



QHS NEWS

December 2022



Hockey

What's Happening?

The S1/2 team recently played Mary Erskine's School away and won 3-2 in a very thrilling match! Goals came from Ella Jennett (2) and Finlay Sharp with player of the match also going to Ella Jennett.

What's Next?

The senior team play MES seniors after the Christmas break.



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Duke of Edinburgh

What's Happening?

S3 Bronze – Expedition dates have been set and information sent home

S4 Silver – Registration has been taking place, if anyone has missed the information catch Miss Brown for paperwork

S5 Silver – Expedition dates should be shared just after the holidays (just finalising dates/staffing)

S6 Silver – Expeditions all complete and they are working on their sections

What's Next?

Working towards their various awards and learning some new skills.



Library - Book Club

What's Happening?

They celebrated the Black History Month and Book Week Scotland plus discussions and a fierce debate on the proposed reading lists of the Scottish Book Trust for the above themes. Most of the members are taking part at the library's Review Competition.

What's Next?

Plans include writing reviews and interview authors for the Teen Titles magazine and Scottish Book Trust project.



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Rights Respecting School

What's Happening?

In December the Rights Respecting Pupil group is focusing on promoting Article 4 'Making Rights Real'. We are currently busy organising a stall for the week of the 12th of December when at lunch times we will have a Rights Respecting stall with games and quizzes for staff and pupils to play with and learn more about rights.

The school has now achieved Bronze in our Rights Respecting journey! This is very exciting as it means we have been recognised officially by the UNICEF Rights Respecting programme as a rights committed school!

What's Next?

More members are welcome in 2023.



Drama Club

What's Happening?

Drama Club have been working hard towards their production of 'A Christmas Carol' which they are performing at the expressive arts showcase on 19th December.

What's Next?

Next term we are going to be working on different scripts and aim towards performing them in a showcase.



Creative Writers Club

What's Happening?

The newest library club with a different theme each week. Members bring their favourite writing piece and discuss ideas on different writing techniques and the emotions that each piece creates to them. At the last part of the workshop, they produce their own written material based on the ideas shared

What's Next?

This term we explored some fantasy writing and we were very lucky to have one of our members sharing with us his book.



Water Polo

What's Happening?

The team have been making a splash with their first friendly against Bo'ness, putting all of their new skills to the test. It was a great game with the team coming out on top with a 13-7 win.

What's Next?

Throwing forwards to 2023 will start off with more friendly competitions, and experiences for our team.

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Choir

What's Happening?

Choir has been working on a few Carols for our Christmas Showcase. The pupils have been sacrificing extra lunchtimes to also rehearse with our Brass Band ensemble in preparation for the big performance. We hope that you can come and sing along with us on Monday 19th December in the Theatre at 7pm

What's Next?

It's top secret....



Netball

What's Happening?

The club is currently booming with attendance of around 50 members each week and games galore! The success of attendance and busy schedule of fixtures has required us to run a 2nd night as well as a lunchtime to squeeze in all the practice possible, which is most certainly paying off, as we managed to take home our 1st victory against George Watsons College with our S1 team.

What's Next?

First ever boys' netball match against St Augustine's Boys team in January.



Running

What's Happening?

Runners are enduring the colder training sessions and chasing those Personal Bests with our frequent 1k time trials.

What's Next?

With indoor track season and Cross country approaching at the start of 2023 we have some race focus and mud ahead!



Library - Art Club

What's Happening?

The casual and vivid character of this club is the perfect opportunity for pupils to explore their creativity and create new friendships. The members draw their own bookmarks and crafts and help the librarian to decorate the seasonal book displays and the library space in which there is a dedicated area for their creations.

What's Next?

December will be dedicated to Christmas crafts and decorations. Parents can check pupils' creations at library's twitter (@QHSLibby).

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Drama - WWRY

What's Happening?

We Will Rock You rehearsals have kicked off with our brilliant cast and band. We are rehearsing every Tuesday, if you want to join in the rockin fun, we are happy for anyone to join us before or just after Christmas.

What's Next?

Full on rehearsals in 2023!



S1 Music Group

What's Happening?

They have been working hard on the song Last Christmas to perform at the Christmas Showcase on the last week of term. They're a small band but the young people in this group have been making some fabulous music!

What's Next?

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EDGE Group

What's Happening?

They have had a fantastic term working really hard to make QHS even more amazing by making everyone feel equally valued and supported. Through assemblies, posters, lessons across different faculties and our EDGE group, they have informed our community about different equalities issues and how we can support those that experience them.

What's Next?

They are one step closer to getting the LGBT charter gold award for QHS!



We Will Rock You

What's Happening?

The WWRY Band have been finding their inner rockstar energy rehearsing once a week afterschool learning the music for our School Show. All we hear is 'Radio Ga Ga' through our hallways these days and we hope that you can support our singers/musicians perform a few tunes at our Christmas Showcase.

What's Next?

More rehearsals and more gigs....

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Swimming

What's Happening?

Recently our swimmers dove headfirst into the Edinburgh Schools Timetrials. Pupils headed back to Prestonpans on a free weekend, and our pupils were flying in their races!

What's Next?

Keep your goggles de-misted and eyes on the scoreboard as we await one students Scottish Rankings following the district timetrials.



Guitar Ensemble

What's Happening?

They have been working on a few arrangements in time to show some festive cheer alongside our Strings group and Brass Ensemble. Soloists of woodwind instruments have been spending lots of practice time learning new pieces in time to perform for our Christmas Showcase too. Some fantastic musicians here at QHS who are very excited to perform to you all next week!

What's Next?

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Sports Teams

It's quite incredible the number and variety of extra-curricular clubs taking place at the school.

There are also huge numbers taking part in the likes of:

- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Code Club
- ✓ Cheerleading
- ✓ Volleyball



Staff Sport

What's Happening?

Friday Fitness

Every few Fridays at 1 30 pm some of the staff have been getting active playing netball against students and trying out volleyball.

In a recent netball match versus the S4 boys team, the staff won!

Football

The staff recently took on the S6 team in a very exciting and fiercely competitive match. If only VAR had been in place... it ended in a narrow victory for S6!

What's Next?

Hopefully more games to keep fit, have fun and a chance to get to know more staff.

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