

BULLETIN

Queen's College Whole School Newsletter

13 May 2022

Ten Tors Triumph



Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

I wish you a happy (but belated) Somerset Day.

I begin my section of the bulletin with a celebration of the successes of our Ten Tors teams at last weekend's magnificent event. Mrs N and I were lucky enough to be there at Okehampton Battlecamp to witness the return of 2400 young people, including two teams from Queen's, who had walked 35, 45, or 55 miles carrying all that they needed for two days of navigating difficult terrain. There were blisters aplenty but also so many smiles.

On Monday, I was delighted to announce our team of Prefects for 2022-23. The process was rigorous and allowed for a variety of strengths to shine. Nonetheless, we were left with a difficult task distilling a dozen from the 29 excellent candidates. That those who were disappointed chose to turn up to celebrate their peers' inauguration, speaks volumes for their character. We look forward to utilising all of these talents in genuine

leadership responsibility next year. After a week of handover, our Prefects elect begin their duties on Monday.

The 'quiet please' signs are a clear reminder that examinations are ongoing. However, to their enormous credit, you would not know that most of our candidates have not sat a real public examination before. They have been wonderfully calm and this week's Year 11 tea party gang spoke of feeling superbly supported and 'ready' for their assessments. We wish them all the very best of luck.

But it is not all exams and study at present. I was lucky enough to join our sailors last evening at Wimbleball Lake to see what they get up to. This weekend there will be kayaking and climbing outings. In sport, we look forward to cricket versus Exeter School and Wells Cathedral, tennis versus Wells Cathedral and Trull Tennis Club, and for athletics the Somerset County Track & Field Championships.

Looking ahead, I remind you of three 'must see' events in our bookings page.

Firstly, Jay Rayner is coming very soon (18 May). Secondly, spearheaded by one of our new Heads of School, Pippa Drummond, is a concert in aid of St Margaret's Hospice, 'Queen's Unplugged' (20 May). And, thirdly, we look forward to welcoming our own resident professional orchestra, the Southern Sinfonia, to perform Jubilation, a Platinum Jubilee concert to honour our wonderful Queen. Please do grab a ticket for each. Later in the bulletin you will also find a piece about Speech Day - what goes on and why it is so important for Queen's.

I close with a quiet thank you (since she wants no fuss) to Mrs Hawker, for whom this was her last day at Queen's. Parents and pupils should be reassured that her lessons will be superbly delivered by our other mathematics teachers stepping in. She is relocating for personal reasons and will be sorely missed.

I wish you a happy weekend.

Yours ever,

Julian

Speech Day

Speech Day 2022



With many new families and those of longer standing kept away with covid disruptions in the past two years it is not surprising that I have heard the occasional 'what is Speech Day all about?' from some parents. I thought it useful to give a little detail on what to expect for our Speech Days - yes, there are two: one for Prep and one for the Senior School - and to explain their importance to Queen's and its community.

Firstly, the when. Prep Speech Day will be on Wednesday 6 July, from 11am, whilst the senior school Speech Day is booked for Thursday 7 July, from 10.30am. Please pop the relevant date(s) in your diary - invitations will soon follow. And the where. This all takes place in and around a fabulous marquee erected on the Lower, actually the 1st XV rugby pitch.

Speech Days are opportunities to bring our communities together, celebrate our successes, and also to look forward to what comes next. Most importantly, these occasions serve to say farewell to leaving pupils of Year 13 and those in Year 6 moving up to the Senior School. Each will have, as the titles suggest, a few speeches but also the awarding of prizes for pupil endeavour and achievement. After each will be an opportunity to socialise, hopefully outside in sunshine, with strawberries and a glass of something in hand. The senior school event will also include an invitation to join us for a picnic event beside the cricket pavilion: bring your own hamper and rug and we shall enjoy a wonderful time. Year 13 Leavers and their parents will also have a special invitation to lunch for a final farewell.

Later in the evening after the senior school speech day (Thursday 7 July), the marquee will be transformed for a wonderful summer ball. This event is being organised by a committee of staff and senior pupils. It promises to be something fabulous and a most fitting way to send off our Year 13 leavers. I shall not reveal the theme but I know that you will love it and I am confident that the 300 tickets available will sell out fast, so be sure to be ready to bag yours when they get announced - watch this space.

Attendance at Speech days is an expectation for all pupils. Parents and limited numbers of family of each child are warmly encouraged to join us also. These traditional 'showpiece' events are very much part of the School's calendar and tradition. I hope that you and your children will be here with us on these most important days.

Nursery Round-up

Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



Puddleducks have enjoyed a beach theme this week, with 'Rainbow Fish' as their focus book. There has been lots of fun splashing bare feet in the sea-themed water tray, making ice creams with shaving foam and sprinkles, plus lots of creative activities resulting in some beautiful rainbow fish creations.

