



QUEEN'S  
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# BULLETIN

News from Senior School and Sixth Form

October 15th, 2021



■ Woolmer are pictured performing their winning song, *Steal My Girl*

## MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA!

By MR JULIAN NOAD, Head of College

This week's piece from me comes with a backdrop of beautiful music as rehearsals are ongoing all around campus for today's House Music competition. The grand reveal of the outcome should be later in this *Bulletin*, but I can already tell that we are in for a stunning afternoon in the Queen's



■ Mr Noad presents the House Music Festival Trophy to Woolmer.

Hall. The camaraderie of the Houses and the leadership of our House Prefects is very much on show.

Outside, hockey takes the focus as we welcome ten Prep schools from all over the South West for the IAPS under 11s regional competition. Superbly organised, with sunshine on their backs, it really is a fine showcase for Queen's. The standard of hockey on show is very impressive. I hope that our own Prep team enjoys their day.

Not for the first time this term, we have seen record interest in joining our wonderful school. It has been my pleasure to spend time with several prospective families this week as they visit us for tours and taster days. Last evening, we also enjoyed a very positive and well supported Sixth Form open event. Team Queen's were at their best yesterday evening, with our Sixth Formers working together with academic staff to ensure current and visiting Year 11 pupils were well supported. Following the presentation, I popped into a few of the sample lessons and I really enjoyed seeing the interest and engagement from parents, as well as their children.

In assembly this week, I engaged our pupils in a similar way

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to our Parent Forums earlier this term. The overwhelming responses to: 'What is great about Queen's?' were friendship and community; safety and happiness featured highly also. There was also feedback on what to change: food, wifi, and uniform supply are all on my radar. Interestingly these are three elements of school life which are in the hands of external contractors with whom conversations are needed. Moreover, I was impressed by the maturity and quality of response from all pupils.

Related to this is this week's question of the week, which is: 'When might we know more of the new Head's vision for Queen's?' Answer: I am busy gathering information at present from as many constituents of our community as

possible and will be pulling this together during half term. By way of a deadline, I am tasked with presenting a starter document to our Governors in late November, as part of a larger strategic review. I expect to be able to share, via a presentation (I hope) to all parents a renewed two, five, and ten year vision and strategy early in the new year. I promise to keep you posted with details and any changes in the meantime.

**STOP PRESS:** We have a winner in the House Music – all Houses performed magnificently and had such fun but there has to be a winner and this year, by the finest of margins, congratulations go to Woolmer House.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Julian.



■ There was an excellent turnout at last night's Sixth Form open event. Many thanks to all who attended.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**October 16th to 22nd**

**Saturday, October 16th**

POSTPONED Hockey U15A v King's, Taunton (A)  
 POSTPONED Hockey U14/15B v King's, Taunton (A)  
 POSTPONED Hockey U14A v King's, Taunton (A)  
 09:00-10:00 *Animal Farm* – Finish Run of Show  
 13:00-14:00 Rugby U15A Intramural Match – Meet 12:30  
 13:00-14:00 Rugby U14A Intramural Match – Meet 12:30  
 13:00-14:00 Rugby U13A Intramural Match – Meet 12:30  
 13:00-14:00 Rugby U12A Intramural Match – Meet 12:30  
 14:00 Hockey 1st XI v King's, Taunton (H)  
 14:00 Hockey 2nd XI v King's, Taunton (H)  
 14:30 Rugby 1st XV v Blundell's U18C (H)  
 16:00 Ten Tors Initial Training

**Sunday, October 17th**

All Day Ten Tors Initial Training  
 14:00-17:00 *Animal Farm* Tech Dress (Cast & Crew)

**Monday, October 18th**

Week A timetable starts  
 13:30-17:30 *Animal Farm* – Full Dress Rehearsals  
 15:00 Hockey U16A v Blundell's (A)

**Tuesday, October 19th**

13:00 *Animal Farm* Matinee  
 16:30-17:30 Year 8 Academic Scholar's – Chemistry

**Wednesday, October 20th**

15:30 Gold DofE Canoeists to Taunton Canal  
 16:30-17:15 Tea Time Concert

**Thursday, October 21st**

19:00 *Animal Farm* Evening Performance

**Friday, October 22nd**

17:45 Start of Half Term (buses leave 16:35)



## Woolmer triumph as our House Music Festival returns



It was tense ... it was spellbinding ... and, at times, it was just hilarious.

