

Children in Need



Pupils Dress Up For Children In Need

Mr Julian Noad - Head of College



After a fabulous weekend of remembrance and OQs, it has been a week of odd socks and spotty ties, supporting the excellent causes of

[Anti-Bullying Week](#) and [Children in Need](#).

Mrs Noad and I welcomed the first Lower Sixth supper of the year along with two joyful Year 11 tea parties, with our visitors to each being impeccable and entertaining company. The current Year 11 focus (beyond GCSE completion and imminent mocks) is looking ahead to their transition to the Sixth Form: Thursday's 'taster day' was enjoyed by all with whom I spoke.

The Upper Sixth have been looking to the world beyond school with interview practice, for university or work. My enormous thanks to all parents and friends of Queen's who came in to lend their ear with formal interviews; the experience was rewarding and it was great to see our pupils grow in confidence with this critical 'for life' skill.

This Sixth Form focus prompts me to share an update on the proposed dining hall, Sixth form centre, and library developments. In short, the whole process (feasibility and delivery) have been delayed for a number of reasons. It is very unlikely that these projects will fly before summer 2026. We are looking at more immediate

and temporary solutions to library provision. I have updated the [Sixth form developments FAQs](#) document.

This weekend, more pupils will be demonstrating their confidence in public-speaking, taking part in and hosting our very own Queen's Model United Nations conference. We will have 220 pupils visiting to debate global issues. If you are dropping off or picking up, do poke your nose in - they will be very open to spectators.

On Sunday, our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) group will be hosting the annual Together at Queen's event. Please do pop along, 5-8pm on Sunday, in the Drama Studio area.

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The usual busy sports programme continues today, with an u14 Hockey festival, swimming gala, and a 1st XI fixture versus West Buckland. Tomorrow, the other girls' hockey teams also take on West Buckland, timings and venues on SOCS. The boys have rugby training from 1pm. The Outdoor Education team will be climbing and mountain-biking. Performing arts will be busy with rehearsals and ballet mock examinations.

To complete the picture, Cotlake boarders will be Ninja Warriors and the seniors to the cinema.

I flag up that the next Friends of Queen's meeting is on Wednesday 29 November, 8.15am in the Dining Hall. Please do come along so that we can plan some more exciting and fun events for our community. Any help is appreciated even if you can only help at the odd event. And one further date for the diary, on

Friday 8 December, we will host our annual Parents' Festive Drinks, 7-9pm.

This time of year is always very busy, so I have pulled together this summary of 'Advent' [End of Term Arrangements](#); I hope it helps.

Good luck and best wishes,

Julian

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Queen's Hosts Fun Adult
Christmas Cookery
Class with Mr Mann

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Friday 8 December
7:00pm
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE TAUNTON

Join us for a jolly Christmas Cookery Class on the last Friday for families and friends of Queen's in our school kitchen classroom. A whole array of fun festive fayre and tasty treats will be cooked up as part of the mouth-watering Christmas edition of the popular adult cookery masterclasses held at Queen's College. On the menu will be Christmas Cake Breads together with fruity Mince Pies (with homemade mincemeat!) It promises to be an evening of delicious pastries, with sweet, juicy seasonal fillings, and rich sweet bakes, with each person taking home a large box of beautiful bakes. "There's no better way to enjoy festive foods this Christmas than to get stuck in and have fantastic seasonal fun in the kitchen", said Mr Mann, Head of the Faculty of Art, Design, and Food, "and in this fun baking class, adults will learn to make a selection of wonderful festive bakes".



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Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



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It's been another fantastic week here at the Prep School, and I am pleased to share the highlights with you in the following pages of this week's Bulletin.

Firstly, a big well done to our U10s for their brilliant performance in the rugby festival we hosted last Saturday. The Lower buzzed with energy as our young players showcased their skills in a morning filled with competitive and spirited rugby matches. Thank you also to Mr. Wilde and all the referees, scorers, and supporters who made this event such a success. It was a true display of Queen's at its best.

In the spirit of teamwork and talent, house singing rehearsals have been in full swing this week. Our house captains are really flourishing in their leadership roles, and we're eagerly anticipating a spectacular event at the end of term.

I want to pass on a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the Rowbarton Pantry following our Harvest Festival. The generous donations made during the half-term

break will undoubtedly make a positive impact on our community in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Kelly also needs a big thanks for organising another successful book fair this week. The enthusiasm displayed by the children in buying books, coupled with the extra emphasis on reading in lessons, is truly inspiring our young readers. Stay tuned for exciting updates in our reading curriculum in the coming weeks!

