



Queen Elizabeth School

# QEII Newsletter

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## This Week

**Awards Assemblies:** Our awards assemblies will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 21st July. The Primary assembly is at 11am and the Seniors/Leavers Assembly at 1.45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for these. Please be aware that, due to the need for lorries to access our building works, we have NO parking available onsite at school. Please park nearby and walk in, being considerate of our neighbours and avoiding nearby cul-de-sacs like Little Comptons.

**Governors:** We are very sad to say goodbye to Helen Crooks from our governing body. She has been a huge support to our community, both as a governor and as the chair during her time with us. Her contribution has been truly valuable and we cannot thank her enough for all she has done. Sarah Garwood has stepped up to be our Chair of Governors, supported by Sally Miller and Peter Wright as Vice Chairs.

**Building Work:** The building work is continuing to progress and we are excited that we will be coming back into school on Monday to our new building being on site. To help everyone know where classes will be based next term, there is a map attached to this newsletter. During the summer holiday we are hoping to have our lights and air conditioning improved and in September we will be having more internal building works to upgrade the far end of the school building. This is to improve our changing facilities in the hydro pool and classroom toilet block as well as to create an immersive space, rebound room, provision rooms and library. While these works are happening we will need to combine Beachcombers and Sailors for a term in the new building. This building does also have smaller rooms which they will be able to use and will have excellent outdoor space for continuous provision. The hydro pool will also be affected by this work and we have been trying hard to source an alternative place to which we can take our pupils. This has so far been unsuccessful so if anyone knows of anywhere that they think might be able to accommodate us for a term, please could you let the office know so that we can pursue it.

We are hoping that work will also be starting on the Arun House site which will be for our Post 16 students once it has had some necessary adaptations. This is in a fantastic location to support their life skills learning and will enable us to increase what we are able to offer our students to enhance their curriculum. The end result of all this work will be a school with different buildings for each key stage and excellent therapy provision.

**Collyers Post 19 Provision:** We have had a Post 19 provision at Collyers for the last eight years but this is sadly finishing at the end of this term. It has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to go on there to study employability and we are very grateful to Collyers and their staff for supporting our students. With the end of this provision we are saying goodbye to Wendy Evans and Julie Holt who have been stalwart in running the course there supported by Emily Jones. We wish them all the best for the future. We are hoping that we will eventually be able to restart this provision for post 19 students at Arun House but this is still in the early planning stages.

**After School Club:** We are aiming to continue to run our after school club for our senior pupils next term. However, we do need to change the day for this to a Monday, 3-5pm. We are also hoping to be running a music club for all pupils. If you are interested in your child attending please register your interest with the school office.

## Letters Home

**Divers Class:** Letter and consent form for Littlehampton trip (sent home in bags.)

**Windmill Hill Residential:** Final information sent by email.

## Class News from Globetrotters Class

We have had another successful and busy week in Globetrotters class! Earlier in the week, our students took part in an art workshop which helped to create the wonderful bumble bee costumes worn by our students during Sunday's Children's Parade through Horsham. Then, on Friday lots of Globetrotters students and staff made their way up to London via public transport to watch an amazing performance of '& Juliet' at the Shaftesbury Theatre. Our adventures included catching trains and tubes, visiting a secret community garden for lunch and singing our hearts out during the performance! '& Juliet' is a modern musical based on Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

