



## That's a Wrap!



### Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

Today's bulletin is delayed slightly from its usual Friday slot so that we might capture the end of term before we break for Easter.

The term was brought to a close with our prize-giving assembly, which celebrated the many achievements of all pupils, with awards for a good number.

We also took the opportunity to say farewell to two senior school staff. Miss Chloe Dolby, modern languages, has been covering Mrs Aisling McGreal's maternity leave. We wish Miss Dolby every success in securing her next role but also

welcome back Mrs McGreal as Head of the Languages faculty. Mr Tom Walter leaves us after two years as Director of Sport, taking on a new challenge in Singapore. Mr Rob Cooling, known to many, will be acting Director of Sport for the summer term before our new Director of Sport takes over in September. We have made a number of excellent staff appointments recently, for the new academic year in September, and I look forward to sharing these with you early next term.

These appointments have been

made necessary by changing structures and also increasing pupil roll. I am delighted to share that there will be a dozen new, permanent pupil additions in the summer in the Senior School (with a further ten in the Prep). Queen's is growing in strength and reputation as the 'family school of choice in the South West'. I reported before the comments of a recent visitor, who saw that 'happiness is at the heart of the school'. I say again, we will remain a small school (700 total, with maximum 500 in the Senior School) so that the special, caring, and happy ethos is retained.

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The final parents' coffee of the term, an Easter Special, was a bumper version with very many happy parents, from all years of the College, in attendance. And an OQ event last weekend - 1998-2003 leavers - certainly seemed to be enjoyed by all, both at school and the after parties!

So, what has been going on for our pupils? There will be detail aplenty in this bumper edition bulletin, so look out for the fabulous Prep school Moana performances, a Maths Feast, a very successful Model United Nations conference, 7s rugby at Rosslyn Park, and 'Super Saturday' house sports.

The music department has been busy, along with supporting Moana, they have hosted in recent weeks: Queen's Unplugged, a spring concert, an informal GCSE music evening, choral evensong at the

Minster and, lastly, an Orchestral Festival on Sunday with c.60 on the stage in the Queen's Hall, supported by professional musicians from Southern Sinfonia and its fabulous conductor, Simon Chalk.

I have had the chance to thank our excellent prefects with a skittles night at the Lamb and Flag. They are a wonderful bunch. Their successors will be appointed after Easter, but applicants have been in interviews and shadowing in recent times.

End of term activities have included a fabulous Brain Day for biologists and psychologists, and a physics trip to the 'awesome' [Diamond Light Source](#) lab in Oxford. and carry on into the holidays, with trips to France and a Gold DofE practice expedition setting off today.

I sign off by wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the busy summer term. Visions of blue skies, cricket matches and barbecues are to the fore.

Best wishes,

*Julian*



# Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the exciting and successful events that have taken place in school over the past week and a half.

We have been delighted to welcome many prospective pupils to our school for taster days, providing them with a glimpse into life at Queen's. As ever, I am very impressed by the support and welcome given to the children by our current pupils. As one recent visitor mentioned, "happiness is at the heart of the school." I am sure there will be many more opportunities for the children to showcase this as interest in the school continues to grow. When we return in April, we will welcome another ten children into the Prep School. The continued interest at this time of year really shows that Queen's is certainly the 'family school of choice in the South West'.

Our Upper Prep children have also been busy representing us in numerous fixtures and events over the past couple of weeks. Last week, we took part in two cross country races and yesterday we held the annual cross country house competition. We are proud of the determination, effort, and enthusiasm shown by the children who competed.

I am also pleased to report that our hockey and netball teams demonstrated exceptional skill, talent, and teamwork in their final fixtures of the year. They have trained hard this term, and although not all results went our way in the final week of fixtures, the teams should be very proud of their achievements.

Reception children had a very enjoyable morning last Thursday, participating in specialist outdoor education lessons.

Our youngest pupils enjoyed a range of activities that helped develop their confidence and independence and once again, there was some food to enjoy cooked on the open fire. It is so important to give the children these experiences and we are delighted to see how much they have gained from these sessions.

At the end of last week we were busy taking the opportunity to film our new website video, showcasing the highlights of our school and the amazing work that our children and staff do on a daily basis. We can't wait to share this with you all and provide a glimpse into life at our wonderful school. Watch this space for new content coming soon!

And who can forget last Friday's excitement as we celebrated our Disney hit show Moana, a huge success! In the morning, the children performed superbly to a busy audience in the matinee show and this was replicated in the evening performance too.



# Prep School

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This really was an incredible show. The effort and enthusiasm from all children that has gone into this performance has been fantastic, and I, for one, am incredibly proud of all who were involved both on stage and in the backstage and tech crews. The show will live long in the memory and the Moana soundtrack will certainly be a feature in car journeys through the holidays.

The final three days of term have been just as busy with a host of end-of-term activities.

Easter Egg hunts, cross country races, awards assemblies (my hand is aching from signing so many certificates!), creative competitions and of course the inter house swim gala. There's never a quiet day at Queen's and we have all thoroughly enjoyed the final few days in school.

As we hit the end of term I reflect on how lucky we are to be part of this wonderful community, and as we head into spring and the Easter break, there is a real sense of hope and purpose around the school.

We look forward to many more exciting opportunities and events in the term ahead, and hopefully, some drier and warmer weather too.

*Have a great Easter and I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks time.*

*Henry*

## Easter at Queen's!

The pupils have been getting into the spirit of Easter this week at Queen's, with Easter eggs hunts galore!





# Nursery Round-up

## Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



Puddleducks have been focusing on oral health. Along with their dentist role to re-enact their knowledge, they have had the opportunity to learn about healthy foods for our teeth and bodies as well as why we have our teeth and how we can keep them clean. The Puddleducks children have also enjoyed being involved in the development of the garden areas in preparation for the summer, and have enjoyed longer days out in the garden now the weather is a lot warmer.

Tigglywinkles have also been in their garden this week planting sunflowers. Time outside has been enjoyed developing their ball control skills as well as continuing their enjoyment of using individual water pots to go around the garden painting with water.

Cottontails room have continued to enjoy their home corner role play this week and it has been a delight to see some of the babies finding the confidence to show us their new walking skills at nursery.



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



The Nursery School children enjoyed the sunshine as they walked around the College grounds as part of their onsite Forest School session. Armed with clipboards, pencils and paper they went on an investigation to see what they could observe and recorded their findings in picture format.

Other activities this week have included watching the Year 1 children practise their class assembly where they learnt more about growing beans, whilst classroom activities included sensory experiences using cornflour and washing babies from the role play area.

Across the week, each child has had the opportunity to express their imagination as they retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in their own worlds to an adult who recorded their version of events on the computer. These instead of which will be printed off as a keepsake to take home. The children's imaginations were evident as they shared some wonderful descriptive vocabulary and displayed their pre-reading readiness to bring the story to life.





# Moana

"I am Moana"



What an epic production! Two full audiences were transported to Motonui, to witness the beautiful set, impressive boat, colourful costumes and lots of excitement. The production comprised just over 50 members of Years 4, 5 and 6, including actors, singers, dancers, tech support

and backstage support. Many of the pupils sang, danced and spoke and really enjoyed the challenge offered by all three.

It was an ambitious production for young performers, with most speaking taking place over music, along with plenty of solo and chorus sung numbers. With the help of a team of staff and Senior School pupils to

"get the show on the road", we worked hard to prepare for performance.

There are a lot of skills to learn to be a part of such a big theatre company on a large stage and our young cast worked hard to do this.

Radio mics were a constant source of fascination and yet so important to project sound on the stage. At times, it was difficult to accept that the accomplished singing and acting in Moana was from Prep school aged children.