Today, we continued our charitable endeavours by raising money for [Children in Need](#). The children had a great day, wearing their own clothes, and we're currently tallying up the total raised. Look out for the final figure in next week's Bulletin. I hope the children enjoy their pizza and popcorn at the movie night - a big thank you to all the parent helpers for their support.

A quick reminder to parents regarding drop-off times: Upper Prep children should be dropped off between 8:00-8:15 am, and Pre-Prep children between 8:15-8:30 am. Early care is available for all starting from 7:45am.

Finally, best of luck to our U9 boys and girls heading to Blundell's tomorrow for hockey and rugby festivals and to our climbers heading to South Molton. I am confident these events will be nothing short of brilliant and I can't wait to hear the results.

If you need a reminder of details of events, trips and fixtures, please refer to [My School Portal \(MSP\)](#) calendar. All detailed fixture information and team lists are available via the [Sports Results and Fixtures](#) on the MSP home page. For detailed information regarding trips, and to give your consent, please log in to [Evolve](#) via the MSP homepage (you will always receive an email from Evolve).

I wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

Henry

Whole School

Odd Socks (Anti-Bullying Week)

On Monday, the whole school wore odd socks to mark odd socks day and the beginning of anti-bullying week. Odd Socks day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Nursery Round-up

Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



Highgrove Nursery have been looking at vehicles and road safety this week. Puddleducks children enjoyed a slightly wet walk across to the onsite zebra crossing where they learned how to use a zebra crossing safely. When the children got back to nursery, the staff then created a chalk zebra crossing across the room and the children were able to show their understanding and demonstrate their knowledge of their morning learning. The older children have also been looking at road signs and painting their own whilst talking about the colours and shapes of all the signs.

Cottontails also enjoyed a walk around the school grounds this week looking at the different vehicles parked around the grounds and followed up with some messy play with the toy vehicles in the paint, looking at the marks they made.

Tiggywinkles' children have also been learning about different vehicles, exploring the different sizes and speeds in the sensory tray with shaving foam, as well as using the toy garages experimenting with the cars on the ramps.

The whole nursery also enjoyed supporting 'Children in Need', dressing up in their spotty clothes and having fun with colours.



Queen's Minis

Queen's Minis News From Miss Lizzie Hayes



This week, Queen's Minis have been making rocket fruit kebabs with a variety of tasty fruits and using the opportunity to think about making patterns, using hand-eye coordination and best of all, tasting some juicy flavours! The children have also been putting their scissor skills and artistic flair to the test as our craft activities take on a very festive look as the glitter and sparkly resources adorn a variety of 'Christmassy' projects that will decorate the nursery room as we get closer to the big day. The children have started learning their Christmas songs with great gusto in readiness for their Mini nativity at the end of term and making presents and cards for loved ones.



Prep School

Prep Sports Round-up



It has been an incredibly busy week for the Prep school Sport. Despite the weather, the children have still managed to get out onto the fields and astro for matches!

Last Friday, the girls had the pleasure of both travelling to Exeter School, and hosting Exeter at Queen's for hockey. Some great matches followed for all the girls, with the A team matches very closely fought. The U10s who have yet to lose a fixture, played some great hockey and scored early but a talented Exeter side came back in the second half to secure the win. The U11As were dominant in their match away and had lots of opportunities and were unlucky to score in open play, however a well struck short corner from Juno secured a win. The B teams also worked hard to improve their passing technique.

On Saturday, the U10 boys hosted their Queen's tournament with the help of some of our Year 6 players; a glorious morning greeted the 14 schools who attended our annual Queen's College U10 Rugby Festival. The morning is best described by a visiting parent who commented that the event showed off how well the grounds are maintained, which clearly has not been an easy feat given the weather over the last month. In addition, much thought had gone into ensuring everyone was well looked after, the referees and officials were fantastic and the Queen's pupils were charming and helpful.

The U10 boys played their best rugby of the term. They worked hard in all their matches, putting in some tremendous defensive shifts and attacking with determination. They certainly made good progress during the course of the morning with George at the forefront throughout. **More U10 rugby photos can be found on [Flickr](#).**



Also on Saturday, the U10 girls travelled to Millfield for their tournament and faced some tough opposition. They played some amazing hockey and played tenaciously but again getting the ball in the goal was a challenge - some lessons learned and progress made.

