



QUEEN'S  
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# BULLETIN

Queen's College Whole School Newsletter

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## Let The Summer Commence



### Mr Julian Noad - Head of College

Well, that's a wrap. A fantastic week of celebrations which saw the Queen's community at its best comes to an end. I confess to being slightly jaded after a long speech day and a truly terrific ball.

Of that ball, there will be more elsewhere in the bulletin, but I want to say thank you to all who supported and, in particular, to our Year 13 leavers, Old Queenians now, who made it so special - their team dance was a real highlight.

Earlier in the week, social events including the Sixth form barbecue and Year 8 and 9 formal dinner were great occasions. Sports Day and Final Assembly were wonderful opportunities to come together and celebrate successes.

And, of course, Speech Days. A bit of pomp and celebration but such fun and affirming experiences; it was a delight to spend time with so many happy pupils and their families. That Queen's College is in good health is clear and, as announced [yesterday](#), we have exciting plans for becoming stronger.

It is time now, for us to disperse for a time. Valuable work will continue here at school, but there will be holidays also. I wish you and your family every happiness and the opportunity to relax.

I shall write again in August with details of the return to school. I will see many of you on results days (A-level 17 August and GCSE 24 August) but the next meeting might

be September (new boarders Monday 4 September, returning boarders 6 September, and first day of school, Thursday 7 September).

One advance notice and encouragement to pop in your diaries, we look forward to welcome drinks on the evening of Friday 8 September; an opportunity for all parents, from nursery to senior to come together and also meet up with staff.

So, I bid farewell to all leavers and a super summer holiday for all.

Yours,  
Julian

# Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



I can't quite believe that we are at the end of the school year already. There has been so much to keep us busy over the past few weeks that the end of term has rushed upon us.

This final, short week, has been all about celebrating the successes of the past year with Final Assembly and Speech Day showing what great progress the children have made in the last twelve months. On Tuesday, pupils and staff filled the Birchall Hall to award a host of prizes ranging from subject awards, sports and music certificates and Head's Commendations. We were pleased to be able to celebrate so many of our children in this special event.

We followed this on Wednesday in a more formal event. The community came together in a packed marquee on the lower to share in a wonderful morning of speeches, singing and more awards. The children of Queen's once again showed how amazing they are by representing the school in such an incredible way.

There has been so much to celebrate in both Final Assembly and Speech Day that the signing of certificates has taken up much of my time this week!

We have published a list of all award winners in both events who should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

To echo many of the comments made in the speeches on Wednesday, we have much to be proud of and pleased about. Our school is going places. There is a real buzz about Queen's that now reaches far beyond the gates of the school and this continues to grow.

There is so much that happens in our school on even the most normal of weeks. Trips out, concerts, hosting regional tournaments, Disney productions, discovery days, climbing competitions, teacake decorating competitions and art exhibitions, swim galas and so much more. As ever, the children in the Prep School have been amazing, enthusiastically committing to these opportunities, showing much enjoyment and development in the process.

It will be a busy summer in the Prep School with 'Project Prep Access' beginning in the coming days. We will be updating our playground space, including the construction of new play equipment and a new welcome

area, drop off zone and office facility for parents and visitors will be created. The project will also serve to bring the school together in a much safer way, removing the ring road and converting this to playspace for all so that the flow from Pre-Prep to Upper Prep is seamless.

Thank you to all who have supported the Prep School this year - parents, grandparents and friends. We have a fantastic community and we are lucky to work with such a great group of people each day.

I end with some final words to the children, a reminder from Wednesday. Remember this as you head off for your summer break. You are a very special group of people and I know that next year holds so much more excitement and opportunity. We are all so proud of you and what you have achieved. We are lucky to have you in our school.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you again at the start of the next academic year.

Henry



# Nursery

## Nursery School Round Up - Mrs Lizzie Hayes



Wow! What a busy year it has been! It's been wonderful to watch the Nursery School children develop friendships within their year group and grow in self-confidence and resilience which will set them on their way into formal education with a positive and 'can do' attitude. The year has been action packed with visits from grandparents, the local community police, a reading fairy and a cooking session led by Mr Mann from the Senior School.

The children have relished the opportunity to venture out on the minibus to Fyne Court for Forest School sessions that included activities such as pond dipping, tree climbing and bug hunting.

At Christmas the children donned a variety of nativity costumes to perform their first musical performance to their parents to the delight of all who came to watch.

The year has seen the Nursery School join the Prep department for World book day celebrations by a whole class 'dress up as a favourite character' day, had lots of fun in snow back in those chilly days of winter and had several tea parties as part of the King's coronation celebrations.

All in all it has been a fantastic year and although we are sad to see them move on, we know that they are more than ready for the next step in their academic journey. Good luck everyone!





# Prep School

Ardèche



Year 6 had an exhilarating week filled with adventures in the stunning Ardèche region of France. With warm weather across the week, the children engaged in a wide range of outdoor activities right from the outset.

They embraced the challenges of stand-up paddleboarding, cliff jumping, and conquering high ropes within the first few days. As part of the excursion, they embarked on a thrilling two-day kayak journey down the Ardèche river.