Our production was double cast for the lead roles: Moana, Maui, Chief Sina, Tui, Gramma Tala and Tamatoa, so each performance was to be different. The children's resilience and confidence on stage was outstanding and there were too many wonderful performances to mention individuals. We are incredibly proud of the children and their achievement in Moana. **More photos can be viewed [here](#).**



# Moana

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# Prep School

## Prep Sports Round-up

The U8 boys had a great Saturday morning, learning a huge amount about the seven aside game of hockey. They worked tirelessly throughout the morning and were a credit to the school.



On Monday afternoon, we welcomed West Buckland for our last set of Netball matches for Year 3 and 4. We mixed up schools to have a

lovely festival style event, however the girls level of play and recall of the rules was impressive. Well done to all the Year 3 and 4 girls who have made fantastic progress this term.

Also on Monday, sixteen of our children were out running cross country at Kings. All the children worked so hard running in a field of 170, with the majority finishing in the top half of finishers. Well done to our top three runners Bradley (14), Ben (17) and Rosie (20).

Wednesday saw the last of our fixtures for this term. The Year 5 and 6 girls had some tough games against Blundell's who were very strong, however, you could not fault the determination of all our netball sides. Never giving up and being resilient is part of playing sport. The boys also played Blundell's and they had a great afternoon of hockey. The U10 teams did fantastically well and scored a number of goals, the U11A who were playing Wellington also did well.

Thank you so much for all your support this term, and to the staff for their continued efforts to support every child to play at their best. Roll of the sun now and some cricket!

## Year 1 - Class Assembly



Year 1 showed the whole of Prep School and parents their fantastic learning that they have done this half term in their class assembly on Thursday.

The children worked hard to remember their lines and we are very proud of them for having the confidence to speak in front of so many people. They also sang a very catchy song 'Roots, Stem, Leaves, Flowers'- we apologise to parents as I am sure Year 1 children will be singing this song throughout the Easter Holidays. Well done Year 1!



# Prep School

## Year 2 String Performance

Last Friday, the Year 2 string players performed for the first time to a Pre-Prep audience. After only two terms of learning the violin or cello the children were able to play a number of pieces in time together, thoroughly enjoying the experience of sharing their musical talents with their friends.



## Spring Has Sprung



On the first day of Spring, the pupil's school kitchen garden is coming to life, and we welcome our new Spring school arrivals with photos that will leave 'ewe' smiling.

What better way to welcome spring than to meet our newborn lambs? Our delightful lambs in the fields just a short distance from school are far from 'sheepish' when they met Year 6 pupil Isabelle.

You may have 'heard' of the success of our Queen's College celebrity TV pigs last year, now we are taking it one step further rearing Queen's College lambs thanks to the enormous help and support of Isabelle's parents. Initially, we were looking to rear just

two school lambs but after a moment of 'shear' brilliance we now have three school lambs - two rams and one ewe.

Back in school, we have also been celebrating Spring by enjoying the green shoots of success as the leaves of our pupil's first spring salad lettuces have started to emerge, along with the taller garlic shoots and not to forget the bright pinkish red stalks of the rhubarb. Pupils have had to wait a whole year from planting before they can think about harvesting the first tangy and tart Queen's College rhubarb, perfect for pies and crumbles!





# Prep School

## Trinity Music Exam Results

We received the Prep children's Trinity music exam results recently, congratulations to the following pupils:

- Q Thomas Year 3 initial grade recorder
- Q Emilie Year 3, initial grade recorder
- Q Oliver Year 3, initial grade recorder
- Q Rebekah Year 3, initial grade recorder
- Q Poppy Year 4, grade 1 violin
- Q Timisayo Year 4, grade 2 violin
- Q Ruby Year 4, initial grade piano
- Q Elizabeth Year 4, initial grade piano
- Q Timisayo Year 4, grade 2 piano
- Q Cora Year 6, grade 2 singing



## Final Assembly

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the below awards at the end of term assembly:



Pre-Prep Awards	
Reception	Molly - for progressing so well and developing in all areas
Reception	Raphael - for working so hard both socially and academically
Year 1	Olivia - for her increased independence in all of her lessons.
Year 1	Charlotte -for working hard with her writing and reading.
Year 1	Haitham -for being a kind and considerate friend to everyone
Year 1	Clemmie - for working incredibly hard in all of her lessons.
Year 2	Emily - for being such a hard working and caring member of the class.
Year 2	Albie -for working methodically in Maths to solve word problems.
Year 2	Aurora - for excellent focus in lessons and for trying her best in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 2	Frankie - for working incredibly hard with her reading speed and for the excellent progress that she's made this term.



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Pre-Prep Physical Education	
Reception	Rory - for always trying his best in lessons and making fantastic progress in PE.
Reception	Elowyn - for always listening exceptionally well in lessons, working hard and making fantastic progress in Yoga and Dance.
Year 1	Nozomu - for working exceptionally hard in lessons and showing fantastic progress and good tactical awareness in games.
Year 1	Frida - for always listening exceptionally well in lessons, working hard and making fantastic progress in Games and Dance.
Year 2	Jonah - for always working hard in lessons and making fantastic progress in hockey and tennis.
Year 2	Connie - for always listening exceptionally well in lessons, trying her best and making excellent progress in hockey and tennis.
Pancake Race (House Competition)	
Blackdowns	
Learning Support	
Livi (Year 6) - for a positive attitude	

General Knowledge	
Year 6 individual winners	Shanvi and Ben
Year 5 individual winner	Ibrahim
Year 4 individual winner	Seb
Year 3 individual winner	Ege
Winning house	Quantocks

Hockey	
Henry Cup (most improved boy)	Harry (Year 5)
Colours	Bradley (Year 6) and Luis (Year 6)
Vincent Cup (Best all-round contribution)	Bradley (Year 6)
Lewis Cup (House competition)	1. Mendips 2. Quantocks 3. Blackdowns 4. Brendons

Netball	
Eagle Cup (most improved girl)	Eva-Bella Savva and Eliza Messom
Dragon Cup (best all-round contribution)	Charlotte (Year 6)
Shewring Cup (House competition)	1. Mendips (Goal difference +14) 2. Quantocks (+4) 3. Brendons 4. Blackdown



# Prep School

## Final Assembly

Cross Country	
Ireson Cup (5/6 boy)	Ben
Year 5 boy	Rintaro
Riddel Trophy (5/6 girl)	Rosie
Year 5 girl	Hester
Junker Cup (¾ boy)	Thomas
Year 3 boy	Seb
Junior Girls (¾ girl)	Poppy
Year 3 girl	Imogen
Lee-Smith X-Country Cup	Mendips

Sports Commendations	
Year 5	Ria and Ibrahim
Year 4	Sebastian and Olivia
Year 3	Eva and Tom

Creative and Performing Arts Awards	
<b>Art (effort and attainment)</b>	Juno (Year 5)
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Sasha Orchestra Cup</b>	Charlotte (Year 6)
<b>Choir Cup</b>	Cora (Year 6) and Mabel (Year 6)
<b>Instrumental Cup</b>	Madison (Year 6)
<b>Drama</b>	
<b>Drama Cup</b>	Grace Year 6

General	
<b>Pillar Cup (most plus points)</b>	Ibrahim (Year 5)
<b>Birch Cup (Kind, considerate, thoughtful and caring behaviour)</b>	Oliver (Year 6)
<b>Elaine Dixon Cup (Most progress / improvement in a term)</b>	Sheldon (Year 6)
<b>House Points Salver</b>	Quantocks



# Super Saturday!

## Hockey, Netball and Badminton House Trophies!



Our usual end of term Super Saturday event saw the pupils compete for the hockey, netball and badminton House trophies.

With a term of sport under the belts, the pupils took to the pitches and courts to face off against their peers in some 'friendly' House matches. However, friendships were put to one side as the players prioritised winning for their Houses and the competition was fierce.

