

QC Recognised With A National Award



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Mr Julian Noad - Head of College



This week's missive comes from Nigeria; Lagos, specifically. For this reason, I'll keep my piece short and allow the rest of the bulletin to tell the wider Queen's story of the week.

I have been visiting some of the local independent schools and meeting with prospective families. Tonight, I shall be meeting up with some Old Queenians, with Ayo Kusamoto, a lawyer in Lagos, kindly taking me under his wing.

A fabulous open morning last Saturday seems a long time away.

The really positive feedback was a joy to hear. A number of families have already signed up or are organising taster days which is testament to our wonderful pupils and staff.

This week's focus has been Mental Health Week. You will see that we are really delighted to have achieved, after much hard work and recognising our excellent provision, the Wellbeing Award, a national accreditation earned by only a very few schools.

The Chaplain's address in Chapel today was, I believe, about resting well - ironically, he was forced to

record this from his home sofa owing to illness. There is just one more weekend until half term and a well earned rest for everyone.

On the sports fields, we will see hockey versus Plymouth, football versus Clayesmore, and rugby training fixtures. On Sunday, we look forward to our West End workshop and some Alps kayaking training. The boarders have Halloween fun, biking in Exmouth and shopping in Exeter.

Next week is our performing arts week, with Houses competing in many art forums. The big one is on Friday, House Singing on Friday. All

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of this is driven by the pupils themselves and is always a fabulous way to end the half term.

With half term around the corner, I share a couple of dates to go in the diary for immediately after the break. We look forward to the Friends of Queen's College, Barn Dance on Friday 10 November. This

is the prelude to Remembrance and OQ Weekend. We have a 1975 OQs reunion on the Saturday afternoon (11 November), with OQ drinks later at Castle House. Then we have (on 12 November) Hockey matches, school versus OQs, preceded by a Remembrance Service, at 10.30am.

That's all from me. I must get back to a schools fair.

I look forward to being back with you on Monday.

Julian

Welling Award For Schools



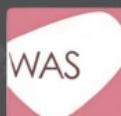
We are thrilled to announce we have been awarded the esteemed Wellbeing Award for Schools this summer. This recognition reflects the whole school approach to fostering a culture of exceptional wellbeing and pastoral care for students, parents and staff alike, supporting the College's Core values of ambition, creativity, care and activity.

Wellbeing is truly embedded at Queen's and the Wellbeing Award for Schools developed in partnership with the National Children's Bureau is testament to the College's commitment to providing a nurturing and supportive environment for all stakeholders. This holistic approach recognises that wellbeing is the central pillar that underpins personal growth and effective relationships within our school.

The wellbeing of students, parents, and staff alike is supported by a range of initiatives, including a dedicated team of qualified, onsite counsellors, an onsite medical team, an extensive safeguarding team working across the campus, staff training from the Samaritans amongst others, a number of qualified mental health first aiders and round-the-clock support for boarders from a dedicated team of house parents.

Read the full press release and information booklet [here](#).


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Wellbeing Award
for Schools

Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



Another fantastic week has flown by! As we head towards half term, there's much to celebrate from the past week.

We started the week by recognising and celebrating Mental Health Day. We are incredibly proud of our Wellbeing Award, details of which can be found [here](#), and Tuesday was a good opportunity to further promote emotional well-being and resilience. There were insightful discussions and the children suggested many helpful tips and hints related to the topic.

This week, we hosted our termly Parent Forum. These forums provide a fantastic opportunity for parents to share their thoughts, ideas, and feedback with us. I would like to thank those who attended Wednesday's meeting. It was a useful opportunity to chat through topics such as the new play equipment and the use of the library for pupils at lunchtime. I will circulate notes from the meeting next week. Your valuable insights are important in shaping the future of our school, so please don't hesitate to participate in these

sessions or pop in for a chat at any time. We value your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback, which is important to continue to make Queen's the special place it is.

On Monday and Wednesday, we had some exciting fixtures with children from Year 3 - 6 competing against other schools and displaying their skill and teamwork. The sporting theme continues today with the house biathlon. Stay tuned for the highlights and results in next week's edition.

Our talented students in Years 3-5 put on a delightful lunchtime concert on Thursday. The Birchall Hall was filled with enthusiasm as the children performed a variety of pieces. They were all very confident and performed to a high standard, a particular well done to those performing for the very first time!

Also this week, I had the pleasure of meeting informally with our new staff members to gauge their experiences in joining the Queen's community. It's clear from their insights that Queen's is indeed a school like no other, but there were also plenty of great ideas

they put forward to allow us to continue to improve our offer.

Looking ahead to next week, I'm particularly looking forward to the Harvest Festival at Temple Methodist Church on Friday at 2pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate the first half term, and provide support to the Rowbarton Food Pantry. Friends and family of children are welcome to attend the service - If you haven't already confirmed your attendance, please do so [here](#).