The House Music Festival was back with a bang for 2021 and it took the Queen's Hall by storm.

Each of the Houses performed *Our House* by Madness together with a song of their choice.

Ray opted for *Radioactive*, French chose *Walking On Sunshine*, Woolmer sang *Steal My Girl* and Barnicott were up last with *Build Me Up, Buttercup*.

After their performances, there were two extra songs with the Sixth Form keeping up House Music tradition with Abba classic *Mamma Mia*.

But the big surprise of the afternoon was a 'flashmob' of staff who took the

stage for an unforgettable rendition of *September*.

When they returned to their seats, the staff became judges by voting for their favourite House performance.

And it was Woolmer who came out on top to receive the trophy from Mr Noad.

It was a truly memorable afternoon ... well done, EVERYONE!



# Wellbeing was theme of International Boarding Day

Saturday was International Boarding Day, and this year's theme was health and wellbeing.

The Year 13 girls talked

about how colours can have a positive effect on your mood and how being creative can also help with wellbeing when, perhaps, you are feeling low.



Also on International Boarders' Day, Cotlake discussed how important getting outside, exercising and enjoying the fresh

air is for our health and wellbeing.

They then explored different ways to enjoy the outdoors.



# Head of College kidnapped by *Animal Farm* protesters!

Dramatic scenes at Chapel on Monday when proceedings were interrupted and Mr Noad was kidnapped!

The stage was stormed as rebel students claimed it for *Animal Farm* – our first play of term next week.

Queen's Theatre Senior Acting Company is preparing epic political

theatre in the style of the legendary German director, Bertolt Brecht, and it's going to be spectacular.

With an Expressionistic set and original music by Justin Li, this is bold theatre-making.

Get your tickets for what promises to be an unforgettable theatrical event by [CLICKING HERE](#).



## ANIMAL FARM

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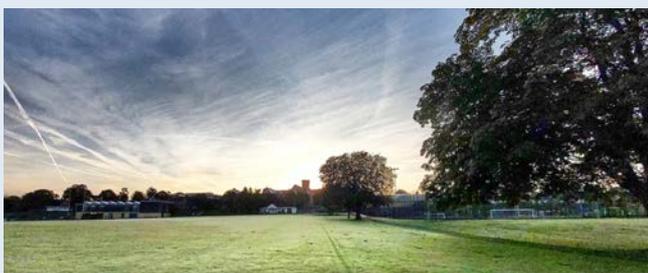
# Boarders (and staff) are taken for a ride at Thorpe Park



Sixty-five boarders from Years 9-13 visited Thorpe Park for a great day out at the weekend. Pupils (and staff!) enjoyed lots of rides and spent a fantastic day away from school with friends.



## Brilliant autumn weather



It's been quite wonderful weather for October this week, so thanks to Miss Booton (PE) and Mrs Croker (Pre-Prep) for sending in these stunning shots.



## USEFUL INFORMATION

You may have noticed that Google have made a change to the way in which pupils access Meets through Google Classroom. Previously the 'Meet link' was located directly under the banner at the top of the page.

As you can see from this example screenshot, the 'button' to join the Meet can now be found on the left side of the class page, under the banner.

## Test class

Class code x2oq4op [ ]

 Meet

Outdated link ?

Join

 Visible to students

## Hutton boarders face the camera for House photoshoot



## Head of Cricket launches pro career ... but he'll be back!

After a remarkable summer of success, our Head of Cricket and OQ, Jake Lintott, has decided to take up his full-time contract with Warwickshire CCC.

The good news is that he will still be visiting Queen's to support our cricket coaching, as his playing commitments allow, and a new Head of Cricket will be appointed as soon as possible.

Jake enjoyed an excellent T20 Vitality Blast campaign with Birmingham Bears and also made his First Class debut for Warwickshire.

