

“I Will Honour Christmas In My Heart”



A Christmas Carol

Mr Julian Noad - Head of College



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. Last weekend's 'A Christmas Carol' set the scene wonderfully, with the Christmas Market in aid of [Edukid](#) also proving to be a real success (with plans already afoot to do it all again next year). Such a shame to lose Super Saturday house matches to the weather, but these have been competed as best we could this week.

I enjoyed my first of many Christmas dinners on Monday, with Cotlake House inviting Jane and I to join them for a lovely occasion. Today, we welcome OQs born before 1963 to the annual *Vintage Lunch*.

Last night's *Christmas Concert* was a triumph, with exceptional music, dance, and musical theatre

performances from across the Senior School. I popped into the 'Pre-Prep's *'Bethlehem's Buzzin''* nativity on Thursday, to get my annual dose of joy from these occasions, but primarily for inspiration for a 'scratch' nativity in Chapel this afternoon, with Rev Kelley drawing together a most unlikely senior leadership cast for his retelling of the fabulous story.

This weekend brings the season closing fixtures, with some Upper Sixth playing their last games of hockey and rugby for the School. The girls' 1st XI hockey fixture versus Wellington School is this evening - 5.30pm push back. All other girls' hockey teams will be in action tomorrow, also versus Wellington, whilst the boys take on Warminster at rugby. Details in [SOCS](#) and [MSP](#). The Outdoor Ed team will be offering House competition climbing

tomorrow, then Ten Tors training and white water kayaking on Sunday (they surely will not be complaining of too little water for this outing!)

Looking ahead to the final week (see [End of Term programme - 2023.3](#) for more detail), I highlight the Sixth Form ball on Monday - yep, another Christmas dinner. Tinsel Tuesday is on, you guessed it, Tuesday, with the prefects taking the lead with Christmas lunch entertainment. Note the dress code in the Senior School will be full uniform, along with Christmas accessories - blazers and ties removed only if a Christmas jumper is worn. The Upper Sixth will be at Wyvern House for Christmas drinks on Tuesday. And then there's the Carol Service on Thursday, in Temple Methodist Church at 11.30am. All parents will be very welcome to join us for the service and

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Christmas Concert Last Night



for mince pies afterwards. If you are joining us at Temple and taking your children away afterwards, please let Year Leads know; otherwise, pick-up will be back at school. All information, as ever, on [MSP](#).

I add one gloomier message. There are fraudsters about. Please take extreme care when paying bills. Respond only to messages from billing@queenscollege.org.uk.

There have, sadly, been cases of phishing using similar but wrong addresses. Whilst talking of fees, I take this opportunity to remind you that (if you find yourself in a fortunate position) we can accept fees in advance, with payment for several years up front on attractive terms. Details can be obtained from Mrs Kim Dawkins, Bursar (kfd@queenscollege.org.uk).

Enjoy the final run-in. I close with a reminder of Parent Christmas drinks this evening from 7pm, in the Wyvern Hall, with musical accompaniment from *Quorus*, our community choir. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

Julian

Christmas Around The World



At Queen's we are extremely lucky to represent over 20 nationalities in our community, at Christmas time it is always fun to share Christmas traditions from around the world.

This year, some of our international pupils have written short articles to explain what Christmas is like in their home country.

Read the articles [here](#).

Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep

Year 3 Christmas Play



Welcome to the penultimate bulletin of this term - we have truly been in the Christmas spirit with celebrations galore!

I started the week with my first Christmas dinner of the season following an invite to the annual Cotlake House Christmas on Monday evening in the Wyvern Hall. It was a fantastic dinner, the children were superbly behaved, and conversation flowed along with party games to finish. The catering team did an excellent job, and I am looking forward to next week's whole-school lunch. It was also a pleasure to be able to award Values Stars to pupils who have upheld the house values this term. Well done to Mr. Burlingham and the team for their hard work this term – the House is really thriving.

