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# BULLETIN

Queen's College Whole School Newsletter

23 June 2023

## Greenpower Team Races to Victory



### Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

The solstice has passed and the Glastonbury Festival is ready to launch in full; term must be nearing its end. Indeed, we have just eleven busy days remaining before we break.

It has been my pleasure to meet Old Queenians on two occasions this week: firstly the annual Sibly Lunch, named after a former Head but celebrating OQs who have offered support to the Queen's Foundation; and secondly in London, for a relaxed early evening gathering in Clapham. At both occasions, it was great for me to hear such positive memories of times gone by, but also for me to be able to share the positive developments at Queen's.

There will be a similar theme at Speech Day on 6 July, when Mr Bisson celebrates fifty years of teaching at Queen's as guest speaker and I hope to be able to share exciting news on developments, over and above those

already listed in [here](#). All pupils are expected to attend; parents and families are welcomed also, please complete the form on [this page](#).

Back to the here and now, there is much going on and is mostly reported elsewhere in this bulletin. Of particular note was the Year 9 adventure challenge, which appeared from pictures I was shared, to have been enormous fun (and in fabulous weather). The Green Power team have been back on the road again, well track, with their electric car, collecting a trophy for first place at an event in Helston. The Gold [Duke of Edinburgh award](#) gang is in Scotland, paddling the River Spey.

The sharp-eared amongst you might have caught Millie Gubby (Year 12) on the radio this week. She was on Radio Somerset being interviewed. Click [here](#), jump to 3hrs 35mins, just after her co-star Michael Ball has finished singing.

We look forward to more stage action on Monday when more than one hundred pupils will be working on 'Grease in a day'. We look forward to it going like Greased Lightnin'. Please come along and enjoy the spectacle on Monday evening, at 6.30pm. Tickets [here](#).

I hope it's not Raining on Prom Night for tonight's Year 11 Ball, a rite of passage to celebrate the end of their GCSEs. I very much look forward to seeing them all in their finery. It will be your turn to drag out the frocks and bows on Thursday 6 July, to join us for the Summer Ball. [Here](#) is a look at the final week of term. Before we get there, it's [For Life week](#). Remember, please, that 'normal' CCs end today; each For Life week activity has its end time of 4.30pm or whenever notified.

As part of Year 10 For Life week, they are looking at careers. We look forward to a fabulous careers 'speed-dating'



# Senior School

## Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

event (6-7.30pm on Tuesday 27 June). We have many parents and OOs engaged in this and my thanks go out to all.

And then you are invited to the Art Exhibition, 5-7pm on Wednesday, and the Senior School Concert on Friday, 7pm. I also flag up next Saturday's Colour Run (1 July), which will be terrific fun and a great fund-raiser for our global citizenship work with [Edukid](#).

Details are in [this letter](#) which was shared with you. We hope to see all pupils in attendance and every effort made in collecting sponsorship.

This weekend's sport brings Athletics, South West Schools event and Cricket, House matches for juniors and King's Bruton for seniors. All details on [SOCS](#). Boarders will be paddleboarding or at the water park.

With much going on, I thank you for your support in person or sorting the to-ing and fro-ing.

*Enjoy your weekend.  
Julian*

## Come Along To See Our Talented Artists



**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

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Faculty of Art, Design  
and Food



# Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



Mr and Mrs Noad getting to know the Year 6s

What a week it has been in the Prep School, a real whirlwind of events and celebrations that have left everyone with big smiles on their faces. Much enjoyment has been had by the whole community and I have certainly enjoyed spending time with many parents.

On Monday, our Year 6 children had the opportunity to meet with Mr and Mrs Noad to welcome and support them in their exciting transition to becoming a Year 7 pupil at Queen's. Meanwhile, our young cricketers in the U8s and U9s showed off their superb skills on the field with a great afternoon of sport.

Tuesday brought us a heart-warming celebration assembly by our Year 6 students. They took us down memory lane, sharing precious moments from the school year. It was a touching reminder of how much we have accomplished together. Their stories and laughter filled the hall with joy. As we head into the final days of term, it is important for me to say that we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and the leadership, hard work and commitment to school they have shown. I know they will be looking ahead to Year 7 with excitement and I look forward to hearing of their ongoing achievements in Senior School.