Across all sports, there was an excellent display of skill and passion, resulting in some high level, competitive action. The badminton was the first to draw to a close, with French House claiming the overall victory with the boys' and girls' scores combined. Junior Hockey and Netball saw Barnicott and French collect the trophies, respectively. As the afternoon played out, the ice cream van turned a significant profit as the players refuelled between matches. Both the Inter and Senior Netball was eventually won by Woolmer after some close final matches, and the hockey went to Woolmer (Inter) and Ray (Senior) to wrap up a successful day.

Well done to all of the pupils for representing their Houses so well, and a big thank you to all of the catering, grounds and sports staff who helped to make the day a success.





# Super Saturday!

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# Cups and Colours

## Final Assembly



<b>Netball</b>	
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Claire Year 11 and Maeve Year 13
<b>Full Colours re-awarded to:</b>	Pippa Year 13 and Millie Year 13
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Emily Year 12, Osa Year 13, Edie Year 13, Jeniffer Year 13, Tansy Year 13 and Beatrice Year 12
<b>Hockey</b>	
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Jacob Year 12, Jonty Year 12, Joel Year 12 and Hayden Year 12
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Sam Year 13 and Harry Year 12
<b>Cross Country</b>	
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Franky Year 12
<b>Basketball</b>	
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Michael Year 12
<b>Equestrian</b>	
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Francesca Lawrence
<b>Football</b>	
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Fernando Year 11, Monty Year 13 and Ollie Year 11

# Cups and Colours

## Final Assembly



### Headmaster's Team of the Term

#### Netball

1st - Osa, Year 13  
2nd - Hannah, Year 12  
3rd - Lucy Year 13  
U15A - Hannah, Year 10  
U15B - Olivia, Year 10  
U14A - Rebecca, Year 9  
U13A - Annabelle, Year 8  
U13B - India, Year 7  
U13C - Sophie, Year 8  
U12A - Bea, Year 7  
U12B - Holly, Year 7  
U12C - Alma, Year 7

#### Hockey

1st - Monty, Year 13  
2nd - Tadhg, Year 13  
U15A - Mo, Year 10  
U15B - Henry, Year 10  
U14 - Tristan, Year 9  
U13A - Oliver, Year 8  
U13B - Max, Year 7  
U13C - Joe, Year 7  
U13D - Jacob, Year 8

#### Cross Country

Senior Boy - Frankie, Year 12  
Inter Boy - Isaac, Year 9  
Junior Boy - Jayden, Year 7

Senior Girl - Yas, Year 12  
Inter Girl - Megan, Year 10  
Junior Girl - Megan, Year 8

#### Football

Senior - Frankie, Year 12  
Inter - Reece, Year 10  
Junior - Alvaro, Year 8



# Cups and Colours

## Final Assembly



### Music

<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Tom, Year 13 and Rosie, Year 12
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Karen, Year 13 and Hannah, Year 12

### Performing Arts

<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Emily, Year 12
<b>Full Colours re-awarded to:</b>	Rosie, Year 12 and Freya, Year 12
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Lily, Year 12

### Physical Education

<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Competition Climbing: Thomas, Year 13
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Canoe Polo: Will, Year 13 and Ted Year 13  Competition Climbing: Jake Year 13

### Cups

<b>Netball</b>	Junior (Years 7 and 8)	French
	Intermediate (Years 9 and 10)	Woolmer
	Senior (Years 11-13)	Woolmer
<b>Hockey</b>	Junior (Years 7 and 8)	Barnicott
	Intermediate (Years 9 and 10)	Woolmer
	Senior (Years 11-13)	Ray
<b>Swimming</b>	Junior (Years 7 and 8)	Barnicott
<b>Badminton</b>	Senior	French
<b>Outdoor Pursuits</b>	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards	Emily Davies, Emily Handel, Sophie Lowe and Joseph Naguib

# Senior School

## Sports Round-up



Rosslyn Park National 7's Tournament



The rescheduled county tournaments for the U19s and U15s were last Thursday.

The 1st VII netball team put together some impressive performances in this year's County Tournament. Starting strong against Downside they came away with an impressive win in a short 14 minute game.

The second and most exciting match was against Wells Cathedral school which ended with a nail biting 10 all draw. Matches against King's College, Taunton, Huish and overall winners King's Bruton were in quick succession.

We put together some outstanding performances but narrowly lost these matches to leave us in a respectable 4th Place overall. Well done Team!

Last Wednesday the U12s and 13s netball teams faced Exeter Cathedral School and were delighted to come away with two wins from three. The match of the day was the C team who won 10-4 in a thrilling game that saw some end to end play, but the Queen's girls ultimately won with great shooting by Melanie, sterling defence from Charlotte and beautiful midcourt play between Ruby and Alma.

The U15B boys hockey team saved their best performance for the last match of the season, securing an impressive 5-0 win against Clayesmore. Relentless in attack, Harrison, Alex and Henry dominated the opposition half for most of the game. Javier scored his first ever goal in a hockey match and Cyrus had his first experience of a competitive match. Well done to all the players this season and congratulations on your improvement.

The U18 Boys Rugby 7's team travelled to London to take part in the world's largest rugby 7's tournament at Rosslyn Park. With over 200 schools participating over one week, it truly was a spectacle! Following a heavy defeat in their opening match, the boys pulled together and showed what they are capable of. An impressive improvement in the second game saw James claim a well worked and well deserved try. The third and final game was the best of the day and the boys pulled out all the stops to put on a brave display, missing out narrowly on a victory. Congratulations and thanks to all of the rugby players this year for their commitment and stoical approach to the season.

Read the full sports report [here](#).



# Senior School

## Equestrian Update



Queen's College had a successful Equestrian weekend. Congratulations to Francesca and her horse Willie Jo, who placed 6th in the 100cm and 1st in the 1.10m gaining them a place in the Championships.

Harriet also had a great jump in the Sunshine. Lovely to see the Equestrian team out enjoying the day!

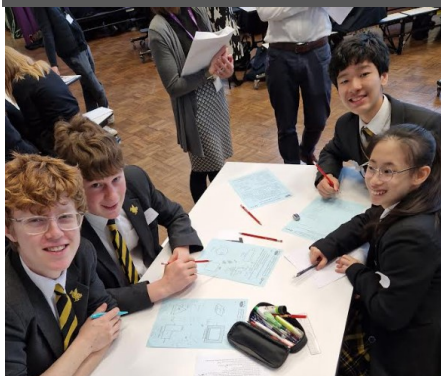
## Lily Year 7 Attends VIP Football Match in Aid of Armed Forces



Lily in Year 7 was lucky enough to be a VIP attendee at a football match at Plymouth Argyle football club on Saturday 18 March where she was hosted by the owner Simon Hallett. The event was aimed at supporting our Armed Forces and she attended with her stepmother Polly who is the Regional Air Officer for the Royal Air Force.

The Army, Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force recruiting stands were represented and the crowd of 16,300 were entertained by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. She also met the General Manager of the women's team Elaine Dalton-Fyfe who explained how much more popular the women's game is becoming after the England National squad won the UEFA European Championship in 2022.

## AMSP Maths Feast



Two teams of Queen's students travelled to Bath to take part in the AMSP Maths Feast.

This is a team event for groups of four Year 10 students competing against schools from all over the South West. The competition consists of four very challenging rounds covering all sorts of real world problems as well as maths they haven't seen before (but have the ability to decipher).