On Wednesday, on what turned out to be the best day of the week, all the girls were at home. They had a lovely triangular with Perrott Hill and West Buckland, with some competitive and fun matches. The U10 girls recovered well from Saturday and played some excellent hockey with many of them wanting to score which was fantastic to see. The U11 girls also played some creative hockey and worked hard to score in their matches.

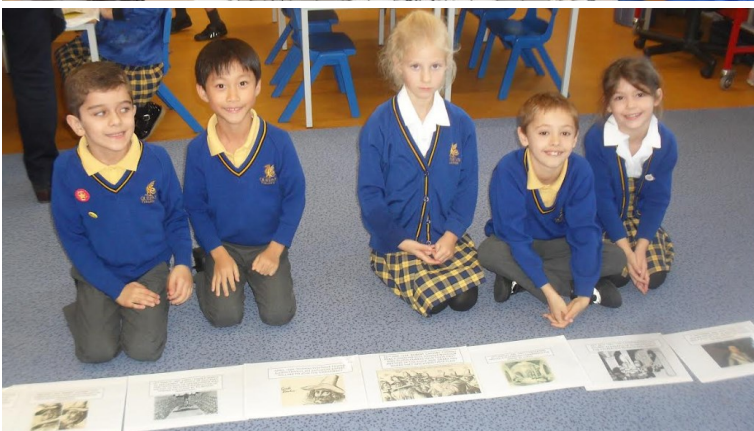
The rugby teams had some tough matches against King's Hall but the U11 continued to listen brilliantly to coaching advice. The U10 boys struggled in defence but put on a spirited display in their matches.

This Saturday, the U9 children have hockey and rugby festivals at Blundell's (fingers crossed for not too much rain) and on Sunday, nine of our children who performed well at our own House Biathlon are off to compete in the South West schools event at Millfield.

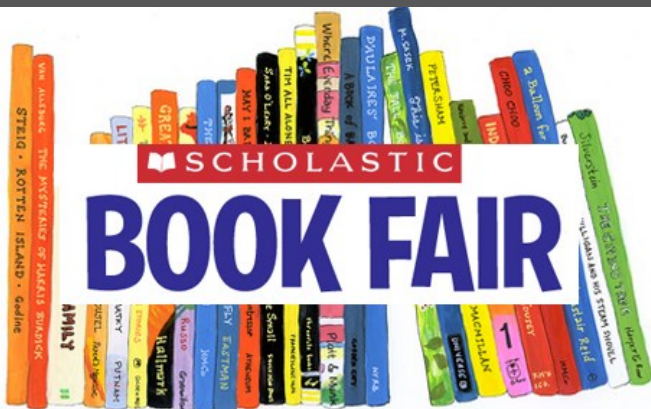
Prep School

Year 2 'Guy Fawkes' Museum Service Workshop

The children were taken back in time to the year 1605 and learnt facts about the conspiracy to blow up the Houses of Parliament this week. They were fascinated to learn that Guy Fawkes had 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden under the House of Lords, ready to detonate. The children took part in three activities to consolidate their learning. The first activity was to use a quill and ink to write a warning letter to King James I; the second was to create some explosive art, using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and paint; and the third activity was 'Pass the Bomb' where the children had to identify things they could see in historical images, as well as order the events of the plot in chronological order.



Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to all the Prep children and parents who supported our Scholastic book fair which has raised £943 of reward books for our school libraries.

Whole Prep School Photo



This is a reminder that whole Prep School group photograph

taken earlier in the year is still available to view and order via the Tempest Ordering website. **Special offer: £5 off a print in a tube (available until 1 December)**

A web link is supplied [here](#) which will take you directly to the photograph and allow you to browse the products available and place an order should you wish.

If your order is intended as a Christmas gift, we recommend placing your order before 1 December to give the best chance of receiving your photograph/s in time.

Prep School

Bulbs4kids

The children are delighted to have received a massive box full of bulbs to plant from the charity '[Bulbs4kids](#)'. Some of the Year 3 children have shared these out between the classes from Nursery to Year 6 and all are looking forward to seeing the beautiful flowers that will grow from them in the Spring. We are so lucky to be able to increase the biodiversity, as well as the beauty, of our already stunning school grounds.



Go Green in 15 Award



This half term Year 2 will be completing their [Go Green in 15](#) Award by the Woodland Trust. The children will take part in a variety of eco challenges exploring the trees and wildlife around the school grounds. We are looking forward to receiving some updates from them very soon!

