



QUEEN'S
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Queen's College Whole School Newsletter

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Greased Lightnin' Strikes at Queen's



Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

Activity on the Lower, as the marquee begins to take shape, marks the run to the finish. I cannot resist another reminder and encouragement to join us on Speech Day - it's a fabulous event to celebrate the end of the year.

Last Friday, the end of GCSEs and end of era were marked by the Year 11 Ball. It was a delightful evening and great to see so many making such an effort with transport and dress. For Year 13, whose A-levels finally came to a close on Tuesday, the Summer Ball is much anticipated.

For the remainder of the school, it's been For Life Week. A rich smorgasbord of activities has been on offer. There will be plenty of features in this Bulletin. I briefly mention a few.

There has been: a careers and employability week for Year 10 with its fabulous speed-dating event supported by so many of the Queen's community

(thank you, all); Grease in a Day (what a delight); Earth Day, with pupils of all ages working collaboratively to make Queen's more green; the wonderful Art Exhibition (there is another chance to view on Speech Day if you missed); a business and economics competition (QuBEc cup); and a truly delightful Senior Leavers Concert, celebrating in performance our talented leaving musicians.

I must mention also a couple of individual successes. After much hard work, Annabelle in Year 8, Ella and Eliza in Year 7 have been selected for the County Netball Somerset Pathway Development Programme. And Millie has been showcasing her West End performance in Aspects of Love on BBC radio and [TV](#).

This weekend, amidst fixtures versus a touring Australian side, Wellington, and Exeter Schools, we have the Colour

Run. We are expecting all pupils engaged (Years 7-9, 10.30-11.30am, and Years 10 and above, 11.30am-12.30pm) for what will be a fun fund-raising activity, in support of [Edukid](#), our global citizenship partner. On Sunday evening, there will be a Musical Theatre Showcase, a preview of our Edinburgh show later this summer.

[End of Term arrangements](#) have been shared with all pupils, with 'For Life' activities, then sports day, and finally Speech Day. I hope to see you all at some stage next week.

Best wishes,
Julian



Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



Year 6 in France (more coverage next week)

What a fantastic week it has been here in the Prep School and I am sure you will enjoy reading about all we have done in the following pages.

Activity Week has been a real success, with all our children taking part in plenty of fun and exciting activities throughout the week.

On Sunday, our Year 6 pupils set off on a memorable adventure to France, where they spent the week paddle boarding, hiking, visiting markets and canoeing down the river. By all accounts, they are having an incredible time and Mr Chistlett and the team have informed me that their behaviour and enthusiasm has been outstanding. They are a real credit to the school.

On Monday, all children participated in a House Eco Day. It was a day dedicated to raising awareness about the environment and promoting sustainable living, as well as a great chance to work together in their Houses. It is clear that this is a topic the children at Queen's are passionate about and we look forward to supporting more eco initiatives next year.

Meanwhile, Year 3's have enjoyed exploring the local area, visiting Taunton Castle and the Escot Swamp Walk. Year 5 and Year 4 students headed out on overnight camps at Huish Woods.

There were plenty of games, a BBQ, and a campfire with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. It was a chance for our students to build friendships with their new classmates and staff ahead of next term. I know that much fun was had by all, even if there were late nights and early mornings! Pre-Prep children also had an exceptional week! They were treated to a variety of activities, including historical workshops, beach trips, and drama days culminating in a magical performance of Hansel & Gretel on Thursday afternoon.

We rounded off the week with Pre-Prep Sports Day this afternoon and we didn't let the weather dampen our spirits. It was a fantastic event filled with laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition. Our young athletes showcased their talents, and the atmosphere was filled with fun and excitement. We congratulate all the participants and thank the teachers and staff who organised this memorable event.

Well done to all of our children who have thrown themselves into the many fun events this week and a big thank you to the staff across the College for organising and leading these brilliant experiences. I am sure there will be a few tired children and staff this weekend.

The eagle eyed among you will have noticed a job advert has been placed for Prep School Admissions Officer. Sadly this does mean that Mrs Monks will soon be leaving us, although not until a full summer of admissions activity.