To conclude their journey, the children ventured into the local market, bravely attempting to converse in French and immersing themselves in the vibrant culture. Additionally, they visited the awe-inspiring Aven d'Orgnac, where they absorbed valuable knowledge about the region's geological formation. The trip was an incredible experience, leaving them with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the Ardèche region. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



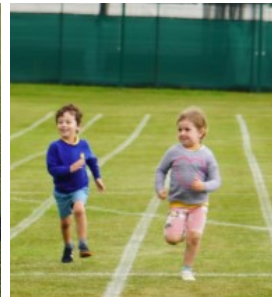


# Prep School

## Sports Day



The weather was not the kindest for our Pre Prep and Nursery sports day, but it was great that so many parents turned up to support some very excited athletes despite the drizzle. The children took part in hurdles, relays and flat races followed by some fun carousel activities. We were also pleased to welcome Mrs Racheal Buttress, our new Assistant Head, Pre-Prep. As normal there were numerous unplanned but entertaining moments which we love from our little ones! Well done to Brendons our winners this year! **More photos on [Flickr](#).**





# Prep School

## Year 2 Celebration Assembly



Year 2 have been reminiscing about their time at Queen's Pre-Prep and their celebration assembly offered them the opportunity to share their many happy memories with parents and the Prep School.

Looking back at photos of their time from Nursery School to Year 2 was certainly a highlight for the children when planning their assembly. At the end of the assembly, each child was presented with a book to remember their time in the Pre-Prep before they move across to Upper Prep for the next stage of the education at Queen's.

## Summer Reading Challenge



On July 8th the Summer Reading Challenge launches! The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays. It can be joined in person or online and is for both devoted book lovers and those who are new to reading – everyone is welcome!

Visit your nearest library branch today to sign up your child for the Reading Challenge. They will be presented with a special collector folder to help keep track of their progress. They can also sign up [online](#) to take part in Somerset Libraries.

This year, the challenge is to read six books. It doesn't matter what type of book it is, how many pages it has, or even if it is an audio book. The beauty of this challenge is the freedom to read anything they like – the choice is yours!

Each time a young person finishes two books, they can visit the library again to share their accomplishment and get rewards for each two books they read. When they read all six books they get a medal and a certificate for taking part.



# Prep School

## Year 4 Bush Craft

Year 4 had a fantastic day with Chris Holland at Trill on the hill taking part in lots of bush craft activities. They loved the various tagging and chasing games (including a highly competitive Mr Clark taking part by trying to outrun “crows” by keeping the eggs in his nest!) and rose to the challenge of building shelters in the afternoon using natural resources, along with tarpaulins and ropes. They arrived back at school tired, muddy and happy!



## Wildwood Escot Year 3



Year 3 have had a wonderful day at Wildwood Escot to finish off their activity week. They enjoyed the maze, animal adventure and then all managed to complete the swamp walk!



# Prep School

## Final Assembly



### Head's Commendation For an outstanding contribution to Queen's College Prep School

Ege Simdi  
Olivia Pitts  
Ava Derrick  
Elspeth Elliott  
Leven Liao  
Thomas Pratt  
Isabelle Wattam  
Rintaro Asano  
Edward Bennett  
Alex Dowie  
Isabelle Rigler  
Penny Biggs  
Samuel Withers  
Eva-Bella Savva  
Grace Aldridge

### Pre-Prep Awards

Reception	<b>Evan Fanning</b> <b>Hugh Dunn</b>
Year 1	<b>Ralph Litton</b> - For focus and determination with his presentation of all work. <b>Harry Warren</b> - for his enthusiasm towards class discussions and sharing his understanding eloquently. <b>Emily Peilow</b> - for encompassing all of what school life has to offer. <b>Scarlett Hyams</b> - for being such a kind and helpful member of the class.
Year 2	<b>Lowenna Matthews</b> - for being such a hard working and helpful member of the class. <b>Katie Merritt-Biggs</b> - for increased focus and hard work in lessons this year.
Pre-Prep PE	<b>Reception</b> Molly Packham-Molyneux - for always striving to do her best in lessons and making fantastic progress in Cricket and Athletics this term. <b>Year 1</b> Charlotte Bottaro - for showing a very focused and determined approach in PE and for always offering to help others in the class. Olivia Merritt- Biggs - for working extremely hard in PE this term and making particular progress in her striking and fielding skills. <b>Year 2</b> Francesca Dunn - for always striving to do her best in lessons and making fantastic progress in her batting and fielding skills in Cricket this term.



# Prep School

## Final Assembly

### Pre-Prep Awards

<b>House Climbing</b>	Mendips
<b>Horse Riding Rosettes</b>	Edward Bennett Alex Pawley Pixie Poltimore Lauren Rock Jaslynn Wairima Martha Warren Thomas Brown Eva Gray, Theo Milmer Gabrielle Rodriguez-Guerizec Rebekah Smyth
<b>For representing the school in NSEA competitions</b>	Imogen Speyer
<b>Learning Support Luard Progress Prize</b>	Eliza Messom - for continued positivity towards her learning support sessions

### Prep Awards

<b>Maths Quiz</b>	Year 6 individual Winner - Sam Withers Year 5 individual winner - Ben Milmer
<b>Boys Cricket</b>	<b>Henry Cup (most improved boy)</b> Freddie Thomas  <b>Colours</b> Thomas Pawley Bradley ncube Luis Flood Ollie Burrough  <b>Vincent Cup (Best all-round contribution)</b> Thomas Pawley
<b>Girls Cricket</b>	<b>Eagle Cup (most improved girl)</b> Juno Naughton  <b>Colours</b> Charlotte Bunn Livi Gardner  <b>Dragon Cup (best all-round contribution)</b> Rosie Huxtable Curno