Reception

Reception have been making tea in science this week. They used warm and cold water in separate teapots for their experiment.

In small groups they talked about what might happen in the different pots and were introduced the word "prediction". They then discussed the differences between the two pots and whether the predictions the children had made were correct.



Prep School

John Muir Walk



Throughout the Summer term, and into this term, Year 6 pupils have been working towards their National Navigation Award Scheme as well as their [John Muir Award](#) in Outdoor Education lessons.

This Saturday, they ventured to the Quantock Hills, putting their navigation skills and conservation knowledge to the test whilst exploring the variety of environments and habitats. It's wonderful to see their hard work and new found knowledge being applied in the great outdoors.



Senior School

Sports Report



This week has been buzzing, with rugby matches galore.

The weekend was kick-started with the annual Queen's U10 festival on Saturday morning, followed by a full quota of teams from Brymore Academy in the afternoon, from U12 up to U16.

Throughout the day, nearly 350 boys took to the Queen's pitches to play rugby. An amazing sight with big crowds there to support and encourage.

U16 Rugby

The U16s welcomed Brymore on Saturday for the annual, eagerly anticipated fixture. As always, Brymore brought a physical and determined squad. The relentless attack from their forwards was met with ferocious defence from Queen's, Harrison, Ben and Flynn leading the way with some crowd pleasing tackles. Slick handling and clinical finishing meant Queen's were once again too strong for their opposition and ran away with the game in the first-half. The second-half saw Brymore change gear and start to put the Queen's defence under pressure. Some well worked and well deserved tries were still not enough to get close to the impressive Queen's team performance. Another dominant display, well done boys. Tries - Caspar (4), Harrison (2), Woody, Flynn. Conversions - Caspar (8).

U12 and U13 Rugby

On Wednesday, Queen's welcomed King's Hall for two well matched and well played games of rugby. The U12 played some of their best rugby yet. They were relentless in defence and their tackling kept them in the game following some good attacking spells from King's. The Queen's boys not only showed great spirit in defence, but in attack they were strategic, finishing off many a move with points on the board. The match was so close, score became irrelevant with both teams enjoying the competitive experience - whatever the result, there was only a few points separating the teams! Well played boys.

Hockey



Last weekend, the hockey squads were in action against Exeter. Some very resilient performances put in by the majority of squads. The U15/14A put in a strong, intense performance against a physical Exeter side. And the 1st XI narrowly lost in a tough 3-2 battle. The U13A and B squads were at the Millfield tournament where they both had some strong performances against tough opposition. Beating Truro and All Hallows alike. On Wednesday our squads played against Exeter Cathedral School. Several teams bringing home wins and some top performances from players in the U13D team, and the U12C teams. Well done to everyone. This weekend Queen's take on West Buckland in block fixtures, and to add to the excitement Reigate Grammar School are coming down

Read the full sports report
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Senior School

Faculty Extension Sessions



Last Saturday saw the third, of the three Faculty Extension sessions of the term. Years 7-9 were with science and English; Years 10 and 11 with languages and Food and Nutrition; and Years 12 and 13 with psychology and languages. Here is what they had to say about their sessions:

Tristan (Year 10) - *"Languages and Food scholar sessions were a blast. Looking at various subjects both were superb. For both we spend an hour learning and discussing two key and important skills and problems. We started the day by learning British sign language and with Mrs McGreal, learning the alphabet and key words. This truly put our logical thinking and understanding to the test using various exercises such as ordering ourselves by our birthday month and spelling out other peoples names. After this eventful hour we moved to food where Mr Mann talked us through the dangers and misconceptions around highly-processed foods (UPF's) and how it influences our day-to-day health. He also talked through the 10 biggest food companies which control what almost all of the world eats. These were really insightful sessions."*



Megan (Year 9) - *"I really enjoyed acting out Romeo and Juliet with Miss Watkins, as well as trying to draw the star through a mirror with Miss Harrison."*

Jan-Albert (Year 13) - *"I enjoyed being able to learn things outside of my current focus since its a breath of fresh air."*



Francesca (Year 12) - *"I found the psychology session particularly interesting, learning about the difference between neurosis and psychosis, focusing on schizophrenia, DID (dissociative identity*

disorder) and psychopathy."