After 20 years of dedicated service to the College in a variety of roles, she has decided the time is right to enjoy retirement alongside her husband, Senior School Maths Teacher, Mr Monks. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Monks for her amazing work and dedication to ensuring Queen's is the best it can possibly be. Much of the work she does goes unseen by many, but she is a key part of why so many families want to join the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best. There will, of course, be time to say goodbye properly in the weeks ahead.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Colour Run tomorrow morning and if not at Speech Day next week. I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Henry

Nursery

Nursery School Round Up - Mrs Lizzie Hayes



The last two weeks of the summer term have been busy for the Nursery School.

The children have enjoyed sensory activities with tuff tray resources for a hands-on exploration of slime and colour mixing experimentation.

Outside in the garden, the children have made interesting concoctions in the mud kitchen area. Stories from family holidays sparked some homemade roller coaster themed play.

There has also been plenty of opportunities for practising sports day skills in readiness for next week, both in the garden and on the track in the sports field.

After one such practice they returned via Mr Mann's garden and were treated to some lovely home-grown strawberries from his vegetable garden.



Prep School

Sports Day - Mrs Gardner



What an amazing day we had last Friday. The weather was perfect (be it a little hot at times) and the children were very excited.

The children performed brilliantly and seemed to be having such a great day, supporting each other and their Houses. Many of the events were closely fought and it was fabulous that so many children took up the offer of taking on four events and a relay!

Ice-cream and Coffee vans added to the excitement as ever, and I do apologise that I couldn't wait for my '99' until after the prize giving!

Well done to all the children. Certificates are making their way through to the children, but particular well done to all the first place winners!

In addition to the Victrix and Victor Ludorum cups which were awarded for the most number of points on the day, the following cups (next page) are to be presented in assembly before the end of term.



Prep School

Sports Day - Mrs Gardner

Year 5 Girls - 100m (Selway Cup) - Molly
Year 5 and 6 Girls - 800m (Evetts Cup) - Juno
Year 5 and 6 Boys - 800m (Keates Cup) - William
Year 5 and 6 Girls - 1500m (Brown Trophy) - Rosie
Year 6 Girls - 100m (Bull Cup) - Livi

Year 3 Victrix Ludorum Eva
Year 3 Victor Ludorum Tom K
Year 4 Victrix Ludorum Gracie- Jean
Year 4 Victor Ludorum Ernest
Year 5 Victrix Ludorum Juno
Year 5 Victor Ludorum Jack
Year 6 Victrix Ludorum Livi
Year 6 Victor Ludorum Tom

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



Prep School

Pre-Prep Beach Trip



The Pre-Prep had such a wonderful visit to Exmouth on Wednesday.

During the day, we visited the lifeboat centre. Our knowledgeable tour guides told us all about the incredible work that they complete, voluntarily. We also had an informative discussion about water safety at the beach and came away with 'float to live' wristbands. Following this, we all enjoyed a delicious ice cream (avoiding the seagulls!), built sandcastles and played parachute games!



Equestrian Update - Mrs Speyer



On Tuesday, two of our equestrian riders enjoyed an evening jumping together.

Last night two of our Equestrian team riders took the smallest pony in our team and the tallest horse in our team joining together for an after school showjumping competition. Lots of smiles and rosettes.

Prep School

Line Dancing



Years 3, 4 and 5 children took part in a line dance. They enjoyed scuffing their heels and tapping their toes to Shania Twain. This all culminated in the year groups performing together in one big line dance.

Plant your Pants



As part of Science Day in March the Year 2 children took part in an activity called 'Plant your Pants'.

This experiment allowed the children to see what would happen to a pair of cotton pants with an elastic trim when buried in soil for a few months. The children were amazed to see that one pair of pants, which was buried in a peat soil, had almost disappeared with only the plastic label and trim remaining. What a super experiment to show what happens to our rubbish when thrown into landfill!

Pre-Prep History Day

The Pre-Prep children all spent the day discovering amazing facts about three different periods of history.

Reception learnt about dinosaurs whilst Year 1 furthered their understanding of the Victorians with a focus on seashores.

Year 2 discovered many facts about two famous nurses, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, who helped look after soldiers during the Crimean War. Each year group delved into activities led by Sharon from the Museum Service.