The Christmas spirit continued with both the Year 3 and Pre-Prep performances in the Birchall Hall. The children first performed to an audience of their peers and then to parents, friends, and family. It has

been a real pleasure to attend both Year 3's 'The Mouse in Santa's House' – a story of a cheeky mouse who is united with his forever friend – and Pre-Prep's 'Bethlehem's Buzzin' – a twist on the traditional Christmas story. Seeing children on stage in these performances truly shows the progress they have all made and the hard work they put in each day. All children who performed were confident, knew all the words, songs, actions and dances, and most of all, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a real treat for all that attended.

Today, I had to channel my best Deborah Meaden as I was invited to be a 'Dragon's Den' judge for Year 6, who have been creating unique Christmas inventions. I was truly impressed by their creativity and critical thinking alongside the way they were able to pitch their ideas with such clarity. This is a science project which has encompassed many other learning opportunities, and I am sure it will become a firm favourite in the

calendar. Watch this space for some great products which may well be hitting the shelves in years to come.

We look ahead to a busy few days next week. Monday will be a fairly normal day, Tuesday is our Christmas celebration with jumpers and parties, and on Wednesday, we look forward to seeing many of you at the Carol Service in the Queen's Hall. All information can be found on MSP.

Finally, I wanted to share a brief reminder of the out-of-hours contact numbers for Pre-Prep, Upper Prep, and Cotlake House.

Pre-Prep - 07934 196 477

Upper Prep - 07593 992 976

Cotlake - 07541 385 444

The Prep office opening times are 8:00am - 5:30pm.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Henry

Nursery Round-up

Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



The nursery this week has been full of tinsel, glitter, fake snow, Christmas decorations and many Christmas stories! Children across all rooms have been busy creating their own decorations, making snowmen pictures and creating their own Christmas wreaths. Puddleducks children enjoyed making and decorating some Christmas biscuits at the beginning of the week, whilst enjoying playing with the salt dough cookies they made for the role play area.

Tiggywinkles had lots of fun outside making snowmen out of the shaving foam, we were pleased to have had some rain to wash it all away later on that day! Lovely story sessions have also been enjoyed in the cosy Christmas snug as well as lots of fun in the Christmas sensory tray with different themes each day.

Cottontails children have enjoyed many new sensory experiences, with their sensory tray full of tinsel to explore, and the felt Christmas tree providing opportunity to pull off the velcro decorations and then to redecorate. The children have also enjoyed some Christmas music as well as the older children picking up on some of the words of new Christmas songs.



Queen's Minis

Queen's Minis News From Miss Lizzie Hayes



The excitement levels in Queen's Minis is continuing to build as we get ever closer to our end of term party and mini Nativity play. The nursery room is looking more and more Christmassy each day and the wet weather provided a spontaneous opportunity to explore different ways of catching water using a variety of containers.

This week, the children have enjoyed decorating pine cones with Christmas sparkle and pom-poms to create mini Christmas trees as part of our Forest School focus. In this week's kitchen club, we introduced the children to the concept of Christingles and their meaning as each child wrapped a red ribbon around their 'orange' world to show God's love for the world. Then we decorated 4 cocktail sticks to represent the four seasons, as we arranged them around the world and attached a selection of dried fruits to demonstrate God's gifts of love, friendship, caring, family and friends. Rehearsals for our mini Nativity next week continue. The children really enjoyed watching the Pre-Prep Nativity dress rehearsal before we performed our mini Nativity dress rehearsal to them. What a busy week!



Prep School

Prep Sports Round-up



Our last Prep School inter-school fixtures on Wednesday were against Mount Kelly and West Buckland. On Wednesday, we had around seventy five girls playing hockey on the lower pitches alone so it was a busy afternoon for all! The U11A team played really well, despite being a few players down. The U11B worked hard against a good West Buck side and had a lovely second match when they all mixed up and played against each other! The U10 girls had a very even match against Mount Kelly who battled hard and both teams scored a number of goals. The B team then also played Mount Kelly whilst the A team West Buckland. The girls finished their afternoon mixing up and playing with each other! Well done to all! A lovely end to the season to have everyone out playing!



Thank you so much for all your support of both the children and staff this term. It is brilliant to have such fabulous support on the sides.