### Prep Awards

<b>Art</b>	<b>Stanion Trophy (effort and attainment)</b> Isabelle Bowman
<b>Music</b>	<b>Sasha Orchestra Cup</b> Minty Lin <b>Choir Cup</b> Rosie Huxtable-Curno <b>Instrumental Cup</b> Ella Taylor
<b>Drama &amp; Speech</b>	<b>Sophie Cup (most progress in speech)</b> Isabella Bentham <b>Miss Way Cup (outstanding performance in speech)</b> Penny Vile
<b>Quiz - (Recognition of contribution to Quiz teams)</b>	Thomas Pawley



# Prep School

## Final Assembly

### Prep Awards

Prep Awards	
<b>Sports Commendations</b>	<b>Year 5</b> Hester Preece Harry Sian  <b>Year 4</b> Timisayo Awodiji Luca Slottje-Pick  <b>Year 3</b> Megan Davies Alfie Shore
<b>Athletics</b>	<b>5 Star Award Year 3</b> Bertie Donohoe-Birch William James Thomas Kennen Imogen Speyer  <b>5 Star Award Year 4</b> Gracie-Jean Langford Poppy Neenan Sebastian Shire  <b>5 Star Award Year 5</b> Jack James, Benjamin Milmer, Juno Naughton  <b>5 Star Award Year 6</b> Livi gardner, Bradley Ncube, Thomas Pawley
<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>Year 5 Girls 100m winner</b> Molly Owen <b>Year 6 Girls 100m winner</b> Livi Gardner <b>Year 5 Girls 800m winner</b> Juno Naughton <b>Year 5 Boys 800m winner</b> Benjamin Milmer <b>Year 5 Boys 1500m winner</b> Jack James <b>Year 6 Girls 1500m winner</b> Rosie Huxtable-Curno
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Downton Endeavour Cup</b> Erin Lyle  <b>Most improved swimmer</b> Jemima Speyer  <b>Colours</b> Livi Gardner Rosie Huxtable Curno Sheldon Xie



# Speech Day



View the programme [here](#)

View more photos [here](#)

Year Group Prizes		
Year 2 Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Connie Biggs
Year 2 Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Emily Merritt-Biggs
Year 2 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Albie Pitts
Year 2 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Aurora Durbin
3AW Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Ffion Hiney
3AW Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Ege Simdi
3RH Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Alfie Shore
3RH Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Emilie Payne
Year 3 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Tom Kennen
Year 3 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Oliver Shaena
4AC Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Harvey Gunputh
4AC Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Ruby Moss
4SS Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Alyssa Riviere
4SS Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Alex Pawley
Year 4 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Timisayo Awodiji
Year 4 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Poppy Neenan
5RO Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Ibrahim Alsaïdi
5RO Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Oscar Kilmartin
5TG Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Hester Preece
5TG Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Sophia Wells
Year 5 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Jack James
Year 5 Wyvern	For excellence and all round contribution to school life	Ben Milmer
6PF Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Thomas Pawley
6PF Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Sophia Khodadoost Ramirez
6LG Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Charlotte Bunn
6LG Form Prize	For attainment and endeavour in the classroom	Ben Gascoigne



# Speech Day

## School Awards

Music Award	For commitment to Music across the year	Madison Jones
Sport Trophy	For commitment to Sport across the year	Livi Gardner
Art and DT Trophy	For commitment to Art and DT across the year	Eleanor Onslow
Performing Arts Cup	For commitment to Performing Arts across the year	Mabel Owen
Cotlake Boarding Award	For significant contribution to prep school boarding at	Sheldon Xie
O.Ed Award	For commitment to Outdoor Education across the year	Ella Taylor
Pillar Cup	For receiving the most House Points	Anya Spensley
Birch Cup	for kind, thoughtful, caring and considerate behaviour /	Eleanor Burrough
Elaine Dixon Award	For a pupil who has made significant improvement in a	Maurice Speyer

## Special Awards

Pre-Prep Foundation Prize	For a consistent, positive contribution	Teddy Huxtable-Curno
Birkett Prize	For service towards others	Bradley Ncube
Wyvern Prize	In recognition of accomplishments dur-	Rintaro Asano
Upper Prep Foundation Prize	For a consistent, positive contribution	Oliver Burrough
Old Queenian Prize	For excellent all-round contribution to	Louis Flood & Cora McAlonan
Edmonds Shield	House Competition Award	Quantocks





# Senior Sports

## Sports Report



The end of another successful year is upon us. Just enough time to squeeze in a weekend full for fixtures. The 1st XI welcomed Camberwell Grammar School from Australia and secured two wins in their two 100 Ball encounters. The 2nd XI had an enjoyable afternoon playing Exeter School and the U15 and U13 teams faced Wellington for some fantastic displays of cricket.

It was an exciting on Monday when our Year 7 athletes, Jayden and Tommy, represented the South West at the National Track and Field Championships in Nuneaton. Both performed incredibly well in their events and can now proudly say they are amongst the best in the country! (photos from Rob)

We also had the chance for one last cricket match this week. The 1st XI welcomed Bristol Grammar School on Monday for a rather wet and windy encounter. Fun was had by all in challenging conditions to round up the season.

## Sports Day



Sports Day on Wednesday was a chance for all to showcase their talents and bring some friendly competition to the track. Some exceptional team and individual results - including a new school record for Tommy Reeve in the Year 7 shot-putt.