One round even had them using polygons to estimate values of pi. The team consisting of Adam, Alfie, Jason and Karis did amazingly well on the logic true or false questions and

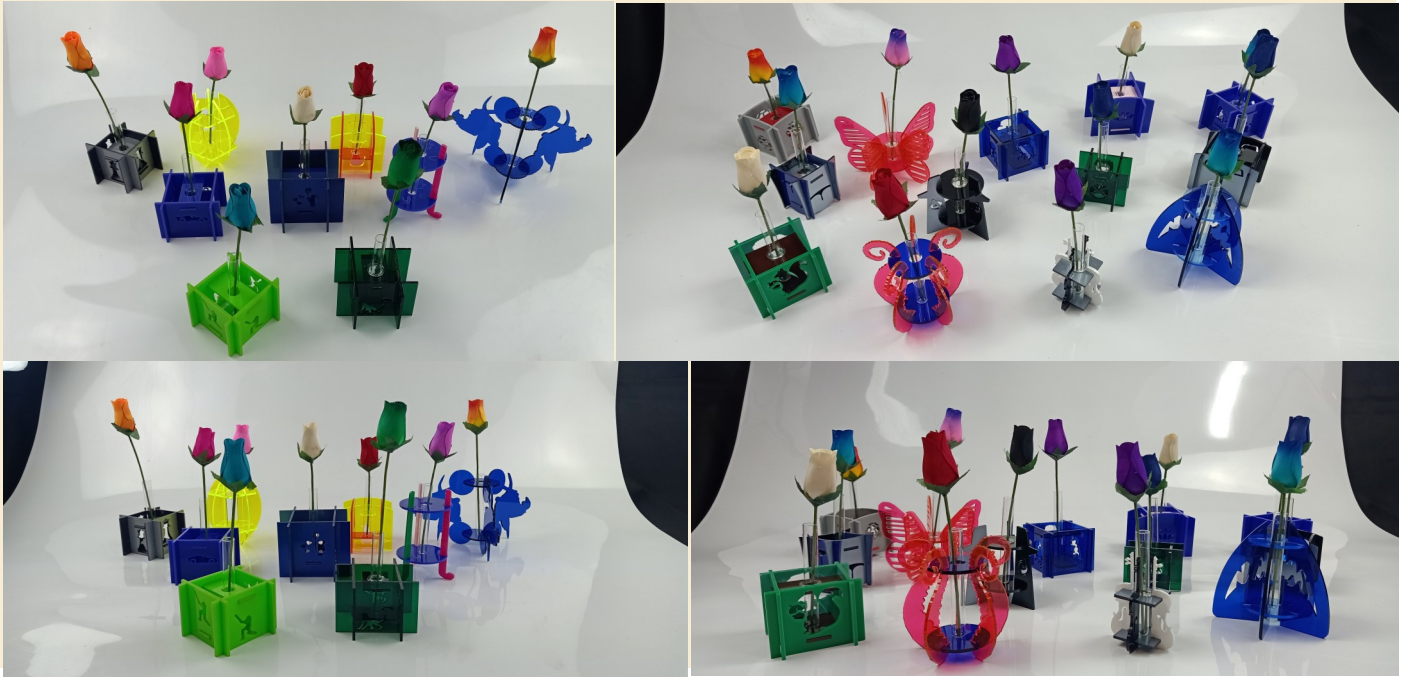
managed to win that round. They were just beaten overall by one mark however by the team consisting of Alex, Angela, Jane and Will. Out of the 20 teams taking part Queen's managed respectable 8th and 9th places. A big well done to all involved for a fun day of very tricky maths, and special mention to Josh in Year 12 who came with us for the day to manage the second team.



# Senior School

## Year 8 CAD Project

This term Year 8 have been learning new CAD (Computer Aided Design) skills which culminated in these fantastic set of projects, they look fabulous!



## Choral Evensong - Sunday 19 March 2023



Last Sunday, the College Choir had the opportunity and privilege to sing Choral Evensong at Taunton Minster, the large and beautiful church in the heart of Taunton. Evensong is one of the main services of the Anglican church and the sections of the texts have been set to music by English composers for centuries.

Following a detailed and constructive rehearsal (and refreshments kindly provided by the Minster staff), the choir led the service at 5.00pm. Sung elements included Psalm 31, the Preces and Responses set by Reading, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D minor by Walmisley and the anthem, 'Hear My Prayer' by Mendelssohn, featuring soloists Karen and Fallon. The Choir performed magnificently, coping with this range of cathedral standard music

with skill and enthusiasm; it was clear that they relished the opportunity to sing in such an acoustic that Taunton Minster affords, and filled the space with some glorious singing.

We were very lucky that Taunton Minster's Organist and Choirmaster, Mr Miles Quick was accompanying us with consummate skill on the magnificent Willis organ, which added such sparkle to the performances; many thanks to him for his wholehearted support and to the Minster staff for allowing us to sing Evensong. Afterwards we all walked round the corner to Wildwood to enjoy a meal together which allowed a great social opportunity and rounded off a great afternoon. Many congratulations to the College Choir on their achievement and no doubt this will be the first of many Choral Evensongs.



# The Crucible

## From the Cast and Crew's Perspective

Our cast and crew have received overwhelming positive feedback from their recent production of The Crucible. We asked a few of the cast and crew members to tell us a bit more about what it is like to assist perform in the show from their perspective.



"I thoroughly enjoyed my whole experience of being involved in 'The Crucible', from the regular rehearsals to the show week itself. Not only did the small cast make for a supportive environment but it also meant that each of us played a key role within the play, allowing us to individually develop our acting abilities.

I personally relished the challenge of performing a play which in the past I have found daunting in comparison with musicals and dance shows. In addition it was interesting to perform in the wyvern hall as, despite it lacking all of the spectacular lighting and effects of the Queen's hall, it managed to provide an extremely atmospheric setting."

**Rosie Year 12**

"The Crucible was a fantastic play to be a part of. The stage was amazing with the candles adding so much atmosphere. The acting was amazing to do and the execution was even more incredible. Overall an excellent play to do and very enjoyable."

**Rosie Year 9**

I have been very much the apprentice on this production: it has been the first time I have ever worked on a play performance, and I have learned a lot. It has been a pleasure to engage with Literature in a different way (no essays!) and I am very much looking forward to doing it again.

**Mrs Litton**

# Senior School

Spring Concert - 19 March 2023



What a stellar night of music! The ensembles of Queen's College were out in force to show what they are capable of and they certainly did not disappoint! In fact it started before the concert technically as the Chamber Ensemble played movement from the Water Music by Handel to the gathering audience in the foyer. The concert kicked off with the String Orchestra in fine fettle; a sprightly rendition of the first movement of the Albinoni Oboe concerto in D minor featuring skilled oboist Georgie was followed by a lush and warm rendition of the Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte. They then returned to the Baroque with movements from Bach's Orchestral Suite in B minor with Head Girl Pippa as soloist. The ensemble was tight and controlled, especially in the fiendish Badinerie. Next up were the Concert Choir, made up exclusively from Year 7 and 8 pupils; performing all their music from memory, the audience enjoyed three varied pieces sung very well, 'Bruce' from the musical Matilda, 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and a Jackson 5 mashup.



This ensemble is certainly one to watch in the future! In their first outing the Junior String Quartet played with confidence and

panache in their arrangement of 'Over The Rainbow'. Finishing off the first half, the College Choir performed two pieces with their usual professionalism; 'Hear My Prayer' by Mendelssohn, with solos from Karen and Fallon, and a lively arrangement of 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay.

A short interval later, the second half was kicked off by the Senior String Quartet were in fine form with a very entertaining Una Bow Serenade by Haydn (played with one bow between four!) followed by a stylish and suave Havana by Cabello. The Chamber Choir provided two pieces with a brilliant level of balance and clarity; 'O Sing Joyfully' by Batten and an upbeat arrangement of 'I've Got Rhythm' by Gershwin. The Middle School Orchestra took to the stage with their well prepared and engaging performances of highlights from 'Harry Potter' by Williams, Lloyd-Webber's 'Pie Jesu' and the finale from the New World Symphony by Dvorak. Rounding off the evening, Wind Band took to the stage and performed four pieces with consummate skill and musicship; the theme from 'Mission Impossible', the Washington Post, a smooth Arioso by Bach and finishing with a rousing 'Everybody Needs Somebody'.



