



## Queen's Hosts Model United Nations



### Mr Julian Noad - Head of College



A busy weekend with fabulous pupil-driven events - Queen's Model United Nations, a global issues debating forum with 220 pupils visiting;

Together at Queen's, celebrating diversity; and Barnicott House's charity day in aid of Malaria support - are now in the rear-view mirror, but recorded in this Bulletin.

We were delighted to welcome so many parents on Wednesday evening to hear about our [High Performance Learning](#) (HPL) initiative. Our parents' information evening allowed for closer examination and some great debate. Mr Green has shared more detail later in the bulletin. The language of HPL is now being regularly used in lessons and the scrutiny of our own learning will become more familiar.

University applications are now in for the majority of our Year 13s with excellent offers coming in every day. The more selective universities and courses require interviews and we are in 'mock' interview season in preparation for many upcoming at

Oxford, Cambridge and others.

We hope all the hard work and preparation is duly rewarded: good luck, to all. Ballet examinations are taking over the Wyvern Hall today and we hope that all will also be rewarded in their grades.

The weekend brings hockey (U12s and 13s training, whilst U15s and seniors take on Mount Kelly) and rugby (versus Plymouth for all ages). Climbing moves into competition mode, with the inter schools event at South Molton: Prep Saturday; Seniors Sunday. All details in [MSP](#). I offer a quick 'heads up' to next weekend's sport, with Super Saturday. This is this term's House competition, with touch rugby and hockey tournaments. All parents are very welcome to join us, with festive drinks and snacks served in the cricket pavilion to keep you going.

*Christmas Carol* rehearsals will be taking place all day Sunday. You may have seen some social media pre-releases of the staging. It looks set to be spectacular. We have many local schools visiting for a premiere on

Friday 1 December, with other shows that evening and across the weekend. Get your tickets [here](#). Any boarders not in the show rehearsal on Sunday will be busy at [Longleat](#) safari park or trampolining at [Flipout](#).

There is a meeting for [Friends of Queen's](#) on Wednesday, 29 November, 8.15am in the Dining Hall. Please do pop along to meet other parents and friends and also to have a say in the social activity of our community. It is great to hear that the three forthcoming wreath-making sessions have already sold out.

We move now into the last two full weeks of term and, as of Friday, a busy advent [end of term programme](#). There is so much great stuff going on. I recognise that one cannot be at everything but I look forward to seeing you at as many of the events as possible.

Best regards,  
Julian

# Prep School

Mr Henry Matthews - Head of Prep



It has been another exciting week at Queen's Prep School with lots of activities and events, which I am sure you will enjoy reading about in the

following pages.

The children in Queen's Minis, Pre-Prep, and Year 3 have been working hard in their rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas performances. These are now only two weeks away, so be sure to book your tickets. The Pre-Prep and Year 3 plays can be booked [here](#) and the Queen's Mini's Nativity can be booked [here](#). I know they will be fantastic, and we look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to make the main productions, we can offer spaces in the audience for the dress rehearsal dates. Please speak to the office staff if you need to book these dates. Please note that the full performances will not

be recorded this year, but we will have a range of photos taken by our marketing teams, and these will be available to parents after the events.

Our U8s and U9s had a great start to the week with fixtures galore on Monday afternoon. This was followed by a busy and successful sporting afternoon on Wednesday, with U10 and U11 children also playing matches both home and away. There has been a huge improvement in our teams over the past few weeks, and we have been very impressed with the teamwork and skill displayed. I have been delighted to hear about all the goals, super saves, tackles, and tries, and it's great to see the children enthusiastically sharing their match rundowns with me on the playground.

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed parents to the Queen's Hall and various classrooms for the

launch of our High Performance Learning (HPL) programme. Thank you to all who were able to attend. It was a great evening with lots of questions and discussion around this exciting journey. For those unable to attend, a link to the presentation is available [here](#). We will also be hosting further events in due course, at different times of the day, to allow those who may find it trickier to escape the bedtime routine to also have a chance to speak to staff about HPL. Providing an education that truly prepares children for life beyond the classroom is something we are incredibly passionate about at Queen's. By explicitly developing a set of key skills and attitudes in our children, we will be ensuring they are able to take greater responsibility for their own learning. This, coupled with the understanding and belief that high performance is an outcome possible



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for all at Queen's, means that we will continue to develop an exciting range of learning opportunities for all pupils.

This weekend, I head to Oxford to meet with prospective families in a military boarding event. I am looking forward to meeting new children and parents and with the support of the trusty Queen's teddy

bears, it will be a great opportunity to share the incredible work and activities that take place here at Queen's. In many areas of the school, places are now limited and interest continues to grow. If you know anyone looking to join the school, please do encourage them to get in touch as soon as possible.