We'd like to offer a gentle reminder to parents about our uniform policy. Encouraging independence in children with high uniform standards is vital. Your support in this regard is greatly appreciated.

I wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at parents' evening next Tuesday or Thursday.

Henry

Nursery Round-up

Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



It's been a super week in the Puddleducks room this week! The children have been learning about superheroes, particularly the real life ones who help us. The children have enjoyed dressing up in a variety of different uniforms such as nurses and doctors, as well as vets in the role play area. The children have also been listening to and comparing the different sounds from emergency vehicles and talking about what we do when we hear the sirens as well as where the vehicles are going and who might be inside.

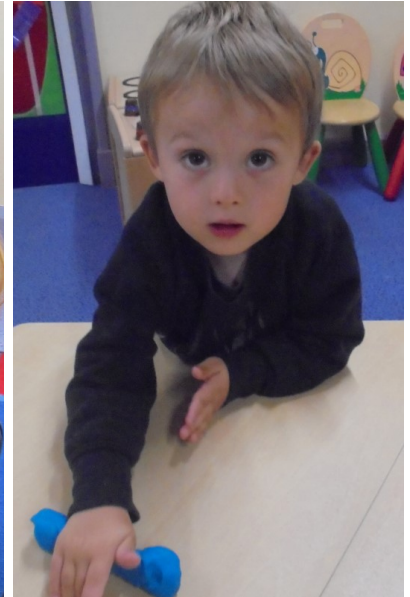
Tiggywinkles room have had a colourful week based on their book 'Spot'. There have been lots of painting opportunities as well as finding different animals in the sensory tray full of shredded colourful paper. The children also enjoyed the sensory tray in the garden full of shaving foam! The children have enjoyed having the opportunity to explore the autumn baskets in the garden in the lovely sunny weather.

The Cottontails children enjoyed a lovely walk down to the field this week to re-stock their autumn supplies of sticks, pine cones and conkers which have been used for messy and sensory play. Our youngest children have been developing their gross motor skills using the mirrors to practise some tummy time and to build strength in their legs. The song board this week has also been well enjoyed with a few new favourites added back into the selection.



Queen's Minis

Queen's Minis News From Miss Lizzie Hayes



The Queen's minis continue to be as busy as ever as all the curriculum groups are now in full swing.

During circle time groups, the children used a teddy bear as a focus to take turns and share their news, as the bear moves around the circle, giving each child the opportunity to develop their self-confidence to share their own thoughts and ideas and discuss a variety of topics. So far, they have had a discussion about members of their own family using a family of bears to talk about parents and siblings as well as sharing their news about what they did at the weekend.

In Forest School this week, the children gathered a variety of natural resources from the garden and beyond which they then used to create a self portrait. The children were encouraged to think about what features everyone had, where each facial feature is located on their face and the length of their hair.

Kitchen Garden club offered the children the opportunity to make their own individual apple crumbles to take home and the weekly musical dough gym session, designed to support the children's fine motor skills and their pre-writing skills, proved to be great fun.

The week was completed by a visit from the College's Chaplain, Rev Richard Kelley, who came to read a story about growing carrots and encourage the children to bring in food items for next week's Harvest Festival celebrations.



Prep School

Prep Sports Round-up



The U11A girls travelled to King's Bruton for their regional IAPS tournament last Friday. The weather was perfect for both players and spectators. The girls struggled early on, lacking cohesion in their play and they were often put under pressure through not being decisive or supportive enough. However this all changed once they were in the Bowl competition and started to work well as a team. In the Bowl semi-final the score at full time was 0-0 and time for penalty flicks! Fortunately we had practised these in training. Up stepped Juno, Moiya and Anya, who all slotted their shots away perfectly with a good level of power. Penny in goal also showed great movement and determination to help us win the match and go into the final. Our best hockey of the day was saved for these twelve minutes where, even though tired, the girls worked hard as a team and had lots of opportunities to score. We finally scored towards the end of the match and hung on for the Bowl victory!

Monday saw Wellington arrive for what was a very hot afternoon for both hockey and rugby. The Year 3 girls struggled a little in the heat but worked hard and tackled effectively and safely. Their footwork was also good and there was far less kicking of the ball than in the previous match. Year 4 played some great attacking hockey and seemed to thoroughly enjoy their matches. The boys continued to develop their skills and showed some great passing phases.

On Wednesday, the U10 boys travelled to their first festival of the season at King's Bruton Festival and it was pleasing to note the progress that they are making. They began well and played some good rugby against Chafyn Grove and Millfield and showed brave defence and determined running in both games. They did manage to finish strongly in the 2nd half of their final match.

The U11s travelled to Sherborne Prep School for what was a great game. Two evenly matched sides played some fantastic rugby. Some of the Queen's tries were great team efforts and it was great to see a range of players getting their name on the scorecard. What was even better was seeing the boys on the touchline support and encourage each other in a positive manner.