A close fought competition between the houses saw Barnicott win the Junior Cup, Woolmer won the Intermediate Cup and French took the Senior Cup. The overall results were very close, with few points separating the houses. However, Barnicott were victorious overall. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**

Thanks to all players and parents for their commitment and support this term in ensuring a valuable sporting experience was had by all.



# Sports Day

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A list of Sports Day winners can be found [here](#)



A programme of the day can be viewed [here](#)



# Cups and Colours

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At our final assembly, colours for the summer term were awarded and the many contributions and successes celebrated. Colours are awarded to pupils in recognition of contribution and excellence across the school.



<b>Cricket Report:</b>	<i>"Charlie in Year 13 plays, leads and lives at full intensity. He has been a fine example to follow. He absorbs the endearing way his teammates describe his chat with great humour and well-earned respect. He is the ever-reliable and dependable character this team needed. Charlie opened the batting, bowled his right arm hop and skip off-spin, and he dived about at point brilliantly. A team-first player who went above and beyond for Queen's. Yes he's been your head of school, but more importantly he's been a wonderful First XI Cricket Captain - Thank you Charlie."</i>
<b>Junior (Years 7 and 8)</b> <b>A Team (hardball) winners</b> <b>B Team (softball) winners</b>	Woolmer French
<b>Intermediate (years 9 and 10)</b> <b>Boys (hardball) winners</b> <b>Girls (softball) winners</b>	French Ray
<b>Fonseka Cup for Batting</b>	Tom Clark 113 not out v Wellington (U15A)
<b>Fonseka Cup for Bowling</b>	Christian Davies: 6 wickets for 13 runs v. King's College (U15B) & 6 wickets for 42 v Mount Kelly (U15A)
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Hayden Taylor-Worth
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Millie Lusk

# Cups and Colours

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<b>Swimming Report:</b>	<i>"Will has been a committed and hardworking member of the swim team this year. He has helped organise the team at events and always gives his best when racing himself. Will's love for swimming has spilled over into coaching and now with his qualifications coaches regular sessions locally. I would like to thank him for his support this year and wish him all the best with swimming in the future."</i>
Ken Ho Swimming Trophies	<b>Zach Lyle and Hayley Sala</b>
Stephen Moore Trophy for contribution to Swimming	<b>Sophie Lowe</b>
Half Colours awarded to	<b>Harry Forknall, Dawn Webberley, Elizabeth Wrayford, Will Wrayford</b>
<b>Tennis</b> Junior (Years 7 and 8)	<b>A Team winners - Ray</b> <b>B Team winners - Woolmer</b>
<b>Cross-Country</b> Senior	<b>French</b>
<b>Athletics Report:</b>	<i>"There was only one person for the job when it came to leading the athletics team this year. Louis Reynolds has been a role model to our younger students, his dedication and commitment to the sport and the Queen's athletics team is admirable and his achievements at the track have been tremendous. I'm still struggling to see how he is able to jump nearly 2m! We wish Louis the best of luck at the upcoming National Championships and I'm sure we'll see him on an even bigger stage in the future"</i>
Half Colours awarded to	<b>Finley Cooling, Franky Gediking, Jacky Yip</b>
Full Colours re-awarded to	<b>Osa Eribo, Louis Reynolds</b>
Full Colours awarded to	<b>Yas Fettah</b>



# Cups and Colours

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<p><b>Head of College's Team of the Term</b></p>	<p><u>Boys Cricket</u>            1st Alfie Rucklidge            2nd Joe Naguib            U15 Henry Green            U14 Alex BurroughU13 Leo Carpenter            U12 Finn Parker-Larkin</p> <p><u>Girls Cricket</u>            1st Emily Davies            U15 Harriet Turner            U14 Bahiya Hussein            U13 Megan Clark            U12 Eliza Hooper</p> <p><u>Athletics</u>            Senior Boy - Victor Vasseur            Senior Girl - Mila Dierick            Inter Boy - Alex Bell            Inter Girl - Alicia Hartland            Junior Boy - Isaac Banks            Junior Girl - Evvie Riches</p> <p><u>Swimming</u>            Senior Boy - Scorfield Chan            Senior Girl - Amelia McGill            Inter Boy - Oliver Messom            Inter Girl - Maddie Lloyd            Junior Boy - Sam Zomorrodian            Junior Girl - Emily Neenan</p>
<p><b>Equestrian Report:</b></p>	<p><i>"The equestrian team have enjoyed a good summer term; the longer evenings have allowed for some evening show jumping events. All our riders have worked hard to keep horses fit though unfortunately there have been injuries along the way. The pinnacle of any School riding team is to reach Hickstead. Two of our team took their horses to the All England Show Jumping ground last weekend. Harriet Lister jumped in the 85cm class and showed us that she and her new horses are going from strength to strength. Whilst Francesca Lawrence had a fantastic round in the international arena where she faced some challenging fences. Congratulations to both riders and horses."</i></p>
<p><b>Most improved Horse and Rider:</b></p>	<p>Harriet Lister (and Bower Pegasus)</p>
<p><b>The Field Shield:</b>            best Queen's Individual in an Equestrian competition</p>	<p>Francesca Lawrence</p>
<p><b>International Cap:</b>            England Youth Fly Fishing</p>	<p>Max Mockridge</p>

