

QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022



University of Dundee's Faculty of Law Ball.
S5 Euan playing at the Dunblane Hydro.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th
April

SUMMER TERM
BEGINS

Pupils return by
2000hrs

Sunday 8th May
PARADE SUNDAY

Friday 24th June
GRAND DAY
Summer Term
Ends

New This Term

Note from the Head

Parent /Teacher
meetings P7/S1

Wednesday 18th
May

Exam Diet

SQA Study Leave
arrangements

Sports News

Forthcoming Dates For Your Diary

Friday 20th May
DRILL AND TURNOUT

Monday 23rd May
BEATING RETREAT
Edinburgh Castle

Tuesday 24th May
BEATING RETREAT
Holyrood Palace



OV Parade

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Note from the Head

As we come to the end of covid restrictions in Scotland, it was well worth a bit of reflection on the past 2 years, from a QVS perspective.

As a school, we have managed to cope pretty well with everything that was thrown at us. With your support, we were able to deal with the two lockdown periods by using a combination of timetabled live lessons and time for tasks. Student wellbeing was prioritised with time allocated to timetabled classes being supplemented by encouragement to get outside and do something active in the afternoons. The sense of community we maintained during those lockdowns made a difference to staff, students and families.

When we returned to school, students followed their protocols very well and, as a result, we managed the outbreaks as best as we could. It wasn't easy when the school had to move to a model of remote learning for a few weeks in September 2021 but we got through it, together.

That community mentality has seen us through the entire period of restrictions and I'm very proud of what we've achieved together – minimum negative impact on our youngsters.

When we return after Easter, there will be no testing and no isolation – so you'll be glad to have seen the last of my 'Covid update' emails. Covid is now to be treated in schools like any other virus – if people are well enough to attend work/school, they should do so; if not, they should stay at home. We'll get used to this being the 'new old normal' again soon.

Through the whole of this two-year period, all you have to do is take a look at our Twitter feed or this newsletter to see that school life has carried on as normally as possible – with many, many things to celebrate. Sporting achievements, Volunteering, Charity work, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Band and Dancers, school Parades and much, much more have kept the ethos of QVS very much alive and kicking.

I hope everyone has a lovely Easter break and I look forward with renewed optimism to the term ahead.

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SQA Exams

Start: Wednesday 27th April

End: Monday 30th May

Masterclasses will be run throughout exam time. Study leave at teachers discretion.

Exam Timetable, Study Leave Arrangements and Exam Leave Permission form will be uploaded to the school HUB

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/they will be expected to return to School. As always, we thank all of our team and band members for their commitment.

Haircuts and Colours

Generally our pupils are reasonable and understand that Ceremonial aspects of QVS life require a conventional hairstyle and colour. Please support and encourage your children to respect the requirements and ensure they have an acceptable haircut before returning to school. Thank you for your support in this.

Virtual Parent/Teacher meetings

P7 & S1 Wednesday 18th May

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.



Rookies Parade

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

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Eve of Grand Day Summer Concert

The end of session Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 23rd June at 18:45 to 19:30 in the Chapel.

Grand Day Arrangements Friday 24th June

All parents are invited to attend the Prizegiving Ceremony in the morning as well as the Parade in the afternoon. We would like to remind parents that all pupils are expected to attend the Prizegiving and no pupil should be outside the marquee after 09:50. Everyone must be seated by 10:00. If you are not attending the Prizegiving, please avoid the area around the marquee while the Prizegiving is in progress. Thank you

The Format for Grand Day is as follows:

09:50—Parents, guests and the whole school seated

10:00—Prizegiving

14:00—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. The school caterers will be providing a cafeteria service in the CCF building where snacks can be purchased from 11:00 onwards.

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

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Senior Students out
on Silver Duke Of
Edinburgh Award
expeditions



Parental/Guardian contact information.

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

Please email updated information to alison.nicolson@modschoools.org

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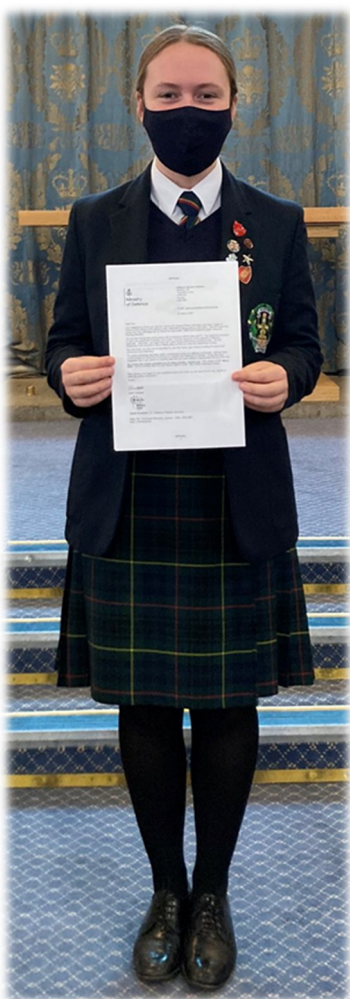
PARADE SUNDAYS

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—18:00

Drill and Turnout Competition - Friday 20th May—18:00



Congratulations to Rio on
having her poem
published to celebrate
[#monthofthemilitarychild](https://twitter.com/monthofthemilitarychild)

PARADE DATES

SUNDAY 8th MAY Parade Sunday

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER Battle of Britain

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER Battle of Trafalgar

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER Remembrance

P7 Pupils of the Week in Literacy, Numeracy and Spelling



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MADGroup Interact Volunteers at the Coffee Morning at St Mary's.