On Wednesday, the cricket fever continued as our U11s and U10s showcased their sporting prowess. It was an afternoon filled with friendly

competition and once again, many of the matches going right down to the wire! In the evening, we warmly welcomed our new Nursery School parents to an information evening, where they received valuable insights into life in Pre-Prep. We are also very pleased to announce that this summer, our fantastic pre-school setting will have a rebrand and name change from Nursery School to Queen's Minis. It's an exciting change that reflects the growth and development of our early years programme and will help to further align all aspects of the school.

Thursday morning was dedicated to our transition process, as children spent time in their new classrooms with their new teachers during the step-up morning. It was a chance for them to familiarise themselves with their new learning environment and build connections with teachers. I do hope parents also enjoyed the chance to chat informally with staff in the afternoon over a cup of tea on The Upper. The day continued with not one but two spectacular concerts! First, our Pre-Prep students took to the stage in the afternoon, showcasing their musical talents. In the evening, Year 6 wowed us with their exceptional performances. Who needs Glastonbury when we have our very own superstars right here?!

Today, we're basking in the joy of sports day for our Upper Prep children. The atmosphere is buzzing with excitement and friendly competition as students proudly represent their houses. It's a day filled with teamwork, determination, and lots of fun!

Looking ahead to next week, we have Activity Week on the horizon, promising plenty of thrilling experiences for all our pupils. From adventurous outings to creative workshops, it's a week that will surely leave lasting memories and help to round off a brilliant year in the Prep School. Please do keep an eye on [MSP](#) for information on each day and if you are unsure about any of the activities taking place, your child's form teacher will be happy to help.

We also wave goodbye to Year 6 on Sunday morning as they head off to the Ardeche for a week of kayaking, camping and markets to round off their time in the Prep School. We wish them all the best for the week and I am sure it will be a fabulous experience.

*I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.*

*Henry*

# Prep School

## Prep Sports Report - Mrs Gardener



A lovely end to our season this week for both cricket and swimming.

Last Friday, we hosted a Primary School Cricket Tournament. Queen's fielded two teams as there were some athletes out at athletics that day. It was great to involve a range of children from different year groups. Queen's A played some excellent cricket and managed to win all 4 of their matches. Ollie led the team really well and the team played with great spirit all day. Wins were gained against Danesfield, Wembdon Primary, North Town Primary and Queen's Wanderers.

On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 girls played against Kings Hall. I was impressed by how well our children are beginning to bowl and there was some great running between the wickets, which was brilliant to see. Focus when fielding continues to be something to work on for next year, but as ever they had a great time and we are really proud of how far they have come.

On Tuesday we had our last gala against Wellington. All the children who come to training worked so hard and have put in the effort to improve their own times and techniques. A fantastic swim from all the teams resulted in the fourth victory for the squad and they should be rightly very proud of themselves.

Finally, on Wednesday, were our last fixtures against Perrott Hill. It was a little sad we could not take all the children out as Perrott had less children than us, but we fielded four large mixed teams and four close matches ensured. Two of our teams matches went down to the last over, a nail biting finish, whilst the U11A who had struggled a little against a strong Perrott side in our home match, put up a valiant fight with 5 wickets falling within the first few overs, four taken by Livi. The U10 hardball was a great match with some great improvements made by all the players. Overall a great end to the term.

Although we have sports day today, and we will share this with you next week, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 children who have been fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout their time with us. Regardless of their team, regardless of their like or dislike of a certain sport, they have put in the effort and come out smiling and sometimes with very loud cheering at the end of every match. As staff, we appreciate the effort they put in as we feed off it ourselves. Enjoy your next chapter!

# Prep School

## Lunchtime Concert (Last Friday)



What a bumper lunchtime concert!

As Year 6 have their own separate concert this week, last Friday was all about celebrating the achievements of Years 3, 4 and 5. With well over 30 musical items in last week's concert, we certainly had enormous variety to enjoy and wonderful audience support.