A packed and varied concert programme, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and certainly shows the high standards of music that Queen's is renowned for.



# Senior School

## Community Iftar Celebration



This month is Ramadan, a period of fasting and reflection for Muslims all around the world.

Staff, pupils, and members of the wider community came together this week to celebrate the end of the daily fast, known as 'Iftar'. The event provided an opportunity for staff and pupils (who may or may not be observing Ramadan) to partake in the ambience of Ramadan in the pupil's Kitchen Garden Restaurant and have the traditional Iftar feast together to gain a greater understanding of Ramadan.

This is a testament to how Queen's College values different views and beliefs to ensure all pupils, staff, parents, and the wider community feel recognised and feel a strong sense of inclusivity", said Mr. Mann, Head of Faculty of Art, Design, and Food.

Mr. Higgs, Head of Design and Technology, who came up with the initial idea added, "hosting this event allowed many pupils and staff to experience their very first Iftar and have the opportunity to sit together on one big table and enjoy many wonderful culturally diverse food dishes. The open-mindedness and enthusiasm shown by all really showed the spirit of Queen's College and how we are dedicated to furthering diversity and inclusion for all communities and within all aspects of the school".

To read the full story click [here](#).

## Art Update



Thank you to Mr Nieuwenhuis for picking up the potters wheel for our art department which had been donated to the school. Also thanks to John and Barry from our maintenance team for helping to lift it.

Below is a photograph of the first outdoor sculpture to be

completed in Miss Spall's ceramic club! Well done Smiley, You You and Charis!



## Year 7 and 8 Trip



Year 7 and 8 girls went to watch Team Bath take on Saracens. Team Bath were leading the whole match but Saracens made an epic comeback in the final quarter to take the final score to 66-62.

The girls were lucky enough to meet Superleague shooter Ine-Marie who signed autographs and posed beautifully for many selfies.

# MUN

## Queen's Hosts MUN Conference



Last weekend, Queen's had the privilege of hosting QUMUN 2023 - this is the Model United Nations conference for Queen's. We had an amazing turnout of over 100 people committing to arrive early Saturday morning. The atmosphere of the event and the various committees was very professional and we were very pleased with how all delegates presented themselves. The opening ceremony was an incredible experience and our guest speaker, Dr Chris McMurdo gave a fantastic speech about his life in diplomacy.

Model United Nations is a re-enactment of the United Nations for students where the premise is that the students themselves organise, run and chair the event. The various committees look at world issues and delegates debate these issues from the viewpoint of the countries which have been allocated to them. This of course may mean that students (delegates) have to adopt views they may not share themselves personally.

The idea is that a resolution is built by the committee; clauses are submitted and debated by the delegates and then the resolution is debated as a whole. It will then pass or fail and replicates the process undertaken by the United Nations. The last event of the day is the General Assembly; a fictional emergency scenario (which is loosely based on possible real world events) is placed before the delegates and again, the countries try to build a resolution to resolve that situation.

The group of delegates were made up of over 100 students from a variety of different schools and colleges from the South West and Wales together with 10 of our own students. The day was full of intellectual and fruitful debate which culminated in a lively General Assembly on the fictional scenario of North Korea landing a missile in South Korea. All of the material was drafted and chaired by our own Queen's students, the quality of which was commented on by visiting staff and students alike.

We were thrilled that QUMUN is back on the MUN map and that students from across the South West, including an increasing number from Queen's itself, are enjoying the opportunity to lobby, debate and speak publicly about the issues that will ultimately shape their world in years to come.

**To read the full story, including a piece from our pupils click [here](#).**



# Orchestral Festival

It was a sight and sound to behold!



On Sunday 26th we held our first annual Orchestral Festival at Queen's and it really lived up to high expectations.

Led by the Artistic Director of the Southern Sinfonia, our Orchestra-In-Residence, Simon Chalk together with leads from the orchestra and our own talented visiting music teachers, the day consisted of various sectional and whole orchestra rehearsals where 60 students from Queen's and the wider community worked on three pieces for a concert at the end of the day.

Using a variety of venues around the school, the whole site was alive with music, apart from when we took a break for brunch!



At 3.30 parents and friends packed the Queen's Hall to hear what we had achieved and were amazed by what they heard. In the space of just a few hours, the students had produced three polished performances of pieces they saw for the first time at 10.30!

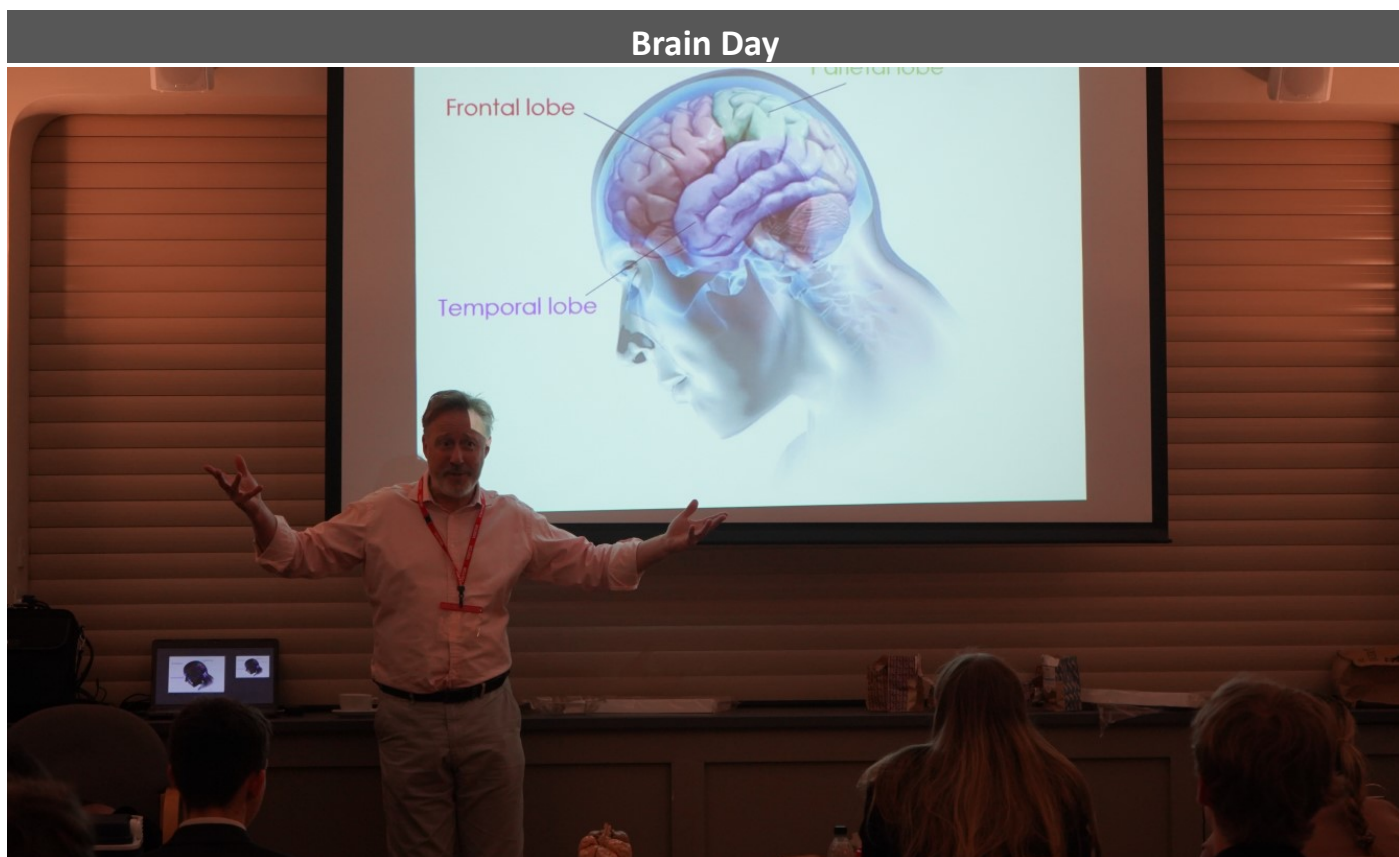
The day also provided an exciting glimpse into the world of the professional orchestra with our leads passing on their knowledge and experience.

