

Team QE leads the way



LEADING THE WAY: Queen Elizabeth's School's Team QE Sixth Form leaders.

At one Dorset school its sixth formers are helping to lead the way through an innovative student management structure.

Queen Elizabeth's School, part of Wimborne Academy Trust, offers every sixth former the opportunity to join its student management team - called Team QE.

Led by the Head Boy and Head Girl plus their four deputies, Team QE plays an integral part not only in the running of the sixth form but supporting the wider school community.

Now the teenagers are leading the way in forming a 10-year vision for the community.

To help achieve this Team QE staged a Community Leaders Event for invited stakeholders.

At the event the students worked alongside community leaders to come up with ideas and actions that would contribute to achieving the vision.

The event looked at areas such as mental health and wellbeing, community relationships and the environment.

And now another event is planned for January to focus on jobs and employment, access to entertainment, things to do and transport.

Acting headteacher, Katie Boyes, said: "Team QE are fantastic ambassadors for the school and are ready to go the extra mile and make a real difference to their community.

"In addition to working very hard in their studies they are helping to set goals and aspirations for the school as a whole as evidenced in their community leaders' events.

"We've also seen how these leadership roles are benefitting them as individuals and helping them to aim as high as possible.

"We currently have six students who have applied to Oxbridge, two students who are applying to study Veterinary Medicine and one for Dentistry – not to mention the many applications to Russell Group universities and other high-quality providers."

Being a member of Team QE enables the students to gain a wealth of transferable skills beyond the curriculum. They are able to develop skills sought after by employers and higher education establishments.

Other events Team QE has played a key role in includes a Year 9 welcome service and whole school open evenings during which they act as guides, hosts and mentors.

They will also be helping to host the Sixth Form's open evening when it is held this Thursday (December 5).

Wimborne Academy Trust CEO, Liz West, who attended the Team QE community leaders' event, said: "It is clear to see the passion Team QE members have for the community and the future for the area's young people.

"We are incredibly proud of our sixth formers and the ongoing work Team QE are doing.

"It will be great for members of the community to come along to the sixth form open evening and see for themselves the wonderful work our young adults are doing."

QE Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Thursday December 5 from 5.30pm until 8pm, with presentations from the sixth form team at 6.15pm and 7pm.