

# BULLETIN

Queen's College Whole School Newsletter

26 May 2023

## This Half-Term Was “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”



### Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

Another glorious summer term week comes to a close and with it the first half term. I hope the week ahead serves up rest and recuperation - and some fine weather.

In the Queen's Hall this past week we have seen the fabulous middle school musical, *Mary Poppins*, and the Prep Summer Concert.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin, you will find details of a successful Exmoor Challenge, the thrills of racing cars (without a whiff of petrol), and the final bronze DofE excursion. We have also welcomed Year 5 pupils from many local primary schools to enjoy an Outdoor Education

discovery day. The OE team have headed off today, to Wales, with senior pupils preparing for this summer's Alps Kayaking trip.

As I write, the Lower is covered in cricketers, as we host the Broderick tournament for u15 girls. Let us hope that the weather holds for more of the same after the break. I remind you that we have only four and a half weeks to run after the end of the summer term. There will be examinations for all Senior School year groups, resits only for Year 12 (who completed theirs in April), but also an exciting 'for life' week full of activities, including *Grease* in a day.

I remind you that this document, [Senior School developments for 2023/24](#), will be updated with changes as they come. Mentioned in here was our plan to move to High Performance Learning and you will find more on this topic in today's Bulletin. I flag again the next Parent Forum, Wednesday 14 June from 8.15am. If you have a question or concern, do pop along. But my door and inbox are always open at other times. Although not a Senior School development per se, but will be exciting news for many who know him, Mr Andy Clark has this week accepted an offer of a job as Head of Westonzoyland Primary School.

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During the past few years, Andy has completed professional development courses and a leadership masters degree in preparation for such a role. Although this will be a sad loss for Queen's we are very proud and excited that Andy has this

opportunity and we wish him all the very best in his new venture.

Speech Day invitations are out, so I end with another reminder that tickets are on sale for anyone in our Community (parents and friends, OQs etc) for the Summer Ball.

You don't need to put together a full table of 10; we can find you some excellent company. It was a truly fabulous evening last year, proving terrific fun and a great way to get to know others. Grab your [tickets here](#).

*Have a wonderful half term.*

*Julian*

## Art Exhibition



**Queen's College**  
Invites you to preview this year's  
**Art Exhibition**

Wednesday  
28th June 2023  
5-7pm

Showcasing work from  
Queen's College  
Prep School through to  
GCSE and A level Art,  
Textiles and  
Photography

[info@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:info@queenscollege.org.uk)

Faculty of Art, Design  
and Food



# Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



As we come to the end of another eventful week in the Prep School, I am pleased to share many highlights with you before we begin our half term break. There is plenty to read and see in this week's bulletin and I hope you enjoy hearing about the great things that have been happening.

As we hit the mid point in the final term, I would like to start with a big well done to all of our pupils. Each and every child in the school has demonstrated exceptional commitment and enthusiasm throughout this school year and with the many events, celebrations and activities planned in the weeks ahead, we will certainly be able to see the progress they have all made.

The week kicked off with our U9 cricket teams enjoying a fantastic range of matches combined with Wellington. Our children were commended by their teamwork and determination and it was pleasing to see the progress they have made in just a few weeks. Thank you to all who supported and enjoyed the sunshine.

Sticking to the cricket theme, on Tuesday we had the privilege of hosting the regional IAPS cricket tournament for U11s. We were joined by 4 teams from across the South West and the day's play was both competitive and fun. Our U11s showcased their skills and competed admirably against some tough opposition and as ever returned

from the day full of smiles and tales of boundaries and wickets.

Following this, our swimmers took centre stage at the Swim Gala. Their determination and skill were evident as they dove into the pool, giving their all. Congratulations to all participants, and we look forward to hosting our own event from local primaries on Tuesday 13 June.

Our annual Summer Concert was a resounding success, with our talented musicians and performers captivating the audience with their exceptional abilities. We were treated to complex pieces from the orchestra and string groups, fun and light hearted performances from the Year 3 and 4 choir and some very skillful singing by our Year 5 and 6 choir. It was fantastic to see so many children choosing to take part in musical performance. This is an area of school life which continues to thrive and grow.

We concluded the week with a fun-packed Summer Fayre today. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and community spirit. There were bouncy castles, games, prizes and ice lollies aplenty and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On behalf of the children, I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Matthews, Mrs Brown and Mrs Davis who organised the event and all the

volunteers who made it such a great afternoon. Linking back to the cricket theme, I need to speak to the games staff who are teaching our children to throw a little too well, as my turn in the stocks ended with a soaking from the children who seemed to hit me nearly every time with the wet sponges!