# Cups and Colours

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<b>Music Report:</b>	<i>"Georgie Ambler is one of our leading instrumentalists, being a highly skilled oboist and violinist. As well as supporting a multitude of ensembles, she has performed solo in a number of concerts this year, including providing the finale music item in 'Inside Out'"</i>
<b>Keyboard Prize</b>	Shao Shen Kuar
<b>String Prize</b>	Georgina Ambler
<b>Woodwind Prize</b>	Toby Carlson
<b>Music Endeavour Awards</b>	Smiley Chan and Karen Tam
<b>Sidney Lawton Prize for the highest achievement in Grades 6 to 8</b>	Hazel Dovey Grade 8 singing - Distinction (90)
<b>Sidney Lawton Prize for the highest achievement in Grades 1 to 5</b>	Felicity Cook Grade 5 Piano - Merit (124)
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Charis Sin





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<b>Performing Arts Report:</b>	<i>"Falah Faridi has played a leading role in Queen's live entertainment as a performing arts scholar. Last August he took on the role of Trinculo in 'The Tempest' at the Edinburgh Festival and followed this with a moving performance as the Baker in the senior musical, Into the Woods. Falah demonstrates exactly the versatility and attention to detail we look for in our top actors."</i>
<b>Winters Award for Senior Actor</b>	Lily MacNeice & Jack Tregunna
<b>Beaumont Award for Middle School Actor</b>	Makanaka Doroh
<b>Campbell Award for Senior Dance</b>	You you Chin
<b>Aitken Award for Junior Dance</b>	Ella Higdon & Mary-Tess McAlonan
<b>Arditti Technical Theatre Award</b>	Toby Carlson
<b>Edwards Award for Musical Theatre</b>	Thomas Clark & Aria Maryan-Verona
<b>Student Playwriting Competition</b>	Winner: Lily MacNeice
<b>Half Colours awarded to:</b>	Toey Chan, You You Chin, Prakriti Wood
<b>Full Colours re-awarded to:</b>	Millie Gubby (currently performing in the West End in 'Aspects of Love')
<b>Full Colours awarded to:</b>	Lily MacNeice
<b>South-West Chef of the Year Winner</b>	Munopa Nhete

<b>QuBEc Cup Winners</b>	<p><i>"8 teams from four schools competed in a Business and Economics University Challenge Style competition. All schools entered a team from each subject. The Queen's College Business team reached the final where they were beaten by the King's College Taunton Economics team."</i></p> <p><b>The Queen's Business team:</b> Jonty Lusk, Joel Savage, Harry Forknall and Will Bayliss</p>
<b>Queen's College House Journalism Challenge</b>	Winners: Ray (Editors Mate Mayer & Lennie Shorten)
<b>British Physics Olympiad: Senior Physics Challenge</b>	<p><b>Silver:</b> Sevin Fernando</p> <p><b>Bronze 1:</b> Olivia Hadley Tadhg McAlonan Joshua Wilcox</p> <p><b>Bronze 2:</b> Jeffery Chu</p>
<b>Chairman's Challenge - Earth Day (MLN, CMS)</b>	<p><b>Winners:</b> Energy - Ray Procurement - Woolmer Waste - French Water - French Teamwork - French Overall - French</p>

# Speech Day



Just like that, we've reached the end of another school year, the end of our Queens journey. On Thursday 6th of July, all of our Senior school pupils and staff made their way to the marquee to celebrate, as a community, the successes and highlights of the year and to award prizes for exceptional efforts throughout the academic year. Merit prizes as well as 'Queen's prizes' (for contribution to the school) were handed out across all year groups, with additional subject prizes to acknowledge significant success for pupils in year 11 and 13.

There were speeches from Mr Noad and Mr Edwards as well as our guest speaker, Mr Geoff Bisson, this year being his 50th year of service for the school! He discussed the history of the school and gave us all a top tip to avoid sea sickness..."get under a tree"!

As heads of school, we were lucky enough to do a speech this year and used the opportunity to reminisce and show our appreciation to Queens and everyone who's made our time here.

The end of a school year is the time for change; so, whilst we celebrate we must also bid farewell to some of our teachers and all of our upper sixth leavers, and want to wish them all the best in their futures.

To top off the prize giving, we announced the winners of the Founders Shield; a highly sought after prize which the houses have been competing for all year round.

Unfortunately neither of our houses took home the win, but a huge congratulations to Barnicott, fantastically led by Maeve Kennen, for their efforts this year.

Following the awards, we all gathered outside the marquee for some nibbles and the opportunity to begin our goodbyes. With a glass of bubbly in one hand and some strawberries in the other, it finally hit us that it was actually our final day here at Queen's. Our fellow year 13 students joined us for an emotional 'leavers lunch' in the dining pavilion before we all made our way home to start preparing for the much anticipated Summer Ball!

From 2008 to now, in 2023, Queens has always felt like home. We have made memories and friendships for life and feel so lucky to have been a part of the community for so long. It's never easy saying goodbye especially when the next stages for us still seem so daunting. Having said that, we are excited to see what our future holds and will, most definitely, be back.

Thank you, Queens, it's been an absolute blast.