Finally, we rounded off the week with another successful lunchtime concert. As ever, it was great to see so many children enthusiastically performing. We are proud of all of our children, and we will be sharing pictures and further reports next week.

*I wish you all a happy weekend.*

*Henry*

## Join Us



**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

# Nursery Round-up

Nursery News From Mrs Donna Kershaw - Highgrove Nursery Manager



Across the Highgrove nursery playrooms this week, children have been developing their physical skills. Cottontails children have been using both their fine and gross motor skills during a mixture of arts and crafts activities as well as climbing up and down the slides and through the tunnels. Our eldest children have been learning more about their bodies. Children have learnt about their skulls and where their spines are as well as pointing out where their hearts are. The doctors role play has been very busy, with real first aid kits, x-ray pictures on the light box as well as a separate area focusing on oral health. There's also been a little bit of Christmas preparation happening ready for next week when we will transform the nursery playrooms into magical Christmas environments for the children.





# Queen's Minis

Queen's Minis News From Miss Lizzie Hayes



We have had another action-packed week here in Queen's Minis. The children's P.E. sessions saw them use ribbon wands to create large dynamic movements to explore the concept of prepositions by passing the ribbon in different ways such as through, under and over parts of their body. This focus then moved onto using balls to pass around their body to support the ability to cross the body's midline, a key pre-writing physical developmental ability as well as passing the ball from one hand into another to engage their hand-eye coordination skills. These skills were supported further during this week's 'dough gym' session where the children practised their fine motor skills by pinching, rolling, squeezing and poking some squishy playdough to help them build strength and dexterity in their hands and fingers. The weather has also been kinder to us this week with plenty of opportunities to play outside and this allowed the children to get out and about around the college grounds in search of pine cones and colourful leaves during Forest School to use in some Christmas craft wreath making.





# Whole School

## Speech and Drama



As we draw near to the end of a busy first term there is much to be celebrated in the Speech and Drama department.

Seventy-one children were entered for LAMDA exams in June and we returned in September to news of great success, including twenty-two distinctions and thirty merits. This is a fantastic achievement especially as this was a first exam for most children. Two of our senior children gained Bronze Medals, the equivalent to Grade 6, which earns them valuable UCAS points. To find out more about LAMDA and UCAS [click here](#).

This term we have eighty-five students from across the school enrolled in Speech and drama lessons.

We offer three lesson formats - individual, duo or group. Our students cover a variety of prose, acting and verse within lessons and are already working on pieces for the upcoming LAMDA exams in March.

Mrs Sewell has been extremely busy planning and practicing for the recent Taunton Festival of the Arts Drama section, a well recognised event in the county that has been running for 109 years. We thank all parents who supported their children with practise and transport and regret we were not able to notify you of timings earlier. Next year Mrs Sewell will be a valuable link to the Festival as she joins the organisation committee.

Congratulations to all who performed last week. Special acknowledgement goes to Mary-Tess and Maka who came first in the Duo Acting for Year 11 and under, achieving the highest mark of the week and the Ewing

Cup for Best Overall Performance in the whole Festival alongside all out other cup and medal winners:

Amy	1st in the verse recital for Year 3 and under
Isabella	1st in the solo acting for Year 4 and under
Emilie & Amelia	1st in the duo verse for Year4
Olivia	1st in the spoken prose for Year 13 & under
Cora and Minty	1st in the acting duo for Year 7 and 8
Penny & Lucy	1st in the duo verse for Year 7 under
Timisayo	2nd in the spoken prose Year 13 and under
Frida & Scarlett	2nd in verse recital for Year 3 & under
Aurora & Sophia	2nd in the Duo Verse for Year 3 & under
Rebekah	2nd in the Verse speaking for Year 4 & under
Charlie	2nd in the verse class for Year 6 and under
Ava	2nd in the verse recital for Year 1 and under
Isaac	2nd in the verse recital for Year 1
Emily	2nd in verse recital for Year 2 & under
Isla	2nd in Solo acting Years 7 & 8
Ellie	2nd in Solo acting for Year 11 & under
Nozomu	3rd in verse recital for Year 2
Gracie-Jean	3rd in the spoken prose Year 13 & under

For more information about our Speech lessons please [contact us](#)



# Prep School

## Prep Sports Round-up



This week started on Sunday with the South West Schools Biathlon at Millfield Senior School. This is a return for Queen's to this event which was attended regularly before lockdown, and it was great to take nine of the Prep School children, who had done well in our own House event, across to see the event staged on a mass scale, there were roughly 90 children per year group from Years 3-8 then another 100 or so competing in Year 9-13. It was certainly busy! Our amazing children did brilliantly. It was an intimidating environment but all really rose to the occasion and swam and ran their socks off! There were lots of tired faces on Monday, not surprisingly. Well done to all. Most of our children finished in the top half of their age groups, with a 8th position for Imogen 11th from Poppy and 13th from Jonah. The Year 4 girls also managed 4th overall in the team event!