Henry (Year 10) - *"I really enjoyed the food session, I learnt a lot about the way that food companies have a hold on the world and how processing can affect our lives."*

Lola (Year 7) - *"I enjoyed the biology tasks. I learned that your brain can transfer smells you've smelt before to where you were on that day and with what people you were with. When we were guessing what the items inside the boxes were. I also enjoyed the drama/English I learned about the story of Romeo and Juliet."*

Florence (Year 11) - *"I learnt that, surprise surprise, major food corporations want to kill us through greed and money. Paranoia!"*

Adam (Year 11) - *"I enjoyed all of it and I can still remember most of the sign language and it was interesting to learn about the food industry."*



Senior School

Anti-bullying/Supporting LGBTQ Young people Talks

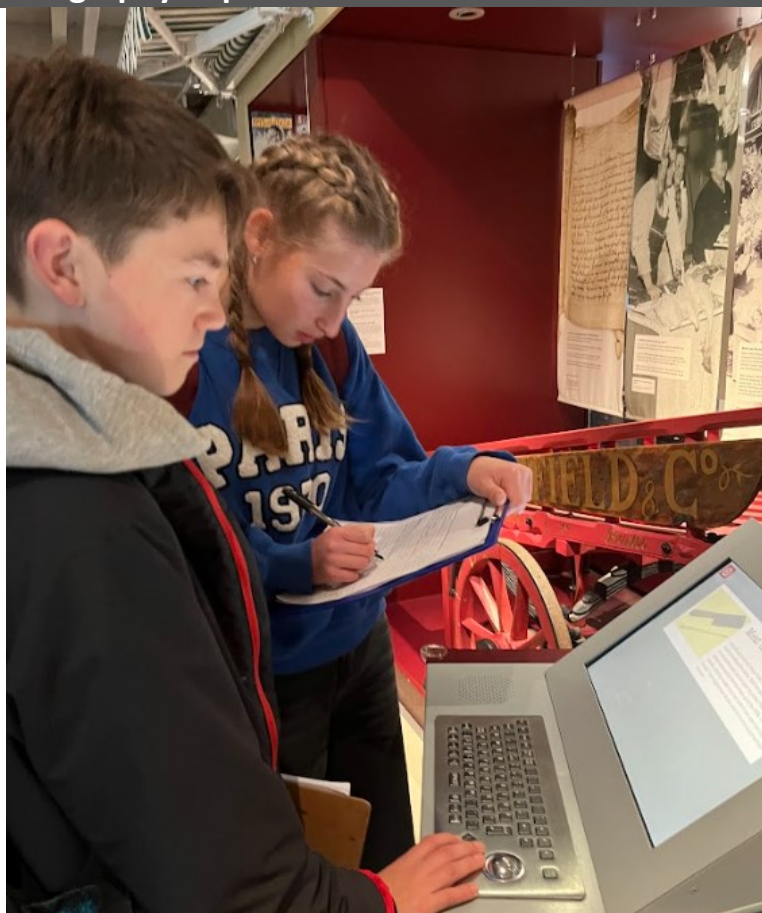


On Tuesday and Thursday this week, the Senior School was joined by representatives from the charity 'Just Like us'. This charity raises awareness of LGBTQ issues and during Anti-Bullying week, they focused on appropriate and inappropriate language, homophobia and the impact that this can have on young people who may be struggling with their gender identity or sexuality.

Pupils in years 7 and 8 and 9 and 10 heard from a number of different young people, who candidly talked about their personal journey's and the struggles they faced. They explored the support they did and did not have and how we can all be an ally. It was an informative reminder that we all play a part in supporting each other, regardless of our different backgrounds and experiences.



Year 11 Geography Trip



The Year 11 Geography students went to Bristol on Wednesday to investigate 'How successful the regeneration has been in Bristol?'

Pupils visited Millennium Square and Temple Quarter and conducted a variety of field work techniques at both locations. They also managed to squeeze in a trip to the M shed museum which gave pupils more of an insight into some of the historical reasons behind the changes in Bristol's land use. The pupils made the most of the beautiful weather too and all enjoyed a guided boat tour of the floating harbour.

Sixth Form

Year 12 Supper with Mr and Mrs Noad



Mr and Mrs Noad welcomed their first group of Year 12 pupils to Wyvern House for dinner this week.

They enjoyed a fabulous meal cooked by our Head Chef Jordan (including a Mars Bar cheesecake!) together with some fabulous conversations which ranged from favourite meals to Christmas family traditions.

It was a really lovely evening, a great opportunity to catch up with one another around a dinner table and to reinforce those all important social skills. After all, 'we learn not for school but for life' here at Queen's!