It was a fabulous day and an event that will become a permanent fixture in the Queen's calendar. Many thanks to all those who took part and especially to the skilled musicians who made it such a unique and special day.





# Sixth Form



Queen's College was visited by Dr Guy Sutton, director of Medical Biology Interactive and honorary consultant assistant professor at the University of Nottingham Medical School. Dr Sutton has run Brain Day for our biology and psychology students for many years. Dr Sutton spoke with the students and enhanced their knowledge of the structure of the brain and the neuroscience of consciousness and death.

Year 13 then explored the effects of cannabis and ketamine on the brain both short and long term and its ability to adapt and change when affected by lack of sleep, brain damage and substance abuse. Students were then able to see a sheep dissection where they were able to examine the specimen pieces up close.



In the final lecture, Dr Sutton talked about advancements in neuro-technology, the future possibility of telepathy – to many pupils' amazement – and how the brain can be linked to crime.

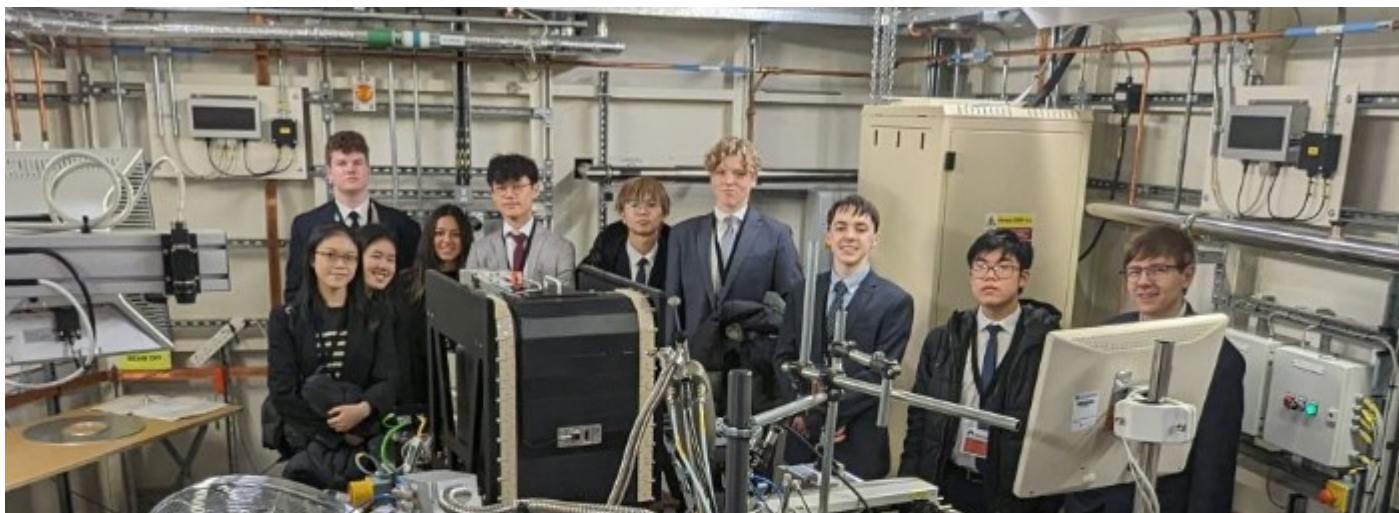
There was an opportunity to ask many varied questions about brain anatomy and mental disorders, among many other topics.

Dr Sutton then spoke with year 11 and 12 scholars about the future advancements of the brain and the possible technology that we could be using in the coming years. As always his talk was informative and appreciated by all students that attended.



# Sixth Form

## A Level Trip to see the Diamond Light Source



On Tuesday, fifteen of our A-level science pupils went on an expedition to discover how a gigantic particle accelerator is being used to solve science, engineering and historical problems at one of the UK's largest collaborative scientific projects, the [Diamond Light Source](#) (DLS) at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus near Oxford.

Earlier in the year we were lucky enough to win a ballot for a place on one of the rare school tours of the DLS, which is not normally open to the public. We arrived refreshed at the DLS at 10 am for a fascinating talk about the project followed by a guided tour of the experiment by some of the scientists and engineers who work on the project. **To read more on this story, click [here](#).**

# Boarders' Corner

## National Sibling Day



As 'National Siblings Day' falls on 10th April (during the Easter holiday) we decided to have an early celebration on Saturday 25th for our Boarding siblings who live in other houses.

The School House older siblings welcomed their younger brothers and sister for a three course meal planned and cooked between them.

It was an excellent evening which included games. Maybe the younger siblings will return the invitation next time!



# Boarders' Corner

Cotlake House



Cotlake House had a 'Crealy' fantastic day out in the spring sunshine this Sunday.

## Horse Riding

Some of our older Boarders enjoyed some horse riding the weekend before last! The weather wasn't great but they had a fantastic time!



## Puppies!



Mr and Mrs Cooling's dog Scout and Mr and Mrs Wilde's dog Ruga are the proud parents of 11 Labrador puppies.

They are Queen's pups through and through and have made lots of the students very happy through their many cuddles already!





# OQ Reunion

Old Queenians 20 Years on ...



On the evening of 18 March, the Wyvern Hall was packed and buzzed with the animated chatter of 90 people from the moment they arrived until it was time to leave five hours later. For some, the conversation had begun in the afternoon with a tour of the school and many extended the occasion into the early hours of the morning at a popular venue in town. These were school friends who had left Queen's between 1998 and 2002.

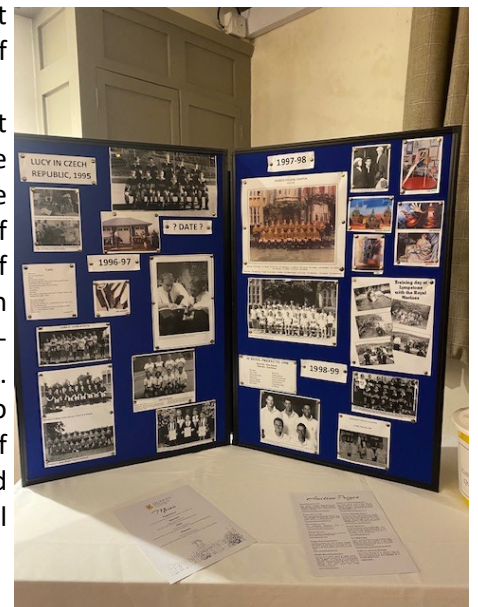
The leavers of 2000 had planned to mark 20 years as OQs with a reunion in 2020 but the pandemic put pay to that. The death of one of their number, **Lucy Broadley (1993-2000)**, last year prompted them to revive the idea. In tribute to Lucy they decided to make the event not only a social occasion but an opportunity to raise money for the Foundation, specifically to help past pupils who encounter mental health issues, problems of addiction, bereavement or life-changing hardship.



This initiative originated from and was driven by **Miranda Shearer (1995-2000)** whose energy and determination ensured the idea was realised. The credit for a hugely successful event is hers.