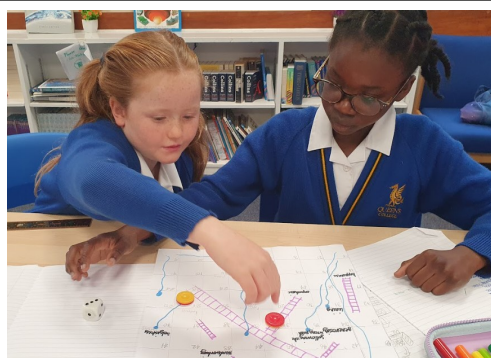
BSGA South West School Trampoline Event

Whilst all our matches were cancelled at the weekend due to the cold weather Evan, Isaac and Ameila ventured to the BSGA South West School Trampoline event! Both Evan and Isaac were lucky enough to be placed in their grouping and will be off to the next stages in January.

This was a very early start for all involved thank you for going and representing the school!



Year 5 Humanities Work



Year 5 have made some fabulous snakes and ladders games this week to support their work on Hinduism. The children designed game boards that contained both good and bad Karma deeds and emotions. Once made, the children enjoyed testing their games out with each other.

Prep School

House Singing



Our first ever Prep School House singing was a real success. All pupils from Year 1 to 6 took part and really gave it their all. The Birchall Hall was packed with excitement, anticipation and energy! Each house sang a song from Mary Poppins: 'Chim chim cher-ee', 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious', 'Spoonful of Sugar' and 'Let's Go Fly a Kite'.

Each song had its own challenges and the houses had worked hard to add little touches like soloists, a few props, some creative staging and some movement to personalise their contribution. Many congratulations to the winners - Blackdowns with 'Chim chim cher-ee'. Thanks also to our wonderful Year 6 Tech Team for all their support and to Mr Jenkins and Mr Matthews for judging the competition. The Prep School staff entertained the children afterwards with an innovative version of The 12 Days of Christmas. It was a day for singing bravery! **More photos [here](#).**



Prep School

Year 3 Christmas Play



The parents and families of Year 3 were treated to the most wonderful production of "The Mouse in Santa's House" on Wednesday afternoon. All the children gave their absolute best to tell the story of a little mouse who hitches a ride on Santa's sleigh and becomes a Christmas gift for a little boy. It was fantastic to see every child smiling, singing and saying their lines with confidence and Christmas cheer. A huge well done to them all.

More fabulous photos on [Flickr](#).



Prep School

Pre-Prep Christmas Play - Mrs Buttress



We are so proud of our Pre-Prep children who put in a fantastic performance in their Christmas production *'Bethlehem's Buzzin'*. Birchall Hall was transformed into Bethlehem as the children all played their parts in recreating the Christmas story. This was the first time that many of the Year 1 children had lines to learn and it was fantastic to see their confidence up on the stage. Well done, especially to our young children, who are still learning the English language - we heard every word! No stable or hillside would pass muster without sheep or donkeys and our Reception children shone with their singing and actions. Year 2 provided the polish, comedy and continuity that made our performance flow. They have certainly performed their last Queen's Pre-Prep Nativity in style.

Our Pre-Prep children had so much to learn to put their show together. Here are some statistics: 85 lines, 9 songs, 7 scenes, 2 dances. Most importantly, our children had a great deal of fun and picked up a good chunk of confidence along the way. Some of the comments the children received were lovely to hear, for example: "beautifully clear words", "what fantastic dancing", "you looked as if you were having tons of fun", "amazing acting", "fabulous characters", "expressions were perfect", "really enthusiastic", "glorious to watch". I couldn't have put it better myself. Well done Pre-Prep! I can't wait until next time. **More lovely photos** [here](#).



Senior School

House Rugby



It's that time of the year again, where the boys take to the pitches in the eagerly awaited House Rugby tournament. An all inclusive, touch rugby code meant that everyone was able to contribute to their House teams and this made for two exciting and thoroughly enjoyable afternoons of rugby.

Year 9/10 were first to compete, on Tuesday. With face paints, flags and some very competitive and vocal Senior House Captains, the atmosphere was fantastic and the rugby on show was fast paced and skilful. After some close matches, Woolmer emerged the victors.

Year 7/ 8 were next to play, on Wednesday. The Senior House Captains took ownership of their House teams and provided warm-ups, game plans, team talks and endless support throughout the afternoon. The players embraced the spirit of rugby and the House competition and performed excellently throughout the competitive matches. This time, it was Barnicott who were victorious.