Prep School

Horse Riding - Mrs Speyer



On Tuesday our Prep riding co-curricular pupils had their last riding lesson of the term. They managed to put their amazing riding skills to the test in some fun races. The highlight was an exercise called “searching for the jelly baby in the flour”, lots of happy faces and lots of flour covered faces. They have all worked so hard on their riding skills and it is wonderful to see them enjoying the lighter hearted aspects of riding.

Taiko



Years 3, 4 and 5 had a fantastic day of Taiko drumming workshops with Lucy and Joyce from Taiko South West. The children learned good posture and listening skills and mastered several rhythms in the sessions, accompanied by energetic shouts! They had a great time and demonstrated high levels of self-control and musicality.

Prep School

Junk Modelling and Instrument Making



Year 3 used assorted junk, often adding rice and pasta for sound and built their own musical instruments. They showed good planning skills and thought carefully about the desired sound of their instruments. Many built shakers, but some also attempted drums, plucked string instruments and variations on panpipes!

Year 4 used junk materials to build, mostly on a theme of robots or vehicles. Their teamwork was impressive, along with their attention to detail and their fantastic teamwork.



Prep School

Outdoor Cooking



Year 3 and 4 pupils have been preparing and cooking outdoors around an open campfire. From savoury stuffed potatoes with eggs and bacon to sweets with stuffed fruits and bread over the campfire. It was an exciting hands-on experience looking at outdoor cooking. They looked at where food comes from and learnt a variety of outdoor cooking skills whilst cooking up some tasty treats.

The classes took place in the Kitchen Garden among the fruits and vegetables that the pupils had been part of growing. Pupils learnt different cooking methods from twisting dough around a stick and toasting it over hot embers to baking straight onto the embers.

"Cooking outdoors is one of life's great joys", said Mr Mann, Head of Art, Design and Food, "it is also a wonderful way to impart sensational natural flavours to your food while at the same time gain a greater appreciation of our food".



Eco Day - Mrs Wade



The whole of the Prep school, from Reception to Year 5 (and some Year 6s), have had a fascinating day exploring environmental issues during Eco Day. They remained enthusiastic and focussed while blocking the 'Hole in my bucket', creating their own nests using tiny tweezer beaks, exploring the core of our Earth using 'cupcake core sampling' and reusing bottles to design and create their own 10 pin bowling game. We are all very grateful for the whole hearted

support of all involved, especially the lab technicians from Senior Science and Food and Nutrition.

The afternoon began with the older Prep children starting to learn about how Queen's is supporting the charity [Edukid](#) in Cambodia, specifically investigating the importance of creating sustainable energy within this developing country. It was rounded off by all the pupils taking part in a house drama challenge which was led by Year 5.

After playing some drama games, each house had chosen a poem to enact which explored the concept 'The Future is in our hands'. Two of the poems had been specially written by Benjamin Zephania and Kaw Tempest to help children explore these ideas through the WWF. The whole day was full of team spirit, cooperation, freedom to explore, bravery and (their newly created word) 'siblinghood'. Incidentally, these are also the meanings behind the colours of the Cambodian flag.

Mrs Wade and the staff were so proud of all involved! They are also eagerly awaiting the results of the final round of The Rotary Young Environmentalist of the Year 2023, keenly supporting our Regional Rotary winning team of Bradley, Maurice and Edward!

Senior School

Sports Report



With the end of term fast approaching, we have still had the opportunity to play many fixtures and squeeze in some more sporting action.

On Saturday, King's Bruton were our opponents, both home and away. The 1st XI had a tough afternoon at home, chasing a big score and the U15A showed promise once again, with a notable innings for Andre who scored 49. The U14A and U15B travelled away and faced some experienced opposition. The U14A struggled to get going but the U15B hit a respectful score and Alaadin was instrumental with his 20 runs.

The U12 and U13 players took part in their annual Cricket House Matches, also on Saturday. French were victorious on the day, not only in results but showed great spirit and comradery.

It was athletics for Yas on Saturday, when she proudly represented Somerset in the South West Multi-Events Championships at Yeovil. Her 3rd place finish has now secured her a place to represent the South West at the upcoming National Championships - well done Yas!



