



QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

NEW THIS TERM:

Note from the Headmaster

Travel Info Request form - Summer 2018

Diary of Events - Summer Term

Parent/Teacher Meeting details -
Friday 18th May

Exam timetable/
SQA Study Leave
arrangements
and permission form
(S4/S5/S6)

End of QVS Rugby Season



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

Sunday 6 May -
PARADE SUNDAY -
Inspecting Officer: Captain
R L Loudon, Royal
Regiment of Scotland

Wednesday 16 May -
Drill & Turnout Competition
Dress Rehearsal

Friday 18 May -
Parent/Teacher meeting for
P7 & S1 1430-1630hrs.
Drill & Turnout competition
1800hrs - **parents welcome**

Sat 19 & Sun 20 May -
Sleep-in weekend - no
Chapel

Sunday 30 Apr & 21 May -
CCF Beating Retreat
Rehearsal, Redford
Barracks

Wednesday 23 May -
Combined Bands CCF
Beating Retreat, Holyrood
Palace

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

W/c Mon 4th June - Activity
Week (P7-S3)

W/c Monday 4 June - Work
Experience Week (S4)

Friday 29 June - **GRAND**
DAY & END OF SUMMER
TERM

Tue 21 August -
AUTUMN/WINTER TERM
BEGINS - Pupils return by
2000 hrs

Wednesday 22 August -
New intake arrive

FORTHCOMING PARADE DATES 2018:

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER -
BATTLE OF BRITAIN

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER -
BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER -
REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER -
ROOKIES



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NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The last few weeks of term have flown by and it seems like only yesterday that our students returned from their mid-term break. Our S4-S6 students have been busily preparing for their exams and completing their assignments. It is absolutely essential that ALL examination students use their Easter holidays to get some effective and meaningful revision done. Our Easter holidays are currently too long – we need the students back earlier in order to help them prepare for their exams. Obviously, I can't do anything about the 2018 and 2019 dates, which have already been published, but from 2020 onwards, we are reducing our Easter holiday to two weeks, which will effectively be the first two weeks of April. As a result of this, Grand Day will be taking place on the 2nd last Friday of June from 2020 onwards – but no changes to 2018 or 2019 dates will be made.

Back to revision for S4-S6 students – some students struggle to create a revision timetable – the easiest way to do this is simply to revise following their school timetable. When they normally have Maths, study Maths. When they have English, study for English. This leaves plenty of time for breaks and all evenings would be free for relaxation and socialising.

Last term saw a high number of admissions candidates braving the new process to try and gain a place at QVS. We had seventy applicants in total and were able to offer around fifty places this year. We can't wait to welcome our new intake in August and see them blossom into the next batch of Victorians but we are sorry we couldn't offer everyone a place and we know there will be some disappointed families out there.

Looking forward to the summer term, we have a parade on May 6th, followed by a PLG meeting. The new timetable for 18/19 starts on June 11th and of course, Grand Day itself is on June 29th. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our May parade and on Grand Day.

I hope everyone has a great term and best of luck to all those taking SQA exams.

Donald Shaw
Headmaster



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EXAM LEAVE/SCHOOL ENGAGEMENTS

If your child is required for a School engagement - sport or band - then exam leave will need to be cut short and he/she will be expected to return to School. As always, we thank all of our team and band members for their commitment.

EVE OF GRAND DAY SUMMER CONCERT

The end of session Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 28 June at 6.45pm and will be held in the Chapel. All parents and carers are warmly invited.

GRAND DAY ARRANGEMENTS

All parents are invited to attend the Prize-giving Ceremony in the morning as well as the Parade in the afternoon. We would like to remind parents that the whole school is expected to attend the Prize-giving and NO pupil should be outside the marquee after 9.50am. Everyone must be seated by 10am. If you are not attending Prize-giving, please avoid the area around the Marquee while the Prize-giving is in progress. Thank you.

The format for Grand Day is as follows:

- 9.50am - Parents, guests and the whole School seated
- 10.00am - Prize-giving
- 2.00pm - Parade

Time may be fairly tight and it is regretted that we do not have catering facilities for lunch for everyone. However, if you would like to bring a picnic, you are welcome to use the School grounds. In addition, the School caterers will be providing a cafeteria service in the CCF building where snacks can be purchased from 11am onwards.

Parents unable to come to the Prize-giving may wish to attend the Parade along with relatives/friends. Those attending are asked to be seated prior to the Parade.

We should like to remind everyone that any pupil found to be out of their Houses during the night/early morning before Grand Day will not be allowed to take part in the Grand Day Parade. We very much hope, however, that lessons have been learned by the necessity to invoke such sanctions in previous years.

