



QUEEN'S
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BULLETIN

News from Senior School and Sixth Form

September 17th, 2021

BACK IN THE SWING!



■ Year 7 have had a fantastic time at Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor today (Friday). More photos on page four.

The first full week of school comes to a close. I ask: 'Where has the time gone?' And observe that it really is fantastic to be back in the swing of things, of 'normal' school with happy, busy pupils and staff all around.

Last week's parents' drinks gathering was a marvellous occasion; with happy conversations continuing long after the drinks ran out and it truly was too dark to make each other out.

By MR JULIAN NOAD
Head of College

Again, at Saturday's fixtures, the sense of coming together on the touchline and at a wonderful tea in the Dining Pavilion was quite delightful.

This evening, straight after school, Jane and I look forward to welcoming all staff for a get-together at Wyvern House (the Head's House).

It is so wonderful to be enjoying our

community, at its best.

I understand that today's Year 7 teambuilding trip to Wimbleball Lake has gone well – they have been lucky with the weather, it seems. More later in this *Bulletin* where you will also find coverage of Apollo5's vocal workshops. There is lots more, of course, in our Queen's College Community group on Facebook.

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I close by flagging up again our Open Morning activities in the weeks ahead.

The Senior School Open Morning is just one week away on Saturday, September 25th, and the Prep and Pre-Prep is the week after, on Friday, October 1st. Your children's support of these events is much appreciated. They should, by now, be aware of their invited contributions.

I am determined that Queen's College will remain a 'small' school, offering a safe and friendly environment in which our children will thrive.

Nonetheless, we do need to ensure that we have sufficient numbers for the broad range of activity and support to be sustained.

We all want Queen's to blossom and I ask that if you know of families who might consider and benefit from joining us, please do steer them our way (via the website or just call).

I wish you a fabulous weekend.



■ Mr and Mrs Noad continued getting acquainted with the Queen's community by hosting a drinks party for parents on the front lawn last Friday evening. There was an excellent turnout, lovely atmosphere and the weather stayed kind.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 18th to 26th

Saturday, September 18th

- 12:45 Hockey Girls 1st XI v Leweston School (H)
- 12:45 Hockey Girls U15A v Leweston School (H)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys 1st XV v Plymouth College (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U16A v Plymouth College (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U13A v Plymouth College (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U12A v Plymouth College (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U15A v Plymouth College (H)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U14A v Plymouth College (H)
- 14:30 Hockey Girls U13A v Leweston School (A)
- 14:30 Hockey Girls U12A v Leweston School (A)
- 15:15 Hockey Girls U14A v Leweston School (H)

Sunday, September 19th

- 12:30-16:30 Bronze D of E local walk #1

Monday, September 20th

Week A timetable starts

Wednesday, September 22nd

- 16:15 Senior Basketball v Millfield (H)

Thursday, September 23rd

- 15:30-17:30 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Senior

Friday, September 24th

- All Day Macmillan Cake Sale

Saturday, September 25th

- 09:00-12:30 Senior and Sixth Form Open Morning
- 14:00 Hockey Girls 1st XI v Bruton (H)
- 14:00 Hockey Sevens Girls U13A v Bruton (H)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys 1st XV v West Buckland School (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U16A v West Buckland School (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U15A v West Buckland School (A)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U14A v West Buckland School (H)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U13A v West Buckland School (H)
- 14:30 Rugby Boys U12A v West Buckland School (H)
- 15:00 Hockey Girls U14/15A v Bruton (H)
- 15:00 Hockey Sevens Girls U12A v Bruton (H)

The new Queen's website is almost ready for liftoff!

We've been working on a shiny new website for Queen's over the past few months and can't wait to share it with you all.

We hope you will agree that its fresh feel and easy navigation helps to showcase all aspects and all parts of

our wonderful school.

We are currently in the final stages of reviewing and updating content and testing is scheduled to take place from the end of next week.

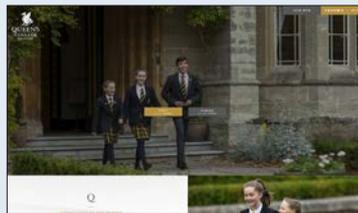
We are aiming to make the new site live within the next few weeks

and would welcome any feedback as we continue to hone and develop the



site after its launch.

This week we have had a professional photographer in over three days, so look out for some lovely new images featuring pupils from across the whole school.