Tiggywinkles children have also enjoyed a water-based theme this week with their focus book being 'Commotion of the Ocean'. The children have made some jellyfish pictures as well as having lots of fun in the water tray outside with the sea creatures. Although there has been lots of busy activities throughout the week, the children have had some quieter and calmer yoga sessions with an under-the-sea theme.

Cottontails Room have had a busy week exploring many toys. There have been some lovely music sessions with the musical instruments where the children have been making lots of different sounds. There has also been great enjoyment with the shape sorters. The focus story this week has been 'WOW said the Owl!' and children have loved playing with the puppets alongside their story sessions.



Nursery School News From Miss Lizzie Hayes - Head of Nursery School



The Nursery School has been busy this week with visits from the Puddleducks children in Highgrove as part of their transition in readiness for September. They have explored lots of new resources and familiarised themselves with the climbing frame and bikes in the Nursery School garden. The Nursery School children moving on to Pre-Prep have also been for their first 'step up session' this week and have enjoyed getting to know Miss Cash and Mrs Baker.

Alongside these events, the children have been learning how to retell the story of 'Barry the Fish with Fingers', practising writing their names with sand and developing their fine motor skills by making pots out of clay. Forest School activities onsite followed on the theme of name writing, but this time using foliage and flowers that could be found in the garden. Our offsite trip provided an opportunity to have a go at pond dipping at Fyne Court, where we caught lots of water snails, water bugs and even a few tadpoles.



Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



Year 4 visited Carymore Environmental Trust



It has been a delight to see our pupils make use of our extensive outside spaces again this week. Many times I have witnessed children taking part in Science and Maths lessons on the Upper as well our normal Outdoor Ed, PE and Games lessons. Although the weather has been slightly unpredictable this week, the summer vibe still remains strong. I have been most impressed with our younger Pre-Prep children who are now marching down to the Lower each week to take part in athletics in their PE lessons. It is fantastic to see everyone make use of the whole school site.

Year 4 visited Carymore Environmental Trust, an environmental education and nature conservation charity, which provides inspirational outdoor learning for schools and community groups. During their day there, they learnt more about nature and our environment and were very excited on their return, explaining to me all they had learnt and also showing off some fantastic willow plates which they made and used for their snacks. Thank you to all Year 4 staff for organising such an interesting day.

I have been pleased to see the library being used by so many this week. To launch its reopening we have been hosting a Book Fair, where all children (and parents) have had a chance to visit, look at the books and make some purchases if they wish. I have to say I

have very much enjoyed manning the till and it is wonderful to hear the excitement in our pupils' voices as they discover a book they love. It has been a pleasure to welcome children and families from right across the school and I was very glad to see many Nursery School parents come along too.

Keeping with the theme of Early Years, our new Reception cohort had their first 'step up to school' session on Monday. Mrs Baker and Miss Cash welcomed a group of excited children into the Reception class. Their behaviour was impeccable; when I popped in the children were all listening carefully to each other and had some fantastic answers to the questions they were asked. The step up sessions will continue throughout this term and I am sure there will be many more exciting activities to take part in.

A special mention goes to our U11 cricket team this week as they took on King's Hall in a gruelling cup match at home on Thursday evening. Although the result did not go our way, I know that Mr Clark was very proud of the performance of the team and the progress they have made in the first few weeks of the season.

Following on from the success of last year's Summer Fayre, we would like to ask for volunteers to run a stall this year. Full details will follow next week but if any parents, grandparents or friends would like to support this

event by running or organising a stall please get in touch with the Prep School office. This year's Summer Fayre will be on Friday 27th May from midday.

Finally, a quick note about Sports Day for Years 3 to 6 next Friday. (Pre-Prep Sports Day will follow later in the term on Friday 1 July.) We are looking forward to welcoming everyone into school for what I am sure will be a superb event. Mrs Gardner and the team have been working hard to organise this and the children have been practising events in their PE lessons. A letter for parents with full details of the event has been sent today but if you have any questions please do get in touch with your child's Form Teacher.

I hope to see many of you in school over the coming week for the various events, meetings and shows we have planned, so do keep an eye on the [MSP](#) calendar. This weekend I look forward to a trip to Wells Cathedral School with our U8s for some pairs cricket. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Henry

Prep School

Prep Sports Round-up

Some great action has taken place both at home and away in Prep School sports this week.

Read the full sports report [here](#). You can also visit our [Flickr](#) account to view all our photographs from the matches.