However, he really hit the headlines as a wildcard pick for Southern Brave in The Hundred, turning in a string of outstanding displays to help them win the inaugural tournament.

This led to him being chosen to play for Barbados Royals in the Caribbean



■ Jake Lintott with his winners' medal from The Hundred.

Premier League.

Jake said: "I have loved every moment at Queen's, but now is the right time for me to leave my full-time role as Head of Cricket to focus on my playing career.

"It's a really exciting time for me and I am very grateful to Queen's for being so

supportive of my decision.

"Thank you to the whole College community for all your support over the years. It's a special place to go to school and a great place to work.

"I will still be coming in to coach when my cricket commitments allow.

"I look forward to returning to the school soon and seeing everyone again."

Our Director of Sport, Mr Tom Walter, said: "Although Jake will no longer be Head of Cricket, we are excited to be able to use him as a visiting coach whenever his schedule allows.

"We have no doubt Jake will be able to use his incredible story, which all started at Queen's, to inspire the pupils at the College and we wish him every success as he continues his rapid rise through the professional game."

Mr Walter added: "We will now begin the process of recruiting a replacement to continue the development of cricket at the College, building on the excellent programme Jake has put in place."

# The excitement is mounting for *Shrek the Musical*

Rehearsals for *Shrek the Musical* are well under way and we are delighted that ticket sales are strong.

This popular show is generating much excitement and we can't wait

to perform it in our fabulous Queen's Theatre to enthusiastic, sell-out audiences for November 24th to 29th.

If you haven't already done so, book

your tickets by [CLICKING HERE](#) – it promises to be a real treat!

## SHOUT OUT TO QC PARENTS WITH BUSINESSES

To support the production of a professional A4 glossy souvenir programme, featuring the full cast, we have decided to offer limited advertising opportunities to the QC community and friends.

Please contact Lisa or Molly via [marketing@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:marketing@queenscollege.org.uk) for further information and details of the competitive rates available.



## Our global kitchen ... from Queen's College to Dubai



Marking the 50-day countdown to the UEA 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations, on December 2nd (and World Food Day this weekend), Year 13s joined a practical food preparation class from Dubai, cooking a traditional Emirati Machboos recipe.

Machboos is one of the most popular Emirati dishes. It consists of nine different spices, fresh vegetables and

rice, and can be made with chicken, lamb, or seafood. Mr Mann joined our previous Head of Food and Nutrition, Mrs Mackey, for a little global learning of culinary traditions and food preparation skills.

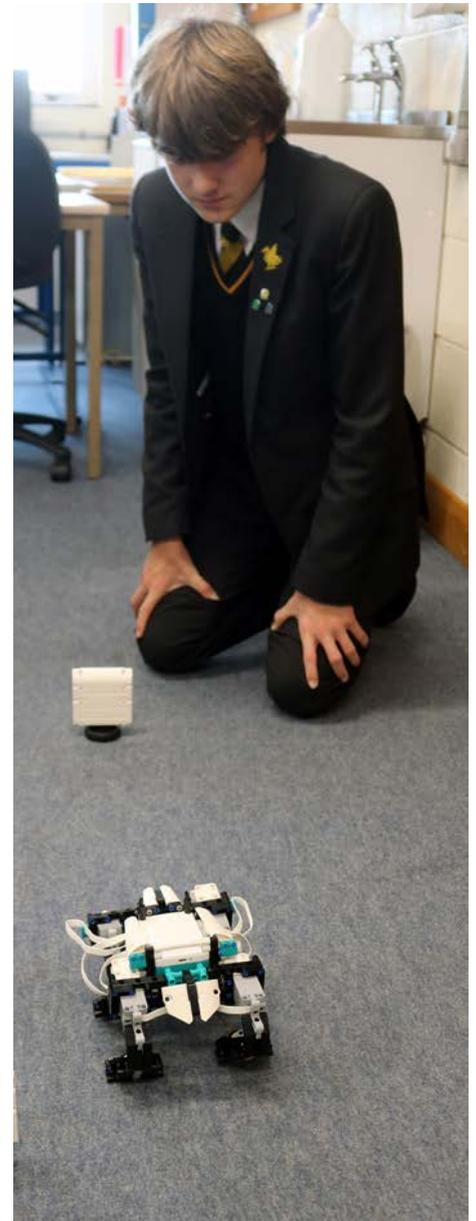
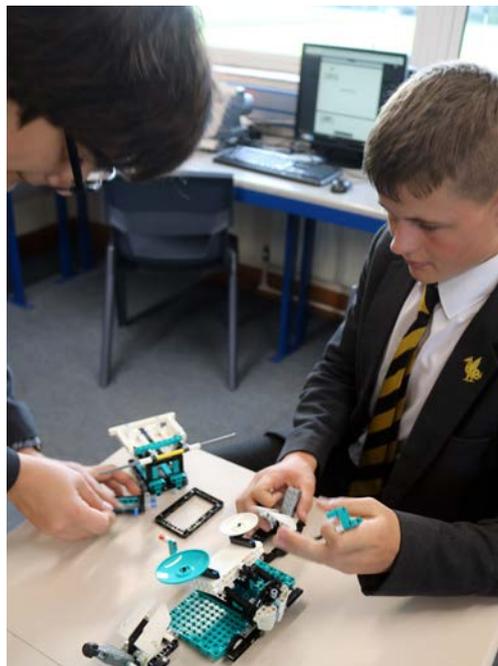