All the girls teams went across to Millfield for their matches. Both A teams played some really positive hockey, with the U10 team dominating their match which they were unable to convert into a win. The U11 had a tough match against a talented team but played some great hockey at times with strong tackles and clearance passes. The B teams had a difficult afternoon but battled well and showed some great individual performances.

Prep School

Prep School Concert



The first Lunchtime Concert of the school year was a great event. As Year 6 were on a trip, over 20 members of Years 3, 4 and 5 performed. It was wonderful to hear them!

Sonia began the concert with two beautiful harp pieces. Many confident and enjoyable items followed, on piano, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, voice, cello and electric guitar.

Some new members to Queen's took part and all enjoyed the warm welcome from the audience of their peers and parents. Megan concluded the concert with a lyrical rendition of Chim chim cher ee, which many almost sang with her.

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!



Prep School

Sports Notice

Swim hats

After the half term break the whole College will be moving to wearing swim hats in the pool. This will help minimise drying time of hair for all pupils moving into the winter months and keep the pool cleaner. Initially any colour of hat will be fine, but if you are buying new then a black hat is requested.

Earrings

All earrings should be either a small gold or silver stud. Those children who have had their ears pierced for over 6 weeks will be asked to remove them for PE and Games in line with the Senior School and Sports bodies guidelines and not just taped.

If you would like to remove your child's earrings on sports days then that would be great, alternatively please send them in with a small pot for secure storage during lessons.

Notice: Radio 2's 500 Word Story Competition

BBC
RADIO



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition, opened on Tuesday 26 September and will run until Friday 10 November. The Prep School are encouraging the children to enter their own stories which should be written at home.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The children will be encouraged to share their stories in their English lessons, once they have entered the competition.

More details, including how to enter a story, can be found on the [BBC website](#)

Introducing Rachael Buttress

I am the new Assistant Head Pre-Prep at Queen's.

I began in September and teach Year 1 in Pre-Prep. I have been teaching the Pre-Prep age range for over 25 years and love the variety, creativity and fun that Early Years gives.

Every day is different, as children are so keen to share their interests and passions - you just can't anticipate the conversations that you might have in one day!



Latin Club



This week in Latin Club, The children built a Roman Theatre out of Lego. It would normally be curved but curves are difficult to do in Lego!

Prep School

Year 2 Trip to Rural Life Museum



Year 2's trip to the Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury was amazing and the children were a credit to the school. They engaged beautifully in the 'Marvellous Materials' workshop, exploring different materials and their properties. The highlight was turning a sheep's fleece into felt and making a creature magnet to take home. A material hunt also took place, where the children were able to explore the artefacts in the museum and record the materials they spotted. Alban was the first to realise that plastic items were not on display because it hadn't been invented.

Year 5 Victorian Workshop



As part of their Humanities topic, 'Children in Victorian Britain', Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous workshop this week. The Old Music Room in the Senior School was transformed into a Victorian classroom, the pupils dressed as Victorian children and they experienced what life would have been like in a school room at this time, from hand inspections to writing out the times tables on slates. The children also took part in four activities examining artefacts and sewing. It was a fabulous insight into life in Victorian times! **More fabulous photos** [here](#).

Prep School

Reception



Reception have been busy exploring outside in the garden. They enjoyed playing on their bikes and trikes, playhouse and play equipment. They even set up a bike and trike washing service.

Year 3 Dentist Visit



Year 3 were thoroughly absorbed in learning about how to look after their teeth throughout their visit from Mr Lyle, the dentist and his dental technician Sophia.

They were able to explore what to eat to look after your teeth and how they should be brushed to make sure they last a lifetime. Making a fortune teller about dental hygiene was also a real hit with the classes and the whole experience was very positive and informative for all of the pupils.

We would all like to thank Mr Lyle and Sophia for giving us their time and expertise to help embed such an important message.

Prep School

Year 6 Trip



The Year 6 children had a super day visiting Exeter cathedral and Exeter Mosque. The children learnt about the Islamic faith and exciting facts from wonderful tour guides at the cathedral.

Pre-Prep - Mrs Buttress



This week has been Mental Health Week and in Pre-Prep the focus has been talking about feelings and how to recognise them in ourselves and others. We talked about the different things that we could do to help us, such as going outside, playing with a friend or having a quiet time to relax. We did some mindfulness colouring and listened to some beautiful music to clear our brains of clutter!