Sixth Form Leading From The Front (Part 2)

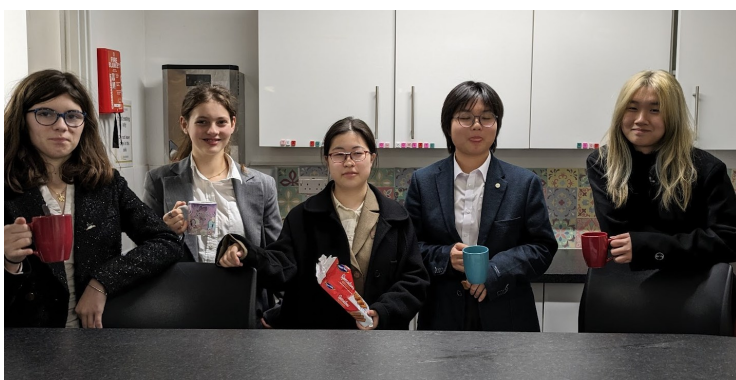


The Sixth Form have been leading from the front again this week - starting right where we left off last time at Remembrance Day, where our Year 12 student Petar sang a beautiful video rendition of John Lennon's Imagine, which concluded the school's service.

The Sixth Form have been busy finding some wonderfully quirky ways to support good causes and bring more happiness into the school. Amelia from Year 13 brought us Odd Socks Day, where staff and students showed off an interesting variety of socks for the day, none of which matched of course, in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Princess, Victoria and Nathalie - have created a 'Positive Box' in the Sixth Form Centre, where students can leave anonymous happy notes for other students with just one main aim: to say something positive! By Friday when the smiley messages are set to be delivered, it looks like it will be overflowing with positivity.

A few international students have begun a new weekly meetup to work on their conversational English skills in an informal setting around a cup of tea! This week they spoke about how tea-drinking differs around the world in the home countries of the students, from bubble tea in Taiwan to French fruit tea. And, apparently, to our French students, British croissants just don't taste like home!



And finally, huge congratulations are in order - we have a new prefect! Very well done to Isla, it is very much deserved.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Taster Day - Mrs Chanter

We had the pleasure of welcoming our Year 11s into the Sixth Form this week for a taster day. Students enjoyed picking a range of subjects to try, experienced the routines of sixth form life, and immersed themselves in the atmosphere of the sixth form centre which naturally meant eating lots of toast at break time.



Sixth Form Taster Day - Photography

Year 11 enjoyed a Photography session using slow shutter speeds on their phones to take some fantastic self-portraits. They edited them to bring out the movement and produced some utterly beautiful work. Well done to all!



Sixth Form

Interviewing Skills Year 13

Our Year 13 have been learning about interview skills this week. They have been practising how to portray themselves through their body language, and demeanour in an interview situation and how to answer some of the “sneakier” types of questions, such as expressing their strengths and weaknesses.

The students have been practicing amongst themselves and had fun acting out different interview scenarios. After the practice session they put the theory to the test and had real interviews with some Queen’s parents who represent many different industry sectors. The students had a chance to mingle and network with the employers and gain real insight into their areas of expertise.. All those who participated said how much they had enjoyed it and the students took a huge amount of knowledge from the activity.

Next week the students in Sixth Form will be visiting a local Care Home to gain an insight into the skills that are needed for a career in Health and Social Care. They will be able to see the staff at work and use the time to talk to some of the residents which will broaden their communication skills and will be excellent company for the residents, especially at this time of year when everybody’s thoughts are turning to Christmas.

Diwali Festival in Inter Faith Week



To mark the last day of Diwali and Inter Faith Week our pupils at Queen's College have been making and sharing homemade traditional foods of the Diwali festival of light.

During our food after school clubs pupils learnt all about the religious festival of Diwali, a festival celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists. In groups they explored different aspects of Diwali researching different ways Diwali is celebrated through food. The school’s festivities included samosa's, bhaji's, coconut and mango laddoo sweets, chocolate laddoo sweets, and karanji pastries.

"Inter Faith Week gives the opportunity to learn about different faiths, about one another, and help us to build positive relationships by celebrating diversity", said Mr Mann, Head of Faculty of Art, Design, and Food, "We are striving to hold numerous food events for different cultures and religions through the school year including and even bring in more speakers and chefs".

Sixth Form

Court Leet by Georgie and Francesca



The law society co-curricular group were invited to see the court leet in session last week.

