

Dear Parents/Carers,

House competitions began this week. The number of pupils involved and the atmosphere on the school field continues to be fantastic for all involved. It is particularly pleasing to see how the Sports Leaders are growing in confidence and setting a fine example for the competitors. I am also pleased to see new faces at after school clubs. As mentioned last week, there is a huge drive to have all pupils at EMS attending a club regularly or representing their House during lunchtime competitions.

Trampolining is on the PE curriculum this half-term. It is great to see so many motivated and excited pupils in all year groups. There are also some excellent performers across the school. In addition to curriculum time, we will be looking to add this into the Epraise reward shop.

Preparations are being made for year 6 Mock SATs week, beginning on 7th Feb. These follow a round of tests in November to see how pupils are progressing towards formal exams in May, which I have no doubt will take place. In May we will be asking for any form of support parents will be able to offer with the SATs. Roles will range from readers, scribes and invigilators. If you are interested please contact the office. Thank you if you are able to assist.

Congratulations to the swimming team who represented EMS at the Dorset Schools Swimming gala at QE on Monday. All the pupils were great ambassadors for the school. They all did extremely well, coming 3rd overall (only a few points behind 2nd place). Many thanks to Mrs Binning and Mrs Birkbeck who took the team.

Thursday 27th January is Holocaust Memorial Day and, as in previous years, our Year 6 pupils will be participating in an immersive day and taking part in a variety of workshops which explore themes around Judaism and the Holocaust. A letter giving further details has been sent to Year 6 parents on ParentMail.

I strongly encourage as many year 8 and 7 pupils to attend the careers fayre at QE on Wednesday details of which have been sent to parents via ParentMail. Doors open from 5.30pm and close at 8.30pm. There are various talks throughout the evening. Whilst it seems a long way away for a 12/13 year old, speaking with employers and finding out about jobs of interest helps motivate pupils and provide a clear picture about qualifications required.

Remaining with KS3 pupils: we are about to enable the parent dashboard for Tassomai. This will enable you as parents of KS3 pupils to view what your child has done on Tassomai. Over the next few days you will receive an email inviting you to register for your parent account. This email will come to the email account we have registered for you. This is a great way for you to support your child in their learning.

A huge amount of work continues in collaboration with our three fellow middle schools and QE on the curriculum. This week alone Mrs Robertson and Mr Rangdale have worked with colleagues reviewing and curating the Wellbeing and Product Design curriculums. Work across all curriculum areas has been thorough to ensure there is secure progression and sequencing all the way through from First to Upper school. This is such a benefit of being in one Trust.

There was not much notice provided about the change in guidance around face coverings. Staff and pupils are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms and I expect this to be followed up next week with regard to communal areas. I will continue to communicate with you about any changes. We will keep windows and doors open for ventilation purposes and regularly clean hands as key protective measures.

I hope you are able to enjoy the continuing cold and dry weather. Some of the morning and evening skies have been phenomenal this week. Long may this continue.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Christopher

P.S. Please see attached information about an exciting opportunity for any girls who are interested in taking up cricket.

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