On Monday, we welcomed the King's College Cricket team from Auckland, New Zealand as part of their tour of the UK. A thrilling game in which Queen's were unfortunate not to win. We were lucky to be joined on the day by some of our Old Queenian's, who proved to be very useful with the bat!

Our U14A's were in action on Tuesday against Wellington School and the U12A's travelled to Mount Kelly on Wednesday for a 'Cricket Sixes' festival, along with West Buckland, Stover and Shebbear.

Today we have had the Forty Club join us for their annual cricket match which is always a great occasion and an opportunity for our 1st XI to play against some very experienced players.

We look forward to our final weekend of sport for the Summer term when the 1st XI will welcome Camberwell Grammar School. Another touring team, this time from Melbourne, Australia and the 2nd XI, U15A and U13/12A will be playing against Exeter School and Wellington School.

And don't forget Sports Day on Wednesday of next week! We hope to see many of you trackside for what is always a fantastic day.

Senior School

Queen's College House Journalism Challenge



Thursday saw the first ever Queen's College house journalism challenge, with an all-day competition to produce the best newspaper. "Media is an area of English which was significantly marginalised by the 2015 GCSE reforms; however, a grasp of media literacy and the understanding that there is no 'truth' to what is read in newspapers is a vital skill for life. Alongside teaching that, the aim was to introduce pupils to another career that must thrive in the AI-driven future," said Mrs Litton (Head of Faculty, English and Drama).

It was a rewarding day: pupils were divided into aspects of journalism that reflected scholarships (Art scholars worked on photographic journalism or graphics; Sports scholars manned the sports desk, for example) or in which we thought they would most thrive. Pupil Editors were mentored by Ken Bird, Queen's College's former Communications Director.

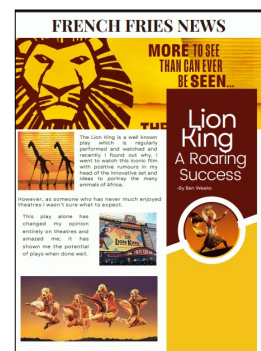
After lunch, food writer for The Telegraph and Masterchef judge [William Sitwell](#) joined us, giving pupils an inspiring talk in the Queen's Hall on careers in Journalism.

The judges - William Sitwell, Ken Bird and [Thomas Cock](#), Deputy Managing Editor of Somerset Live, along with Mr Mann and Mrs Litton - judged the newspapers on five categories: leadership, written content, overall layout, range of content, and the 'Scoop Factor'.

The runner-up was Barnicott, with the overall winners being Ray, who took the trophy. Individual book prizes were awarded to Freya for her leadership skills, and Ellen for the quality of her writing.

The day was a great success, and we hope to make this challenge a biennial event. [Read the full story here.](#)

Read the pupil Newspapers by clicking images below.



Senior School

Grease in a Day



Hailed as the world's best-loved musical, 'Grease' has all the ingredients to guarantee entertaining Summer Nights. But we had only one day and one night to put on our show! So over 100 senior students gathered together on Monday morning at 8.30am, and by 6pm there were sets, costumes, lights and some huge songs and dances in another memorable Queen's performance.

Mr Trafford invited some of his theatre industry associates to join the full Queen's Performing Arts teams to rehearse the show: TV's Ella Gilling, Olivier Award-winning Miles Western and West End 'Grease' cast member Karen Edwards all added their own musical theatre expertise and insight to cast an extra layer of polish in the busy rehearsals.



Senior School

Grease in a Day



So, the whole school was soon echoing to the sounds of 'Greased Lightnin' and 'You're The One That I Want' and ice poles kept everyone from over-heating through the hectic dance routines! As the performance began, Ella commented, "What a great day and what a lovely cast! There has been so much enthusiasm and a really impressive focus to get the show ready!" Miles added, "I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but there is a lot of talent here and a lovely sense of community. I've loved the way the older ones have helped the younger kids today."

It was astonishing to see how much of the full musical was rehearsed in a short space of time and the final performance was slick and energetic. We are so pleased that so many students who haven't managed to be part of other productions this year took the opportunity to experience a little burst of showbiz magic. With 'Les Mis', 'A Christmas Carol', 'The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe' and more coming up next term, maybe some of our new 'Grease' stars will be back on stage again soon...

More images [here](#).