William opened the concert with a cello piece Footprints in the Snow and Baltazar. Emilie's snare drum duet, Clickety Clack gave it a triumphant ending. The concert included items for recorder, clarinet, saxophone, voice, violin, cello, guitar, harp, piano, French horn and snare drum. Some performers took part for the very first time. It was brilliant to see and hear so many young musicians enjoying their music and playing with, and for, their friends.

Thank you, everyone! **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



# Prep School

## Year 6 Celebration Concert



This concert showcased the musical talents of a wonderful Year 6 cohort and demonstrated their commendable and supportive teamwork.

A couple performed solos for the first time and several had organised special duets and trios for the event. Rin, Izzy and Alex worked hard to offer calm technical assistance in terms of sound and lighting. Thomas opened the concert with Daisy Bell on the cello and gave a confident performance. Solos for recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, voice, piano and violin followed: a wonderful mixture of genres and instrumentation that held the audience captivated. Bradley premiered his own drum kit composition, Rambo. Ollie and Bradley had worked together to organise their own version of 'We Will Rock You', played on drum kit and alto saxophone. Ella ended the concert with 'Strangers on the Shore' played beautifully on her clarinet, receiving rapturous applause. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



## Year 6 Visiting Mr and Mrs Noad

This week Year 6 have been catching up with Mr and Mrs Noad (and Percy of course!) to chat about moving up to the Senior School in September.

Hot topics for discussion were homework and finding the location of different classrooms but all the children said how excited they are to be moving up to Year 7 after the summer holidays. These chats form another part of the programme that is in place for our Y6 children to ensure the smooth transition from the Prep School to the Senior School.



# Prep School

## Pre-Prep Concert



Pre-Prep's first song was called 'When it's a Sunny Day' and their smiling faces at the beginning of the concert made it exactly that (as well as the warm summer weather, of course). The Year 2 string players, Strings United, then played two pieces very confidently, with a big sound and great posture. The Year 2 recorder players shared two pieces with the audience and played with great enjoyment.

Speech was represented brilliantly by Connie, Amy, Teddy, Lowenna, Albie, Ian, Aurora and Frankie from Year 2, all of whom projected clearly and added humour to their performances. Year 1 also performed an unforgettable 'Superworm' poem, thoroughly entertaining the audience with a range of different voices and actions.

Year 1 also surprised and fascinated the audience with their song, Dung Beetle Boogie, a beetle who loves to dig dung all day long. Reception were not to be outdone and sang strongly about 'Jake the Snake' and various other characters. Year 2 offered two songs: 'A Busy Buzzin' tonight number and a song about an annoying wasp, complete with "buzzy buzzers" who interjected from the side. The poor wasp came to an unfortunate end, which was delivered with style!

Pre-Prep concluded their concert with two songs. The Seed song had an uplifting mood and busy actions and 'We can make a difference' delivered a heartfelt message about positive change.

Thank you, Pre Prep - we loved your performance yesterday! **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



# Sports

## Year 6 and 7 Athletics



We have been lucky enough, once again, to enjoy another hot and sunny week of fixtures and sporting events.

Last weekend was an athletics extravaganza! Firstly, well done to our Year 6 and Year 7 athletes who recently competed at the South West Prep Schools Championships at Millfield School.

A great effort from all of the team but a special mention must go to Jayden Year 7 (javelin) and Tommy Year 7 (discus) who have been selected to represent the South West at the upcoming National Track and Field Championships in Nuneaton.

## Senior Athletics



The athletics success didn't end there. Congratulations to Jacky , Finley , Louis , Osa , Franky and Yas for representing Somerset Schools at the recent South West Track and Field Championships in Exeter on Saturday. Osa won her shot putt, Finley came 2nd in the javelin, Louis came 2nd in the high jump, Yas came second in the 400m hurdles and Franky came third in the 1500m. Louis has also been selected to attend the National Track and Field Championships to represent the South West and Yas is competing for Somerset at the South West Multi-Events Championships. Well done to all of our athletes!



# Senior School

## Cricket - Joel Year 13 Makes Honours Board



The cricket action started on Saturday with the 1st XI and U15A and B teams facing Mount Kelly. A huge congratulations to Joel, in Year 13, who has made the honours board for taking a 5-wicket haul with his leg spin. His figures were 5-15 from 5 overs.

There was also some exciting cricket resulting in a win for the U15A's.