In some final news, I would like to say a big congratulations to Mr Andy Clark who has this week accepted an offer of a job as Head of Westonzoyland Primary School. During the past few years Andy has completed professional development courses and a leadership masters degree in preparation for such a role. Although this will be a sad loss for Queen's we are very proud and excited that Andy has this opportunity and we wish him all the very best in his new venture. The job now begins to find a replacement for this position and I will update you on this after the half-term break.

I wish you all an enjoyable week and look forward to seeing you on the 5th June.

*Best Wishes*

*Henry*

# Nursery Round-up

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



The Nursery school children have had another busy week in the sunshine, with a second trip to Fyne Court. They continued their pond dipping and bug exploration on land and under the water. They even found a baby newt and numerous water boatmen.

Back onsite, the sunshine provided opportunities to have a go at dinosaur shadow drawing and outdoor chalk pictures. Whilst kitchen garden club provided a learning provocation on tea parties and the children have enjoyed a musical focus across the week when they discussed different types of music and whether it sounds happy, sad and how it makes them feel.



# Prep School

## Prep Sports Round-up



What an amazing week of weather we have finally had! At the end of last week the Year 5 and 6 pupils played their Cricket House matches. Always great fun, but fiercely played, the children spent over two hours batting, bowling and fielding for the House cup. The staff were really impressed by the improvements the children have made over the term so far and also their support of each other. Winners will be announced at the end of term, but both the A and B teams results count so well done to all.

Monday, Wellington Prep came across to play our Year 3 and 4 pupils. Some lovely games ensued with some great play by a number of children who are beginning to get to grips with the rules of the game.

On Tuesday, King's Hall came across for a swim gala. Twenty of our pupils competed in some well fought races. Neck and neck throughout Queen's did brilliantly in the relays winning all their events. Particular well done to Erin for swimming so well and to those who had already played cricket for the school that day.

Also on Tuesday we hosted five schools for a regional cricket IAPS competition. We hosted five teams who all played each other. It was a fabulous day of cricket in which the Queen's pupils grew in confidence and skill throughout the day. We ended up narrowly losing two matches by a single run, losing a further match to the eventual champions, and winning our final match against Dean Close St. Johns in a thrilling finish, where we took a total of 9 wickets in 8 overs to claim a narrow victory. Well played one and all.

Finally on Wednesday we hosted all of Perrott Hill's Year 5 and 6 children for five mixed gender matches of cricket! It was great to see some of the girls playing their first hard ball matches, and having worked together in the House matches, it was great to see some really positive and supportive play by the children. A balance of wins and draws left all sides happy with their efforts for the afternoon! Highlights were Charlotte taking her first hard ball wicket, Harry playing some lovely shots in the B match and Matthew hitting a four off the last ball of his match.

## Devon County Show

The Burrough family travelled down to Exeter with their Dorset Down sheep for the Devon County show last week. One of their ewes came second, the other fourth in their group and their ram was crowned champion Dorset Down Ram and then he went up against the best ewe in their breed and also won that!

This is the 20th time the Burrough family have won the best in breed cup dating back to the early 1970s! What an amazing achievement for the family.



# Prep School

## House Climbing



On Saturday morning over half of the Prep school climbed for their House!

The amazing Outdoor Ed team had three bouldering routes set up. Two rope climbs and one speed climb. Around fifteen children climbed at once and were measured on how far they got up the wall or across the boulder section.

It was fantastic to watch so many children compete, some of whom were very natural climbers, working out routes quickly, keeping their bodies close to the wall and being able to transfer weight effectively. Results will be published at the end of term in the final assembly, but thanks again to the staff for giving their time.

More photos can be found on [Flickr](#).

## Year 2 Transition to Upper Prep



A smooth transition from each part of the College is really important for the pupils at Queen's.

Today the Year 2 children experienced lunch in the Senior School dining room with the older children, as they prepare for the move across to Upper Prep.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this first transition activity.

# Prep School

## Summer Fayre



The Prep School had a fabulous sunny afternoon enjoying all the fun activities at the Summer Fayre today. Activities included the bouncy castle and inflatable assault course, welly-wanging, hook a duck, pick-a-stick and the ever popular stocks. The fantastic weather was a welcome relief for our teachers who braved stocks! The children also had the opportunity to relax in the shade on our Queen's College Deckchairs whilst cooling off enjoying an ice lolly.

A delight for the children were the visiting Alpaca's in our animal corner which provided lots of furry-fun interaction. The children asked many questions which the Alpaca handlers were delighted to answer. A big thank you to Sally and Steve from Stoke Wood Alpacas for joining us today.