Senior School

Art Exhibition - Ms Cade



The Queen's Art Exhibition 2023 was absolutely fantastic! We are so proud to celebrate the achievements of all our creative pupils, from year 3 to year 13. Our pupils deserve to feel incredibly proud of themselves and each other. They have worked hard to demonstrate to parents, peers, Queen's staff, and Taunton's Mayor what they can achieve. We were overwhelmed at the Private View on Wednesday and it was so lovely to speak to so many people, including current pupils, new pupils, OQ's, friends, and family.

We would like to thank everybody in the school who helped to organise the Exhibition, and to all the staff who attended yesterday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.



Senior School

A Starry Night to Remember Year 11 Ball



Year 11 celebrated the end of the GCSE exam period with a glamorous ball on Friday. The students arrived in a stylish array of vintage cars and limosines for cocktails and photographs outside the college, before walking the red carpet to dinner, all served by the Year 11 tutor team. After an eloquent speech delivered professionally by long-term student, Eloise, the night ended with a silent disco which was enjoyed by all. A very fitting end to a fabulous year. Thanks to the Year 11 tutors and Miss Wills for all their support this year. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



Senior School

Codetta



'Codetta'; on Thursday evening we held a new and special event to celebrate the achievements of our senior musicians, Codetta. Year 13 and 11 musicians together with staff and parents enjoyed an evening of refreshments, conversation and music, with two sets of performances from our Year 13, alongside a highly entertaining Quotes Quiz, consisting of strange quotes that the musicians have inadvertently come out with over the year! Mr Jenkins took the opportunity to talk about the amazing talent that these year groups have, with several students having been at Queen's and supporting music for many years; it was also fitting to pay tribute to their dedication and effort over the years which has been integral to creating the thriving music department we have. Thank you to all those who attended and keep the music going! More photos on [Flickr](#).

Year 8 Trip to Bristol Hippodrome - Lily Year 8



On Wednesday, Miss Watkins took her Year 8s to Bristol Hippodrome theatre to watch a fantastic performance of The Lion King.

We were dazzled by the fantastic costumes, mesmerising dancing and beautiful singing which delighted all of the students.

Senior School

Earth Day



In his Speech Day address last July, Mark Edwards, the Chairman of the Governors, set the pupils a challenge to find ways to make Queen's more sustainable. The pupils were encouraged to use their creative skills to think outside of the box and come up with original and revolutionary ideas to help Queen's improve its impact on the environment.

On Tuesday, Years 7 to 9 pupils were led by the Year 12s in a fast-paced house competition to come up with four pitches about how they would change Queen's for the better. The students were given the brief at 08:30 and the pitches had to be submitted at 13:00, with vital house points up for grabs, time was of the essence. The Year 12's quickly organised their Houses into teams identifying what needed to be done and by when, and delegating accordingly. The

pupils only had 45 minutes to come up with a list of questions to ask a panel of experts on the school and the environment. We were very lucky to be joined by Jack Harty, who runs the Earth Centre at Kingsley School. He gave an inspirational talk to the pupils about sustainability and then acted as an environmental consultant throughout the day. All the Houses came up with some radical, compelling and well-thought-through ideas. The winners of the challenge will be announced next week in our Final Assembly.

Senior School

A Midsummer Night's Dream

On Tuesday our Year 7 and 8 students watched an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream performed by travelling theatre company Quantum, a text that both years have been studying this year.