Fabulous project work in Spanish

Additional Dates for your diary

Whole school photos—Monday 13th June

S4 Work placement week—Monday 6th to Friday 10th June

Platinum Jubilee Youth Spectacular—17th -19th June in Kelty

S6 Leavers dinner—Monday 20th June



Congratulations to Mica and Aaliyah on their performances at the Scottish Schools Indoor Championships

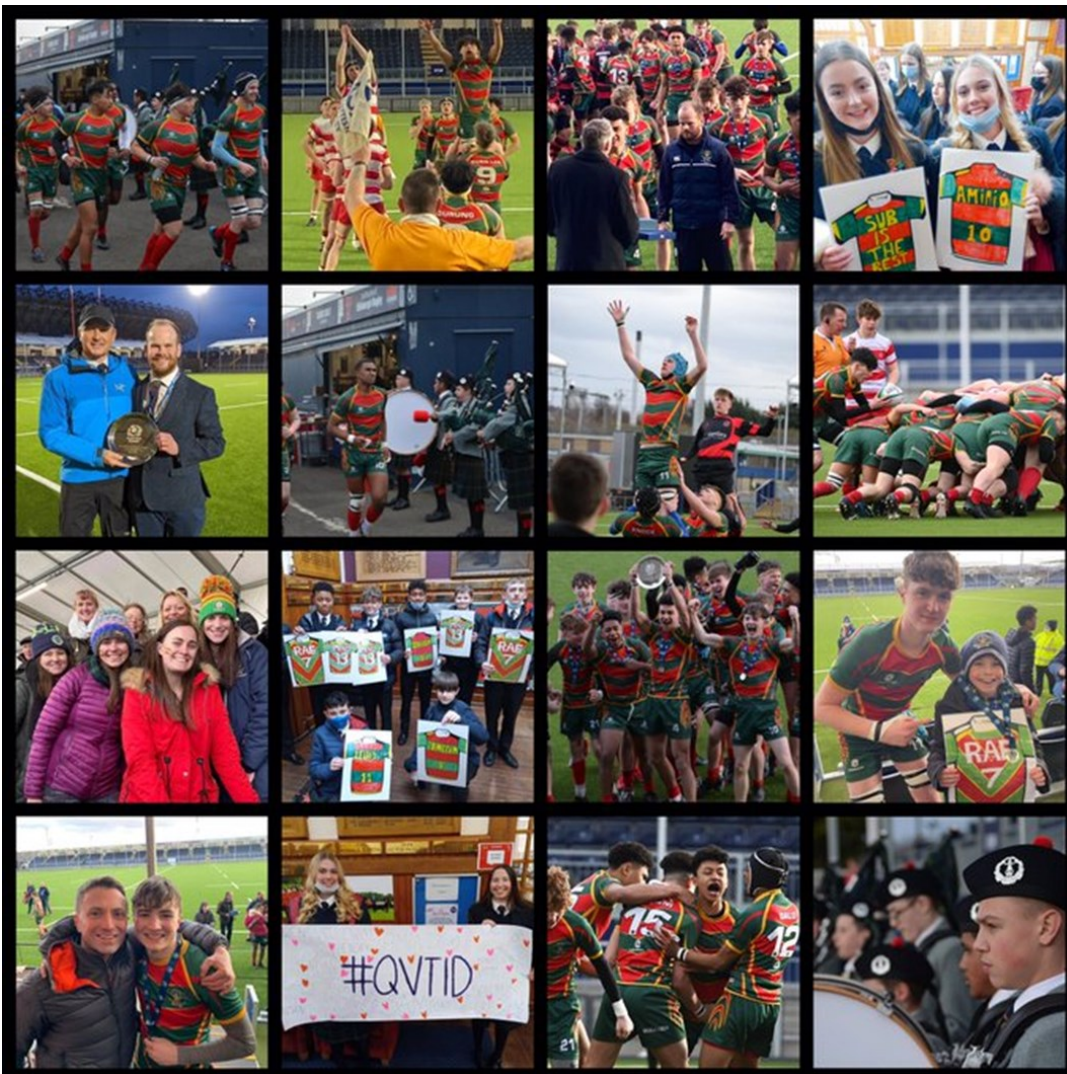
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QVS boys
Aminio and
Amena who
both played
for Glasgow
Warriors
U18 team.



Congratulations



U16s and
U18s teams
competing in
Nation Finals.
Very proud of
our boys and
their
achievements
this season.
Fantastic
support from
our QVS
Family, near
and far. Thank
you to our
teams, coaches,
supporters and
families.

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Summer sporting fixtures will be posted soon.



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Holi party in Cunningham house

Summer Holiday Arrangements

Summer Term ends after Grand Day, Friday 24th June.

Pupils can go home after the parade ends. Pupils that are staying overnight should make arrangements to travel no later than Saturday 25th June.

Autumn term begins on Tuesday 23rd 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 will arrive at school on Wednesday 24th August