After school is always very busy and lots of fun in Pre-Prep. This week I visited Science Club and Cookery Club to see all the fun for myself. In Science Club the topic was 'rainbows' and the children told me that 3 things were needed for a rainbow - sun, rain and us! We have to be between the sun and the rain. Toby said he'd been to the end of a rainbow. I wonder what he found! This term Science Club has been looking at light. They have been making shadow puppets and carried out an experiment to observe how light refracts through water to change the appearance of an image. In Cookery Club the children have been making muffins, creating a lovely aroma around Pre-Prep this week. There are all sorts of reasons why they like Cookery Club:

'You get to try new tastes'

'I like going into the kitchen and cleaning. I do it at home sometimes'

'You get to eat tasty things'

In Cookery Club the children made the most of our own natural resources too, using rosemary from the garden to make flatbread and making apple muffins during apple week. I can't wait to see what they will make next week! Photos have been emailed of Science and Cookery club.



Senior School

Sports Round-up - Mr Bell



U16 Boys Rugby

The U16 boys rugby team continued their winning streak with a convincing win over Leweston School U17, on Saturday. A physical encounter with the Leweston back row providing countless attacking opportunities was met with a dominant defensive display from the Queen's boys. Often sustaining long periods of pressure, Queen's were patient and took their chances when they could. Blistering pace in attack and an organised back line meant Queen's pulled away at the end of the first half. The second half saw Leweston manage to get themselves back in the game following some unforced errors from Queen's. A last surge from the boys meant debutant Tom (in his first ever game of rugby) got to score in the corner to round off another secure victory.

U15 Boys Rugby

Queen's impressive U15 boys' team took to the pitch against Sidcot School in Tuesday's fixture. The U15's were too much for the opposition and tries and conversions were free flowing without reply. Well worked phases of play and defensive patience proved to be a visible difference. An overwhelming victory for the boys and well deserved boost.

U14 Boys Rugby

Queen's U14s hosted a strong Leweston outfit at the weekend. The boys played extremely well against a well drilled and physical team. The defending for large periods of the game was excellent and the U14's showed some great attacking play in stages. Despite the result they can be proud of their character and effort throughout the match, showing the true meaning of teamwork.

U12 & U13 Boys Rugby

On Saturday our U12 & U13s travelled away to Leweston. Both teams looked to take maximum points following impressive runs. The U12 team quickly became unstuck with an early try but battled on to score two tries late in the game for Queen's. The U13 team continued to impress with some brave tackles and battling rucks. With lots of positives and student led team talks there were plenty of encouraging signs ahead of the next couple of weeks training.

The U12 boys also welcomed Sherborne and Sidcot midweek, with two very close and physical games of rugby. Impressive defence from Queen's meant the opposition found it hard to score but a lack of width in attack and some reluctance to pass before contact meant the boys found it hard to turn possession into points. With only one try separating the teams, Queen's were unlucky not to win.

Senior School

Sports Round-up - Mr Bell



U13 Boys Rugby

On Wednesday we welcomed U13 teams from Sidcot School and Sherborne Prep school. It was Queen's and Sherborne who kicked off the afternoon with a dazzling display of rugby from the Queen's boys. Pace in attack, slick handling and dominant defence meant the boys secured another convincing win. The boys continued their dominance against Sidcot Showing great skill and determination, moving the ball wide and being ruthless in defence, guaranteeing yet another win. The boys have put into practice all they have worked at this week in training, and it showed - some fantastic team tries being scored. Tries galore but especially well done to Tom who scored a hat trick!

U18 Basketball

Our 4th SW league basketball match vs. Wellington proved to be a tough encounter. Queen's started slowly, and found themselves trailing by 3 points at the end of the 1st quarter. However, the U18s never stopped trying, and though they continued to trail into each subsequent quarter, the team stayed cohesive and showed a willingness to learn how to be better, together at each play. Queen's saved the best performance for the last quarter, which they started, trailing 27 - 21. The U18s created space and moved quickly to score big points early on to control the game to win 35 - 31.

U18 Football

Last week Queen's U18 Wyverns played Wellington at home. This was the first time the two sides had met for a football match. The game was fast-paced and well-fought. However, it was Wellington that came out as 0-1 victors. The game was end to end from the first minute with both sides creating early chances. Last season's achilles heel, defending from corners came back to haunt the U18s as they conceded in the 6th minute from the set piece. Special mentions to Elliot and Jonty for their resolute performances.

Goalkeeping brilliance from William was again on show as William made several excellent saves to keep the game at 0-1. Franky showed great passion as he ran tirelessly up front and was narrowly denied late on. Despite a valiant effort to restore the deficit, it was not to be

Hayden was publicly announced as football captain for the Season. In his first 3 weeks as captain, he has been fantastic.

Senior School

Sports Report - Tom Bell



Hockey

On Saturday our hockey squads had a block fixture against Claysmore. 1st and 2nd XI's made the long journey away to the fixture but it proved a worthwhile trip. 1st XI playing first, scoring some magnificent goals. Bea's link up with Claire in midfield ended up being goal of the day, a fine passing movement starting from a 16, ending with a one touch finish. The 2nd's had a fiercely fought game afterwards, coming out with a 1-0 loss. Once again, some fine hockey on display.

