



QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012

NEW THIS TERM:

Travel Info Request forms - Mid-term & Easter breaks

Diary of Events - Spring term

Minutes of PLG Meeting 13.11.11

Higher Prelims timetable

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 10th February - **MID-TERM BREAK BEGINS**

Sunday 19th February - Mid-term break ends. **PUPILS RETURN BY 2000 HRS**

22, 23, 24 & 27, 28, 29th February inclusive - **ADMISSIONS BOARD 2012**

Sunday 11th March - **PARADE SUNDAY** - Inspecting Officer: Major Murray MacDonald, OV

Friday 30th March - S3 Parents' Consultation Meeting: 1230 - 1320
Parent/Teacher meeting for S2, S4, S5, S6.
END OF SPRING TERM

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 24th April - **SUMMER TERM BEGINS** - Pupils return by 2000 hours.

Sunday 13th May - **PARADE SUNDAY** - Inspecting Officer: Brigadier H D Allfrey MBE
Friday 29th June - **GRAND DAY & END OF TERM**

PARADE DATES 2012:

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - BATTLE OF BRITAIN

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER - ROOKIES

MAIL TO SCHOOL

Please ensure when sending letters or packages to School that mail bears the full name of the pupil and the name of Boarding House in which he or she resides.

This will ensure mail is delivered as quickly as possible. Thanks.



Christmas cheer at the Junior Ceilidh - Dec 11



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HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

School closes after classes at 1630 hours on Friday 10th February and pupils are to be back in School not later than 2000 hrs on Sunday evening 19th February.

Please download the half-term travel proforma and return to the Admin Office at QVS as soon as possible. Many thanks.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETING 30TH MARCH FOR S2,S4,S5 & S6

Pupils in the above year groups have been issued a proforma in order to approach their teachers for appointment times. It is important that pupils and parents liaise with each other to ensure pupils know whether parents are attending or not, which teachers they wish to see

and preferred timings. Once proformas are completed, Mrs Morea will post a copy to parents with the set timings.

We would be grateful if parents would adhere to the timings set. Thank you.

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Spring term ends on Friday 30th March - lessons end at 1110.

Pupils may leave after the Parent/Teacher meeting 1330-1800hrs on Friday 30th March or after 1110 at the discretion of their Housemaster if parents are not attending the parent/teacher meeting.

Pupils should return to School no later than 2000 hours on Tuesday evening 24th April.

WELMET

Welmet are a small, friendly organisation, founded in 1981, ready to meet and escort children whenever necessary. QVS parents have used them successfully in the past. Please find below details of the QVS representative:

Mrs Gina Riley

Tel: +44(0) 1243 82333

Mobile: +44 (0) 7958 550368

Email: gina@welmet.co.uk

END/BEGINNING OF TERMS

Your support is greatly appreciated in adhering to term dates. Early leavers/late returners cause disruption to the general running of House and School. The holidays are generous and family holidays should wherever possible be organised to fit into these dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**NB: YOUR
SON/DAUGHTER MUST
SIGN OUT IN THE HOUSE
BEFORE LEAVING IN ORDER
TO SATISFY ALL SCHOOL
PROCEDURES INCLUDING
FIRE REGULATIONS.**



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SCHOOL BILLS

When settling the school bill, you are requested to pay the whole amount at the start of each term. The School's preferred method of payment is internet banking and our bank details are:

Payee Name: Queen Victoria School

Account No: 02019219

Sort Code: 30-00-02

Should you have any problems with settling the total amount due, please contact our Finance and Administration Manager, Kenny Lawrie, on 0131 310 2905 as soon as possible. Alternatively, Kenny can be e-mailed on admin.office@qvs.org.uk

Parents/guardians with outstanding school bills are requested to settle these straight away, unless an alternative payment plan has been agreed with the School.

PAYMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL POCKET MONEY AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

When paying for pocket money and miscellaneous items additional to those included in the school bill, parents/guardians are requested to pay the child's boarding house pocket money account direct, with a cheque made payable to the relevant boarding house. Additional amounts volunteered should not be added to the settlement of the main school bill, and should not be paid by internet banking.

Wavell girls
enjoying
Christmas lunch



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE DVDs/GAMES

We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that pupils do not bring age-inappropriate videos, DVDs or games into School. These are forbidden under the "Guide to Life in this School Community" as well as having legal implications. We understand that you may allow your son/daughter to use older age-group material when he or she is at home, but this is not something that we can allow in School. Many thanks in anticipation of your help in this.

CONTACTING THE HOUSES

Each House has a voice-mail service and a fax capacity on its main phone line. Below is a reminder of the House telephone/fax numbers and email addresses:

Cunningham House - 0131 310 2923

cunningham.office@qvs.org.uk

Haig House - 0131 310 2922

haig.office@qvs.org.uk

Trenchard House - 0131 310 2924

trenchard.office@qvs.org.uk

Wavell House - 0131 310 2955

wavell.office@qvs.org.uk



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YOU CAN DO ANYTHING DAY - S2 PUPILS

On Friday 3rd February the school will be holding 'You CanDo Anything Day' aimed at S2 pupils about to make subject choices. A number of professionals will visit QVS and S2 pupils will have the opportunity to find out at first hand what is involved in the different occupations.

Laura McIlkenny has had some very positive contact with individuals from a range of professions and it is hoped that the event will offer a useful focus for those pupils making decisions about options and ultimately about future careers.

We also look forward to welcoming pupils from Beaconsfield School, Bridge of Allan, who will be joining us on the day.

SCHOOL MAILINGS

Please remember that mailings are no longer posted out and that all relevant information is now posted on the School website: www.qvs.org.uk
If you do not have internet access and would prefer a hard copy, please let Clare Rankin, Head's PA, know by phoning +44 (0)131 310 2901, or fax to +44 (0)131 310 2955

EMAIL CONTACT

Email contact with parents is very useful, especially in urgent situations. If you think that we do not have your email address, please send it, with your child's name and school number, to: alison.morea@qvs.org.uk or head@qvs.org.uk

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Ben, Kara, Hugh, Hannah, Grace and Chris - our Overseas House Assistants/GAP students for 2012.

We wish them a worthwhile and enjoyable time with us here at Queen Victoria School.

GOODBYE AND THANKS.....

This term we shall be saying farewell to Cate Cullen - Housekeeper Trenchard House, Yvonne Cockburn - Admin Support and Evelyn Bisson - Purchasing & Admin Officer.

We thank them for their many years of hard work at and for QVS and wish them health and happiness in the years ahead.



Senior Christmas Lunch - Dec 11