Well done to all the players for their team spirit and a huge thanks to the Year 13 House Captains for their support and encouragement.

Hockey



Last week the 1st XI took on Sherborne in a high goal thriller. Queen's produced an excellent performance and scored 3 goals. Pick of the bunch was Maddie, scoring a deflection up and over the keepers head after a ball in from Emily.

Following on from the disappointment of Super Saturday being cancelled, we managed to play our 1st house hockey competition between our year 9 and 10's. Its safe to say it was a thrilling afternoon with 34 goals being scored in 6 matches. Ray came 1st after 3 resounding victories, Barnicott edged French to 2nd place by goal difference, meaning Woolmer then came 4th place. The Y11/12/13 house hockey competition will be taking part today,

while years 7 and 8 will have to wait until next week.

Year 7 and 8 took on Mount Kelly on Wednesday. Some cracking performances from everyone leading to 4 wins from 4. Some top performers this week were India, Charlotte, and Eliza in the A's, and Imogen and Tori in the U12C's. Well done to all other teams and players too.

This weekend we have the finale of hockey vs Wellington. Make sure to come down and watch! On Friday evening, under the lights. Push back is at 17:30.

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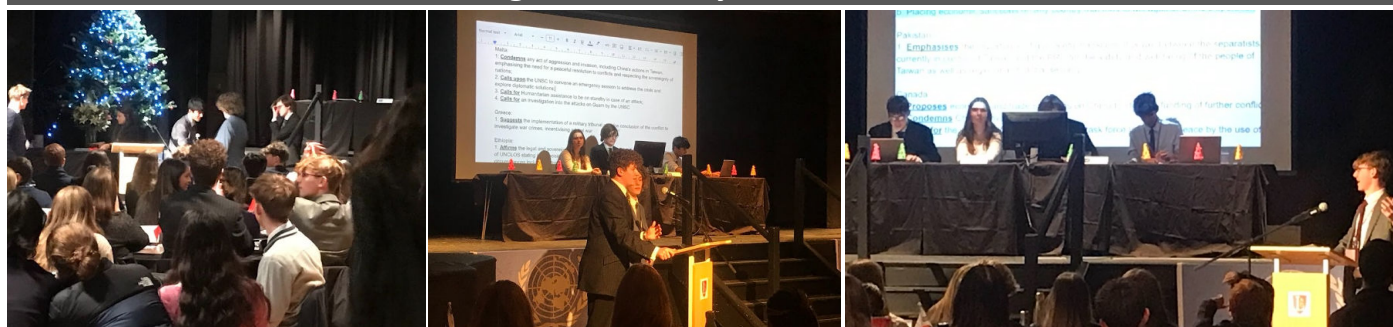
Sport Team Captains - Mr Bell



With the first term of sport slowly drawing to close in the coming week. This week I have been asking sports captains and sports leaders across the Senior School for some student voice feedback. Armed with hot chocolate, squirty cream and brownies we had an open conversation about match teas and take away teas we provide at the school. While many of our students crave a hot meal after a game some requested a variety of different options, removal of crisps for nutritional benefit and a visible menu to make positive choices.

Keen to understand and develop student choices, executive chef Jordan Bradley joined the meeting to take notes and offer some suggestions on how we proceed after the Christmas break and into Hockey and Netball.

Lingfield MUN By Olivia Year 13



The Model United Nations team continued their busy term last weekend with five of our MUN students visiting Lingfield College in Surrey to partake in their MUN conference. Tadhg, Josh, Olivia, William and Francesca had an exciting day representing Malta, debating many varied topics, from medical misinformation, climate refugees to nuclear proliferation.

Both Will and Josh won commended delegate awards in their respective committees; very well done to both! Following this, they engaged in a gripping General Assembly, debating a false crisis topic of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan. All were very engaged, with Tadhg and Will asked to open the debate with Malta's peacekeeping clauses. It was a wonderful day and a great experience for all.

