



## 2020 Transfer Weekly Update Issue 4 June 15th

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Dear Parent/Carer

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

This week in Meet the staff, we have interviews with Miss Bickley and Mrs Mr Oldfield. What they love about QE and some words of advice for new starters.

SEND provision at QE is led by Mrs Ashby. In this update we have some information about the department and Mrs Ashby has produced a Welcome video and some additional information which will be in the admissions area of the website.

This week you Year 8 students can take part in The Pentathlon Challenge from the PE Department and represent QE!

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](mailto:Bartletts.schoolwear@hotmail.co.uk)

In the coming weeks, subjects across the school will publish some short transition tasks (similar to the Art project) which will appear on the website for students to complete

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

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

# Message from Mrs Boyes - Headteacher

As we continue to move through these uncertain times I hope that you and your families continue to be well. As a result of the current situation we are not going to be able to run the Meet the Tutor Evening on Wednesday 1st July and the Transfer day on Friday 3rd July as originally planned.

However, we want to fully support the Year 8 students who are joining us in September and are looking to hold some sessions to allow students to meet their new tutor. We will be in touch by the end of the week with further information linked to this.

Mrs Boyes

## Meet the Staff

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



Miss Bickley and I am responsible for the Quality of Education in school  
- all things curriculum, teaching and learning

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

I started in September, prior to that I taught at Magna for a short while after moving down from the Midlands.

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

After training to be an Accountant I decided it wasn't the career for me and knew I wanted to do something that involved interacting with people lots. Teaching maths gave me the ideal opportunity to mix numbers and people.

Why did you come into teaching?

I always loved the school environment and particularly talking so teaching seemed the perfect career

What do you like most about working at QE?

QE really does have a very family feel to it. From the moment I arrived for the interview I felt welcomed, and this has continued every day.

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

It would have to be Les Miserables but overall I have been overwhelmed with the quality of all the Music events that takes place in the school.



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

I try to keep fit and active to balance all the cooking I like to do. I love travelling and combine this with cooking by exploring new food from around the world.



What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Positive, sociable, kind

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

Until a few years ago I took singing lessons and I have a diploma in Musical Theatre from the Royal College of Music.



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

Joining QE is a fresh start for everyone, seize every opportunity, push yourself, work hard - it will be worth it!

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



Matt Oldfield, Head of Tudor House



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

I joined QE in 2007 (When I was a young man of 22) as an NQT and have enjoyed working here ever since. I have previously taught at Oakmead School, now Oak Academy.

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

I teach both Sociology at GCSE and A level and A level Politics. I was fortunate enough to have had an inspirational lecturer at University, whose combination of subject knowledge, delivery and ability to motivate and stimulate interest was fantastic. These subjects are alive with relevance and to this day, I still am found saying to my students about needing 'the passion for Politics'



Why did you come into teaching?

I would love to say that I dreamed of this ambition from a young age, and for many years was unsure, as to exactly what my career destination would be. However, it was in 2004 whilst at University, I volunteered as an 'Aim Higher' university mentor, to a group of students in local secondary schools. I was the first person from my large extended family, to go to University, and in spending time with the students that I worked with during the next two years, I felt a purpose and enjoyment in supporting

students in their studies, and enabling them to achieve their goals. I realised that I had come across something I appeared to have an ability in and a vocation for.

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

The people! There is a special connection between students and staff that creates a culture of trust and understanding. We are a family at QE, where we work together, celebrate together and stand together.

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

In June 2009, I was fortunate enough to visit our partner school 'Beau Bassin' on the island of Mauritius with a group of our students and staff (Ms De Saram). This was part of the British Council's 'Dreams and Teams' partnership and programme. This gave me the chance to teach and work with colleagues and students in another country. It was a wonderful trip to learn a new culture and new ideas, and I have selected this, as I believe it reflects the superb opportunities and ways that QE school can enrich our own experiences, and how it can allow us to strengthen our ties and links to others.



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

I love spending time with my young family and going on trips to the New Forest, beaches and local attractions. Having grown up in the Midlands (and rightly proud of this) I still cannot believe how fortunate we are in our local area to have these on our doorstep. I enjoy playing and following sport, in so much as Birmingham City FC allows! The recent period of time has allowed me to get to grips with our garden, and I have found this quite enjoyable too.





What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Calm

Positive

Enthusiastic

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

I was once nominated for bingo caller, employee of the month, for my crowd pleasing entertainment, whilst working during my University studies.



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

Reach out to others and be open minded about both people and new opportunities. Be ambitious in your expectations and kind in your actions

## Year 8 Pentathlon Challenge

Queen Elizabeth's School Physical Education Faculty would like to invite you to take part in the Dorset School Games Virtual Athletics Pentathlon. We would have loved to have welcomed you to the school to take part in your transition lesson but since this can't happen we have laid down the challenge to all incoming students to take part, and help us to be the most represented school in Dorset.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing your efforts.

You can find the challenge at [www.qe.dorset.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.qe.dorset.sch.uk/admissions)

*Mr S Green*

*Head of Physical Education Faculty*

# SEND at QE

Mrs Ashby has produced some additional resources which can be found on the school website.

[www.qe.dorset.sch.uk/admissions](http://www.qe.dorset.sch.uk/admissions)

Here are the profiles of the SEND team based in D Block.



## Specialist Staff who can help you.



Mrs Ashby - SENDCO who organises all provisions that help students to learn, feel happy in school and helps students to become independent community members, happy in college, careers, sixth form or apprenticeships.



Mrs Rumaner  
Education Psychologist and Special examination assessor.



Mrs Prince  
ELSA lead, helping all students with their self esteem and social interaction.



Mrs Hansell  
Physio and personal care lead, helping all students with physical challenges.



Ms Anthony Hayward  
Supporting students with communication and language difficulties..



Ms Symons  
Vision impairment specialist, supporting students with the curriculum.

Mrs Walker Teaching assistant Learning Mentor	Ms Symons TA Coordinator VI Specialist TA	Mrs Rumaner SEA assessor Ed Psychologist	Ms Anthony Hayward Language and communication	Mrs Menin HLTA Maths	Mr Coombs Teaching Assistant Learning Mentor	Mrs Dennett Teaching Assistant Learning Mentor
Mr Sullivan Teaching assistant Learning Mentor	Mrs Hansell ELSA Physio / Hygiene	Mrs Lawson Teaching assistant Learning Mentor	Miss Holland Teaching assistant Learning Mentor	Mrs Price ELSA Lead Learning Mentor	Mr Adams Teaching Assistant Learning Mentor	Mrs Pillinger Teaching Assistant Learning Mentor



# 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 5

### **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 - Mrs Dean Assistant Headteacher and Miss Parker, Head of Wessex House.

### **Getting to school**

Information about the buses and who to contact

### **Equipment**

What do I need! Run down what you need to bring - pencils, pens etc.