Elsewhere on Saturday, our U15's had a competitive game. They worked tirelessly and looked very threatening at times. Intensity when defending was significantly improved this week and the girls made a great number of turnovers as a result.

Finally the U14s worked their socks off. The A team had a few year 8 editions who shined playing a year group up, and the year 9's looked sharp. Coming away with a 5-0 win. The B team also played extremely well. Pulling off a 3-1 win to keep the momentum going.

On Wednesday the U13s had a block against Millfield. Our A team had been struggling in recent weeks to find their feet. On this occasion the play was exceptional. Outletting well, attacking well, and defending with pride. Improved performances across the board from every player and a stalwart defence of the goal from Clemence.

A top class performance from the Cs too. They looked threatening from the start of the match taking every opportunity to get into the D and shoot at goal. An early goal with a break from Millie lead to a lovely cross ball to Amelia who was waiting on the post. From here we defended well and passed the ball beautiful to our wings who kept their width. An all-round impressive performance. Likewise with the U13Ds. An impressive intense performance leading to a 3-0 victory. Mya impressing in centre midfield, and Molly scoring goals upfront. Hannah with a fine defensive performance.

Next up we have 4 squads playing Plymouth College on Saturday.



Senior School

Sports Notice - Tom Bell (Director of Sport)

I am pleased to announce the arrival of Marelize Wessels who joined the Sports department this week travelling from Australia to join Queen's as our resident Strength and Conditioning coach. She brings with a wealth of professional team and school experience and will be looking to ensure our student athletes have bespoke training that includes a range of early morning sessions, individual coaching, nutrition and athlete long term planning. More information coming soon!

Performing Arts



Click the play button to watch the trailer.

The beginning of term has been a whirlwind of activity in Performing Arts, with auditions taking place for LES MISERABLES, A CHRISTMAS CAROL and MONKEY!

The senior shows are now in production rehearsals and LES MIS is already sounding absolutely spectacular. Last year, over 250 senior students took part in Queen's shows, and this year we already have some epic casts, with more than 60 in LES MIS, 30 in A CHRISTMAS CAROL and 45 in MONKEY! Not to mention the army of backstage and technical crew members...

In Queen's Performing Arts, we run an understudy system which means that twice as many people have the opportunity to prepare principal roles in our senior musical so we have two Jean Valjeans: Jack and Sevin, two Fantines: Emily and Rosie, two Cosettes: Amelia and Aria and two boys playing the role of Marius: Phillip and Noah. Meanwhile we also have three Young Cosettes to sing 'Castle on a Cloud' and three Gavroches to sing 'Little People': Cora, Isla, Holly, Teniore, Millie and Mary Tess.

A Christmas Carol has an equally exciting cast, featuring Evan as Bob Cratchit, Isla as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Mollie as Marley, and, in a dramatic twist, Ellie as Miss Ebeneza Scrooge!

There is a real energy and commitment in rehearsals and we can't wait to share all the exciting progress with you!

Senior School

Performing Arts



Everywhere you turn at the moment, students are busily directing and choreographing scenes and dance routines for next week's Performing Arts Festival. At break times, every rehearsal space is packed and the energy and creativity are amazing! **Everyone is welcome to attend House Dance and Drama from 6pm to 8pm next Wednesday in Queen's Hall Theatre.**

Francesca Year 7

Francesca, Year 7, performed on stage in the West End last weekend as part of the PQA theatre collaboration. She had an awesome time, rehearsing all day Sunday and performing in the evening. Francesca performed at His Majesty's Theatre and Pauline Quirk even came to see the performance. Well done Francesca!



Great Success For Green Power Team - Mr Higgs



There was a great sense of excitement as we set off from Queen's College on Saturday. We knew from the outset that we weren't going to win anything this time - the competition was just too great. But for us in our first year, reaching the final and being among the 150 other cars was just awesome. Goodwood is regarded as the home of British motor racing with Rolls Royce located just a few meters away and there was a huge sense of pride as our car lined up on the grid where many motoring greats has lined up in the past. Due to our impressive results in the season so far we were on the third row on the grid. A setback on the first lap saw the need for the car to pit, but again, with some fast repair work we were able to get out again and complete the race. The whole championship had over 300 cars taking part and we had reached second place in our class. Unfortunately due to the stiff competition we dropped back to fifth. However, the

many hours of downtime throughout the day was another further opportunity to talk to other teams, discuss their mechanical and electronic modifications and plan what we will do over the following months. The season might be over, but the work is just beginning.



Senior School

Summer Reading Scrapbook Challenge 2023



The scrapbook challenge was issued jointly by the English and Art departments to all current Year 7-10 students to encourage reading and creativity.



We were inundated with many outstanding entries, depicting hard working, empathic, creative and thoughtful responses to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts of the students' choice.