Tuesday gave our U13 girls the chance to travel to King's Hall for a multi-schools festival. Well done to the girls for achieving third place - they were very happy with their medals!

Wednesday, we welcomed teams from Perrott Hill for an afternoon of U12 and U13 matches for boys and girls. Well done to all of the teams for their efforts.

We look forward to this weekend when the U12 and U13 cricketers will be competing in their annual house match competition and we will face King's Bruton on the cricket pitches.

## FIH Pro League trip



Another exceptional annual trip to the FIH Pro league happened on Sunday to see Great Britain in action. After the journey up in the morning 36 students saw Team GB take on Spain and the USA.

There were several players that caught our eye, however for us, Old Queenian Tim Nurse stole the show with his breathtakingly good performance on the pitch. We loved all of the players coming over to chat, sign autographs, and have photos with us at the end of the matches.

We have no doubt this has created core memories for us all and we will be following several of the players and the squad on their journey in the up and coming matches!

# Senior School

## Greenpower Car Race Winners! - Mr Higgs



Having competed exactly a month ago we were keen to race again and test out the modifications and improvements we made to the car. We hung back at school waiting for Tom's last A-level exam to finish, collected up the students and were ready to go.

We stayed overnight in a hotel only 15 minutes from the track, but still had to be up at 6am – all-you-can-eat breakfasts don't eat themselves you know.

We set up our paddock area on the runway at RNAS Predannack and started to soak up the atmosphere. I really love the camaraderie and support that the other teams provide. One or

two teams are secretive about the technical specifications of their cars, but that's the exception and certainly not the rule. Most of the teachers, youth club leaders and parents are more than willing to provide advice or even lend you tools or spare parts. In fact, we were able to repay Truro High School a favour from the last race when they bailed us out.

The Wyvern (our Greenpower car) performed well, although, as with last time, the race was not without its drama. A puncture necessitated a visit to the pits, but the car was back out on the track within a couple of minutes. Our top speed (averaged around a lap) increased by 7% compared to last race. **Overall, we achieved first place in our category! A fantastic result for only our second ever event.** A big thanks goes to Mrs Bucknall, the DT technician for giving up her time to be the required second member of staff. **Read the full story on our [website](#).**

## Multi Prize Winning Young Shepherd



Previous 'Young Shepherd of the Year', Tom in Year 9 has successfully built up his flock from two and now has 50 Coloured Ryelands, including lambs and two Ryeland sheep. Since being crowned 'Young Shepherd' of the Year, Tom has gone on to win numerous awards and prizes across the country and has become quite the superstar in the showing world, achieving the accolade of 'National Champion Young Handler' and proving to be unbeatable in the show ring.

This year he has already shown at Devon County Show, Royal Bath and West, Royal Cornwall and Royal Three Counties. He ended up winning the overall Champion at three out of four of these county shows with his Coloured Ryelands. At the Bath and West he won every class he entered and at the Royal Cornwall won 14 of the 15 classes in the show.

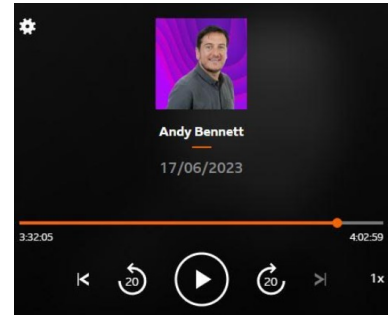
Read more about Tom's success [here](#) .

# Sixth Form

## BBC Somerset Visit Millie At Queen's



Millie, Year 12, who is currently appearing on the West End in '[Aspects of Love](#)' alongside Michael Ball, appeared on BBC Somerset last weekend. You can listen [here](#) (just after 3hr 30).



# Boarders' Corner

## Wake Park Trip

On Sunday, our Boarders in Cotlake, as well as in Years 8, 9 and 10, all visited the Wake Park in North Devon. Despite a few hiccups with the coach, everyone enjoyed the inflatable assault course. The rain didn't stop the fun and pupils enjoyed a range of activities including flipping and flying through the air. The bonus activity with the inflatable rings was the final icing on the cake!



# OQ News

## The Sibly Society Lunch



The Annual Lunch of the Sibly Society took place on Saturday 17 June in the old Music Room.