Overall a wonderful time was had by all and we thank parents for their donation of £5 which made today possible, all remaining proceeds not used for the Fayre will go to our nominated charity [Edukid](#). Thank you so much to all our volunteers for making today possible.



# Prep School

## Summer Concert - Miss Scutt



Our Prep School musicians showed an appreciative audience their talent and enjoyment of music tonight. Queen's Hall was a hive of activity during the day, with the 100+ performers all rehearsing at some point (or at three points, or even four points, for those in many of the ensembles!).

The Orchestra opened the concert, performing five contrasting pieces. Assisted by Mr Jenkins, the percussion section did an amazing job of adding colour to the music and changing instruments between pieces smoothly. Superstrings followed them, giving a spirited rendition of the Can Can with a strong shout at the end! Mrs Jackson's recorder players definitely had their moment in the spotlight, with B Group delighting the audience with their performance of Five Little Ducks, complete with duck whistles and A Group giving a moving rendition of My Heart Will Go On, including a

solo from Grace.

Our newly formed Drumming Group took to the stage with djembes for a more traditional item and then an action-packed arrangement of Ghostbusters. Both choirs gave it their all, with Junior Choir covering all sorts of items from ping pong balls to a penguin who likes pink socks and Senior Choir closing the concert with their tuneful and catchy performance of Wish. Special mention must also go to Livi, Sophia and Eva, our brave Senior Choir soloists, who sang so beautifully in Believe.

This was a great event tonight and we are very proud of our musicians. Thanks go to Mr Charles for technical assistance, ably demonstrated by the wonderful green light effects and ambient swirls during Ghostbusters **More photos on [Flickr!](#)**



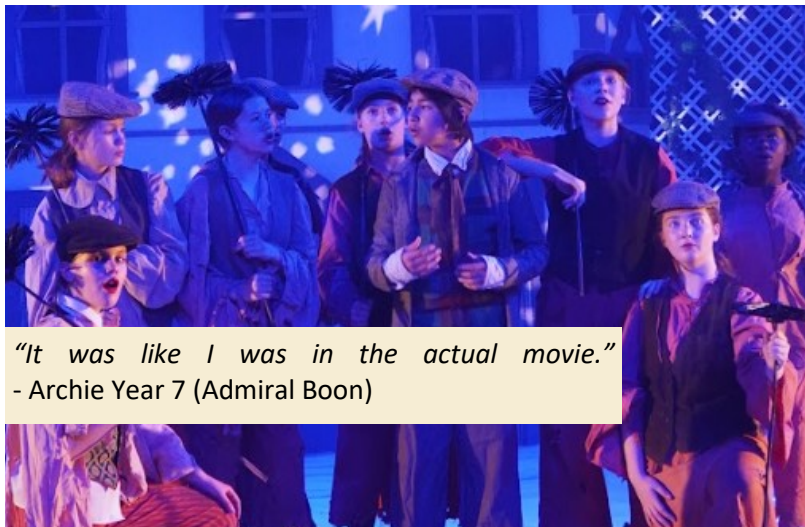


# Mary Poppins

It was "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"



*"Being a part of Mary Poppins Jr was a practically perfect experience! Being part of the cast was so fun and there are always such kind people to help you, teachers and students alike when needed."* - Evan Year 9 (Mr Banks)



*"It was like I was in the actual movie."*  
- Archie Year 7 (Admiral Boon)



*"I liked how many opportunities there were to do different parts of the show."* - Alex Year 7 (Bank Clerk)



*"I loved eating the gingerbread stars that were props."* - Philip Year 7 (Bert)



# Mary Poppins

*"Practically perfect in every way"*



*"I loved working together as a team."*  
- Florence Year 7 (Multiple Roles)



*"I really enjoyed smashing the vases in every show! ."* - Hannah Year 7 (Mrs Brill)



*"The supportive atmosphere backstage really helped to ensure all the cast felt at ease and had fun."* - Aria Year 10 (Mrs Banks)



*"It was a rollercoaster with added line learning and choreography!"*  
- Millie Year 7 (Robertson AY)

# Senior School

Sports Report - Rob Cooling (Acting Director of Sport)



Taunton Area squad

The sun has continued to shine and offer plenty of excellent sporting opportunities this week. The end of last week was filled with senior cricket cup matches, when the 1st XI welcomed Plymouth College and the 1st XI Girls travelled to King's College, both unlucky not to proceed into the next round.

Our athletics team travelled to Millfield on Saturday for the annual 10 School's Cup (although 15 schools entered this year). Some outstanding personal performances from Louis, Isaac, Maddie, Franky, Jacky and Luke - all securing 1st places in their events and a huge effort from all the team saw us finish 3rd overall behind Millfield and King's. Well done to all athletes involved - a huge achievement!