Year 10 Careers Event

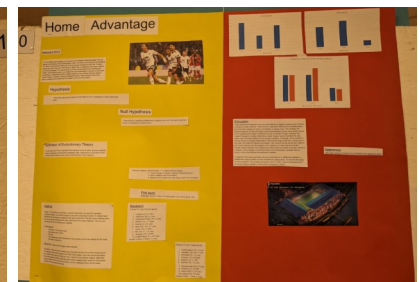
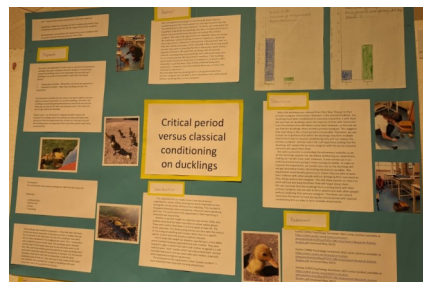
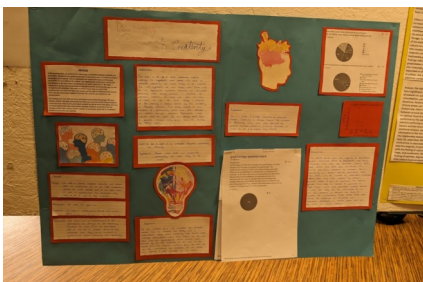
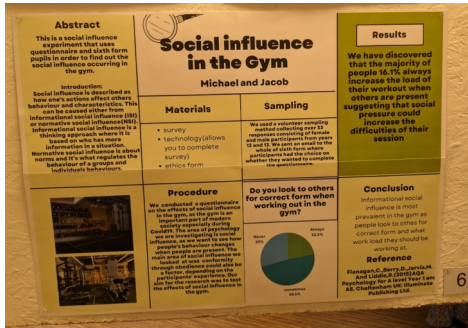


On Tuesday evening we welcomed 40 volunteers - a mix of parents, OQs and local professionals to the Wyvern Hall as delegates for a careers evening. As part of their careers and employability week the Year 10 students having spent the morning in mock interviews had the opportunity to turn the tables and quiz our delegates about a range of careers and professions in a speed dating style format. Rotating around tables our students had 2.5 minutes to speak to each volunteer gaining an insight into the variety of roles, [all listed in our booklet](#). Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

As part of their employability week Year 10 students enjoyed a hosted visit to Plymouth University. They had the chance to hear from university staff and students about university life and opportunities. A guided campus tour was followed by lunch at the student union. A great day was had by all!

Sixth Form

Psychology Academic Poster Competition



On Tuesday the Psychology Department hosted an interschool Year 12 Academic Poster Competition.

Two other schools, Wellington and Huish, were in attendance. This event saw 21 posters entered from groups totalling 47 students. The remit for entry was to carry out an original piece of psychological research, adhering to the British Psychological Society's standards and ethics. The research could use any approved research method and entries ranged from quasi experimental, through observations to self-reports.

The students then needed to compile all the details of a psychological report in the format of an academic poster. This needed to consist of all the standard features of an academic piece of writing including an introduction, methodological procedure and results. As this was in poster format other criteria demanded that the poster was eye-catching and visually appealing.

These A1 posters were displayed in the Dining Pavilion and were judged whilst the students enjoyed lunch. Mr Speyer acted as lead judge and as Head of the Science Faculty was able to assess the scientific content of the posters. Mrs Wilde as head of Sixth Form and an outstanding English teacher was able to use her skills to make judgement about the academic standard of the written content. Miss Goodall, apart from being head of EAL, also holds a psychology degree, so was able to contribute her understanding of the topics which had been selected for research. These topics were very broad in range.

A selection of the titles which were commended by the judges are listed below. However, the judges were unanimous on their decision of the overall winner which went to two students from Huish who completed a study on 'Investigating Diffusion of Responsibility'. Mr Speyer expressed his admiration to the dedication the students went to collecting their data which involved repeatedly falling over in the dining hall to observe whether other people would come to their assistance. Additionally, comments included that this poster expressed the study clearly, used a logical organisation of material and fulfilled the remit of the assignment. The feedback from both schools was exceedingly positive. They felt that the exercise really presented a challenge to the students which really helped them reflect on the skills needed to carry out and report research in a structured and academic format. Not only did the students have to work collaboratively throughout the exercise they also had to cooperate and be flexible to work as part of a team. The students gained valuable transferable skills which will be useful as they move on to university as academic poster presentations are a favoured mode of assessment in many undergraduate degree courses.

Commended titles:

- Q Gender difference in seeking a partner
- Q The influence of colour on memory
- Q Social influence in the gym
- Q Young people's attitude to exercise
- Q Critical period V CC on ducklings

QuBEc Cup

The Annual QuBEc Cup Competition



The annual QuBEc Cup Competition took place on Wednesday 28th June, with two teams from Queen's battling to retain the cup, one Business team and one Economics team. We were joined in the Queen's Hall by King's College Taunton, King's School Worcester and Dauntsey's to participate in the University Challenge style quiz, with Mr Green as our resident Jeremy Paxman. The proforma being teams buzzing in for quick fire general knowledge questions, if answered correctly they were followed by a specialist question.

