

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022



Forthcoming Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 20th April
SUMMER TERM
BEGINS

Pupils return by
2000hrs

Sunday 1st May
PARADE SUNDAY

Friday 24th June
GRAND DAY & END OF
TERM

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th February

Half Term Break Begins

Sunday 20th February

Half Term Break Ends.

Pupils return by 2000hrs

Sunday 6th March

OV PARADE SUNDAY

Friday 25th March

ROOKIES PARADE

28th & 30th March

Parent/Teacher meetings
for S2 - S6

Spring Term Ends

New This Term

Note from the
Head

Drill & Turnout
Competition

Work placement
week

Admissions

Rugby Fixtures

Hockey Fixtures

School
Photographs

Remembrance Sunday Parade



Senior boys Movember



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Note from the Head

Happy New Year to you all. I hope the festive break has been a good one and that the children are all ready for the new term and the new year ahead.

We live in uncertain times just now and have done for the past 2 years. However, one thing is absolutely certain – that when your child comes to QVS, we will do our absolute best to ensure that their education continues to the same high standards you are used to and that our pastoral care systems continue to be sector-leading.

In terms of education, we have the S4-S6 prelims during the next half-term, even though we don't know yet whether we are going to have any traditional exams or not at the end of the academic year. However, no matter what system is in place in May, students always need evidence to prove their work is at a certain level and so the prelims go ahead as normal. We also have course choice coming up for all year groups from S2 to S5. Course choice is very important and each student, along with their families, should decide whether to specialise, with a particular career/next step in mind, or whether to study a broad range of subjects which leaves the door open to many pathways in the future. The good news is that our systems are so flexible that even if a student decides to go down a specific pathway in S4, there is scope to change that pathway entirely in S5 or S6.

In terms of boarding life and our pastoral care systems, we really do everything we can to get the right level of support in place for every individual child. That might mean no support is required – just a watching brief – or it might mean a student is on a detailed care plan to ensure they feel safe and secure in this environment. We encourage students to do activities which look after both their physical wellbeing and their mental wellbeing. Mental Health is our biggest challenge – as any school would tell you nowadays – and this is where we need to work together with parents to find a model of home/school support which works for the young person involved.

So, we move into 2022 ready to build on the successes of previous years, determined to improve further in every aspect of school life. The desire for continuous improvement is second nature for the team here and, alongside the supportive community we have, we can make sure we have a great year ahead.

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Half Term Holiday Arrangements

Pupils may leave from 12:10 on Friday 11th February and are to be back in School no later than 20:00hrs on Sunday evening 20th February.

Please note: Transport to and from the airport is the responsibility of parents, who must make appropriate travel arrangements for this.

Easter Holiday Arrangements

Spring term ends on Friday 1st April - lessons end at 11.10am.

Pupils may leave after the Parent/Teacher meeting 1330hrs - 1800hrs on Friday 1st April, or at the discretion of their Housemaster or Mistress if parents are not attending the Parent/Teacher meeting.

Pupils should return to school no later than 2000hrs on Wednesday evening 20th April.

Virtual Parent/Teacher meetings

S2 & S3 Monday 28th March

S4, S5 & S6 Wednesday 30th March

Details will be emailed out to parents

End/Beginning of Terms

Your support is greatly appreciated in adhering to term dates. The school holidays are generous and family holidays should wherever possible, be organised to fit into these dates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

All children should follow the normal signing out procedure at the end of term



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School Bills

When settling the school bill, you are requested to pay the whole amount by the start of each term. The school's preferred method of payment is by BACs.

Payee Name: Queen Victoria School

Account no: 10027890

Sort code: 60-70-80

Reference: Pupil number

Should you have any problems with settling the total amount due, please contact our Deputy Resources Manager, Iain Mair:

Tel: 0131 310 2905 email:
iain.mair@modschools.org

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 miscellaneous items.

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

Plea from Matron/Housemaster

For security, please remember to name clearly any new electrical items/games/clothing that may have been received as Christmas presents. We cannot take responsibility for expensive items brought to school. Insurance is the responsibility of the parents.

Please remember that we rely on your support in ensuring that pupils do not bring age-inappropriate games into school. These are forbidden under the 'Guide to Life in this School Community' as well as having legal implications.

