

Press Release



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Royal Artillery Big Band and QE School Jazz Orchestra (JOQE) Concert

The Royal Artillery Big Band and Queen Elizabeth's Jazz Orchestra joined forces last week to perform a free concert for parents and the local community. The young musicians enjoyed a workshop during the afternoon on improvisation, led by Royal Artillery Band trumpeter and well-known local jazz musician Andy Urquhart, before rehearsing some of the professionals' charts. The Bandmaster of The RA Band, SSgt (BM) Simon Lindley then led a careers presentation to the school musicians on life as an army musician.

The hour-long evening concert showcased both the talent of the school jazz orchestra, and the finesse of The RA Band. QE's Director of Music Steve Glover was delighted with the outcome: 'Having recently recorded an album at Abbey Road, QE's jazz orchestra are always looking for new challenges, new experiences to play and learn. This workshop and concert have been a fantastic success for all concerned. Being able to sit on the same stage as these brilliant players is an amazing learning experience; not only that, it's just huge fun playing great music with other musicians, to a very appreciative local audience.'

The Bandmaster of The RA Band, Simon Lindley enthused: 'The day was a great success, and the students responded superbly to both the masterclass and the concert rehearsals. The QE School Jazz Orchestra played extremely well throughout the day. Everyone concerned should be very proud of themselves, and the performance they gave, in what was a wonderful concert. All members of The Royal Artillery Band very much enjoyed the day, and we look forward to returning to the school again soon.'



The Royal Artillery Big Band and
Queen Elizabeth's Jazz
Orchestra – JOQE

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