All teams had two opportunities in round one or round two to accumulate the highest points possible with the top four point scorers meeting in the semi final. This was then an eliminator round to determine the teams for the final. After two fairly tense semi finals, which included a draw that resulted in a sudden death question, the finalists were Queen's College Business team Vs King's College, Taunton Economics team.

Sadly for Queen's, King's College were quick to the buzzer for the general knowledge questions and won the cup. We are looking forward to meeting King's College in next year's competition with the aim of retrieving the trophy. Many thanks to all those involved in the organisation and running of the day and to our guests for joining us.



Sixth Form

Gold DofE



Fourteen Year 12 pupils returned on Tuesday having successfully completed their Gold DofE Expedition on the river Spey in Scotland. The group paddled over 100km during the four-day expedition that started on Loch Insh in the Cairngorm Mountains and finished in Spey Bay. Although the weather was mixed, with a combination of sunshine and showers, the scenery was stunning from the high mountains of the Cairngorms to the coastal plains. With sightings of diving ospreys, herons, kingfishers and a pole Cat, the wildlife didn't disappoint either. The group were fantastic throughout the trip and they will take away some wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

Boarders' Corner

Leavers Meal Year 7

On Tuesday, Year 7 boarders enjoyed an evening out at Wildwood restaurant for their leavers' meal as they prepare to move to senior houses starting in September.



Boarders' Corner

National Boarding Week (Last week) - Mrs Shearman



We had a busy week in boarding. Although we were celebrating National Boarding week, this was just a normal week in boarding. We were excited to invite the year 7 boarders into the senior houses to get to know staff and pupils. They spent a few hours on crafts together on the Hutton lawn.

On Saturday, evening we enjoyed the second 'Boarders Got Talent'. This pupil-led event was a brilliant celebration of the talent and diversity amongst our four boarding houses. More news from Franky who put this event together (below).

Finally, on Sunday evening, we all waited for the sun to set to enjoy an outdoor cinema experience. The boarders

came together to watch Grease, which was great preparation for the production of Grease in a day.

It was just about our boarders, all of our boarding staff came together on Thursday for a training day. It was great preparation for the next academic year and we were able to welcome new members to our team who will be joining us for September.

It was wonderful to see all of our Year 11 borders get ready together and celebrate their Year 11 Ball on Friday. They all looked amazing and thoroughly deserved a night of celebrations after their hard work this year.

Boarders Got Talent - Franky Year 12

Last Saturday the boarding community had the fantastic opportunity to watch and participate in the famous "Boarders Got Talent". For those who don't know, Boarders Got Talent is now a yearly event in the boarding community



started by myself and heavily assisted by students. The event involved borders battling it out to win votes of their fellow peers. This evening truly bought the boarding community together and even had the likes of Mr Bell laughing at some points (and that's impressive)!

Overall there were ten contestants ranging from the ages of 10 to 18, really showing how this night bought the whole boarding community together. We had acts that covered every aspect of talent which included phenomenal singing, hardcore rapping and some very questionable dancing at some points. Boarders Got talent has got four judges which consisted of Franky, Micheal, Miss Pettinau and Mr Cooling and Also two presenters which were Aron and Anson. As you can tell by this panel the jokes were on point this night. The evening was filled with plenty of laughs, singing along and Mr Cooling's cracking jokes and roasts.

As the audience were given the opportunity to vote for themselves on a piece of card, we managed to clock in a total of over 120 votes and our winners of the show Justin And Brandon managed to clock in a massive 30% of these votes, with our second place Lucia also clocking in a massive 22% of votes and our third place Paka and Alex clocking in 12.8% of votes. Congratulations must go to everyone who participated as you can really tell everyone put everything they got into it and all the practice became worthwhile. Massive thank you's must go to Mr Trafford and Ben Jones for helping set up the lighting and audio side of things. Without them the show would not have been able to go ahead so thank you again. Also a huge goodbye must go to one of our judges Miss Pettinau, who has been a judge on the show for the last two years. She will be missed next year on the judging panel.