# Robotics Club proving popular across year groups

There has been a very positive uptake for Robotics Club and it is proving popular with pupils from Years 7 to 11. They are currently working in small teams which is helping to embed and develop a range of skills, including engineering, problem solving, creative thinking and communication. This involves listening to others, sharing ideas and working as part of a team. Once the team work is completed, the pupils have to programme their own robots to perform a number of tasks such as making use of various sensors. Individual pupils start by building one of

the five robot models using the tutorial material provided.

The long-term objective of the club is to promote the many opportunities afforded by the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and, also, to enhance pupils' confidence in robotics so they can enter the many national competitions currently running in which they will need to build and programme a robot. ■ The club meets on Thursdays (CCI) in T2. It is full for this term, as it only has limited numbers of robots, but will open to new pupils next term.



## OUTDOOR PURSUITS



The Gold DofE canoeists had their first training session over the weekend. They 'wild-camped' at Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor on Saturday night before a full day of canoeing. This included how to safely load and unload boats, flatwater paddling skills and a range of rescue

techniques. The day culminated in an 'all in' rescue in the middle of the lake where the entire team capsized together and had to rescue themselves. Although they seemed to spend as much time in the water as they did floating on top of it, they had a great time and made excellent progress.



Year 7 Climbing Club travelled to Exeter after school on Tuesday. They all did really well and everyone reached the highest point ... great work! Meanwhile, the Year 9 climbing group is growing in numbers week by week.



The focus has been on bouldering technique recently and this has maximised everybody's time on the wall.



The BTEC Outdoor Activities group made the most of the good weather on Wednesday with their first whitewater trip to the River Exe.

There was more paddling than swimming but a mix of both made for a great session and real progress was made.



## Outstanding effort as cross country season gets under way



Queen's runners gave a good account of themselves at the ESSA Cross Country Cup at Downside School on Wednesday. There were some great



performances, particularly from the Intermediate Girls' team.



## Netball U14 squad perform well in county tournament



The netball girls played in the U14 County Tournament at King's College on Saturday morning.

They played six matches in a round-robin which all ended in close results and they came fourth, narrowly missing out on third place by just two goals! Well done to all the girls who put in a superb effort.

■ Team Bath netball players are running Half Term coaching camps in Exeter and Bristol. They are open to Years 7 to 9 and, for further details, [CLICK HERE](#).

# Hockey firsts show spirit after tough cup encounter

## 1st XI v Blundell's

After a physical cup game against Taunton less than 48 hours before, Queen's knew this was going to be a real mental battle.

Blundell's brought a large squad with them but this did not phase the Queen's players as they battled hard in midfield and created a few opportunities through Rebecca Randolph and Pippa Drummond.