Workshops with top vocalists

Today (Friday) saw our musicians demonstrate their vocal virtuosity with a workshop delivered by members of renowned vocal quintet, Apollo5.

Students in Years 8 to 13 worked with Penny Appleyard (soprano) and Greg Link (bass) across two workshops to produce an array

of a cappella songs, along with quirky warm-ups.

The students had great fun exploring the different styles and, after so many months away, it was fantastic to have singing back in the building.

Many thanks to Apollo5 for an absolutely fabulous day!



Many happy returns ...



It was wonderful to see a full Queen's Hall last Friday afternoon for the return of Assembly.

It included the presentation of ties to our new Prefects for 2021-22 and we wish them every success in their new roles.



There was another most welcome return on Monday as our Chaplain, Mr Tim Aldridge, took centre stage for Chapel.

What a joy to have him back with us again!



In at the deep end as Year 7 enjoy a day of adventures



Year 7 have enjoyed an action-packed day of outdoor pursuits at Wimbleball Lake on Exmoor today (Friday). They all had a go at sailing, canoeing, archery, initiative tasks and a session focusing on local conservation and ecology.

It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know their tutors, as well as their peers, outside the classroom.

More photos in the Queen's College Community group on Facebook



Nature caught on camera by Year 10 photography duo



Year 10 boarders Katie and Charis were given an introduction to nature photography with Mr Williams on Saturday. After going through a few

photography basics, they were let loose around the campus with two of the school's SLR cameras. Here are some of their stunning shots.



Max nets top catch



Max (Year 9) took part in the England Youth National Fly Fishing Competition at the weekend.

The event was held at Draycote Reservoir, Warwickshire, and he succeeded in winning the prize for the largest fish.



Fishy business in Weymouth ...

Our new Head of Food and Nutrition, Mr Joe Mann, showcased cooking fish for children at cookery workshops at the Dorset Seafood Festival in Weymouth at the weekend.

He demonstrated making mackerel patés and creamy plaice and coconut curry!



Elton stars – as a grass head

Our Year 13 girls had some fun over the weekend making some grass heads in Highgrove House. Jenny's Elton John version was amazing and Elsie's cat was brilliant (grass yet to grow out of them!).



■ If you have an item of interest for our weekly *Bulletin*, please send the details to the Community Relations Manager, Ken Bird. Email him at kab@queenscollege.org.uk

Exciting Co-Curricular programme is under way

This week has seen our Co-Curricular programme get off to a flying start with a wide range of activities, both on and off site. Music can be heard from the OMR every evening with the music department offering an extensive programme of choirs and ensembles, the College Choir rehearsal being a particular highlight this week.

The Performing Arts department have started rehearsals for the upcoming Senior productions *Shrek* and *Animal Farm*. With casting auditions last Saturday the cast will be working hard this term ahead of performance in December. The Middle School are also starting rehearsals for forthcoming performances in the Spring of *Treasure Island* and *Honk!* A range of RAD dance lessons accompanies our Queen's dance groups, who will come together in a showcase event later in the



school year. New vocational drama and dance clubs aim to support pupils aiming for careers in music, drama, dance or technical theatre and drama writing offers a different



aspect of Performing Arts. External fencing and aikido coaching have joined our weekly line up. Also qualified external coaching and clay pigeon shooting at Ling Shooting

has proved very popular, as has on-site archery. Sport as always has been keeping pupils busy with the boys' rugby and girls' hockey squads across the school, as well as badminton, table tennis, netball, football, running, cross-country, croquet, golf and basketball. New athletic development groups have been introduced, working with Mr Walter and Mr Bell in the gym, focusing on developing the fundamental skills, strength and conditioning required to improve physical literacy and performance. Additional early morning swimming training has been introduced as well as afternoon swimming slots. Co-Curricular cookery has made a welcome return with 'Food from Around the World', 'Fun Food Kitchen' and a Food and Nutrition Gardening Club.

As always our Art department are offering a wide range of art and photography options including drawing club, ceramics, props making and scrapbook art; popular choices for many. In DT, Mr Hart is working with younger pupils on the exciting Design Ventura mini challenge as well as offering a workshop skills group to older pupils. On the cerebral side a large variety of activities are being offered – History Club, Criminology and Law, Debating, Board Games, Music Theory, Reading Circle, Conversational



Languages, Chinese GCSE and A-Level for native speakers, Current Affairs, Maths Challenge Club, Physics Society and Chemistry Olympiad. The Outdoor Education programme is already in full swing with mountain biking, climbing and the Year 7 and 8 Adventure Club all off-site this week with kayaking and canoe polo in the pool.