17 of our athletes have also been selected to represent the Taunton Area squad in the upcoming County Championships. Congratulations to Franky, Louis, Finley, Jacky, Yas, Osa, Maddie, Georgie, Izzy, Caspar, Alfie, Evvie, Alicia, Annabel, Hemant, Digby and Isaac.

The 1st XI were in action on Saturday with an away trip to Bristol Grammar School and the U15B team faced

King's in what turned out to be an exciting and very close game. Unfortunately Queen's falling short by 20 runs. A special mention must go to Christian for his 6/13 off 3 overs - well bowled!

Tuesday was the second round of the County Cup for our U15A's and they now proceed to the semi-finals after a convincing win over Brymore Academy. Our U14/15 girls also enjoyed their cricket house match competition on Tuesday with some close and competitive games from all involved.

Wednesday was filled with trips to Perrott Hill and St. John's for the U13/12A, U13/12B and U13/12C teams. With three wins and a loss, an enjoyable afternoon of cricket was had by all players.

Today we hosted the annual U15 Broderick Cup (cricket). We look forward to welcoming numerous local teams of girls for what is always a fantastic experience for all involved and a fitting way to finish off another busy and exciting half-term. I hope you all enjoy the break and hopefully the sunshine too.

# Senior School

## Tea Time Concert



Along with some scintillating weather on Wednesday, our audience at the Tea Time concert was treated to some equally sunny music courtesy of our talented musicians. This concert saw a number of concert debuts along with more regular performers.

We opened with Shao Shen playing Vivaldi with great gusto on the cello before moving on to Harriet who gave us a moving rendition of 'I Know Where I'm Going'. One of our debutants Sophie followed with a confident and lively performance of Old German Dance on the piano before handing to another first time concert performer, Philip, fresh from his performance of Bert in 'Mary Poppins' with a fine performance of 'Consider Yourself'. Jayden then transformed the mood with his laid-back rendition of 'Misty' before Freya took us back to the musicals with a touching performance of 'Once Upon A Dream'. Mia gave us a powerful performance of Solas followed by a poised and stylish rendition of the first movement of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in G by Mary-Tess. Finally Mila sang 'Ave Maria' by Caccini beautifully, rounding off the concert in great style.

As we are in the middle of the exam season, this is one of our concerts where the younger years take a leading role and they rose to the challenge magnificently, providing us with a glorious concert and displaying so much talent and potential. Many congratulations to all those who took part.



# Senior School

## Hand-Built Electric Racing Car - Mr Mann



The atmosphere was electric last weekend when an enthusiastic team of our talented pupils took their hand-built Zero-Emission electric racing car to the Greenpower Motor Racing competition on the Chivenor track in North Devon.

Over the past year, our budding young engineers have designed and built an electric racing car to compete under the watchful eye of our enthusiastic Head of Design and Technology, Mr Higgs. Although the team had spent months in the workshop, they hadn't been able to road-test their car before the race, and we were over the moon to have come third in our category of kit car racing teams!

The team's car, driven by Sevin, managed 11 laps of the racing course, reaching speeds of up to 19mph!

It wasn't all plain sailing when the chain broke early in the testing session but pupil Jan-Albert Nieuwenhuis single-handedly fitted a new one and fixed the issue that caused it to break in the first place.

Toby Low shared, "Our efforts have paid off with an incredible first race, providing us with invaluable experience and a podium finish. This has been such an enjoyable journey, and I can't wait for our next race!"

Sevin added, "Driving the car was an amazing experience.

The entire team worked incredibly well together. I'm thrilled with the results, and we're aiming for even greater achievements in the next race."

"The team can't wait to get back into the workshop: we want to come back next year with an even better Queen's College racing car and test ourselves once again", said the Head of Design and Technology, Mr Higgs. "What an incredible team!"

"A huge congratulations to everyone involved, and special thanks to Mr Ben Higgs, our incredible Head of DT for his outstanding leadership, inspiration, and motivation", said Mr Mann, Head of Faculty of Art, Design, and Food. "It really encapsulates the commitment and ingenuity of our pupils at Queen's College and demonstrates the importance of learning for life beyond the classroom".

"As we transition to a net zero economy, it is critical that our next generation of engineers get these opportunities to design, build and test the technologies we will need to achieve our goals."

The 'Green' Zero-Emission electric racing car was created by pupils in the Greenpower Challenge club, a mechanical and electrical engineering club, part of the Senior School co-curricular programme.

# Senior School

## Provenance and Pastry Pie Priorities



Pupils have been learning about responsible food provenance this week and making tasty baked real vanilla custard pastry pies.