Reception Step Up Session

Our Reception 2022 children were full of excitement for their first step up session this term! They enjoyed a listening skills game, identifying different animal sounds and then matching the sound to the right animal. After several transition activities last term, the children are becoming familiar and confident with the Reception environment and the teachers are enjoying getting to know the children.



Year 2 Forest School

Following on from hunting for bugs last week, the Year 2 children made bug hotels out of Elder. They were taught how to use tools safely, and worked in groups to support each other to make small hollowed out tubes which they tied together and placed around the woodland. We hope to see that these new bug homes will have some occupants when we next go to the woods.



Pre-Prep Chess Club

The Pre-Prep Chess Club have been learning how to set up a chess board, how each piece can move and are now starting to learn about strategic play. It has been great observing the children work together to support their learning of the game.



Prep School

Year 3 Geography

Year 3 have loved starting to investigate maps as part of their local area study. They really appreciated seeing a real airline pilot's map that was very kindly brought in to show by Henry.



Year 4 Trip Carymoor Environmental Trust



Year 4 had a fantastic day visiting Carymoor Environmental Centre, as part of their Anglo Saxon topic. The day was full of fun and informative activities, which ranged from creating a plate from willow sticks, grinding grain on a quern stone to make flour, and competing in a timed orienteering quiz. They were also put at the top of the leader board for having a waste free lunch, much to the delight of everyone! The children were really enthusiastic and clearly enjoyed adding to their learning about the Anglo Saxons. This day will give them lots to talk about in their next History lesson. **View more photos on [Flickr](#).**



Book Fair

The Pre-Prep and Prep School children have all been enjoying time to browse books at the Scholastic Book Fair this week. The children have spent time within their English lessons looking at books by new and familiar authors both fiction and non-fiction. Thank you to all the families who have supported the Book Fair which will provide new books for the libraries.



Summer Concert

The Prep School Summer Concert will be on Thursday 26 May in the Queen's Hall at 6.30pm. All Prep School musical ensembles will take part and will have a rehearsal on the day. Children need to wear school uniform and arrive by 6pm (Orchestra) or 6.15pm for all other performers. A packed school tea is available if required - please request via Form Tutors. No tickets are needed. It should be an exciting event!

Queen's Prep
School Presents

QUEEN'S
COLLEGE
TAUNTON

Summer Concert & Art Exhibition



Rehearsals on the Day
Remember your instruments
8:30-9:30 Bucket drummers
9:30-10:30 A and B Recorder groups
11:00-12:00 Years 3&4 Choir
12:30-1:00 Super String
1:00-2:00 Years 5&6 Choir
2:00-3:30 Orchestra

Dress: normal Summer uniform.
No jumpers/blazers.
Please see me if there are any
problems!

26 May 2022
Queen's Hall

Arrival @ 6pm for 6:30 Start

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Senior School

Sports Round-up



Some great action has happened both at home and away in Senior School sports this week. There has been lots of tennis and cricket action against West Buckland School with great performance by all players. A special mention to Emily Handel who played in the U15A game and nonchalantly knocked the winning runs with her first ball.

Queen's took a team of more than 50 athletes to the English Schools Cup at Castle School, the coaches were absolutely delighted with the pupil's performances. There were a significant number of personal bests throughout the afternoon, and Queen's picked up numerous podium finishes. Special mentions go to Digby Lowery, who achieved 2nd place in high jump in his first ever competition. Robyn Dowling sprinted brilliantly in the 100m (2nd) and junior girls' relay (3rd). Bahiya Hussien won her category in the shot put and Alaadin Hussein came 2nd in both the Inter Boys 100m and the team relay.

However, the focus should not just be on those who placed, but those who competed to the best of their ability in their events, overcoming pre-event nerves to represent the College superbly. There are too many pupils to name but the coaches look forward to continuing this great start to the season as we resume training next week.

To read the full sports report click [here](#). You can also visit our [Flickr](#) account to view all our photographs from the matches.



Exclusive Writing Masterclass With Jay Rayner



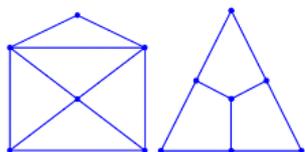
Next week sees our 'An evening with...Jay Rayner' event (tickets available on the [website](#)) but prior to taking the stage, he will be treating our pupils to an exclusive afternoon writing masterclass. To get them 'Rayner-Ready', all English lessons and Food and Nutrition lessons this week have centred around food writing: online newspaper reviews, the language of food advertising, and descriptive food memoirs. Today in Chapel, we launched a food writing competition to capitalise on what pupils have learnt. All pupils can enter, from years 7-13; the word count is between 500-1000 (to allow flexibility in terms of age); and the writing can take any form (fiction and non-fiction).