NB: YOUR SON/DAUGHTER MUST SIGN OUT IN THE HOUSE BEFORE LEAVING IN ORDER TO SATISFY ALL SCHOOL PROCEDURES INCLUDING FIRE REGULATIONS. PUPILS IN YEAR GROUPS P7-S3 INCLUSIVE SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM AND RETURNED TO HOUSES BY PARENTS / CARERS.

HAIR CUTS & COLOURS

Generally our pupils are reasonable and understand that the Ceremonial aspects of QVS life demand a conventional hairstyle and hair colour. Occasionally, however, we find that pupils return to School after a holiday with an unnatural hair colour or without having their hair cut. We would ask that you support and encourage your sons and daughters to respect the requirements, and ensure that they have an acceptable haircut before returning to School. Hair must be worn off the collar when in Ceremonial uniform. Thank you for your support in this.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Summer Term 2018 ends after Grand Day, Friday 29 June.

Pupils going home after Grand Day may do so after the Parade ends.

Pupils who are staying at School overnight on 29 June should make arrangements to travel no later than Saturday 30 June.

Parents are asked to forward any travel tickets/documentation for safekeeping to the School, along with the enclosed travel info request form, by no later than Wednesday 6 June.

Autumn Term 2018 begins on Tuesday 21 August. Pupils should return no earlier than 2pm as House staff will be involved in In-Service training, and no later than 8pm (7pm for P7 pupils). A meal will be available in School at 5pm with supper at 8pm.

New pupils arrive at School on Wednesday 22 August.

PLEASE NOTE TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS, WHO MUST MAKE APPROPRIATE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS.

(Please see separate details for WELMET, our recommended escort service.)

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 Website: www.welmet.co.uk

HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE REMINDER

Please remember that the School Medical Centre needs 6 weeks' notice for holiday immunisations.

A travel form can be downloaded from the Dunblane Medical Practice Website:
dunblanemedicalpractice.co.uk

This can be completed and returned directly to the Practice at Well Place, Dunblane, FK15 9BQ.
Please ensure the 'home address' is completed as Queen Victoria School.

PARKING CONSIDERATION

We respectfully ask that visitors to the School do not park in, or block, resident staff's parking places on the Parade Square, in front of the School and around Trenchard. This is particularly important at busy times such as end of term. The places are clearly marked in blue paint.

Many thanks for your help with this.



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**President Pabina and the
#MAD Group with their #YesWeCan
appeal**

for Start Up Stirling

**Linda Sterry - Community Leader - attended
morning assembly to express her gratitude
and explain how we really are helping the
local community.**

**She made it clear that every single Can
really does count and passed on her
appreciation to every single person who
supported the appeal.**



SCHOOL BILLS

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

**Payee Name: Public Sub Account – HMG4800
(Queen Victoria School is acceptable)**

Account No: 10027890

Sort Code: 60-70-80

N.B. This is a new account and the old details must NOT be used.

Should you have any problems with settling the full amount, please contact the Finance Office on 0131 310 2905/2914/2994, in the first instance. Alternatively, you can email the team on admin.office@qvs.org.uk

Parents/guardians with outstanding school bill amounts are requested to settle them immediately, unless an alternative payment plan has been agreed in accordance with the School's debtor policy.

PAYMENTS OF ADDITIONAL POCKET MONEY /ADDITIONAL ITEMS

When paying for any additional pocket money or items not included in the school bill, parents/guardians should pay the sum direct to the appropriate boarding house via cheque. These additional amounts should not be added to any school bill settlement and should not be paid through internet banking.



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LAUNDRY PLEA

Personal clothing is the responsibility of each pupil, and we have a vast amount of laundered items that are un-named and unclaimed. We do not have the storage facilities to hold on to these items for any length of time, and so unnamed and unclaimed laundry has been donated to local charity shops recently.

Could you please remember to name or add a school number to your child/children's personal clothing or encourage them to do so to help alleviate this problem. Thank you.

STAY SAFE IN THE SUN ... YES, EVEN IN SCOTLAND!

Spring has finally arrived and with that in mind, can we please ask that you sit down with your son/daughter and explain the dangers of not protecting their skin in the sun and ensure that they return to school at the start of the summer term with the following in their luggage:

Sun cream

A hat

Sun glasses.

If you would like further information about this there are many websites you can access for information, such as The Teenage Cancer Trust. This website also includes a myth buster video starring Jake Quickenden.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/support-us/spread-word/sunburn-stay-safe-sun>

EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS

Email contact with parents is a very reliable form of communication. Unfortunately, many emails are 'bounced back' as we have not been notified of email address changes.

Could we urge you to let us know as soon as possible about any change of contact detail.

Please contact: alison.morea@qvs.org.uk or head@qvs.org.uk to notify us of updates. Thanks.

P7 Rotary Primary School Quiz



S1 Maths Successful Learners