At Queen's College, we are proud to source our vanilla pods from Madagascar where they are harvested from a unique orchid, a climbing vine that grows around the trunks of rainforest trees in a limited number of tropical habitats.

Our high-grade, natural Madagascan Bourbon vanilla pods come to us courtesy of the multi-award-winning company, LittlePod, a South West company launched to educate consumers and encourage vanilla farmers around the world to keep producing real vanilla. Since its launch in 2010, LittlePod has been helping farmers to cultivate vanilla in a sustainable way that benefits the environment as well as ensuring a good income stream for them. The farmers grow vanilla in a polyculture system that supports soil preservation, forest regeneration and biodiversity.

"The real vanilla pods we are teaching with in class are the finest in the world. Plump, moist and full of fruity, floral notes," said Mr Mann, Head of the Faculty of Art, Design, and Food. He continued, "Teaching about and using real vanilla pods encourages vanilla farmers and preserves the rainforest regions which is crucial to the health of our planet, and benefits us all"

## Exmoor Challenge

Last Saturday saw three teams of Year 7s complete the Exmoor Challenge. This is a 16 mile walk around Exmoor where teams have to navigate themselves around a set route on their own, and without any outside assistance. 12 Queen's pupils set off from Dulverton on Saturday morning and all returned 6 hours later, tired and with sore feet but also with beaming smiles and very proud of what they had achieved. It was a wonderful event with stunning weather and a fantastic atmosphere. Thank you to everyone involved in the training for the challenge and the event itself. Well done to all teams.



# Senior School

## Bronze DofE



30 Year 10 students enjoyed some wonderful weather during their Bronze DofE qualifying expedition last Sunday & Monday. They walked a route on Exmoor that took in both the high moors and stunning Exmoor coastline with an overnight camp in Porlock.

There were some tired legs and sore feet by the end but everybody successfully completed the expedition and enjoyed themselves. Pupils now need to complete their service, physical activity and skills sections so they can achieve the Bronze DofE Award by the end of the year.

Well done to all.

## Sailing (Advert)

Ospreys Sailing  
Weeks for  
children (818)

WIMBLEBALL SAILING CLUB  
RYA courses, summer holiday weeks  
[learn2sailwsc@gmail.com](mailto:learn2sailwsc@gmail.com)



# Boarders' Corner

## Beach Trip



This Sunday our boarders in years 7-13 visited the beautiful Saunton Sands on the North Devon coastline for a surfing lesson with Surf Saunton. The pupils spent 2 hours at the beach and enjoyed excellent instruction to ensure everyone was able to catch a wave by the end of the session.

## Colour Run



Last Saturday our boarders in Years 8 and 9 went along to the Colour run held at Taunton Racecourse. The run was in support of St Margaret's Hospice, raising much needed funds for the work they do. The scene was an explosion of colour as volunteers showered participants in vibrant powder paint, glitter, and foam as they took on two laps of Taunton Racecourse with many sprinting to the end to collect their coveted Colour Run Remix medals. 600 runners have so far raised over £20,000 with their entrance fees. A huge well done to all of the pupils who took part.





# Boarders' Corner

## School House



Franky and Justin, boarders in School House, have created a boys' boarding house music video to support Franky's initiative to raise money for [Papyrus](#) a charity which supports the prevention of young suicide. They all took a great leap outside their comfort zones and had a wonderful time putting this together - and it shows. We couldn't be more proud!

Today, Franky (Head of School House) and the rest of the house baked cakes to sell at break time as well as putting Mrs Cooling and other School House staff in the stocks for boarders and day students to pay to soak! We hope that parents and friends of Queen's will enjoy watching this video and hope that this encourages donations towards this important charity. **Here is the link to the [JustGiving](#) page.**