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The Outdoor Education Co-Curricular programme also extends to weekends,

details of which will be supplied to pupils via notices in the Dayrooms.

As always DofE has been a popular choice for Years

10 to 12 with Year 10 students completing a first-aid course this half-term as an introduction to the Bronze Award.

Both Silver and Gold groups will be meeting weekly to plan for the upcoming expeditions in the Spring and Summer Terms.



To keep up to date with the activities we offer please refer to the Co-Curricular brochures on the school website.



Sunday Fun Days are back!

Our boarders in Cotlake House were bouncing off the walls with excitement for their total wipeout activities on the first Sunday Funday of term.

Thank you to Wellington Bounce On for supplying the equipment.



We're joining in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Queen's is taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support next Thursday, September 23rd.

We will be hosting Prep School parents from 8.15 to 10.15am and Senior School parents from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

Both events will be in the garden of Wyvern House (Mr and Mrs Noad's home) – weather permitting so do bring a coat along with a donation to Macmillan!



We would be grateful for any donations of nut-free cakes and biscuits, home-

made or otherwise. Goodies can be dropped off with Mrs Mockridge at Senior School reception.

If any parents are free to help with making teas/coffees on the day, for either session, it would be much appreciated. Please email Mrs Noad – ejn@queenscollege.org.uk. Any leftover cakes, biscuits etc will be sold to pupils at break next Friday (September 24th), again with all proceeds to Macmillan.



A MIST* school!

A dramatic start to Tuesday ... taken at 6.30am by Miss Booton.

* Methodist Independent Schools Trust

SAFEGUARDING

NETFLIX age ratings

The Netflix channel is popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content recommended to viewers.

Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and all of its content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this. To read the parents' guide on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings, [CLICK HERE](#).

QUEEN'S COLLEGE ADVENTURES APPEAL

As part of our continued drive to broaden the opportunities available to our students giving them the chance to challenge themselves and help them embrace the great outdoors, we are launching a major fundraising campaign at Queen's.

The Adventures Appeal aims to enhance our outdoor pursuits' facilities and opportunities for children aged 4 in Reception to 18 in the Sixth Form.

An exciting programme of fundraising events is planned – more details to follow – and we are also looking for people to organise sponsored events and other activities to help us reach our goal.

3 AMAZING PROJECTS

There are three amazing projects being planned:

A state-of-the-art Climbing Wall to be installed in the Sports Hall for use by all students.

A new bespoke Adventure Play facility for Prep School.

New Playground Equipment for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

TO DONATE

Go to our Queen's College Foundation's Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/adventuresappeal>



Queen's College Foundation have kindly agreed to match fund all monies raised for this appeal.



Our new Wellbeing Centre is up and running

The start of term has seen the opening of our new Wellbeing Centre which also houses Learning Support. Queen's has adopted a holistic approach to wellbeing and mental health for the benefit of all students, parents and staff. The centre provides a hub for counselling services, learning support and wellbeing support and training. The aim is to create an awareness of mental health

needs without any stigma or discrimination to ensure all who access the services can fulfil their potential. Wellbeing requires just as much work as physical health or academic progress and so it should be at the heart of everything we do to ensure we equip all members of our community with the necessary skills to navigate the challenges of modern life. The importance of mental health is taught right through the school –



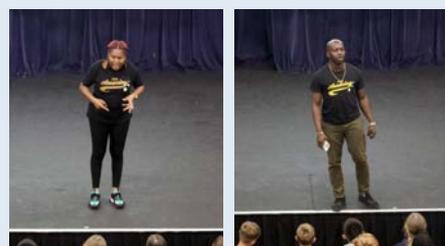
throughout the curriculum, in PSHME lessons, during Mindfulness classes, by Year Leads and Tutors, in Co-curricular sessions and within boarding houses. Each student has a number of adults they can call on to provide the support they need. The Wellbeing Centre is at the heart of the college and is a calm and relaxing place where students can come to seek support, respite and access help or resources they need for their mental

and social health. Students will become familiar with it through their PSHME sessions as well as through mindful activities such as Yoga and Pilates. PSHME classes will visit the centre to ensure all students experience and benefit from the services which are available. A Prep School programme will run alongside the Senior School programme, with age appropriate sessions from Pre-Prep through to Year 6.