**A few pictures from the day can be found on our [Flickr albums](#).**

Monday, the girls from Year 4 and 3 travelled to West Buckland to play their hockey matches. The girls were really excited by just the bus journey and there was much chatter on the way up. The girls were a little slow to start but gradually got into their matches and began to tackle and run with the ball well. As the games went on! The boys faced triangulars with Wellington and Kings Hall. There was some great rugby on display with the boys beginning to show what they've learnt this term! Well done.

Wednesday, we faced some tough matches against Blundell's, but as ever our girls battled hard and never gave up. The U11A team defence was superb and battled through the relentless attacks from Blundell's. Penny was without a doubt the stand-out player in goal, timing her movement out from the goal line well and clearing out hard. The B team lent Blundell's some of our players and a great game followed with lots of goals scored by both sides- well done to Ria who was player of the match. At home, the U10 girls had a fantastic match against Blundell's and demonstrated some excellent attacking play and some very strong defence. It was a very evenly contested game in which the girls truly showed the huge progress they have made in their hockey this term.

The boys also faced Blundell's in another triangular with Wellington. The U11 teams played effectively as a unit and were convincing with their passing and defence against both teams, showing their ability to play under pressure. The U10 squads showed determination in their first game against Wellington. They showed some good handling skills and linked well with each other to create space and score some impressive tries with both Harvey and Theo on the 'wings' benefitting. The boys continued to attack bravely against Blundell's but did find it harder against a big, physical team.

# Prep School

## Sports Reminders

Year 5 and 6 House hockey and rugby is on Friday 8th December from 3.15pm.

Swim hats for all! Remember that all children need swim hats please.

Name tags - We have lots and lots of kit unnamed and we cannot return it. Please check regularly that name tags are still on items as they do fall off.

## Pre-Prep



In Pre-Prep we are always looking for ways to show how kind we are to each other and the children are enjoying earning some new awards in the playground called Wyvern Wings. They can gain a Wyvern Wing in many ways, for example, by asking someone to join in a game, playing well in a group, looking after their toys or helping someone up who has fallen over.

Their 'wings' are displayed in our entrance hall around our wyvern and we celebrate these awards during our Star of the Week assembly every Thursday. We are really proud of our boys and girls who are really showing us how well they share and show respect to their peers. As you can see, this week, our Wyvern Wings display board is full! Well done Pre-Prep!



# Prep School

## Year 4



Year 4 have been enjoying supporting the Christmas Sparkle project this week, they have collected lots of gifts. 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. Alternatively, to access the JustGiving page or click [here](#).

## Tapathon

Last week, Olivia in Year 4 came together with other tap dancers to perform a choreographed routine at the same time on the same day all over the UK for Children in Need.

They should find out whether they have broken a world record any day now. Olivia received a certificate from the BBC in recognition of her effort.



## Bugsy Malone



Prep School are working hard at learning their lines for their upcoming show of [Bugsy Malone](#).

Mark your diaries for 26 and 27 March 2024 so you don't miss this hilarious show which is sure to be a crowd-pleaser!

# Senior School

## Model United Nations



Saturday 18th November saw the return of Model United Nations to Queen's College for our 10th conference. A record 220 students took part from both Queen's and sixteen other schools and

colleges from around the South West.

In preparation for the conference, our students, led fantastically by this year's Secretaries General, Olivia (Y13) and Will (Y11), prepared a variety of topics to be discussed in the committee sessions. These topics included the provision of insulin, private armies, nuclear disarmament, the monitoring of elections and quantum computing. In addition, we ran a Crisis Committee this year where a variety of fictional yet potential crises occurred and the delegates had to respond according to their country's views.

The conference began however with a rousing speech from Olivia who welcomed our delegates who, between them, represented 42 UN countries. Delegates were then asked to depart to their committee rooms and began to lobby with each other. Their aim was to garner as much support for the clauses that some had prepared beforehand.

These clauses were then debated and voted upon; if passed, the clause was included in the resolution being built through the day to solve the issue being discussed.

The Model United Nations is really a microcosm of the real United Nations in New York. Students prepare, chair and debate as if they were ambassadors to the UN and it is impressive to see students, as young as Year 8, taking part. Queen's students were exemplary in their role as chairs of the various debates; it is a difficult job to undertake as debaters, by their very nature, are argumentative and strong-willed individuals. Our chairs attracted much praise from visiting staff and students alike who commented on their warm, friendly and inclusive approach where new delegates as well as seasoned ones, felt able to participate.

Read the full story [here](#).





# Senior School

## Queen's Receives Prestigious West District Winner Award For Cricket



A special invite was extended to Queen's College this week to attend The Forty Club 66th Annual Dinner, Presented in the The Long Room at Lord's Ground by President of the Forty Club Johnny Barclay with speakers Richard Ellison, former Kent and England cricketer and Mark Nicholas, former Hampshire captain, commentator and President of MCC.