The entries will be judged by Mrs Litton, Mr Mann and Mr Noad, before a shortlist is sent to Jay Rayner himself for final judging. Whether a budding journalist or novelist, a future lawyer or marketer, writing skills matter: and to have writing skills judged the best by Jay Rayner himself is an accolade indeed! The winner will also get a signed book by Rayner.

We have lined up a pupil mentor and buddy to help: Munopa Nhete. As a culinary enthusiast and confident writer this opportunity combines her two main interests and provides an excellent opportunity for students to get involved in cross-curriculum learning. She will be available for students to come and seek help in their writing or have someone proof-read their work. She is usually in the SFC or pupils can contact her via email to arrange a time; or they could send her the document. We're really looking forward to seeing inspired writing from all ages!

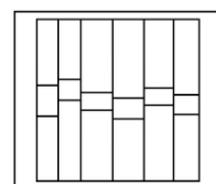
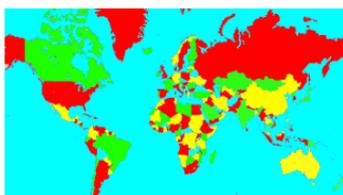
Senior School

Scholars Event



“A good problem is one that is easy to state, but hard to solve”. Thursday evening saw the Years 7 and 8 Scholars attempting to get to grips with some problems that have been around for a very long time. We began by looking at some graph theory problems where, if possible, we had to trace around a shape without taking our pens off the page and without retracing ourselves. Some proved to be very easy but others proved to be

impossible and we learnt what to look out for to see if a shape has an Eulerian trail (a route to be able to do this) and the requirements for a Eulerian cycle (where we can start and finish at the same point). Hint: it has something to do with the number of odd nodes (the points that the lines meet at). We then moved on to the Four Colour Theorem, an area of topology which has been proven to show that any diagram can be coloured in with just four colours which are allowed to meet at a point but cannot cross along a line. This proved to be very easy to state but in some cases very hard to solve but our scholars gave it a very good go-many were able to complete the Boroughs of London but the straight line image proved to be very difficult-please do have a go for yourselves and see if you can manage it!



Ten Tors



Our Ten Tors teams travelled down to Dartmoor first thing on Friday morning for kit checking, route planning and various safety briefings. The atmosphere in the camp on Friday evening was incredible with 2500 young people roaming the site with team colours, mascots and flags. A mixture of nervous anticipation, infectious enthusiasm and genuine positivity which comes with the realisation that they are part of something very special. By 3.30am on the Saturday morning the atmosphere is very different. The bacon is on the stove and the teams have their ‘Game Face’ on. Last minute preparations and checks are made before a procession moves up to the

start which is on the side of a hill above Okehampton Army Camp. The teams are corralled into the massive shape of a 60 to celebrate the 60 years of the Ten Tors event and wait eagerly for the field gun to start the challenge at 7.00am. The teams then disperse in all directions and quickly disappear. The moor is quiet again and staff start the long, anxious wait for teams to return over the horizon on Sunday afternoon.

Both our 35 (Years 9 and 10) and 45 teams (Year 12) exceeded expectations on the Saturday despite poor visibility in the morning and completed significantly more than half the total distance. They were both up and walking again by 6.00am (despite the 45 team having only stopped when darkness fell at 10.00pm the previous night). A combination of tiredness, tough terrain and blistered feet meant the pace was slightly slower but both teams finished around 3.00pm on the Sunday tired but elated. It was a privilege to see the smiles of absolute joy as they crossed the finish line and the challenge of Ten Tors 2022 will live long in the memory. They have been on an incredible journey since training began last September and all 12 of them should be very proud of what they have achieved. Very well done everyone!

View our photos from the event [here](#).



Sixth Form

Prefect Appointments



After a scrupulous interview and voting process, Mr Noad was delighted to be able to make announcements for next year's Prefect Team (2022-2023), yesterday afternoon. He paid tribute to the current Prefect Team who have been excellent role models for the school, superbly led by Head Boy Ali Zomorrodian and Head Girl Jenny Thurstan.

Mr Noad said "Following a rigorous selection process and some very challenging decisions, we have chosen a very strong team. With a good number of excellent candidates, there will inevitably be disappointment for some. We will work with all applicants to provide support and opportunities to develop their leadership".

A huge congratulations to all students appointed! We know you will make us proud and we look forward to working with you!