Blundell's gradually took the upper hand and managed to score a couple of well-worked goals, despite Millie Lusk making several brilliant saves.

After half-time, Queen's continued to work hard with Jenny Thurstan, Elise Gill and El Stevenson moving the ball well in midfield.

Queen's almost scored two or three times, but the ball ended up just the wrong side of the post.

## U13A v Blundell's

A very tough game for the U13A side as, unfortunately, they lost their starting goalkeeper in the warm-up due to injury.

Despite the score, the girls continued to play positively, with their heads up throughout the match.

The standout performance came from from captain Rebecca Barter, with outstanding defensive work.

## U12B v Blundell's

What a thriller! In a well balanced and end-to-end game, Queen's managed to sneak an early goal through Mia Aydon-Benz.



With their goalkeeper being called up to the U12A side after a late withdrawal, Queen's set about defending the lead and trying to catch Blundell's on the break.

Despite creating several opportunities to score, Queen's couldn't quite apply the finishing touches and, as legs began to tire, Blundell's managed to grab a late equaliser.

It was a brilliant team performance and the girls will all have taken a lot from the game.

## U12A v Millfield

In an absolute thriller, the U12s put in an incredible performance to draw 4-4 with Millfield.

The girls started superbly, passing the ball confidently around the pitch with Emily Neenan working hard to distribute.

Millfield scored a breakaway goal to take the lead but Evvie Riches pulled the team level after good work from Megan Clarke.

After the break, both teams scored again to keep the match in the balance, before Queen's went ahead for the first time in the game, after great play from Mary-Tess McAlonan and Maryam Alsaidi.

Queen's defended the lead well, with Francesca Smith and Amy Chen making several strong tackles.

Harriett Thorne also made numerous saves throughout the match. She has shown real progress this season.

Queen's thought they had won the

game but, unfortunately, Millfield scored a late goal to draw level. It was probably the right result, but the girls were disappointed not to see out the win. Well done all!

## U12B v Millfield

The girls were a little daunted by the reputation of their opposition but started out with a steely determination, surprising the other team with their domination in possession.

However, Millfield quickly worked some challenging balls through and managed to score.

The Queen's girls fought hard with incredible defending by Sofia and Cloe in their first hockey matches.

Annabelle was the star of the show, and worthy players' player for her unstoppable tenacity on the ball, from her defensive block tackles to her goal scoring slaps.

## U13A v Millfield

A tough game for the U13A team against Millfield.

A huge defensive effort from Bahiya Hussein and Rebecca Barter, who have made great improvements since the start of term.

First game in goal for Ellen Leech, who showed strength and skill throughout the game.

Player of the game, awarded by the opposition, went to Amelia Confrey and was well deserved!



# Super Saturday of rugby with Brymore as opposition

## UI 6A v Brymore

The UI 6A team locked horns with Brymore on a sultry afternoon, on the immaculate 1st XV pitch, and Franky Gediking wriggled and jinked his way over the line to score the winning try in the last few moments of the match.

From the subsequent kick off, Oli Pitkin caught the ball over his head while running at full tilt to set up an attacking phase of play which he nearly finished off in the corner, denied only by a brave, last-ditch tackle by a Brymore player.

The team was very well led by Seb Sanders, who made some incisive line breaks, and Ben Jarman marked his return with an outstanding performance in the tight forward play.

An excellent team performance of which they can all feel proud.

## UI 5A v Brymore

The UI 5s, who have been getting better and better each week, faced Brymore and the game got off to a fast start with Ollie Smith running in some good team tries.

Brymore came back into the game, scoring twice before half-time. In a tense and close affair, Brymore were leading with five minutes to go.

Through grit and determination, Queen's managed to score with the last play of the game but, unfortunately, we couldn't put away the last kick to win; it was not meant to be on this occasion.

The final result, a draw, was the correct



result for two evenly-matched sides.

An amazing performance and a special mention to the players of the match, Bob Chen and Jackie Yip.

A great team display.

## UI 4A v Brymore

The team enjoyed their first win of the season on Saturday.