The judging panel: Mrs Litton, Mrs Wilde, Ms Cade, Ms Spall as well as Sixth Formers, Jeffrey and Isla, had the difficult but enjoyable task of selecting year group winners.



The Winners

Year 7

Pixie + Lola
Cora
Shay

Year 8

India
Lily
Meli

Year 9

Overall 1st place: Lily
Prize for Ambition: Mia
Joint Prize for Art: Amy and Megan

Sixth Form choice: Maka

Year 10

Nelly
Keira
Iven



We would like to congratulate all entrants for their amazing efforts; they gained fantastic reading experience, demonstrated wonderful artistic skills and were

awarded plus points and the offer of feedback. Year 9 and 7 were highly commended as year groups for the amount of outstanding entries. All students have now been encouraged to get their Autumn Half-Term Break reading books ready and to share their responses by either continuing with their scrapbooks or by discussing their books with their teachers.

Senior School

Fun Guys Promote Mushroom Day



We marked UK Fungus Day (7th October) and Mushroom Day (15th October) with our very own 'Mushroom Day' this week and 'mush' fun was had by all!

Pupils were able to sample a variety of different South West organic gourmet fungi and mushroom-based dishes and tasters with the chance to eat shiitake, oysters, and even Lions Mane with a taster table from award-winning 'fun guys' from Forest Fungi. The local company was featured a few weeks ago on BBC Radio 4's The Food Programme link and is the supplier to celebrity Michelin Star Chefs like Michael Caines MBE.



Our first Queen's College 'Mushroom Day' was marked in the main Dining Hall this week and we will have a second 'Mushroom Day' for Pre-Prep lunch on Monday 16th October.

Mr Mann said, "We have to say thank you very 'mush' to Forest Fungi and our amazing Queen's College Catering Team".

Sixth Form

Round-Up

EPQs

Year 13 students have been completing their EPQs with presentations to staff and fellow students. These projects are usually the largest students have ever done, and the presentation is the final piece - so congratulations to Olivia, Josh, Sophie, Hayden, Lily, Georgie, Harry and Hannah! Year 12 EPQs have started with an amazing range of topics and physical projects

including writing a book about the British Museum, designing and performing a traditional-style dance, and building a primitive oven! It looks like a very interesting year ahead for the Year 12 EPQs.



Careers

We have had a busy week at Sixth Form. We are really looking forward to meeting Year 11 parents on 17th October at Sixth Form Taster evening and we have been preparing for that. We are also looking forward to welcoming Exeter University to our assembly next week to talk about Higher Education and we are getting our Unifrog platform set up which will help with all things Futures, and many of our medical students have signed up for practice interview tips delivered by podcast over the coming weeks

Boarders' Corner

School House



For International boarding day Franky and the Schoolhouse prefects lead a presentation about being green to the rest of the house. With the theme of being green, boys who wanted to plant some seeds, so they could grow plants in their rooms, that take in Carbon Dioxide and expel Oxygen.

Franky then took a small army of School house students to do a litter pick around the school site, 2 full bags of rubbish.

Cotlake House



It has been a busy start to the year in Cotlake (surprise, surprise!). With all new resident staff and lots of new boarders to settle in with the returners, everyone has had to work hard to get used to new routines!

We have had some brilliant Sunday activities so far this term, ranging from high ropes to skate parks, from Exmouth beach to inflatable fun and water fights to camp fires. All the boarders have embraced the values based approach we have introduced and are recognising that our current values of Kindness, Community and Respect help the house run smoothly and calmly (most of the time!).

Hutton House



The Hutton house boarders focused on Spain this weekend enjoying lots of culinary delights including eating tapas, making Churros and dipping them in a chocolate fountain. Some also decorated Spanish fans. Our word of the week was 'amabilidad' which translates as 'kindness'. Our newly appointed prefect team led by our Head of House Princess have been using this word as their motivation for their first week of house duties. It is lovely to see them so enthusiastic and leading by example.

News and Announcements

News and Upcoming Social Events



Please join us at these upcoming parent social events:

Thursday 19 October, 7.00-9.00pm, Year 7 Parents' Drinks

Friday 20 October, 8.15 - 9.30am, Parents Coffee

Friday 10 November 7pm-10pm– Barn Dance

Macmillan Final Total

I now have the total amount raised for Macmillan from our coffee events - £724! What a fabulous amount raised by cake!!

The link to our [JustGiving page](#) .

Join Us

A purple-tinted advertisement for the Quorus Queen's Community Choir. The background shows a group of people in a rehearsal room. On the left, there is a graphic of musical notes on a staff. The text is centered and right-aligned. The Queen's College Taunton logo is in the top right corner.