Year 9 Social By Bea, Ellie and Milly



The Year 9 social started in theatrics before we had even entered the Queen's Hall, thanks to Miss Watkins leading the way carrying a tower of pizzas (with help from Bea and Milly). Quickly passing the boxes between the students, the whole year group sat down in the dayroom to enjoy our food. We all dived in, talking, laughing and enjoying the opportunity to eat with friends - and watch Miss Watkins try to collect all of the boxes! Thankfully, Leo saved the day by taking them all to the recycling bins as they overflowed the dayroom in minutes.

After finishing all of the pizza, Year 9 entered the Queen's Hall to see a 'Christmas Carol' via a fabulous firework display (which was conveniently timed). We were greeted by a lovely carol singing group, getting us all in the festive spirit. After buying a handful of sweet treats and preparing for the excitement of the show ahead, we took our seats and waited for the show to begin. Throughout the performance, there was an exciting buzz echoing through the room. It was a fabulous show and we all enjoyed our evening so much; especially watching everyone being pelted by massive snowballs there. We can't wait for our next social and the next performance!



Senior School

Competitive Writing



Miss Watkins has some incredible news to share from her Competitive Writing CC. Students from Year 9 and 10 entered a poetry competition entitled 'This is Me', where students had to explore how they wished to be perceived within society. We have heard back from the competition and not only have we won, but five of our students' poems are being published in a poetry collection!

A huge congratulations goes to Lewis and Lily who are pictured, as well as Nelly, Keira and Bea. We can't wait to receive our printed copy and share their captivating poetry with the rest of the school.

Equestrian

Francesca had a wonderful round at Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre earlier this month.

Francesca and her new horse jumped well, in the dark at the NSEA Show Jumping, qualifying her for Hickstead Elite 1.10.

Congratulations Francesca.



Enterprise Competition at QEH Bristol



On 30th November two teams of students attended the LanciaConsult Enterprise Competition at QEH Bristol during Queen's Enterprise Week. Two teams were entered into the competition, one from Year 10 and one from Year 12. The event started with an introduction from LanciaConsult, outlining what it takes to be a management consultant and different routes that can be taken into the career. Each team was given a mentor from LanciaConsult and set a challenge to prepare a five minute presentation to address what they believed to be the biggest challenges facing their clients and make recommendations on a solution to the problem.

The Year 10 team were Alice, Chenye, Jake, Edouard and Keira. Their challenge was the relocation of Bristol Zoo and

its direction as the Zoo approaches its 200th Birthday.

Read the full story [here](#).

Senior School

A Christmas Carol - By Freya, Year 9



Last weekend, Queen's College had the pleasure of performing the well-known play, "A Christmas Carol". Filled with ghosts and snowmen, this show was a perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit for the beginning of December. It was clear that all participants put lots of effort into it and produced a genuinely great spectacle.

The story took place in Victorian England, accurately conveyed by the dated costumes, and recounted the life of Ebenezer Scrooge, who was magnificently performed by Ellie, a woman who despised Christmas. Scrooge was hateful to all she encountered, frequently repeating the familiar phrase "Bah Humbug!" and tossing books at festive strangers. This all changed when she was visited by the ghost of her former business partner, Jacob, played by Mollie, who made a grand entrance to the show with very frightening attire. Following that, the audience was taken on a journey of Scrooge's life, with the help of ghosts of the past, present, and future, where Scrooge finds more about herself than she ever could have imagined.

The entire performance was incredibly fluid with a great sense of storytelling. The festive feeling was enhanced by the rather fitting carollers singing in the foyer which enveloped those watching in the 19th century. I found it rather beautiful that they used the school's talented, artistic dancers to represent the future as they impacted the show greatly portraying the tale with elegance and grace. The set design for the show was intriguing, with intricate details on the overarching framework which incorporated the industrial atmosphere. I also took pleasure in the piles of snow (white pom-poms) on the outskirts of the stage, which made the finishing snowball fight positively sensational. I especially loved the inclusion of Olaf. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