It was so pleasing for the boys to be able to put together an outstanding performance in all facets of the game.

It was a whole team effort with a number of tries being scored by different players. The skills level of the group continues to improve, playing a great free-flowing game of rugby.

## UI 3A v Brymore

What a great day and what a great result!

On Saturday, the UI 3 rugby team registered their first win of the season.

Building on the squad's growing determination to 'not be defeated', all the players tried their best to work together to keep the ball in play and to get it forward. The team's tackling



surprised Brymore and, even though Queen's started the second half trailing by three tries, they never stopped trying.

The team's efforts were rewarded by three unanswered tries in the second half, which tied the scores with two minutes remaining in the game.

Both teams gave everything they had left and Brymore had possession of the ball, at the restart. Queen's had to first regain the ball but they forced Brymore to give it up with determined tackling which caused a knock-on and a turnover of possession.

Four phases of play followed and the ball went wide to the left, before being successfully passed through almost the entire team's hands to the right side of the pitch, where Queen's scored in the corner, with just 30 seconds remaining in the game!

This was a victory for the team and for rugby on so many levels as Brymore had 13 players to our eight.

To help us to play, they loaned two players in each half of the game, to make it ten-a-side.

The loaned players were every bit as committed as our team and helped at all times. We are very grateful to them and will value the example of sportsmanship they showed us!

## UI 2A v Brymore

The UI 2 team played with good intensity against a physical Brymore side.

The game was very even up until the end of the third quarter with Brymore just one try ahead.

Euan Thompson, Oliver Lockington, Marcos Chico Ercilla and Thomas Taylor played particularly well but, in the final quarter, the Brymore team ran in four more tries to win the game.

There were some real signs of improvement by the team and the Queen's boys should be proud of their effort.



## Great afternoon of action against Wellington School

### UI3A v Wellington

This was a fixture played in four quarters of ten minutes each which allowed everyone to be involved in some form.

Queen's played a hugely entertaining game of touch for the first quarter, which showcased a massive improvement in passing and running skills, where we looked for space and created some excellent tries.

The following three quarters were contact rugby although we continued to use those handling and running skills to look for space.

This meant everyone was involved and some great team tries were scored.

Special mention should go to Arthur Kennen who always looked for space and to offload the ball at the appropriate time for others to score. Alex Burrough and Jonnie McDavid played particularly well.

The first was a touch rugby game, which Queen's won three tries to nil.

The second and third games included tackling, scrums and the breakdown area. Queen's played attractive rugby, keeping the ball alive and moving forward to the frustration of Wellington's best efforts.

The scores were close in both matches with Queen's losing by just two tries to one on each occasion.

The side's strength was in their teamwork, a willingness to pass the ball and to run forward at space. Praiseworthy attributes indeed.

### UI2A v Wellington

The U12 squad – including some players to whom contact is new – all played against a very large Wellington squad, consisting of two full teams, in three matches.



## Basketball squad are decimated by both illness and injury

### 1st Team v Richard Huish College

As Half Term approaches, our squad has been depleted by illness and injury, so we embarked for our latest league game with only seven players.

Although our start was tentative, the players rallied in the second quarter and we came within three points of the lead.

The third quarter was a tantalising prospect, and we were just finding our

rhythm when misfortune struck.

The score had the teams separated by just five points, when an injury caused us to adjust our shape on the court and we lost the momentum we were

building.

We ended the third quarter trailing by 18 points, but the need to attend to our injured player meant we had to concede the game, and return to Queen's College.

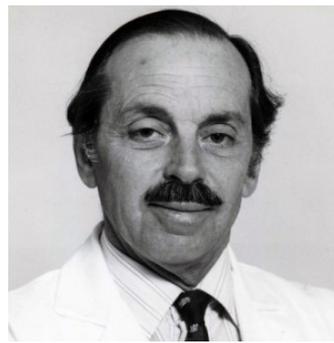
**Geoff Bisson, OQA Secretary, continues his look at the outstanding achievements of our former students.**

David started at Queen's at the age of seven years and immediately immersed himself in boarding life.