Quorus
Queen's Community Choir

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 (eoj@queenscollege) for further details

News and Announcements

Key Reminders

Faculty Extension Sessions (Invitation only)	Saturday 14 October
Football: U18 Wyverns V Clayesmore School	Saturday 14 October
Alps kayak training trip	Sunday 15 October
Biking on Exmouth Cycle trail	Sunday 15 October
STEAM Experience Day	Monday 16 October
Year 6 into Year 7 Discovery day	Tuesday 17 October
Prep School Parent's Evening	Tuesday 16 October
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday 17 October
NHS Vision Screening - Reception Class	Wednesday 18 October
House Dance and Drama	Wednesday 18 October 6pm-8pm
Sixth Form vs Year 11 Quiz	Thursday 19 October
Kayaking Cardiff Whitewater Centre	Thursday 19 October
Prep School Parent's Evening	Thursday 19 October
Year 7 Parent Drinks	Thursday 19 October 7.00-9.00pm
No Prep Co-Curricular	Friday 20 October
House Singing Competition	Friday 20 October
Parent Coffee	Friday 20 October 08:15-9:30am
Prep Harvest Festival	Friday 20 October 2pm-2:45pm
No CC2 (Senior School)	Friday 20 October

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

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

Christmas Sparkle Appeal



You may already be familiar with [Christmas Sparkle](#), a local charity that supports families in need. This fabulous project aims to give a Christmas gift to every child aged 0-18 years living in difficult circumstances in the Taunton and Wellington communities. Since 2015, local schools, businesses and the general public have collected gifts, which are then wrapped, and distributed to children who otherwise might receive nothing.

Last year, 2,153 children and young people received gifts from Christmas Sparkle. This represents a 45% increase on last year's figures. Queen's has been a strong supporter of this project for several years and we would like to continue to support it again this year. We would be extremely grateful for any help with contributions. Ideas for gifts are as listed below:

Craft sets, Lego, games, puzzles, toiletry and cosmetic sets, beanie hats, gloves, footballs (there is often a shortage of toys for boys of all ages). We only ask that gifts are brand new and unused. Collection boxes can be found in Pre-Prep, Prep, the Senior School main office and the Sixth Form Centre. We are able to receive donations until the end of November.

Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful community project.
-Mrs Candice Thompson-Gardiner

News and Announcements

Performing Arts Festival 2023 (Senior School)



Our annual celebration of music, dance, drama and creative writing and contributing towards the House competition. The Performing Arts Festival offers a dynamic and unique showcase for group and individual creative expression, presented in a week that demonstrates the close connection between music, dance, drama and creative writing in integrated challenges. Finally, the Performing Arts Festival offers an opportunity for students across year groups to make new friends within their Houses and bond in creative and fun artistic pursuits. For more information speak to [Mr Trafford](#).

15 October	10:00-16:30	West End Workshop
16 October	16:30-18:30	Final House Rehearsals
17 October	18:00-19:00	Creative writing rehearsed reading
18 October	18:00-20:00	House drama and dance completion show
19 October	12:30-13:30	Open Poetry Recital
20 October	All Day	House Singing



WEST END TAUNTON

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2023

Queen's College is honoured to host three top WEST END performers for a one-day intensive masterclass in:

SINGING - DANCING - ACTING



TSEMAYE BOB-EGBE

SIX
TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL
BEAUTIFUL



FLETCHER DOBINSON

MOULIN ROUGE
CATS
WEST SIDE STORY



SIONED JONES

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
MEASURE FOR MEASURE (RNT)
TWELFTH NIGHT



Do you want to know how top professionals work **now**?

Three masterclasses in one amazing day!

queenscollege.org.uk/news-events/events

Three top West End performers will be visiting Queen's College for a fantastic one-day intensive of practical masterclasses in singing, dancing and acting! Tsemaye Bob-Egbe (SIX), Fletcher Dobinson (MOULIN ROUGE) and Sioned Jones (ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE) have starred in top West End plays, musicals, shows and TV.

They will offer unique insight into professional technique and style. Tsemaye will focus on the modern musical theatre voice, Fletcher brings the hottest new choreography and Sioned offers insight in audition technique and stage acting. You will have the opportunity to chat, learn about their incredible experiences and even take a cheeky selfie!

Groups will be formed according to age and experience for young people from 8 to 18 years. **Book [here](#).**



Wreath Making Christmas

Workshop

After the success of last year's workshop we are delighted to welcome back Liz Robertson from Walking with Blooms for her wonderful wreath making workshop. A fun evening where you can enjoy a glass of delicious mulled wine and a mince pie while learning how to make a beautiful festive wreath using natural, sustainable materials from known sources. Due to popular demand we have put on an extra 2 dates this year - with only 15 people per session early booking is advised!

Wed 29 Nov, Mon 4 Dec, Tues 5 Dec

7-9pm

£28pp

Book via our website

**Book
here**

limited availability | Sibling Discounts | Pay a deposit



RESIDENTIAL CAMPS 2024 EASTER & SUMMER MALVERN COLLEGE & QUEENS TAUNTON

Join us for an action-packed Residential Camp in 2024.