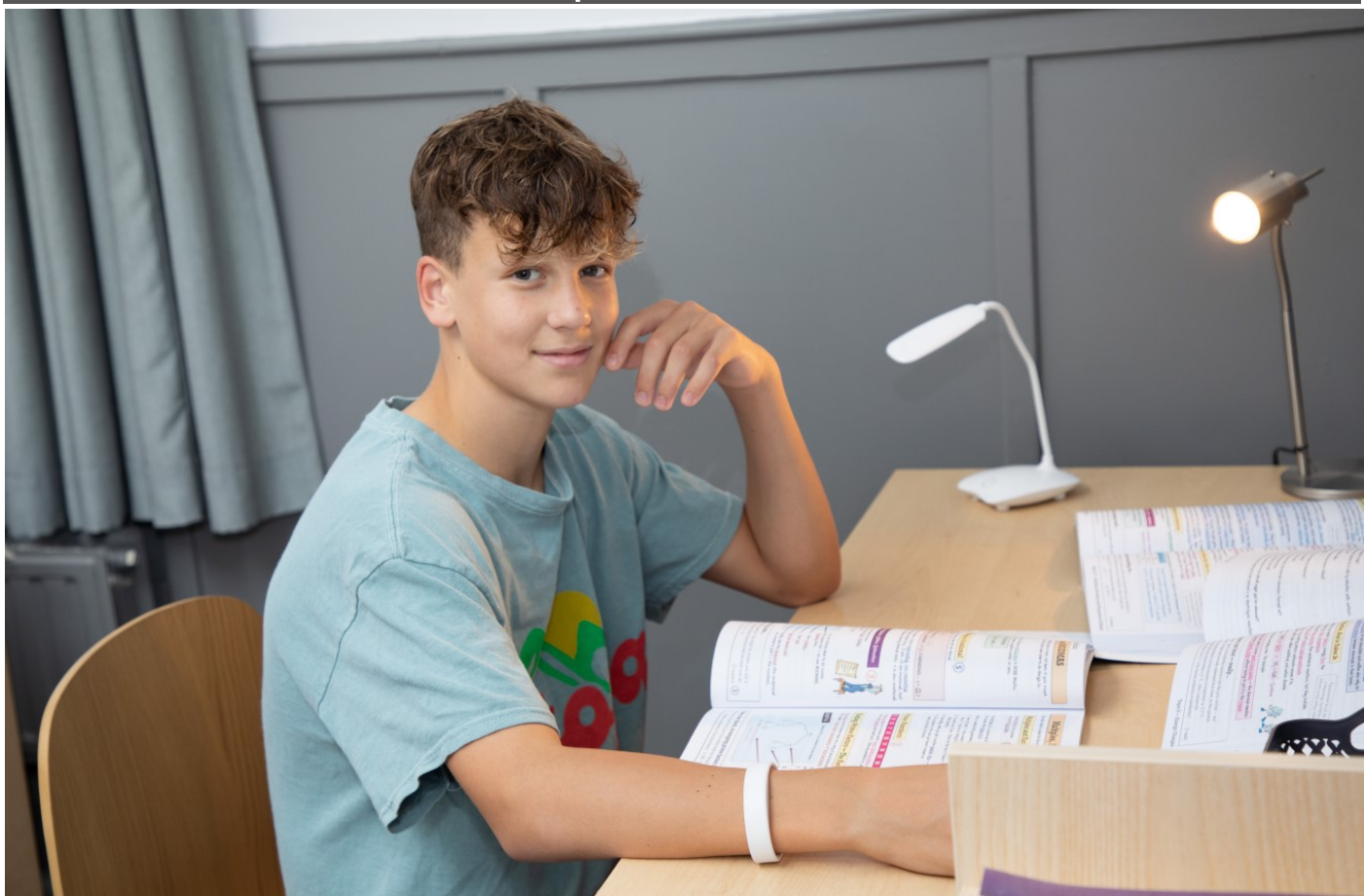


Click the play icon to watch the School House music video.



# Study Tips

Revision tips for our Year 11 and 13



For our Year 13 and 11 students, the half term week away from school is an opportunity to have a break but, understandably, is going to be dominated by revision for the continuing public exams. Here are some top tips for effective revision:

1. **Create a detailed revision plan-** List out all of your exam subjects or topics, and the amount of time you think you need to cover each. Prioritise based on the areas you feel need most work. Try dividing up your time for each subject based on the units in the revision checklist or syllabus. Once you've planned what you will be studying and when, put it where everyone can see it. That way others can help you stay motivated too. Revise often, cover a variety of subjects, try to do a little every day and don't forget to plan in breaks.

2. **Unplug and turn off everything-** It's tempting to distract yourself with social media or talking to friends. Find a well-lit, quiet place to study away from any distractions.

3. **Have everything you need** - Set up your revision space, making sure you have everything you need for the revision session. From drinks and snacks to stationery, paper and resources.

4. **Try different revision methods** - Research shows that doing a range of activities will benefit you. Organise your folders and simplify your class notes. Make summary skeleton notes, mind maps, audio notes and diagrams for key facts.

5. **Use the revision resources from your teachers** - Take advice from your teachers about the best way to revise. Work through past question papers and practise writing essays and answering questions under timed conditions.