We enjoyed a valuable insight into law-making from a bygone era, featuring the appointment of important roles for the maintenance of historic Taunton in order to avoid blocked drains, unaccompanied pigs and low standard beer as well as to maintain public order in the town centre. We joined other illustrious guests, as pictured, to witness the Court Leet proceedings and speeches. The Mayor gave a speech in which he flagged up the modern equivalent services in the town and thanked Mr Noad for allowing us to attend. He also showcased the contribution made by Queen's to support refugees through the Mayor's nominated charity CHARIS.

Boarders' Corner

Annual random mixed badminton tournament

This week the senior boarders started their annual random mixed badminton tournament, with players from year 8-13 across all three boarding houses teaming up. Starting with 20 pairs and whittling it all the way down to the winning pair.



Boarders' Corner

Hutton House



Hutton House enjoyed a weekend of Chinese delights, the boarders making Chinese lanterns on Friday night and cooked a delicious Chinese celebration pudding on Saturday which was enjoyed by all.

They also had the delight of meeting some new additions to Hutton: Miss Simpson's new puppy 'Ronnie' and new Hutton House staff members Miss Neham and Miss Briggs.

Senior Boarders

At the weekend, some of the senior boarders enjoyed a trip to Flip Out trampoline park.



Cotlake

Over the weekend Cotlake House enjoyed some baking and a trip to the bowling arcade.



OQ News

OQ Weekend Last Weekend



Remembrance Weekend was one of celebration and reflection and also, for those who left in 1975, one of reminiscence. Mark Bradford encouraged a group of his contemporaries, including Nigel Bird who lives in Australia, to gather at school on Saturday afternoon for a tour. For many the physical changes to the site over almost 50 years were striking and they were particularly impressed by the Queen's Hall, the Art and Drama block,



the Food and Design building, the astros, the Birchall Hall and the facilities now enjoyed by those boarding at the school. They all came to the drinks reception at Castle House that evening where they were joined by other OQs who were able to meet the Headmaster.



On Sunday morning, Richard Kelley led a service for OQs in the Old Music Room. In his sermon the Chaplain reminded the congregation of those OQs who died in wars since 1914 and the significance of their sacrifice. The congregation moved to the front lawn where they were joined by the two school hockey teams and others who were there for the day. In the ceremony by the cross of remembrance the President of the OQs, Ben Judge, laid a wreath and the 'Last Post' was played.



The hockey players were shortly in action as they took on the OQs. Because of the conditions only one of the astros was playable so the two matches were curtailed and played alternately with the men's first half followed by the women's first half. At that stage both matches were poised at 2-2. At the end of the second periods the boys' school team were worthy winners (4-3) and the women's match ended 5-5 (though some think the OQs edged it 6-5). Whatever the outcome of that match, and neither umpire was sure, both games were high-scoring affairs and entertaining for those watching. Brunch in the main dining hall was welcomed by players and spectators alike.



More photos from the weekend can be found on [Flickr](#)

Click [here](#)

News and Announcements

Key Reminders

Queen's MUN	Saturday 18 November
RAD Ballet Mock exams	Sunday 19 November
Together at Queen's	Sunday 19 November
Tea Time Concert	Tuesday 21 November
HPL Parents' Information Evening	Wednesday 22 November
Barnicott House Charity day - Against Malaria Foundation (Senior School own clothes)	Friday 24 November

Looking Ahead

Senior Play: 'A Christmas Carol'	1 December— 3 December
Edukid Christmas Market	3 December 11:00-15:00
The Mouse In Santa's House - Year 3 Christmas Play	6 December 14:45-15:45
Pre-Prep Christmas Performance	7 December 14:30-15:30
Christmas Concert	7 December 19:00-21:30
Last day of Prep Co-curriculars	8 December
Queen's Minis Christmas Party	11 December 13:00
Queen's Minis Nativity	11 December 14:45
Tinsel Tuesday and Christmas Lunch	12 December
Pre Prep Christmas Party (Reception to Year2)	12 December
Upper Prep Christmas Parties	12 December (Collection from 15:30. Late care will be available until 18:00)
Last day of Senior Co-curriculars (CC1 only)	13 December (Buses leave 16:35)
Prep Carol Service	13 December 14:00
Prep last of term	13 December (collection from 15:30, buses leave 16:35, late care available until 18:00)
Senior last day of term	14 December (collection from 13:00) (Buses depart 13:00)
Senior Carol Service at Temple Methodist	14 December 11:30
Heathrow bus departs for Boarders	15 December (Departs 07:00)

News and Upcoming Social Events



Please join us at these upcoming parent social events:

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 6 December 08:15- 09:30

Whole College Parents' Christmas Drinks - Friday 8 Dec, 7-9pm

Further Links

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

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

News and Announcements

The Theatre Needs Your Help

DIY SNOWBALL FIGHT KIT



A Christmas Carol is set in the festive season and our production is full of Wintery Wonder! Scrooge's happy ending includes a massive snowball fight, and for this we need a huge amount of snowballs- and your HELP!