*Article by Pippa Year 13 (Head of School)*



# Speech Day



View more photos [here](#)



View the programme and awardee names [here](#)





# Summer Ball



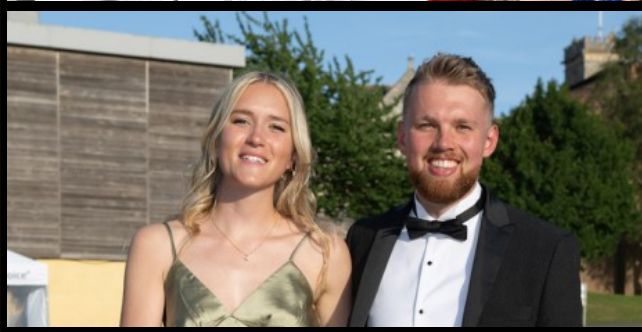
Wow, what a night! The last few days of festivities were topped off with the most fabulous Ball last night. On a beautiful sunny (and windy!) evening parents and staff from across the College enjoyed a simply superb evening whilst our Year 12 and 13 pupils looked fabulous and were just great company.

The dance floor was full all night long as everyone enjoyed dancing the night away to the super Haus Band. Some special memories were made for all, with singing from Lucia Edwards and a quite superb Year 13 dance. Thank you to the incredible team here at Queen's who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the evening a true success.





# Summer Ball





# Senior School

## Colour Run



The colour run on Saturday saw students and families from across the college run around the lower through our paint stations, to finish covered in all the colours of the rainbow. It was a great morning seeing so many involved and raising money for Edukid. We aren't sure who had the most fun, those running around or the staff throwing the paint! Even Percy joined in with Mr Noad for a few laps!

Edukid is the College's global citizenship charity partner, and this year we have been raising vital funds through numerous projects including the colour run, to support the education of young people in Kampong Takong, Cambodia. In Cambodia school is free, but thousands of children are still too poor to attend as they can't afford the uniform, books and pens. Many schools are under-resourced, meaning they have two sets of pupils – so children either attend school in the morning or in the afternoon. Consequently, even if a child can get the opportunity to go to school, their chances of changing the poverty that constrains them is limited. The money that we are raising will ensure that the children in Kampong Takong have the vital resources to be able to attend school daily, as well as training staff to teach them.

If you have not already donated and would like to then please click on our [JustGiving](#) page. More photos on [Flickr](#).





# Senior School

## Year 9 MUN Day

Tuesday was Year 9 MUN day. Some of Year 9 had taken part in MUN as part of co-curricular and had attended some conferences however many had not been involved in Model United Nations before.

The day started with some research of the countries which they had each been allocated. Our Year 12 “MUN-ers” together with two experienced Year 9s, guided the year group on what to research and consider, particularly when the debating topics were revealed. Both committees looked at the issues of global violence and the inequality of healthcare provision across the world. Again, the students researched these topics from the viewpoints of their countries; this proved an interesting and at times controversial task as the views of certain countries did not align with the views of the students. **To read the full story click [here](#).**



## Plymouth Aquarium Year 8



The Year 8's spent an informative day at Plymouth Aquarium. The students were given a tour of the aquarium where they learnt about the species that inhabit the area around Plymouth Sound.

Further tanks displayed species that can be found further afield including nurse sharks, turtles and puffer fish. After a brief stop for lunch, we then learnt about the evolution of species and how mutations can shape the organisms around us. Each student was able to design and draw their own species depending on the mutations that they had. Year 8 produced some fantastic and unique species.

# Senior School

## Languages Day



The MFL Faculty, supported by a number of key members of staff across the college, hosted Year 7 and 8 for the annual Languages Fun Day.

Students experienced a wide range of activities pertinent to the countries of study, including language and cultural tasks. These included a French and Spanish escape room, a flamenco lesson, Galette baking class, outdoor games, Blooket quizzes, a Spanish web quiz, a 'Hundertwasser' workshop and an Italian masterclass.

Students threw themselves into the activities they experienced. Despite the downpour on the day, our students and staff managed to overcome the challenges this presented. Well done to our students who worked well and got involved in the activities, some stepping right out of their comfort-zone. We hope the students enjoyed their day.

## Year 8 and 9 Social Evening

Year 8 and 9 had the opportunity to leave their school uniform at home for the day and dress up in their finest attire, as on Tuesday evening, the students celebrated their End of Year Formal.

With drinks and music to begin, the students dressed to impress, whilst Mrs Noad snapped photographs of them all. They were then whisked away to the Wyvern Hall for a sit-down meal, served to them by their Year Leads Miss Watkins and Mrs Allen, as well as the Year 8 and 9 tutor team. Amongst the food, drink and awards, a sea of smiling faces enjoyed the evening. Thank you for letting us celebrate what has been an incredible year with you all. More photos on [Flickr](#).





# Senior School

## Visiting Artists - Year 8



Year 8 had a wonderful and creative day yesterday creating a character and then illustrating a story. This was inspired by the artist Irena Shmatova and the wonderful characters she creates. The Ukrainian artist demonstrated her illustrations with enthusiasm and excitement, whilst exploring the imaginary world of the pupils. They had a great time designing and thinking about how their character develops into a storyline in their personal concertina sketchbook, which means that the story can go on and on...

This sketchbook also provides the pupils with the opportunity to continue to develop it over the summer. We also had Mr James Grummett from Wey Valley School in Dorset visiting, to see our exhibition and understand what we do in Art at Queen's and share his photography ideas and equipment with us. Overall, we had a very busy but wonderful day and were so proud of the work that the pupils created.