Mr Noad went on to say 'These wonderful young men and women will have a major part to play in continuing to bring our community together next year. I know that I have a team of prefects that can do that. I thank them in advance for the part they will play'. **Our new prefect team lead by Head Boy Charlie Ball and Head Girl Pippa Drummond is as follows:**

Deputy Heads of School

- Q Toby Carlson (Ray)
- Q Osa Eribo (Woolmer)

Prefects

- Q Falah Faridi (French)
- Q Ted Field (Head of House – Ray)
- Q Edie Hepburn (Head of House – French)
- Q Maeve Kennan (Head of House – Barnicott)
- Q Elizabeth Mok (Woolmer)
- Q Munopa Nhete (French)
- Q Louis Reynolds (Head of House – Woolmer)
- Q Ella Tytler (Barnicott)

Sixth Form

Living In The Wider World



As part of the Year 12 PSHME scheme of learning 'Living in the wider world', Mrs Cooling gave the students the opportunity to choose a topic area that interested them and wanted to learn more about. As many of the Sixth Form students have recently become new drivers or have started taking driving lessons - a basic course in car maintenance was the topic of choice. This week, Mr Cooling showed them some simple safety checks that can be performed under the bonnet and exterior of the car including; checking oil, tyre and wiper condition, coolant levels, topping up screen wash and were also shown how to change a flat tyre. Next lesson, students will be shown

what to do when they have a flat battery or suffer a breakdown.



Accountancy

INTERESTED IN STARTING A CAREER IN ACCOUNTANCY?

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Are you a college/university leaver or looking for a change in career?

Albert Goodman is recruiting for Trainees to join us this summer across a number of departments and specialisms.

On Tuesday 17th May we are holding a relaxed event at our Taunton office where you can hear about the training and apprenticeship opportunities that we have available at Albert Goodman.

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| 6pm | Arrival drinks |
| 6.30pm | Introduction from Sophie Parkhouse, Technical and Training Partner |
| 6.45pm | Hear from one of our Trainees about their Albert Goodman journey |
| 7pm onwards | Chance to chat with Albert Goodman colleagues and ask any questions |

To register your interest or ask any questions contact recruitment@albertgoodman.co.uk

STEM Course



This summer, the Smallpeice Trust is running a wide selection of engineering courses, offering

something different to young people with a passion for STEM subjects, at leading universities across the UK and virtually.

From skyscrapers and bridges to dams and tunnels, civil engineering is all around us. Explore how Civil Engineers design and develop the buildings and infrastructure around us, making our cities clean, safe and energy efficient. Year 12s - learn from leading academics at the University of Southampton and improve your CV and UCAS applications, whilst engaging with real-life engineers from the Ove Arup Foundation, who are committed to promoting education and knowledge in the built environment through design.

Find out more [here](#).

Boarders Corner

Football Success - Alex Imaz Vinas



Since choosing to come back to Queen's in January from his home in Spain, Alex Imaz Vinas has made the most of the opportunity to play as much sport as possible whilst in school. As well as performing well in school sports, Alex has also enjoyed the football season playing for one of our local clubs, Galmington Dragons FC U16s. He has had a busy term balancing school, tennis and football. However, he has

done this tremendously. Alex impressed his coaches with his strong work ethic and was rewarded with a goal on his second outing for Dragons.

The team have performed well in the league and cup, resulting in Dragons playing in the cup final at, The Cygnet Health Care Stadium (home of Taunton Town FC). Along with 300 other fans, the boarding community showed their family spirit as they supported Alex in the final. Alex put in a good display but sadly, Dragons were beaten on the night by Staplegrove FC. Fortunately, Alex and his new teammates did get their revenge in the following game as they beat Staplegrove 3-1 in the league to earn a valuable 3 points.

Finally, Alex would travel to Minehead for the final game of the season. All they needed was a draw or win and they'd be champions of the Taunton Youth League. Dragons started off well scoring three early goals. They were quickly put under pressure after Minehead fought back to bring the game level. Dragons showed their resilience and managed to score a late winner! Dragon are the Champions!

Well done to Alex, we are all very proud of you. It has been fantastic to see one of our boarders in bed themselves in the local community. Alex has made new friends outside of school and will treasure his experiences with the team forever. We'd like to thank coach Jason, Neil, and all of Galmington Dragons FC for welcoming Alex into the team with open arms.

Next up this term, we'll be following the journey of one of our Year 10 boarders, Jack Lee. Jack has decided to put himself out of his comfort zone and join an another local sports club, Evolution Martial Arts. Jack has been training hard and is excited to trial for his first Taekwondo competition within the community. Good luck Jack.

Cotlake House

Cotlake House enjoyed a sunny day at Escot last weekend. Whilst they were there they tried out the Segways, and played a round of footgolf. Great fun was had by all!



Prominent OQs

Geoff Bisson - Alumni Officer, continues his look at the outstanding achievements of OQs.