Making a wool snowball is easy and fun- all the family can get involved- and here is a YouTube guide on how to do it:

[How to make a snowball](#)

We need our snowballs by Monday 27 November to give us enough time to practice with the props. If you can make a snowball or two, please send them into Mr Trafford's office. And if you feel like making a few, well, THE MORE THE MERRIER CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Sparkle



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.

Last year, 2,153 children and young people received gifts from Christmas Sparkle. This represents a 45% increase on last year's figures. 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

Uniform Update

A reminder that School Colours, our uniform provider offer a free returns service. The label should be in the package, if it is missing please pop into the Senior School reception to collect a label.

Please make sure your details are in the returns package, as School Colours currently have lots unnamed with no details. If you haven't received a refund please contact **Rebecca Mockridge** at ram@queenscollege.org.uk with all the details and she will follow it up

We welcome feedback of the new uniform again please contact Rebecca Mockridge.

If your child has had a growing spurt since September, we still have some Perry's (our old uniform supplier) uniform stock available at a discounted price, if you are looking for anything. In particular trousers, skirts and blazers.

We also have in stock in Queen's swimming hats, hockey bags, large and small umbrellas and back by popular demand the "Oddball" bobble hats at £15. If you would like any of these items please ask your child to pop into Senior School reception.



Online Raffle

We are hosting an online raffle in the New Year and are hoping to include some brilliant prizes. If there is anything you can donate, no matter how big or small we would be so grateful.



All the money raised in this event will be going towards the Queen's College Foundation (charity number - 1093852). The Foundation provides much needed funds to be able to support children who would otherwise not be able to access education at a place like Queen's. Most recently we have supported both Ukrainian and Syrian refugees as well as local Queen's College pupils. Our hope is to be able to support even more children in the coming years.

[More information here](#)

Please address any prizes to Sarah Hickey, development@queenscollege.org.uk



QUEEN'S
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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

BARNICOTT

- BAKE SALE
- OWN CLOTHES DAY
- BRING A SMALL DONATION IN

CHARITY DAY

24TH NOVEMBER

AGAINST MALARIA FOUNDATION



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QUEEN'S
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Christmas Concert

A MIX OF MUSIC AND DANCE, SOME WITH A FESTIVAL FEEL!

7TH DECEMBER, 7:00PM QUEEN'S HALL, FREE ENTRY

Join us for our end of term concert featuring a wide range of hugely enjoyable music (some of it festive!) together with some beautiful dance routines from our talented dancers. Free entry for all but booking requested (and recommended!). Book [here](#).



Teatime Concert



17:00

21 November 2023

Old Music Room






QUEEN'S
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TAUNTON

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.

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AT 12:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PASSED OQ'S
LED BY OUR CHAPLAIN, RICHARD KELLEY
WELCOME DRINK, THREE COURSES AND WINE £40

TO RSVP EITHER SCAN
THE QR CODE BELOW



OR CALL OUR EVENTS
TEAM: 01823 340880

It's Christmas time!



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Drug Sense UK

Free talk for Parents & Guardians

Friday 19th January, 6.30pm - Queen's Hall Theatre

Let's talk about drugs and vaping...

This evening will provide vital information on how to recognise and resolve the early signs of the use of vapes, smoking and drug misuse.



Book
[here](#)

Southern Sinfonia
The Chamber Orchestra
of Southern England


QUEEN'S
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Orchestral Festival

Sunday 4th February 2024
10am-4pm

- A fabulous day for young musicians up to 18 and from Grade 3 upwards
- Featuring sectional rehearsals with professional musicians from the Southern Sinfonia and their Artist Director, Simon Chalk
- Concert to end the day for all family and friends
- Completely free, including brunch and refreshments



We are delighted that Simon Chalk, a conductor of international standing and Artistic Director of the Southern Sinfonia will again be joining us to lead the orchestra.

Simon has appeared at many of the world's most iconic venues, from the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House to the O2 in London and Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas to name but a few, working alongside some of the finest soloists.

"...second to none..."

"...a wonderful event..."