# High Performance Learning

Queen's has joined the High Performance Learning (HPL) global community



Mr Green, Mr Chislett and Mr Noad , at the HPL meeting last week



## High Performance Learning

### Pathway School

We are excited to announce that Queen's has joined the High Performance Learning (HPL) global community of schools. Mr Noad, Mr Green and Mr Chislett visited Windsor Castle last week to take part in an induction event that launched us on the pathway to the HPL 'World Class School Award'. The formal launch of this whole college teaching and learning project will take place in September but we are pleased to be able to give just a glimpse of what is to come.

The High Performance Learning philosophy is relatively simple. Firstly, it is predicated on findings from neuroscience and psychology that tell us that we can build better brains and that intelligence is not fixed. Young people should never be limited by outdated ideas of genetic potential because, with the right deliberate practice, almost everyone is capable of high performance.

Secondly, we can learn from what is known about how people reach advanced cognitive performance to systematically teach and build the learning skills and behaviours that will deliver success in school, in the workplace and in later life.

We are really excited about how this project will further strengthen our teaching and learning, further improve academic outcomes and, ultimately, better prepare our pupils, 'not just for school, but for life'. We look forward to telling you more about it in the new school year.

# OQ News

## Tom Turner



OQ Tom Turner attended Queen's College between 1988 and 1998. "I had never thought about becoming an actor until the then Head of Drama, John Marston, cast me in George Bernard Shaw's play Heartbreak House, which we rehearsed in the old Drama hut overlooking The Lower and put on in the newly built Queens Hall. In it I played Hector Hushabye, a sword wielding, moustachioed cad and I think I've been making a career out of playing those sorts of roles ever since. Queen's also supported me throughout my audition for the National Youth Theatre, with which I spent three weeks training in London and then was invited to be in a few of their productions. Then in my final year at Queen's I was cast in privates on parade as Captain Terry Dennis; the leader of a military song and dance unit in Southeast Asia. A part I very much enjoyed. If it weren't for the care and support I was shown throughout my time at Queen's, I'm not sure I would be acting today. Of course, my parents had a huge role to play too; drama school fees are not cheap.

My career has taken me across stage and screen. Some highlights include working with the Royal Shakespeare Company and working with Steven Spielberg. My partner and I also set up a comedy troupe called the Grandees and we write comedy plays which we perform on the London circuit and take to the Edinburgh festival.

Queen's very much helped me sow the seeds and I look back very fondly on my time there. Non scholae sed vitae discimus."

Tom's latest on stage role has been playing David Sherborne in Vardy v Rooney: The Wagatha Christie Trial, which following a West End run at London's Ambassadors Theatre, has continued with a UK Tour.

## Bonnie Free

In April 2024, OQ Bonnie Free (Bonnie attended Queen's 2007-2014) will be running the London Marathon in memory of her friend Olly (attended Queen's 2005-2014), who she tragically lost in September 2020 after an ongoing battle with his mental health. Bonnie said "Olly was truly one in a million and I'll never forget the sound of his laugh or his smile, which could light up a room. He truly was one of the most talented and inspiring people I have ever had the privilege to know."

Bonnie explained the reason she has decided to take on this challenge "Even though 1 in 4 people have mental health problems, most of us don't get the help we need. This has to change. Therefore, I'm going to be running in aid of Mind. Their work change minds across England and Wales by making mental health an everyday priority. By standing up to

the injustices which make life harder for those of us with mental health problems. Mind offer help whenever you might need it through information, advice and local services. Bringing together an unstoppable network of individuals and communities, people who care about mental health to make a difference."

If you'd like to find out more about Olly's story and why Bonnie is running in his memory, head over to @ollystalkingturtles on Instagram.

You can also read more from Bonnie and donate via this [JustGiving](#) link.



# News and Announcements

## Outdoor Discovery Day



Teams of pupils from four local primary schools were treated to a day of initiative exercises and teamwork challenges yesterday including a Tyrolean Traverse, Pancake making, bomb disposal! and a range of watery tasks. Successful completion of these tasks earned the groups rocket parts that were then enthusiastically fired at a rapidly approaching meteor!

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the pupils were focussed and determined throughout. There was some great teamwork on show and the sunny weather was the icing on the cake!

Well done to all.



## Outdoor Education Department on Instagram!



Did you know our Outdoor Education department now have their very own Instagram account? Follow [@queensoutdoors](https://www.instagram.com/queensoutdoors) to keep up to date with all the wonderful activities our pupils are getting up to in Outdoor Education lessons, trips and co-curriculars.

