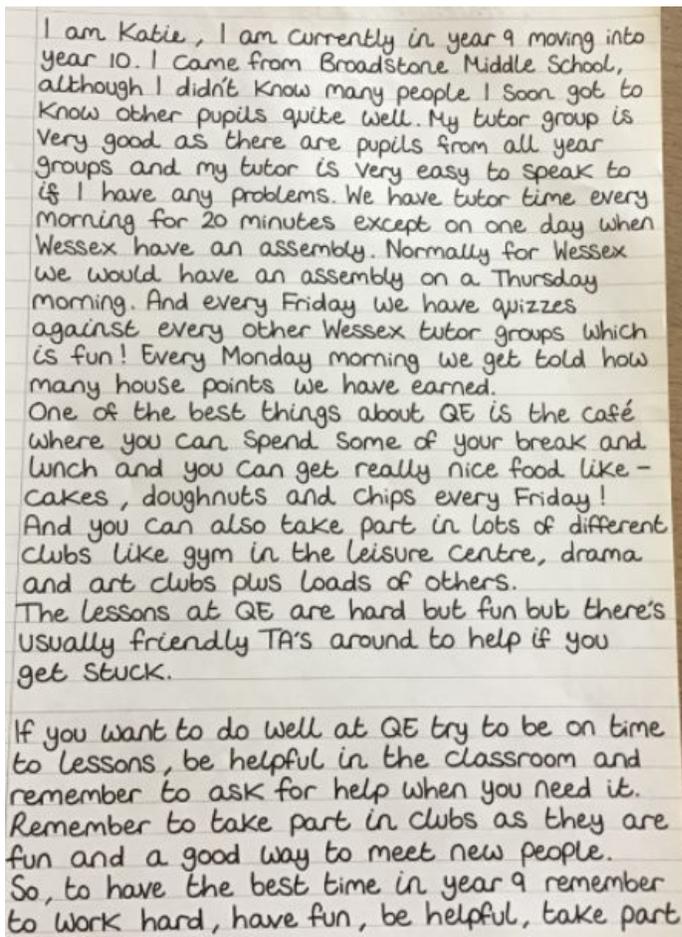
BRING YOUR LUNCH!

Queen Elizabeth's **QE** High Quality High Expectations High Standards

The poster features several film covers: 'Le Grand Bleu', 'Amélie', 'The Chorus', 'Welcome to the Sticks', and 'Welcome to the Family'. It also includes a photo of a person at a camera.

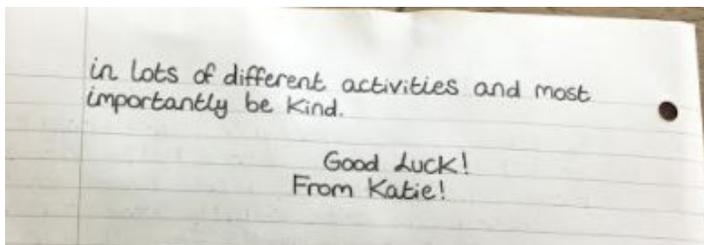
# Message from a Year 9

Moving up to QE is a massive step in a "normal" year. In 2020, with lockdown we are trying to deliver the transfer process "virtually" The best way to find out what QE is like is from our amazing students. Katie is in Year 9 and joined us from Broadstone Middle School in 2019. She has written a letter to all Year 8s.



I am Katie, I am currently in year 9 moving into year 10. I came from Broadstone Middle School, although I didn't know many people I soon got to know other pupils quite well. My tutor group is very good as there are pupils from all year groups and my tutor is very easy to speak to if I have any problems. We have tutor time every morning for 20 minutes except on one day when Wessex have an assembly. Normally for Wessex we would have an assembly on a Thursday morning. And every Friday we have quizzes against every other Wessex tutor groups which is fun! Every Monday morning we get told how many house points we have earned. One of the best things about QE is the café where you can spend some of your break and lunch and you can get really nice food like - cakes, doughnuts and chips every Friday! And you can also take part in lots of different clubs like gym in the leisure centre, drama and art clubs plus loads of others. The lessons at QE are hard but fun but there's usually friendly TA's around to help if you get stuck.

If you want to do well at QE try to be on time to lessons, be helpful in the classroom and remember to ask for help when you need it. Remember to take part in clubs as they are fun and a good way to meet new people. So, to have the best time in year 9 remember to work hard, have fun, be helpful, take part



in lots of different activities and most importantly be kind.

Good Luck!  
From Katie!

# Useful contacts

Heads of House:

Lancaster - Mr Mead - [jmead@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:jmead@queenelizabeths.com)

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Tudor - Mr Oldfield - [moldfield@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:moldfield@queenelizabeths.com)

Wessex - Miss Parker - [sparker@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:sparker@queenelizabeths.com)

York - Mr Smith [ismith@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:ismith@queenelizabeths.com)

SENDCO - Mrs Ashby [kashby@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:kashby@queenelizabeths.com)

General Enquiries: [office@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:office@queenelizabeths.com)

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

## Coming up next week in issue 3

### **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 Humphreys Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Mynard, Head of Stuart House.

### **Attendance**

Getting the most out of QE is about attendance. We have a target of 96%.

### **Art Continuity Project**

Details from Mrs Darley about the Art Continuity Project