Cars, Motorbikes, Scooters and Skateboards

We do not have suitable facilities to accommodate the above on the school grounds.

Smoking and E-cigarettes

Smoking and e-cigarettes are not allowed on school grounds. From 1/1/2022 a no smoking policy applies to all MOD sites.

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Contacting the Houses

Each house has a voicemail service.

Below is a reminder of the House telephone and email:

Cunningham House: 0131 310 2923

damien.pitman@modschools.org

Haig House: 0131 310 2922

qvs.haig.office@modschools.org

Trenchard House: 0131 310 2924

qvs.trenchard.office@modschools.org

Wavell House: 0131 310 2955

qvs.wavell.office@modschools.org

Personal Clothing

All items of personal clothing need to be named. Staff are not responsible for personal clothing. Personal clothing laundered, are done so at owners risk and unclaimed/unnamed clothing will be donated to charity shops as there is no capacity to store in Houses. Wardrobe space is limited so please minimise items of clothing brought back to school where possible. Clothing that needs specialist cleaning should not be brought to school. Please ensure your child is sent back to school with footwear for going to and from the showers.

Parental/Guardian contact information.

Please ensure we have your most current email, mobile, landline and address, at all times.

Please email updated information to qvs.head@modschools.org

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PARADE SUNDAYS

Pupils are expected to be at school on Parade Sundays for the Pipe Band/
Highland Dancing, Chapel and Parade.

Parking at school is difficult on Parade Sundays and the areas around
Trenchard House can be used. Please drive carefully around the school site.

Drill and Turnout Rehearsal - Wednesday 18th May (afternoon)
Drill and Turnout Competition - Wednesday 20th May (afternoon)

Grand Day Parade 2021



PARADE DATES

SUNDAY 6th MARCH - OV Parade Sunday

FRIDAY 25th MARCH - Rookies Parade

SUNDAY 1st MAY

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER Battle of Britain

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER Battle of Trafalgar

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER
Remembrance

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Additional Dates for your diary

Admissions: Deadline for applications is 15 January 2022

Interviews will be held 28th Feb - 2nd March

Whole school photos - Monday 13th June

Work placement week 6 -10 June

HOCKEY FIXTURES

	S1ST XI	U15	S2	S1	P7
JANUARY					
15 TH	MES				
22 ND	HS of Dundee (H)	HS of Dundee (H)	HS of Dundee (A)	HS of Dundee (A)	
29 TH					
FEBRUARY					
5 TH					
26 TH					
MARCH					
5 TH	Morrisons				
12 TH	Linlithgow (A)		Linlithgow (A)	Linlithgow (A)	
19 TH					
26 TH					

*All dates are aa Saturday unless stated otherwise.

*Times and venues TBC until nearer the date.

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RUGBY FIXTURES

SATURDAY 22nd January

Rugby: U18 v Kelvinside (H): KO: 1000

U16 v Kelvinside (H): KO: 1000

S3 v Kelvinside (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S2 v Kelvinside (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S1 v Kelvinside (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

SATURDAY 29th January

Rugby: U18 v Hutchy (H): KO: 1000

U16 v Hutchy (H): KO: 1000

S3 v Hutchy (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S2 v Hutchy (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S1 v Hutchy (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

SATURDAY 5th February

Rugby: U18 v George Watson's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

U16 v George Watson's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S3 v George Watson's (H): KO: 1000

S2 v George Watson's (H): KO: 1000

S1 v George Watson's (H): KO: 1000

SATURDAY 26th February

Rugby: U18 v St Columba's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

U16 v St Columba's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S3 v St Columba's (H): KO: 1000

S2 v St Columba's (H): KO: 1000

S1 v St Columba's (H): KO: 1000

SATURDAY 12th March

Rugby – Inter House 7's

SATURDAY 19th March

Rugby: U18 v Lomond (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

U16 v Lomond (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S3 v Lomond (H): KO: 1000

S2 v Lomond (H): KO: 1000

S1 v Lomond (H): KO: 1000

SATURDAY 26th March

Rugby: U18 v Morrison's (H): KO: 1000

U16 v Morrison's (H): KO: 1000

S3 v Morrison's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S2 v Morrison's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 1000

S1 v Morrison's (A): Dep: 0800 KO: 100