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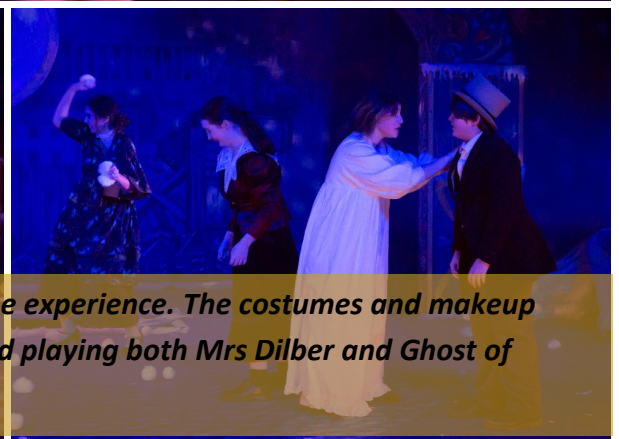
A Christmas Carol



Artistic director, Mr Trafford, said, *"I am tremendously impressed by the polished performances and fantastic, committed help from the crew, including Ellen, Jacob and Tommy"*.



Jack, Year 12 said, *"I really enjoyed the experience. The costumes and makeup made it such an amazing show. I loved playing both Mrs Dilber and Ghost of Christmas Present."*



Senior School

Christmas Concert



Despite the weather threatening to intervene, the Christmas Concert went ahead in full force and was certainly a night to remember. Following our unique format of music items interspersed with dance, the event showcased what talent we have at Queen's.

The College Orchestra opened and is great to see (and hear) such a mighty ensemble on the Queen's Hall stage. They opened in sparkling form with Mozart's Overture from 'Die Entführung aus dem Serail' followed up by a gentle rendition of Vaughan-William's famous Fantasia on 'Greensleeves'. But they had saved the last till best with 'March To The Scaffold' from Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, played with great power and precision. We were then treated to some beautiful musical theatre solos from Cora, Aria, Mary-Tess and Millie. The girls sang beautifully, showcasing numbers from musicals such as Jet Set, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and The Little Mermaid. The Junior String Trio provided a characterful interlude with the March from 'The Nutcracker' before some more spellbinding dancing from Isla, Emily and Milly. These dances were in the style of modern and jazz; requiring a large amount of energy and stamina, these dances were no mean feat and the students took them in their stride to give a powerful performance!



Senior School

Christmas Concert



The first half was rounded off in fine form by the 65 strong Concert Choir, made up of members of Year 7 and 8 performing 'A Million Dreams' and 'High Hopes'; featuring a range of solos and plenty of harmony, it was especially well received.

A short interval later, the second half was kicked off in style by the Concert Band with two movements from Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons', aptly enough 'Autumn' and 'Winter', followed by the jazzy 'Beachfront' and rounding off with 'Christmas Potpourri', which had the audience clapping along within a few bars! The Senior Quartet then took to the stage with two polished performances of Carol Of The Bells and 'Fairytale of New York' to the high standard we now come to expect from them. We then had our final dances of the evening from Lily, Flora and Robyn who were performing lyrical dance solos. This soft, calming and fluid style of dance beautifully encapsulated the magic of Christmas and the students showed great poise and care over their work. Finally String Group ended the evening, with the 'Brook Green Suite' by Holst, 'Take Five' by Brubeck and (as it's Christmas) a smooth rendition of 'Let It Snow', together with snow floating down from the theatre's snow machine! Their precision and range of tone was particularly note-worthy and they provided a superb conclusion to the concert. A packed and varied concert programme, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and certainly shows the high standards of music that Queen's is renowned for.

More photos on [Flickr](#).

Sixth Form

Round-Up

This week Year 13 have finished their tutorials on study skills and will go into the holidays equipped with research informed strategies on how to learn and revise best. If you'd like to support your child with this then [here](#) is a helpful information booklet.



Year 12 have had an introduction to the Queen's Diploma, an exciting new initiative, which will be launched with them after Christmas. More information is due out to parents before the holidays alongside a webinar on January 22 at 18:00.

The Sixth Form is getting excited for the Christmas Ball on Monday. There have been many conversations about what everyone is wearing! We look forward to a night filled with good food, simple fun and lots of dancing. The evening starts at 18.45 at Oake Manor Golf Club.

The weekly Random Rewards have continued with dozens of nominations for absolutely anything positive, which this week included the rescuing of a stunned goldfinch that flew into our SFC window! The winner this week was Sophia, with bronze awards for the most points going to Victoria, Sophia, Franky G, Ze, Abigela and Ashley.