## Art Teacher visit Wye Valley school - James Grummett



*"I've had a fabulous visit to Queens College, viewing the GCSE and A level work. The standard is so high! I feel inspired by the dedicated studio spaces and the diversity of work across the specialisms. I'm looking forward to implementing ideas and techniques from the quality teaching and learning that is so clearly displayed in the student sketchbooks and outcomes."*

*It was also a pleasure to meet Irena the visiting Ukrainian artist, to learn about her story and how she communicated this through her surreal illustrations. Thank you to everyone in the department for making me feel very welcome especially Miss Cade for organising my visit."*



# Senior School

## Practical Mathematics



Last week, Year 7 were challenged to work out how much custard they would need to fill a welly boot to the brim once a foot had been placed inside it! The day ran in 3 sessions, including a collaboration with Food & Nutrition, where they made the gloopy custard for the wellies and then made crème patissière for a fruit tart.

They were tasked, in groups, to nominate a member to be the person who put their foot into the custard-filled welly boot and then to use their knowledge of mathematics to model both the welly and the foot using 3D shapes and volumes. **To read the full story click [here](#).**

## Year 7 Trip

Last week, Year 7 enjoyed a trip into Taunton on Friday June 30th to complete a photographic treasure hunt and learn about the history of the town.

Students were split into groups, researched the questions in school and planned their route around town. They then explored the town including a visit to the Taunton Museum, attempting to pull the sword from the stone and acting out scenes from Shakespeare outside the Brewhouse Theatre.



## Hurst College National Schools Show Jumping Championships



Our riders had the most memorable outing to the Hurst College National Schools Show Jumping Championships held at the famous All England Jumping Course, Hickstead.

Such a special moment to see Queen's College being represented by Francesca in the Elite Final. Amazing effort on the most beautifully turned out horse. Our younger rider Harriet challenged herself and her new horse in the Junior section. Wonderful riding, atmosphere and as always, support. Well done!



# Senior School

## Lily in Year 7 Celebrates Armed Forces Day held in Falmouth



On the 23-24th of June, Lily in Year 7 was lucky enough to attend the National event celebrating Armed Forces Day held in Falmouth, Cornwall.

Where her step-Mum (Polly Perkins CBE) was The Joint Military Commander in the RAF responsible for organising the military aspects of the event.

On the Friday Lily attended a youth and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) day where all of the schools in

Cornwall were invited. Lily was delighted to meet Emily Britten who is a Junior Doctor in the RAF and gave her some inspiring career advice. Later that evening she attended a Reception Aboard a T23 Frigate where she met the Captain of the Ship and the Lord Lieutenant Sir Edward Bolitho. On the Saturday she met the Mayor of Falmouth; where she tried on the Civic chains valued at over 250k! The highlight of the event was the Military Parade and fly past of the World famous Red Arrows. Later that evening there was also a flying display over the bay of Falmouth, as it was also international handstand day Lily and her Father had their photograph taken; whilst doing handstands - with the lead pilot from the Red Arrows but safely on the ground!

## Dismantled Car - Mr Higgs



Like most Design and Technology teachers I'm the kind of guy to have a project (or three) on the go at home, sometimes to the consternation of my wife and neighbours! I've always wanted a car with a matching half car trailer - a project which has made slow progress over recent months.

My Year 12 class asked what we could do for the Year 12 subject day and I suggested working on my trailer project. This struck a chord and there were several comments from staff likening the project to something off Top Gear. After some delicate(?) removal of parts that were in the way, our very own "Clarkson, May and Hammond" made a neat job of cutting the car in half. There is a lot of work still to be done, but good progress was made.



# Summer Reading

For Life and Summer Scrapbook Challenge - Mrs Litton



The long summer break is finally here, and I certainly can't wait to put my feet up and rest by a pool with a great book (this year, 'Romola' by George Eliot to start: the only Eliot I haven't read). Parents ask us every year how they can maintain their child's learning over the sustained intermission from school, and indeed enrich it. My response is always this: encouraging and enabling reading for pleasure. The OECD researched reading for pleasure in 2012, and concluded that 'Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success.' (Research is [here](#))

This is enormous, and as an English teacher, something of which I am aware every day. The pupils who achieve highly in this subject are regular, keen readers. It stands to reason, really, when the English Language GCSE exam is broken down into two reading exams and two writing exams. If they do not practise reading, they will struggle with a reading exam, just as I would struggle to run a marathon, because I don't even jog; similarly, if they do not see language in action by reading it, they will struggle to emulate that in their writing. It is an indisputable fact that reading for pleasure leads to greater success in the English classroom, but it does not end there: any subject that requires reading and writing depends upon their reading skills, even the longer answers in Maths. As well as academically, reading has proven benefits for a child's wellbeing; the OECD research cites 'Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social consequences.'

It builds children's all-round development, and **not just for school, but for life.**

There is an excellent website [here](#) which lists quality reading choices for all ages, from our youngest EYFS children in Highgrove, through adolescence and to pre-university levels. There is plenty to choose from, whatever their reading preference. Mrs Wilde is running our biennial 'Summer Scrapbook Challenge' and I encourage all pupils to participate ([details here](#)). To finish, can I quote one more time from the OECD research? 'Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status.' Let's get them reading!





# Sixth Form

## Annual BBQ



On Tuesday evening, the Sixth Form hosted the annual BBQ when the staff and Year 12s welcome back Yr 13 after their post exam relaxation/festivities. Eddie Cullen of Cullen's Catering and grandfather of Yr 13 student, Jake Cullen, served up a fantastic and plentiful feast for all. The Year 13s enjoyed receiving their year books, which were diligently signed by staff and students alike.