Donald Thomas (OQ, 1941-53) was a university lecturer in English Literature at Cardiff University from 1963, holding a personal chair there as Professor Emeritus until his death on 20 January 2022. He was a prolific author who wrote more than 50 books, concentrating on particular crimes and the criminal world. He also wrote biographies, fiction and poetry.

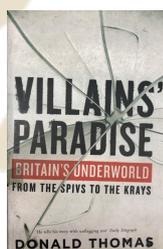
His formal education started in earnest at Queen's where he boarded from the age of seven until he left the school aged 18. He was a high achiever, academically, winning the prestigious Bramley Prize for Classics, the Wallis Prize for English and the Pickard Prize for History. He wrote several reviews of school plays and concerts as well as short stories for the Wyvern and he was an active member of the Senior Discussion Group. He was offered a place at Balliol College, Oxford, to read English, which had to be deferred as he was obliged, first, to complete two years National Service in the RAF. In this time he also learned Greek.

After Oxford, he was a schoolmaster for a brief period, before working in publishing and adult education. At the same time, Donald studied, part-time, for a PhD at Birkbeck College, London. It was during these years,

1958-62, that he wrote a collection of 50 poems entitled *Points of Contact*. This received the Eric Gregory Trust Award after its publication in 1962.

One of the conditions of employment insisted on by Cardiff University was that lecturers should live no more than 30 miles from the campus. However, Donald and his wife, Carol, preferred to live in Bath so to achieve this he crammed all his commitments at Cardiff into two days of the week, sleeping in his office during the night between, allowing five days in Bath each week. This arrangement also made it possible for him to focus on research and writing.

As a scholar of nineteenth century literature, some of Donald's books explored the criminal activities of the period. One of his most popular works was *The Victorian Underworld*, 1998, which was short-listed for the Gold Dagger Award. Five years later he published *An Underworld at War* which examined the crimes of those who exploited the opportunities presented by rationing and restrictive orders during WWII. He continued his survey of the underworld in *Villains' Paradise: From the Spivs to the Krays* looking at the criminal world since 1945.



This book is highly informative and entertaining. Donald enjoyed studying the underworld and, on one occasion, proudly regaled to me the interviews he conducted with the notorious Kray twins.

His biographies featured writers and military figures. Examples of

the former were volumes about the Marquis de Sade, Henry Fielding and Robert Browning (runner-up for the Whitbread Prize) and of the latter, his best-known subjects were Lord Cardigan and Admiral Cochrane.

Arguably, his most important books were two scholarly works about the conflict between censorship and freedom of speech. In *A Long Time Burning* (1969) and *Freedom's Frontier* (2007), Donald argued that the relevant question at any stage of human history is not "does censorship exist" but, rather, "under what sort of censorship do we now live?" His interest in the subject stemmed from his PhD thesis, based on the manuscripts of the Court of King's Bench from 1730 to 1911. These manuscripts included extracts from publications banned at various times for political, religious and moral reasons. He edited two volumes of *State Trials*, in 1972, revising the texts of landmark trials in early 19thC England.

As a novelist, he published a series of seven novels based on the fictitious *Sergeant Verity* under the pseudonym Francis Selwyn. A few non-fiction books were also written using this pseudonym such as *Hitler's Englishman* (1987) about Lord Haw-Haw. Donald also wrote a series of Sherlock Holmes pastiches and several fictional biographies of figures such as Bonnie Prince Charlie. He edited volumes of Everyman's Library and translated 17thC French novels.

Donald was a quiet, unassuming and charming man and a fabulous conversationalist. He was kind and accepting of others, who never gave offence. He was a scholar and a gentleman.

News and Announcements

Give your child the ultimate summer experience!

Do you want to give your child the ultimate summer experience? Ultimate activity camps will be hosting a series of weekly activities here at Queen's from 18th July to 26th August. For more information visit their [website](#).

Camps run Monday to Friday - book by the day or week for ultimate flexibility.

Drop off from 8.30am (or 8:00am with Extended Day Pass) until 9.30am.

Pick up between 4.30pm and 5:15pm (or 6:00pm with Extended Day Pass).



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Summer Masterclasses

Our popular Queen's Masterclasses are now available to book via the [box office](#). We also hope to be able to offer both an art and woodworking masterclass week, however these are still yet to be confirmed.

- Q Multi Sports Days
- W/c 01 August
- Q Adventure Activities
-W/c 15 August
- Q Food and Nutrition
-W/c 22 August
- Q Cookery Masterclass for
Adults Friday 26 August

QUEEN'S
MASTERCLASSES
ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO
BOOK!

Early bird booking for bookings made
before 13 June

Are you looking for a rewarding challenge?

We are looking to recruit new **Governors** interested in using their skills and expertise in a rewarding, voluntary role, helping to support the leadership team and shape the future of the College.