Congrats to the EPQ presenters this week too - Ze and Joe, who looked at unusual treatments for depression, Ellie, who devised and ran a horse lesson for confidence, and Katie, who looked at the pros and cons of the fashion industry. Next week we have videos about Thailand and Mongolia, and the making of a bionic hand!



Futures



Sixth Form is really looking forward to finding out about different Gap Year alternatives next week. Charitable and voluntary work.

Students the chance to develop their transferable skills which are valued by employers and universities alike.

Unconditional Offer for Freya

This week, Freya was thrilled to receive the unicorn of university offers, the much sought after but not often received "unconditional". In this case an offer to study Drama at Plymouth University.

Freya, who applied for a variety of theatre, performance and drama courses, has also received offers from Brunel, Leeds and Reading. The unconditional was, according to Freya, "a bonus to end a great week". Unconditional offers are rare and now only used by a small number of universities when they see a particularly strong application; well done Freya!



Boarders' Corner

Hutton House

At the weekend, Hutton House enjoyed a trip to Bristol Hippodrome to watch the Peter Pan Pantomime.



School House

The boys in School House enjoyed getting festive at the weekend, they went shopping for Christmas trees and even sported some matching pyjamas.



Cotlake



This week Cotlake have also been getting into the festive spirit, they enjoyed their annual house Christmas meal in the Wyvern Hall, with fun games afterwards!

News and Announcements

Upcoming Key Dates

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)
Prep Christmas Fayre	12 December
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)

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

Raffle



We are excited to announce our upcoming fundraiser auction, and we need your help to make it truly spectacular! Thanks to the generosity of our

community we've already secured some incredible prizes, like a day's sailing with our very own Head of College, Julian, a thrilling climbing experience with Mark Neenan as well as Afternoon Teas, some legendary sporting memorabilia and a magical treehouse stay.

However we are actively seeking additional prizes to elevate our auction and maximise the fundraising potential. If you or someone you know has a unique experience, item, or service to contribute, please reach out. Your support really does mean the world to us and we can't do it without you.

Please speak with Sarah Hickey, or pop an email to development@queenscollege.org.uk to donate any fab prizes!

Save the Date - Prep Disco

Friday 26 January

Pre-Prep 3:45-4:30pm

Upper Prep 5-6pm

In the Birchall Hall

More information to follow after Christmas!



Best Game School



We are again through to the top three Best Educators out of all schools, colleges, and further education establishments in the UK in the National Eat Game Awards for our food teaching and promoting the use of game in school and consequently Queen's College, Taunton officially remains the Best School in the UK for teaching about Game! Please help us by voting for Queen's [here](#).

News and Announcements

Friends of Queen's Christmas Wreath Making Workshops

These workshops have been a huge success and much enjoyed by those who have attended this week and last. Led by Liz Robertson from [Walking with Blooms](#), some beautiful wreaths have been created. Much fun has been had and the mulled wine and mince pies helped fuel the evenings too! More photos can be found [here](#).



Ilminster Cubs



The Design Technology department hosted The 1st Ilminster Cub Scouts to help them make a set of bat boxes to be put up in Huish Woods Scout camp site to encourage bats to settle there. Head of DT Mr Higgs along with the technician, Mrs Bucknall taught the cubs how to use the tools safely to make their bat boxes and to help them gain their DIY badge.



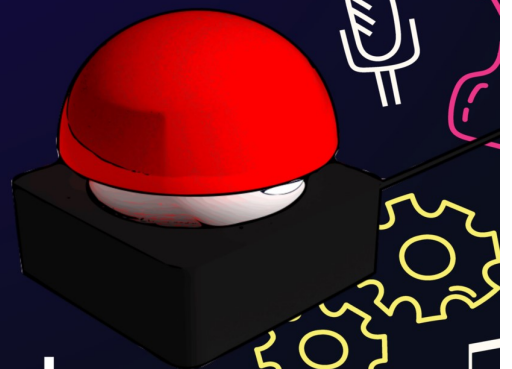
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Drug Sense UK

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.



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Sunday 4th February 2024
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- Concert to end the day for all family and friends
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