He made many firm friends with whom he remained in close contact through his life. He thoroughly enjoyed sport and he represented the school on the rugby pitch and in the swimming pool. He was in the victorious Meade-King Cup team of 1935 (*photo below, front right*).

David's interests also embraced literary and cultural pursuits. For example, he wrote several articles on diverse topics for the *Wyverns* of the 1930s. His talent with the pen was demonstrated in a marvellous essay of 38 pages, beautifully scripted, entitled 'Instinct', which secured him the Holloway Science Prize in 1939.

At school, he had shown a particular aptitude for Science and, on leaving Queen's, he went to Bristol University to read Medicine. However, this move



coincided with the start of the Second World War and, feeling he was missing the action, he decided to join the RAF in 1941.

During the war, David learned to fly in Southern Rhodesia mastering Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lysanders. Subsequently, he was detailed to 'fly the flag' in various South American countries.

By chance, he witnessed the sinking of the Graf Spee in the River Platte, one of the major Naval events of the war.

Thereafter, he took command of various aerodromes and training stations from Harrogate to Eastleigh. In civilian life, a photograph of the Tiger Moth he used to train others to fly, was a permanent fixture on his office wall, wherever he worked.

David was back in Bristol in 1946, to study Dentistry,

rather than Medicine, qualifying as a dental surgeon in 1949, gaining the Dental Gold

Medal for his year. Apart from very brief excursions into private dentistry, second-hand car sales and antique dealing, he remained at the university until his retirement in the late 1980s. His first post was resident house officer at Bristol Royal Infirmary, during which time his carved initials were added to the wooden Victorian dental chair. Appointed Lecturer in Dental Prosthetics, he also completed research at the Department of Anatomy for his PhD, awarded in 1959. A year later, he was a Consultant and Senior Lecturer, and a few years on, became Professor and Head of the new Department

of Dental Prosthetics and Orthodontics. Having acquired considerable managerial experience, he was pressed into accepting the position of the Dean of the Medical Faculty. With this came the responsibility for a budget of £30-million and the overall governance of the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary and Preclinical Sciences. He carried the burden with his usual quiet efficiency. On completion of his term as Dean, David was appointed the Postgraduate Dental Dean for the South West region.

David recognised the importance of seeing the patient as a person, not simply a collection of symptoms. He had a

particular interest in forensic dentistry, not least because it involved travel to crime scenes and allowed him to meet many interesting people in the police and judiciary. He co-authored a book, *An Approach to Dental Prosthetics*, published in 1964, which was regarded as a seminal work in the field. His admission to the Fellowship in Dentistry in the Royal College of Surgeons, in 1986, was an appropriate recognition of the diversity and depth of his knowledge. David had a life-long regard for natural history. He was a keen trout and salmon fisherman though he became a passionate about their preservation.

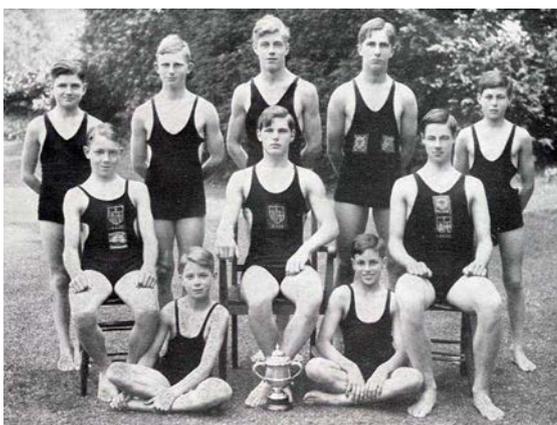


One of the articles, referred to above, published in the school magazine, was entitled, *Roach Fishing*.

He retired to a property on the River Exe, near Dulverton, to be closer to nature and country living (and opposite the local pub).

I was fortunate to spend a morning with him in his house in the summer holidays of 2013. In conversation, he reminisced about his time at Queen's and the highlights of his career. He also donated various personal items of interest – photos, rugby kit, etc – he had kept since the 1930s.

A reserved man, David had a very dry wit and a sense of humour which was not always politically correct. He died in 2017, aged 96.





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