Our Governors are a key part of the strategic and effective leadership needed for a high performing school, working closely with the Head and College Leadership Team. Acting as "critical friends" Governors provide challenge and support in equal measure. All of our Governors have integrity, understand our ethos and have a desire to add value, asking questions alongside offering the benefit of their professional experience. We welcome interest from anyone who feels they have the right skills or experience to contribute to the work of the Board. At this time we are especially keen to hear from those with a background in education, IT, risk management and fundraising.

If you are interested in discussing the role further or would like more details please contact our Bursar and Clerk to the Governors, Mr Andrew Stevenson: ajs@queenscollege.org.uk



News and Announcements

Voting at Queen's! Pupils Have Their Say on Food



We think food and nutrition are a really important part of the healthy lifestyle we aim to instil in our pupils. We've done a lot of thinking about how food served fits into this and how we include our pupils in these discussions.

Now thanks to an initiative from Mr Noad in partnership with our school catering supplier Holroyd Howe we are inviting our pupils to help vote on the direction in which the menus go. Our new Queen's food voting token collection box, the first of its kind for the catering company, enables all pupils to

anonymously share their views about the food offered on the lunch menu. Every time a pupil has a meal they take a pink token to vote for a view about the food offered on the menu by just placing their token in the appropriate slot in the token collection box and voting. The results of the first votes will be published over the next few weeks.

Mr Mann, Head of Food and Nutrition said: "It is vitally important that young people at Queen's take an interest in the food and drink offered, and eaten and this fantastic food initiative gives all pupils the opportunity to have their say about what they eat".

Parents and Queen's College Community Events

Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware, Julian and I have been keen to meet as many of you as possible since we joined the school. We have also been and still are keen to provide opportunities for you to meet with others who are part of the Queen's College community. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to join us at any (or all!) of the following events during the rest of this term.

Morning coffee in the Dining Hall:

Friday 10 June, 8.15 - 9.30am

Friday 1 July, 8.15 - 9.30am

Tea in the garden at Wyvern House:

Friday 20 May, 3.00 - 5.30pm

Thursday 23 June, 3.00 - 5.30pm

QCC Summer Drinks in the Cricket Pavilion:

Friday 17 June, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Best Wishes,

Jane Noad



News and Announcements

Upcoming Dates	
Pre-Prep Class Photos	17 May 2022
Instrument Taster Evening	17 May 2022 4:30-6pm
My last supper with Jay Rayner	18 May 2022 7:30pm
Queen's Unplugged	20 May 2022 6:30pm
QCC Meeting	09 June 3:45pm
Prep Speech Day	06 July 2022 11am
Senior Speech Day	07 July 2022
Summer Ball	07 July 2022

Queen's Day 02 July 2022



An opportunity for pupils, parents OQs, friends of the school and the immediate local community to come together to celebrate their shared association with Queen's College, to meet old acquaintances and to make new ones. The day will be combined with the 'Under One Sun Festival' .

12pm - Coffee and tea in the Dining Pavilion. Art Exhibition in the Art Department (all day).

12-3pm-1984 Leavers Reunion, Lunch for all, Cricket Matches and Tennis Matches.

3pm-Late - 'Under One Sun Festival': Street Food Stalls, Steel Band, English Folk Music, readings, outside speakers, and mini theatrical performances.

More information to follow!

Our online whole school calendar can be found [here](#).

Our sports portal can be accessed [here](#).

QCC Update

Following the success of the QCC Quiz Night earlier this term the QCC members met last Thursday to catch up and plan some future events. The meeting notes can be found [here](#).

There are some exciting ideas in the pipeline and the next event will be the Summer Social Evening at the Cricket Pavillion on Friday 17th June from 7.30pm, more details to follow.

The next QCC meeting will be on Thursday 9th June, 4:00-4:30pm at Wyvern House (arrive at 3:45pm for a cup of tea!).

News and Announcements

Jay Rayner is coming to Queen's !

JAY RAYNER

Wednesday 18th May

Queen's Theatre 7:30pm

[Book](#)

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MY LAST SUPPER



QUEEN'S
COLLEGE
TAUNTON

For Tickets: bookings.queenscollege.org.uk - 01823 272559

Following the success of his sell-out shows, My Dining Hell and The Ten Food Commandments, which took audiences by storm across the UK, Australia, New Zealand and the US, Jay Rayner is bringing his show, My Last Supper: One Meal a Lifetime in the Making to Queen's for just £20, next Wednesday, 7:30 pm.

We have just 5 days left before the celebrity award-winning writer, journalist, broadcaster, restaurant critic, and MasterChef judge (and last night winner of another award for Best Food Radio Programme for his BBC show The Kitchen Cabinet) comes to Queen's.