News and Announcements

Key Reminders

Queen's College ...but for life: Colour Run	01 July
Year 2 Celebration Assembly	03 July
Years 8 and 9 Social evening	03 July
Sixth Form BBQ	04 July
Final Assembly (Senior)	05 July
Prep School Speech Day	05 July
Senior Sports Day	05 July
Senior School Speech Day	06 July
Summer Ball	06 July
Boarders Heathrow Bus	07 July

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

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

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

Uniform Sale 1 July and School Holidays

There will be a uniform sale for new and second hand this Saturday 1st July. This will be at the Sixth Form Centre, on the patio, weather permitting, or inside. It will be between 9.30 am and 12.30. Items can be put on the school bill. The uniform shop will be open the first week of the school holidays, if you wish to make an appointment from Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July please email Rebecca Mockridge at ram@queenscollege.org.uk

Our new uniform provider, "School Colours" will be available online from 1st July, so you can order direct from them.

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

For more
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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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Speech Days

Prep 5 July 11:00am

Senior 6 July 10:00am

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](#).

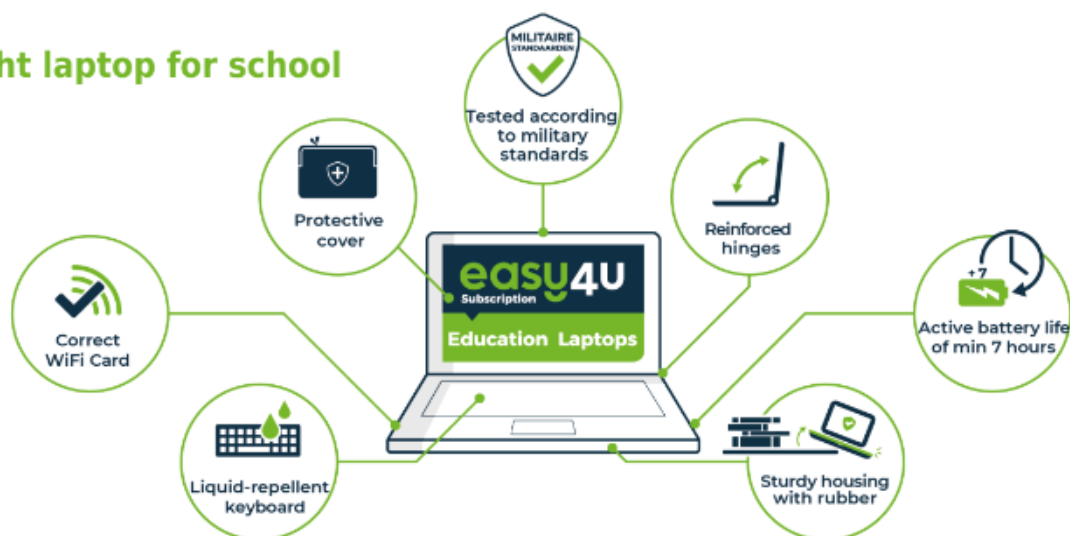
BYOD Device Scheme

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





Quorus

Queen's Community Choir



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Queen's Community Choir

QUORUS



Open to all parents, staff and friends
of Queen's.

No previous experience required, just
come along and enjoy singing in a
range of different styles

Rehearsals in the OMR

WED | 7:00PM

Contact Ed Jenkins (ej@queenscollege) for further details

At the beginning of a new term in September, we have a brand new musical opportunity for all parents, staff and friends of Queen's College: we are pleased to announce the creation of a brand new community choir, Quorus! This is open to anyone interested in singing, whether you are an experienced choral singer or have never tried being in a choir before. We will be focusing on enjoyment with a range of pieces to suit all tastes with some exciting concert opportunities lined up during the year. There are no auditions and no requirement to read music; all you need is yourself. So do come and join us for an hour of musical fun on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Old Music room, starting on Wednesday 13th September - please fill in [this form](#) if you are interested in joining us.



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GRAND FINALE

**QUEENS COLLEGE MUSICAL
THEATRE CONCERT**

**2 July, 2023 - 7PM
Queens Hall Theatre**

An evening of musical theatre performed by the performing arts students at Queens to close off the end of triumphant year for the department.