As part of our Wellbeing at Queen's programme, the boarders had a visit from Yvonne and Emmanuel Anthony from The Fix Up Team on Tuesday evening. The motivational talk aimed to help the students to focus on setting goals and overcoming adversity.

them back as they moved through their school careers. The high-energy presentation asked students to use their imaginations and not run away from their fears. They looked at anxiety and some of the ways our pupils can ensure success in their futures. It was a lively presentation for the start of our new academic year.

The speakers asked them to think about making decisions to stop obstacles holding



OUTDOOR PURSUITS



Outdoor pursuits have started in earnest this week with kayaking, archery, climbing and mountain biking.

It has also been fantastic to launch the new Outdoor Education lessons in Year 7 and the Outdoor BTEC for Year 12.



A group of boarders enjoyed mountain biking in the Haldon Forest above Exeter on Sunday.
Mr Neenan, Head of Outdoor

Pursuits, said: "They all showed how capable they are and there were some fantastic bikers. Everyone had a great time!"

Rugby returns

It's the start of rugby fixtures tomorrow and our new 1st XV faced the camera ahead of their opening game away to Plymouth College.

Good luck for the season to all of our rugby boys.



Hockey's back! Wells Cathedral School are first opponents

1st XI

The opening fixture of the girls' season was an absolute thriller!

With a new-look team playing together for the first time after only one training session, they can be delighted with a draw against a very competitive Well's team.

Everyone showed a brilliant work ethic and positive approach throughout, with experienced senior players Eleana Stevenson, Pippa Drummond and Jenny Thurstan leading by example.

Lena Von Engelbrechten Urena scored with the final touch of the game to draw the sides level.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI can very pleased with their performance in the opening game of the season.

It was great to see the senior players stepping up their enthusiasm which gave their team mates plenty of confidence throughout the game.

The first half allowed the players to find their feet and adjust to their positions and, by the time the second half came around, the team were playing some brilliant hockey, exploiting the right hand side of the pitch and regularly getting in behind the Wells defence.

A very promising start to the season.

U15s

The U15s started the season brilliantly and put together a fantastic team

performance in a victory over Wells.

The midfield worked tirelessly and distributed the ball effectively and positively, creating countless opportunities for the forwards.

Special mention to Chloe Williams, who scored her first goal for the College



U14s

It was a tough opening fixture for the U14s who will take plenty of positives from the game but ultimately came up against a stronger team who controlled the play well.

Tabby Shaw was the standout performer for Queen's, making several high-quality saves in goal and giving her team confidence and belief to keep striving.

U13s

A very exciting and competitive first fixture for the girls.

Everyone played with enthusiasm and showed a really positive side to their personalities.

There were stand-out performances from goalkeeper Eleanor Rendall and forward Bahiya Hussein, both winning

Players' Player from the opposition.

Coach's Player went to Yuzuki Asano, as she played with great skill and effort throughout.

U12A

An end-to-end game saw plenty of goals and excitement as the U12As started their season with a win.

It was a brilliant team performance which saw several individuals play in numerous positions.

Emily Neenan and Evvie Riches both showed excellent composure in front of goal to score a brace each.

Maryam Alsaïdi also showed her class and was voted Player of the Game.

A great start to the season.

U12B

The U12B team put in a great performance against a strong Wells team to kick off the season.

There were a few nerves prior to the game as it was the first hockey match for a lot of the girls, but these soon subsided once the starting whistle blew.

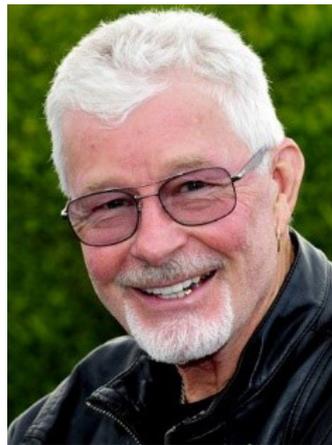
Their enthusiasm and support for one another cannot be faulted, and they really began to gel as a team as the match progressed.

The team should be very proud of their performance, and it will be exciting to see them progress as a team over the term.

Annabelle Brown was named Players' Player.