# News and Announcements

Key Dates	
Alps Kayaking Training -Tryweryn	27 May - 28 May
Equestrian: Mixed ages V Eventers Challenge Championships & SJ National Finals @ Hickstead	27 May—30 May
Year 13 French Trip to Wellhayes Vineyard	31 May
Boarders Return	04 June
Term resumes (week A)	05 June
Into Year 7 Familiarisation Day	06 June
Prep Outdoor Education Day - Years 3, 4 and 5	06 June
Year 2 Parent Tours	06 June
Nursery School Forest School Trip	06 June
Highgrove Nursery Transition Visit	08 June and 09 June
Speech Evening	08 June

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

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

## You are Invited - QCC Meeting

After a fabulous year of QCC events, please join us on **Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm** for a quick planning meeting for (2023/24) followed by summer drinks on the decking of the Dining Pavilion.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- QCC

# News and Announcements

## Tempest



Tempest Photography are pleased to report your team group photographs taken at Queens College are available to view and order by clicking [here](#).

There will be a two-week free delivery to school option starting from the day you receive this weblink. Alternatively, select direct delivery to an address of your choice (P&P applies).

For assistance, please call 01736 752411 – Select option 3 to place an order (P&P applies) or option 5 for customer services.

## Hockey Bags



The Queen's hockey bags are now back in stock. To purchase a bag please contact Mrs Rebecca Mockridge [ram@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:ram@queenscollege.org.uk)

## Edukid Day



On the 12th May Queen's College held a fundraising day for Edukid. Edukid is a charity close to our hearts as it helps break down barriers such as war and poverty to provide

children with an education and opportunity to fulfil their dreams.

We are very proud to say that on the 12th May, Queen's College senior school raised £762.47. This will be added to all the money raised for Edukid by our amazing Prep school.

Some of the money we raise will be used to support rural villages in Cambodia where often the children there are too poor to attend school.

In July we will be sending a group of 16 Students out to Cambodia to see the villages and meet some of the children and family's that we have been helping.

We are continuing to raise as much money as possible. Next, we will be hosting a raffle for students, parents and teachers with the prize list including-

Sports Pack 1 - 2x Bristol City FC Tickets, 1 Lewis Gregory Somerset CCC Shirt

Sports Pack 2 - 2x Exeter City FC Tickets, 1 Jack Leach Somerset CCC Shirt

A Wellness Hamper Including a Spa Day for 2

Brownies and Blondies Box worth £10

Amazon Voucher worth £10

Free meal for 2 at Ga Yau Taunton worth £30

Free meal for 4 at Pitcher and Piano Taunton worth £60

If you wish to donate or enter the raffle please get in contact with Edukid link teacher, Mr Bennett at [jbb@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:jbb@queenscollege.org.uk). Students will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets during the first week back after Half term. We are aiming to draw prizes on 23rd June. Further details will be posted after half term.

# News and Announcements

Summer at Queen's



## SUMMER AT QUEEN'S

Visit our website to find out more about summer courses  
and day camp sessions available

[queenscollege.org.uk](http://queenscollege.org.uk)

For more  
information  
click [here](#)



### May Half Term & Summer Holiday Camps For Students Aged 7-16

Queen's College is delighted to be partnering with Academic Camp, an experienced team of professionals who are passionate about offering inspiring and challenging academic camps for adventurers, explorers and engagers aged 7-16.

- sports
- debating
- Be a Leader (CPD accredited)
- drama
- adventure
- applied maths
- robotics
- STEM
- environmental impact
- yoga and well-being
- food and nutrition
- arts and design and more

Camps/Masterclasses run at Queen's from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays we run trips (including to London, Thorpe Park and surfing in Devon)

#### Dates:

29th May to 2nd June 2023  
17th July to 25th August 2023

*Sample Programme  
and to Book*



#### Fees:

Day: £40 a day including lunch (£20 half-day)  
Boarding: £125 per night  
Discounts available when booking 12+ days



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[info@academiccamp.org](mailto:info@academiccamp.org)

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Outstanding holiday camps for  
4 to 14 year olds this summer at

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Save the Dates!

## SUMMER BALL

SAVE THE DATE  
THURSDAY 06 JULY 2023  
7:00PM-12:30AM

AN EVENING FILLED WITH FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING.  
BLACK TIE EVENT.  
ADMISSION STRICTLY BY TICKET ONLY  
PRICE: £69  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

More  
information on  
these events can  
be found [here](#)



Save the Dates

## Speech Days

Celebrate with us!

Prep: 05 July 2023 11:00am

Senior: 06 July 2023 10:30am



**Community**  
CHIEFS

# TAUNTON RFC



**Date - Starting Monday 24th April 2023**

**Time - 6.00pm to 7:00pm**

**Location - Taunton RFC**

**Age Groups - U12-U18 girls**



***PLAYER APPEARANCE EBONY JEFFERIES***



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