During the dessert course an auction of 11 lots was held which those in the room engaged with enthusiastically. Bids for items as varied as a dinner date for two, one night stays in an 18<sup>th</sup> century home, a dumpy bag of logs and a one-hour massage raised over £1200. Entertainment was included with comedy provided by Laura Lex who kept energies high with some laughs, and **Jon Patchitt (1993-98)** and his band who provided some music at the latter end of the evening.

On display were pictures of sports teams, drama productions, house events, trips abroad, DoE expeditions, artwork and so on featuring many, if not all, of those at the reunion. Of particular interest, at least to those featured, were facial photos of all the leavers of 2000, collected in two large glass-framed boards. It's always fun to be reminded of what you looked like in school uniform.



# News and Announcements

## Key Dates And Save The Dates

Boarders Heathrow Bus	30 March
Ten Tors	14 - 15 April
Boarders Return	17 April
First day of Summer Term	18 April
Speech Day Prep	05 July
Speech Day Senior	06 July
Summer Ball	06 July

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

## Bulletin Update

Please note this will be the last Bulletin of the Spring term. The next Bulletin will be issued Friday 28 April 2023.

If your child is up to something exciting or different this half term, we would love for you to send us a short description and some photographs to [marketing@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:marketing@queenscollege.org.uk). Have a lovely half term!

### Garry Hogg: Running Marathons for Charity



Congratulations to Gerry Hogg, who's book, 'Running Marathons for Charity' is published this week.

Gerry, a former member of our Grounds Team, starting writing the book while working at Queen's. A passionate and talented runner, he supported our Cross-country and athletics teams - primarily helping with the endurance athletes.

Gerry has run over 35 marathons, and raised a considerable sum of money for charity over the years - he is hoping that his book will support many more with the same dream of marathon running.

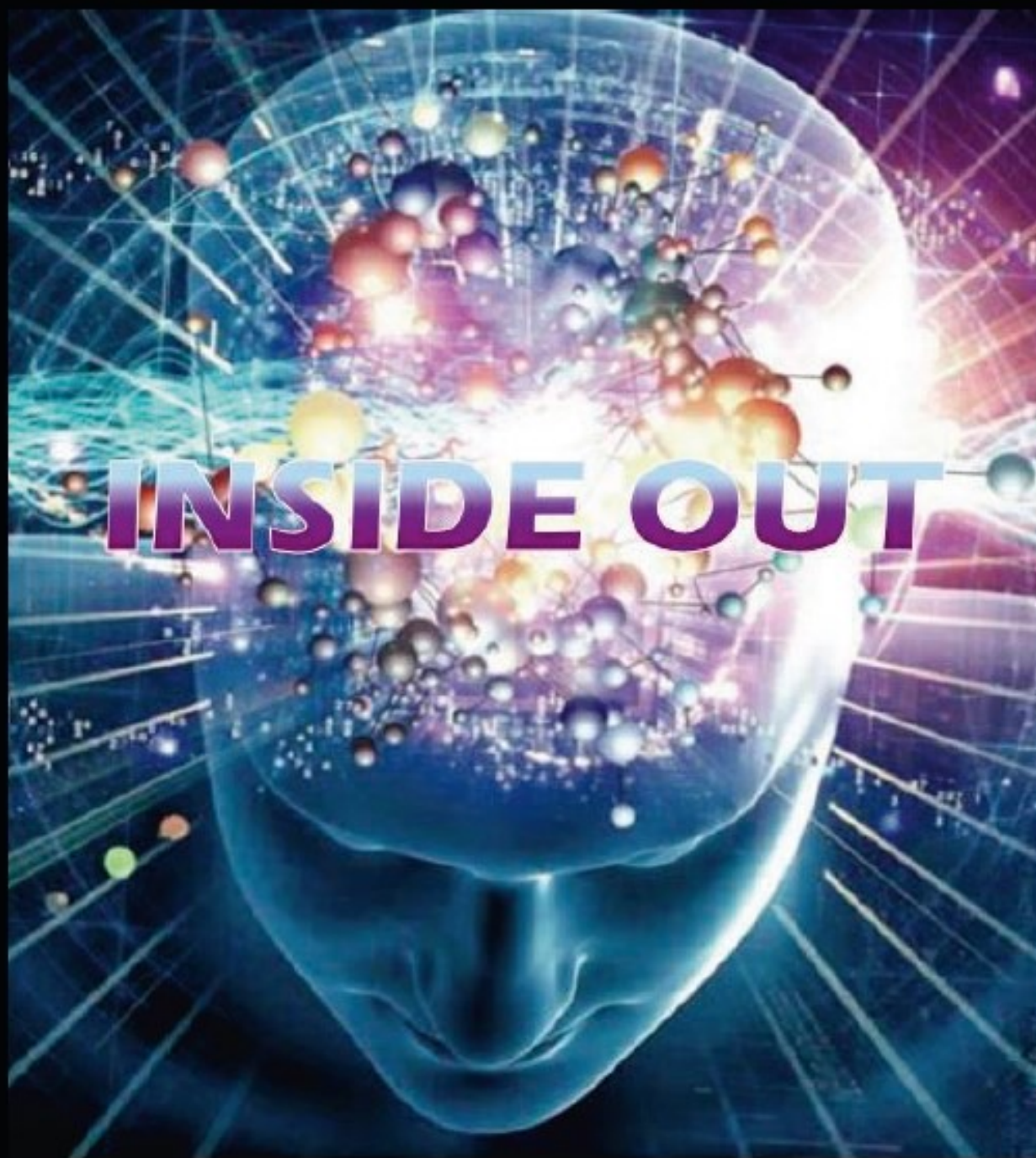
Queen's College was an integral part of his book project, and even features artwork by students!

### Prep School: Children in Need

A huge thank you to all the pupils and parents in the Prep School who supported Comic Relief. We raised a huge £368.94.







**A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MIND IN MUSIC & DANCE**

**27 – 28 April 23**

Dance is thriving at Queen's College, and last year over 80 students of all ages came together for the incredible dance and music show, *Zodiac*.

*Inside Out* is another exciting fusion of all forms of music and dance, including ballet, contemporary and hip hop alongside a wide variety of instrumental solos. Inspired by the popular Pixar movie, the show melds many styles to explore the human mind and our complex and evolving emotions.