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

Peter Honess is an award-winning film editor whose name appears in the list of credits on dozens of films he has worked on since 1973. His exceptional talent in editing film was evident from the beginning of his career as, in 1974, he was nominated for an ACE Eddie Award for documentary editing for *Following the Tundra Wolf*. Since then he has won several prestigious awards including a BAFTA for Best Editing on *L.A. Confidential* (1998). In 2012, members of the Motion Pictures Editors Guild rated the film as one of the 75 best-edited films of all time. Peter was nominated for an Oscar for this film. Yet, when he left Queen's, aged 17, he had no desire to follow a career in film. At school, he had demonstrated some interest and talent in the arts. For example, he played in the Orchestra and the Jazz Band, he was a member of



the Dramatic Society and performed in school plays such as the production of *Richard II* in 1961.

He was equally enthusiastic about sport, playing in the school 1st teams in rugby, hockey and cricket (in the photo of the 1963 side, below, Peter is seated, first on the left).

The cricket report explains that he kept wicket 'admirably during the season, missing few chances – his 'appealing' inspired the rest of the side, and was on no occasion half-hearted'. He was also a fine batsman. He played a full part in the success of a team who lost only one of its 14 matches. It was his father, Head of Personnel at MGM Studios, who pointed Peter in the

direction of the world of film.

In an interview in 2012, Peter was candid in saying: "My father was fed up with me hanging round the house; he came back from the studios one Friday and told me I would be starting work on Monday in the cutting rooms".

After several years as an Apprentice Editor, Peter moved to the US in 1971 for a spell as an Assistant Editor.

On his return to the UK he was assistant to, among others, Mike Luciano,

Thelma O'Connell, Pamela Power and Tony Gibbs from all of whom, especially the latter, he learned a great deal.

Then, in 1984, he was hired to edit *Memed, My Hawk and Champions*, since when he has been in charge of the cutting room.

Peter has worked with many fine directors including Peter Ustinov, Fred Schepisi, Russell Mulcahy and John Schlesinger.

In his opinion, the key to a successful relationship with the Director is patience and being in tune with his intentions.

Peter believes a film editor should be able to cut film whatever the subject and he accepted *The Fast and The*

Furious (2001) to show he could cut anything.

He is of the view that seamless story telling is the essence of great film editing. For him, the craft is "not a mechanical process; it's about timing, rhythm and balance – the art of writing with pictures".

Advances in technology over his career have changed the nature of Peter's work.

In his younger days, cutting film needed great care simply because, if errors were made, it was difficult to add frames back into the cut.

Nowadays, cutting

is by computer and a mistake can be deleted by pressing a button and the process restarted.

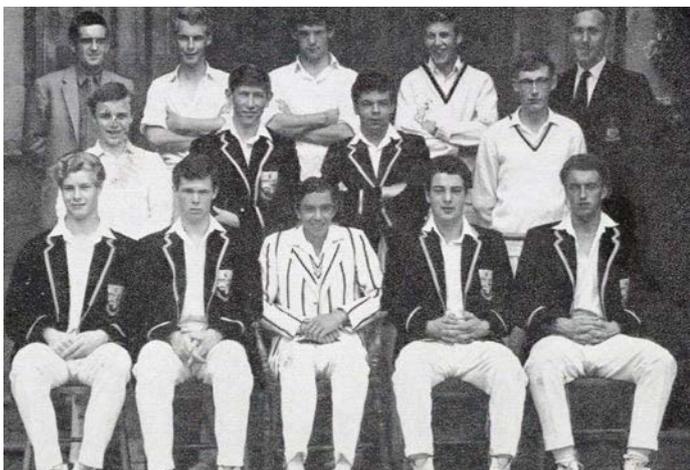
He misses the camaraderie of the cutting room with its Moviolas, splicers, rewinds and film hanging

from bins rather than just the keyboard and TV monitor.

On the other hand, Peter enjoys the challenge of films based on visual effects and animations.

When asked what has enabled him to survive in the turbulent movie industry, Peter is clear, "Enthusiasm: it will never let you down".

Despite having US citizenship and travelled widely on many film locations, Peter has retired to Eastbourne, the town of his birth.





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OPEN MORNINGS

Meet the new Head of College Mr Julian Noad

Saturday 25 September 2021
Senior & Sixth form (11-18 years)

Friday 01 October 2021
Nursery, Pre-Prep & Prep (0-11 years)

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