Members were treated to a splendid meal provided by the school's caterers. Over tea and coffee the Head of College, Julian Noad, gave those present a positive update on the state of the school. The Chairman of the Foundation, David Jones, thanked members of the society for their support and emphasised the value of their contributions to the Foundation.

After lunch, two members wandered to the Prep school to see the tree planted in memory of Peter Lee-Smith, others visited the Art Department and some watched the cricket on the Lower. Membership of the Sibly Society is open to anyone – parents, friends of the school and OQs. Details can be provided by contacting Geoff Bisson ([gb@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:gb@queenscollege.org.uk))

## London OQ Drinks



We had our first London OQ drinks this week. A wonderful evening was had by all. Over 20 OQ's joined Julian and Jane Naod and Ben Judge, (the President of the OQ's) in Clapham on a sunny London evening.

It was great to chat about memories from Queen's, catch up on what everyone is up to now and have a chance to meet some new friends.

Thank you so much to those that attended and we hope to make this a regular catch up so look out for dates in the future.

If you would like to organise an OQ meet up do get in touch with Sarah Hickey in our Development office she is always keen to hear from you [development@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:development@queenscollege.org.uk)

# News and Announcements

## Key Reminders

1993 OQ Reunion	24 June
Year 6 Residential: Ardeche	25 June
Grease in a Day	26 June
Prep School Eco day	26 June
Nursery School Parents Consultation week	w/c 26 June
Prep School Activity week	w/c 26 June
Year 5 camping on the Blackdowns	26–27 June
Year 3 Drama day	27 June
Museum workshops in school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	27 June
Pre-Prep Museum sessions in school	27 June
Earth Day (Chairman's Challenge)	27 June
Nursery School Forest School Trip	27 June
Psychology Academic Poster Competition	27 June
Pre-Prep trip to the beach	28 June
QuBEc Cup	28 June
Year 4 camping on the Blackdowns	28–29 June
Art Exhibition	28 June
Pre-Prep Drama day	29 June
Year 5 team building on the Blackdowns	29 June
Senior Summer Concert (showcasing Year 13 leavers)	29 June
Year 3 trip to Escot	30 June
Year 4 Bushcraft day	30 June
Pre Prep Sports Day	30 June

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

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

**My School Portal can be accessed [here](#).**

## Book Amnesty - Mrs Litton

There will be a box at the top of the English stairs in which pupils can put ANY book that they know belongs to the school. They might be in Year 13 and still have a copy of Private Peaceful they're too embarrassed to bring back - I don't mind! They can put it in the box with no questions asked.

## Senior Sports Day

This year Senior Sports Day will be held at 10:30 on Wednesday 5th July, parents are welcome to come and support. Sports day prizes will commence at 15:20.



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***Colour Run*** < **EDUKID**

***Saturday 1st July***

**Prep School - 09:30 - 10:15**

**Years 7, 8, 9 - 10:30-11:30**

**Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 - 11:30-12:30**

**On the Lower- outside 6th Form Centre**

The Edukid Charity team is hosting a Colour Run on the school site on Saturday 1st July 2023 in order to raise money for EDUKID. This fun event is open to all members of the Queen's community with a run, walk, skip or dance around the Lower (Sports pitches).

We are hoping that all pupils will take part in this whole College fundraising event. Please could you complete this [form](#) to confirm your child's (and yours) participation.

If you wish to donate, the JustGiving page can be found [here](#).

# 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

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- applied maths
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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*