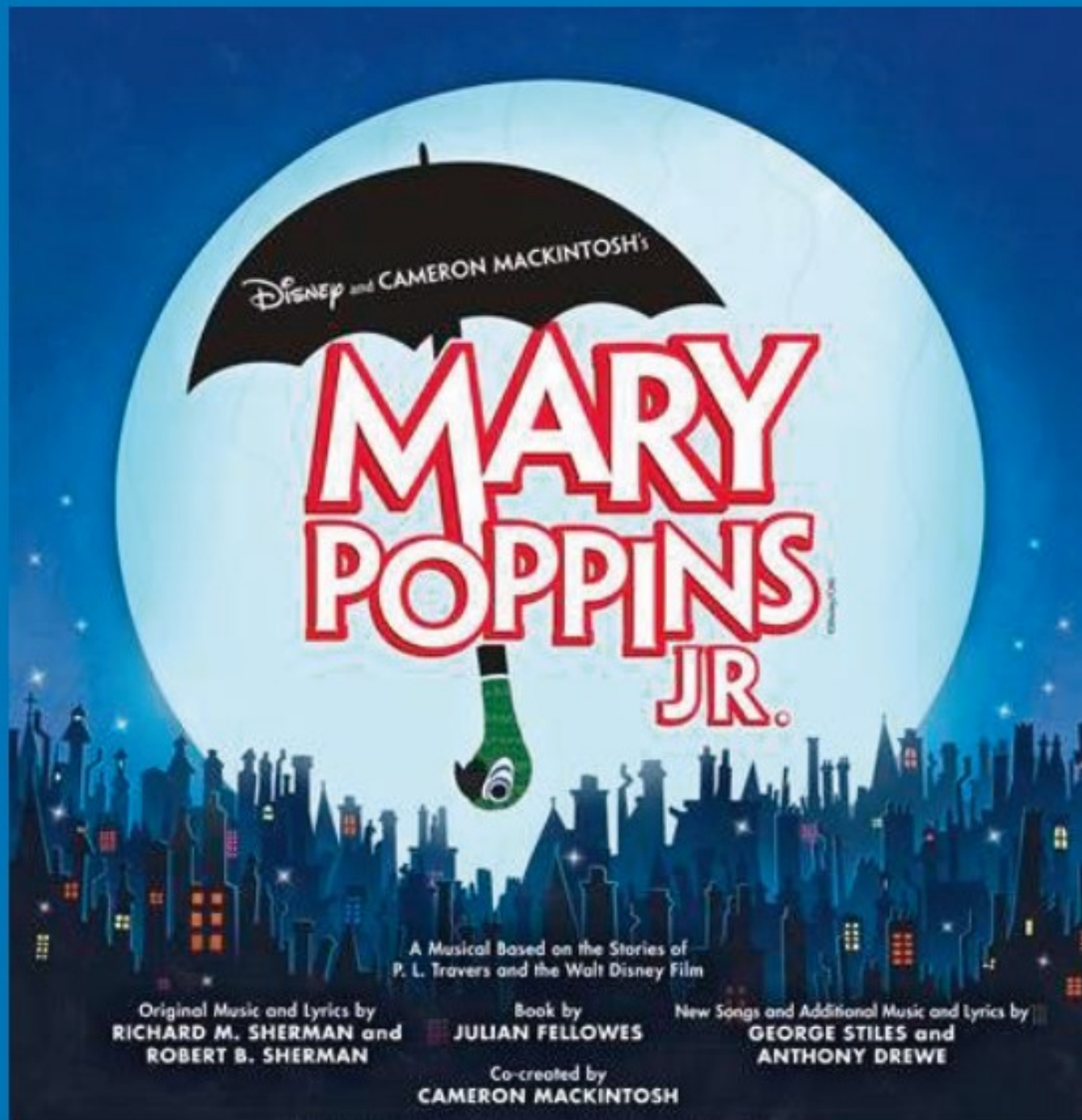
A huge cast of dancers, singers and instrumentalists invite you to join them on a memorable adventure!



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TAKE FLIGHT INTO MUSICAL HEAVEN

**19 – 21 May 23**

What can we say? It's one of the most delightful and eternal pleasures of every childhood! **Mary Poppins** features all the much-loved *Supercalifragilistic* songs, such as *Jolly Holiday* and *Step in Time*, plus new classics such as *Practically Perfect* and *Anything Can Happen*, this show will have you dancing on air!

The multiple Award-winning show is packed full of magic and charm, and our Key Stage 3 students are stepping up to the challenge to create an energy-packed and eye-popping spectacle that truly appeals to the whole family. Mary Poppins advises: early booking is a very good idea for this show!



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# Children's Hour

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Music for children  
and the young at heart  
including a narrated version

## of Hansel & Gretel

St. John's Church

Park Street, Taunton TA1 4DG

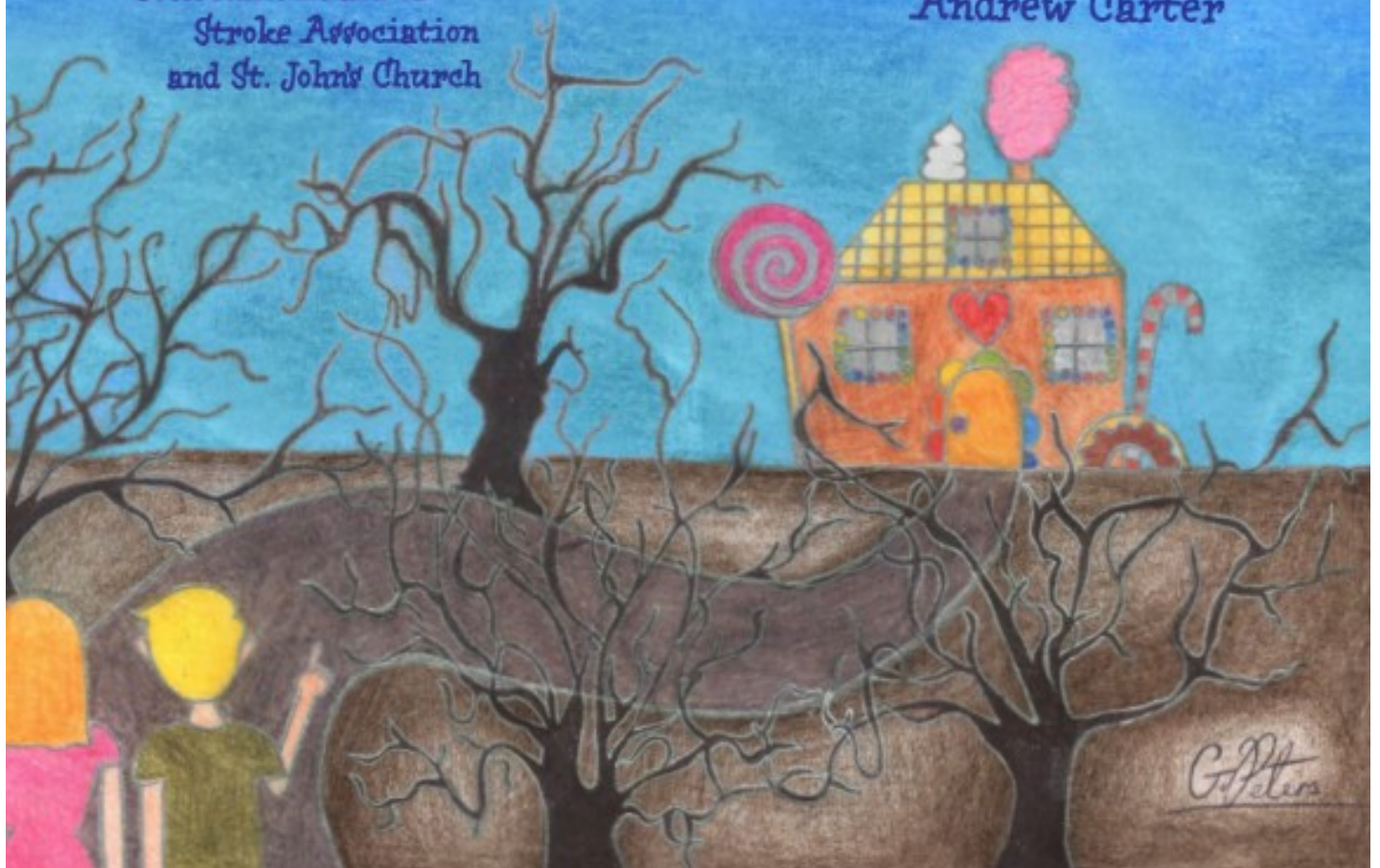
Friday 14th April, 2023

12.45pm - 1.30pm (doors open at noon)

Collection in aid of  
Stroke Association  
and St. John's Church

Skylark  
Quintet

Narrated by  
Andrew Carter







For more  
information  
click [here](#)

# CAREERS Speed dating

as part of Years 10 and 11 Careers  
and Progression week

**Starts at 6:00pm in the Wyvern Hall**

We aim to have as many employment sectors represented as possible and provide students with the opportunity to gain an insight into a wide range of careers.

In the past our parents and local community have rallied and we have had many volunteers kindly join us. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining us to conduct a series of short conversations about your career with our pupils please do let us know here.

Refreshments will be served in the Wyvern Hall from 5.30pm and we aim to finish at 7.30pm.