We invite players from school years 7-11 to come and develop their knowledge, skills and overall game with us.


Matt and Performance Hockey Coach have supported Dozens of Internationals fulfil their ambition, along with players wanting to achieve County, Club and School honours too.

World-Class coaching from an experienced team, including Olympians and professionals.

You can expect top facilities, provision and food, along with the chance to win prizes and competitions with our innovative and creative coaching approach.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.performancehockeycoaching.co.uk/residentials>

A collage of images showing hockey players in various poses and a coach. The players are wearing blue and white uniforms, some with "HOCKEY" or "PERFORMANCE" visible. The coach is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt with the "PERFORMANCE HOCKEY COACHING" logo and a blue cap. The background is dark blue.

**Use Code:
RES2024
for 10% off**



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Join us at our Sixth Form
Taster Evening



*The Head of College Mr Julian Noad, warmly invites
you to attend our*

SIXTH FORM TASTER EVENING

Tuesday 17 October 2023 | 18:00-20:30

Register your interest via our website or
contact our Admissions team.

01823 340830 admissions@queenscollege.org.uk
www.queenscollege.org.uk

October Half-Term Holiday Camp

Join us this half-term for an Autumn adventure at Queen's College, Taunton. Academic Camp promises the perfect blend of outdoor adventures, creative activities and opportunities to make new friends in a safe and nurturing environment. Plus, for boarders who prefer to stay during the half-term break, we offer this relaxing and fun option as a great alternative to host families or flying home

Camps/Masterclasses from Monday to Thursday:

Week one: The Arts Camp or The Adventure Camp

Week two: The Foodie Camp or the Halloween Camp

Friday to Sunday trips: Surfing, North Devon, London, Eden Project, Bristol and Exeter

	Dates	Fees
Day (Age 7-16)	23 to 26 October; 30 October to 2 November	£40 per day
Boarding (Age 12-17)	20 October to 5 November	£125 per day
Trip	27 October (Eden Project) 3 November (London)	£125 per trip

*More information
and to book*





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CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Festive food, arts and crafts and festive gift ideas!

11AM - 3PM, FREE ENTRY

In aid of under privileged Cambodian families

events@queenscollege.org.uk



19 November 5-8 pm
~Drama Studio~

TOGETHER AT QUEEN'S

Email Us: cxs@queenscollege.org.uk

We are holding the together at Queen's event this year and so could you advertise in this week's Bulletin with the following notice;

After the success of last year's Together at Queen's event, we would like to host it again in 2023.

The aim of the event is to celebrate the diversity we enjoy here at the College through an evening of performances by our pupils as well as stalls displaying the unique talents of our diverse pupil body.

The aim of the event is to raise money for charity 2BU, which supports LGBTQ youth in the local area.

We very much hope to see you there and to further support this event could I ask for donations for our raffle. If you could bring in one luxury item and leave it at the main school reception, we can then raffle these items during the event. Many thanks in advance for your support.



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Calling ALL YEAR 9 students

GCHQ

- one of the three UK intelligence agencies -

is hosting an online

National Language Competition

6/11/23-10/11/23

In teams of up to four students you will compete against others nationwide for the NLC 2023 trophy - awarded to the winning team at the GCHQ headquarters in Cheltenham!

Your task will be to solve the NLC's language based puzzles to score as many points as you can over the week.

No prior knowledge or language skills are required. Just have your quick-thinking, code-cracking, puzzle-solving skills at the ready!

If you want to get involved, assemble your team and get in touch with Mrs McGreal in the Languages department.

Have YOU got what it takes?



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Friend's of QC BARN DANCE

A fun night of dancing and socialising with the fabulous Dartmoor Pixie Band. Not a keen dancer? Fear not, just enjoy the music and chat.

FRIDAY | 10 NOVEMBER | 7 - 10PM
WYVERN HALL, QUEEN'S COLLEGE

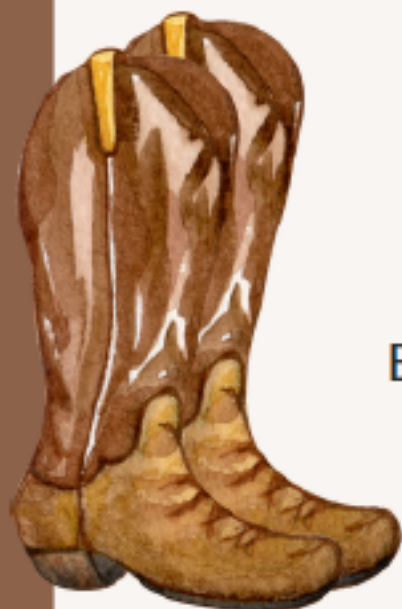
Adults - £10

Children - £7

Children should be accompanied by their parents

Bar with soft and alcoholic drinks, plus snacks

Book your tickets
[here](#)



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