We would love for you to join us in the evening if you can.

Book your place now.

Upcoming Events

A poster for 'Queen's Unplugged' featuring a large, vintage-style silver microphone in the center. The background is dark with some circular patterns. The Queen's College Taunton logo is in the top right corner.

QUEEN'S
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QUEEN'S Unplugged

Friday 20 May
6:30pm

In aid of St Margaret's Hospice

[Book](#)

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A poster for 'HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical' with a bright orange background. It features a large white egg with a crack and a small duckling emerging from it. The title 'HONK!' is in large yellow letters at the top.

HONK!

THE UGLY DUCKLING MUSICAL

24 June
and 26
June



Instrumental Taster Evening

Tuesday 17th May

4.30 - 6.00 pm in the Senior School

Music Department



Want to try something new? The Instrumental Taster Evening is open for anyone to come and try a range of different instruments such as....

Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trombone, Piano, Vocal tuition...*



No previous experience required!

Please speak to Mr Jenkins or Miss Scutt if you are interested in attending to try a particular instrument.



** from 5.30pm onwards*

Bristol Bears Player Development Camp 31 May - 01 June 2022



9:30AM

To

3:30PM

£65.00 (£32.50 Per Day)

Age: U6 (Year 1) - U13 (Year 8)

Book via the Bear's website

www.rugbycamps.co.uk/bristol

Discount code for Queen's pupils: QCTAUNTON10%

10 June 2022
11am—3:15pm

STRING

Day

Southern Sinfonia
The Chamber Orchestra
of Southern England

Come and experience a fantastic day of workshops and performance with the superb Southern Sinfonia at Queen's College as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Open to all student musicians aged 10 and above, playing to Grade 2 level and above on string instruments. The day includes:

- A rehearsal with the Southern Sinfonia's fantastic Artistic Director, Simon Chalk
- Sectional rehearsals with principles from the Southern Sinfonia of Vaughan-Williams' *Concerto Grosso*
- A rehearsal of the *Concerto Grosso* with Simon and the whole of the Southern Sinfonia!
- The opportunity to perform the *Concerto Grosso* with the orchestra as part of their evening concert.
- With lunch provided and no charge for the workshop, early booking is highly recommended!

Join Southern Sinfonia for their Jubilation concert.

In celebration of Her Majesty's reign of dedication and service to the United Kingdom, the orchestra will play music by famous British composers.

10 June 2022 7:30pm- Queen's Hall

[Click here to book](#)



Jubilation

Southern Sinfonia
The Chamber Orchestra
of Southern England

Please note - there will
be a flash sale starting
on 13th May and ending
on 16th May.

Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Reign with
Great British Music

The Lark Ascending

Banks of Green Willow

Vaughan-Williams

Butterworth

Chanson de Matin & Chanson de Nuit

Elgar

Friday 10 June 7.30pm

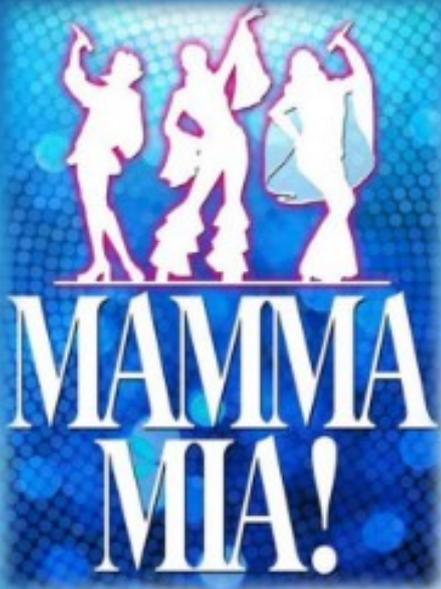


Queen's Hall

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Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470

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IN A DAY!

Voulez-Vous...

be in the show?

MON 27 JUNE

Year 7 to 13 students are invited to join in with a high energy, high fun one-day intensive to rehearse and perform one of the most popular musicals on this planet: MAMMA MIA!

Groups will take a section of the show each, including scenes, ballads and up-tempo numbers to rehearse with all our dance, drama and music teachers; we will then put them together with sound, lighting and scenery to make a light-hearted show for friends and family at 6pm.



Dancing Queen

SOS

I Have a Dream

Waterloo

Chiquitita *I Do I Do I Do*

The Winner Takes It All



We would like EVERYONE to be involved. Whether you are a dedicated musical fan or never set foot on stage normally, why not give it a try? The emphasis is on **FUN!** Also you can sign up to be part of the backstage team for the day, too.

Sign up via our Google form by Wed 25 May