## Ivy House Leadership Award - Hayden



During the Sixth Form BBQ this week, fifteen of us received our [Ivy House award](#), after months of meeting with Mrs Wilde every Tuesday evening! Ivy House is a leadership programme designed to help build you personally, and help you to understand who you are.

It helped me greatly with leadership skills - I learnt that I need to radiate! My favourite sessions tended to be when biscuits were provided, but also when we had to close our eyes and imagine certain scenarios. The sessions are all split up with an exercise such as a quiz or imagining a scenario, a masterclass, which was a video describing what you are going to be thinking about this session, and an action plan; how you will put what you have learnt into action and what have you done recently with what you have learnt. A great session is when you learn about Choosing your Behaviour: the equation  $\text{Events} + \text{Behaviour} = \text{Results}$  was drummed into us!

We would all like to thank Mrs Wilde for giving us the opportunity to complete this course this year.

## Knitting Workshop

The Year 12 Textiles students were treated to a fantastic knitting workshop, led by one of our very own Governors, Janet Waldon. The morning was a huge success, with everyone learning traditional textiles techniques, which they will later develop into their own innovative ideas. Janet plans to revisit next term to continue with what proved to be a highly enjoyable and very relaxing morning.





# Sixth Form

## Year 12 Photography Day



Students took face casts of each other to create an exciting base for photo montages.

A lot of fun was had by all and it was hard to stop laughing as the plaster set! The students then took portrait photographs of each other and these are going to be collaged over the casts to create surreal masks. The finished pieces will be completed next term when the models will be re-photographed wearing the masks to create surreal images. Watch this space!

## Year 12 History Trip



Y12 History students locked horns with [Reynard's Adventure](#) in the old Humberts building on Silver Street. They travelled to the temple of the volcano god and solved riddles and followed clues to gain admission to the adventurers club. A great time was achieved and had by all!

## Year 12 Sociology Trip



Y12 Sociology and RS students did a walking tour of the many places of worship on Upper High Street. With stops at the Unitarian Chapel and Taunton Baptist Church they learnt a lot about the different faiths and capped it off with lunch upstairs at Nando's.

## Physics Day



Last Friday saw the centrepiece of the Queen's end of year celebrations with the much anticipated Year 12 Physics Day (tickets now on sale for the June 2024 day at a special early savers price). Our intrepid and dare devil A level Physicists risked life and limb in the quest to pass their "Practical Endorsement" by taking on the challenge of some of the Year 13 required practical's, working with high temperature compressed gases, discharging capacitors and ionising radiation sources. The experiments they completed included:

- Q Walking in the footsteps of the great Lord Kelvin by estimating the temperature of absolute zero by finding how the pressure of a fixed amount and volume of gas changed with temperature. Will Jeffery managed an estimate of  $-276.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  a very impressive 1.3% error compared to the accepted value.
- Q Getting ready for a career at Hinkley C by confirming that beta particle absorption increases with the thickness of a cladding material. Along the way the pupils learnt to safely handle alpha, beta and gamma sources.
- Q Experimentally confirming the capacitors discharge as an exponential decay.

All in all everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day and picked up some new experimental skills.



# Sixth Form

## Globe Trip



Tuesday saw Mrs Litton taking year 12 English Literature A Level students on the annual pilgrimage to The Globe. We were all star struck by seeing Michelle Terry doing her vocal and physical warm-ups on stage while we did a tour to understand exactly what Hamlet means when he refers to the physical environment of the theatre itself ('Hamlet' being our chosen set text). We then saw a brilliant performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which had all of us laughing out loud: we'll never again be able to say the word 'prologue' without laughing, which will be a memory for life. As well as entertaining us, this play enriched pupils' grasp of Shakespeare's metatheatrics, using a play within a play here as well as in 'Hamlet'.

## OQ News

### OQ Rebecca Wilde

Congratulations to OQ Rebecca Wilde (middle) who was part of the Great Britain quad that beat Canada to win The Princess Grace Challenge Cup (Women's Quad Sculls) at Henley Royal Regatta over the weekend.





# News and Announcements

## Key Reminders

Boarders Heathrow Bus	07 July
A Level Results Day	17 August
GCSE Results Day	24 August
New boarders start	4 September
Current boarder return	6 September
Autumn Term begins	7 September
Sixth Form Barn Dance	7 September
Tempest - Individual Pupil Photographs	8 September
Parents' Drinks Reception	8 September
Prep School Photos	14 September

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

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

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

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open the first week of the school holidays (10-14 July), if you wish to make an appointment from please email Rebecca Mockridge at [ram@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:ram@queenscollege.org.uk)



# 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](#)



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*Sample Programme and To Book*



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# Quorus



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

Rehearsals in the OMR

**WED | 7:00PM**

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*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.*

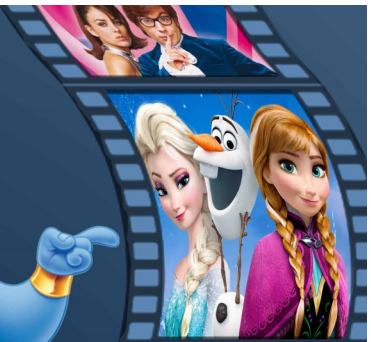


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CHARITY CONCERT

Performed by OQ's  
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DATE & TIME 7:00pm on 23/09/23

LOCATION Queen's College, Taunton

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