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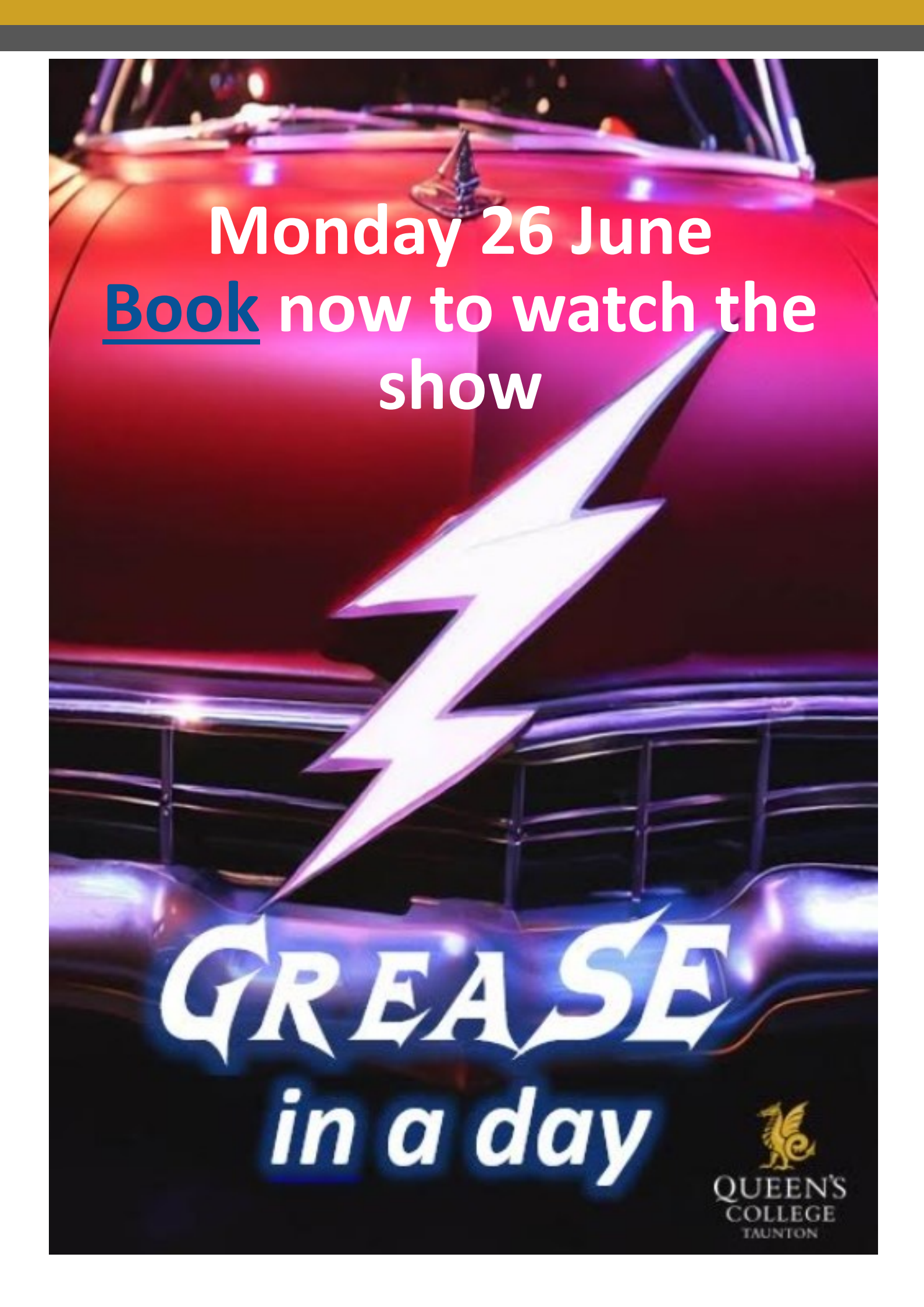
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# Speech Days

Prep 5 July 11:00am

Senior 6 July 10:00am



A close-up photograph of the hood of a red classic car, likely a Ford Mustang. A large, three-dimensional lightning bolt emblem is mounted on the hood. The car's chrome grille and headlights are visible in the foreground. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

Monday 26 June  
Book now to watch the  
show

**GREASE**

*in a day*



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# 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

You may also wish to pre order your wine for the table from [The Fizzy Pheasant](#), if you wish to do this, please use [this link](#).

## BYOD Device Scheme

Easy4U have set up a web shop to offer rent or purchase options on suitable devices for our transition to Bring Your Own Device. They offer a monthly cost on a selection of Chromebooks, Windows laptops and Macbook hardware allowing you to spread the cost of a new device over two to five years depending on the device you opt for. Their options also include support and damage/theft cover to give you additional peace of mind.

More information can be found [here](#).

The link to the offers [is here](#)

## The right laptop for school