An evening full of toasts and celebrations started in the players room at Lords with Queens College Cricket captain Jonty (Y13) and Director of Sport Tom Bell invited to attend the special black tie event with a presentation of cricket excellence awarded to just 6 key districts.

District winners were selected as a School and Youth XI adjudged to have performed the best in all their district fixtures. The criteria for awards were awarded to those who displayed the Spirit of Cricket, individual

performance excellence by skippers and players, and overall team performance.

A memorable evening with dining in The Long Room started with a royal toast with words sent to the occasion from his royal highness King Charles III tasked the attendees to create memories. It was at this moment Queen's Cricket captain was invited on stage in the Long Room to collect the XL shield for Queen's and receive a medal for his overall performance as Queen's College was awarded the prestigious West District winner award.

Jonty (Year 13) said: *"It was a great experience to go to lords long room and writing room, we got to watch several speeches from Mark Nicholls and Richard Ellis. Overall it was a wonderful experience and it was great to be involved."* [Read more about this story on the Gazette website.](#)

## Equestrian



Congratulations to our Equestrian Captain Francesca who won her class at Bicton Arena on Sunday. Winning the 1m class at the NSEA Eventers Challenge means she qualifies for NSEA Championships at Hickstead in May 2024, well done Francesca.



# Senior School

## Sports Report



Last weekend was a weekend full of hockey as we hosted West Buckland in our regular block fixture, plus having 4 fixtures Vs Reigate grammar school. Notable highlights from this weekend included the U15/14B squad getting their first win of the season, 4-0 against West Buckland. Also, the U13A fixtures, playing Reigate and West Buckland back to back. In a well fought match against a strong Reigate team we lost 4-2, however exposed us to playing a school from a very strong hockey region, thankfully the U13's still had lots left in their tank as they prepared for a 2nd 40 minute match, winning 4-2 Vs West Buckland.

Wednesday brought to us Blundells. The U13A and B teams had their first exposure to 11 a-side hockey on a bigger pitch. It was a notable 2-2 score at half time, however the match got away from us in the 2nd half. The U12A and U12C teams both drew, 2-2 and 1-1 respectively.

This weekend Mount Kelly is coming to us for a few fixtures. Come down to watch the 1st XI for a 12:30 push back!! U13's have a training session from 14:00 - 15:30. See you all there!

### Super Saturday

The first sporting house event of the school year is fast approaching. Saturday 2nd December looks set to be a brilliant afternoon of House school sport. All students are expected to play their part to qualify for the overall team victory! This term's focus will be in Hockey for our girls teams and the boys involved in a Touch Rugby festival. **All parents are welcome to join our celebration with warm drinks and festive snacks served in the Cricket Pavillion from 12.30.**

All information related to student timings, dress code and lunch arrangements will be sent directly to students by our fantastic Heads of House.

### OQ Paddling Film



Joe Fender (OQ) visited Queen's last Friday evening to give a talk to the Outdoor Education and Art Scholars.

He outlined how he has combined his two great passions of Art and Kayaking in his latest project to produce a visually stunning kayaking film.

The film is currently touring outdoor film festivals around the world and it was fantastic that Joe was able to give us an insight into the production process as well as show us some amazing kayaking shots.



# Senior School

## Art Scholars Event

The art scholars had a visit from Karen Morgan this week, who runs Taunton Camera Club. Karen put together a detailed presentation demonstrating some of her award-winning images and shared her knowledge of how she created them. She used an iPhone to create all her photographs, she has inspired the pupils to try out the techniques for themselves. It was wonderful to have Karen in from our local community and demonstrate what we do at Queen's to be creative with Art and Photography.



## Together at Queen's



On Sunday evening we held the second Together at Queen's event, which celebrated the diversity we enjoy at the College whilst raising money for local charity 2BU.

During the evening we enjoyed performances from a number of pupils who had the opportunity to perform something they loved. They certainly amazed the audience with their confidence in front of their peers.

Alongside these performances, pupils hosted a number of different stalls, selling cookies and cupcakes or giving pupils the chance to take part in a range of different craft activities.

The evening raised £499 for charity. A huge well done to everyone involved.

# Senior School

## Geography WorldWide Quiz

On Monday evening Lenny, Edouard, Emilia and Digby represented the Queen's Geography Department in the Geography WorldWide Quiz over at King's College. The team competed against four other local schools and they worked collaboratively to answer questions in the eight rounds. It was a close result at the top and the Queen's team came away with second place, losing to Exeter School by one point! A BIG well done to the team, a fantastic effort.

## Barnicott Charity Day



Today, Barnicott is raising money for the Against Malaria Foundation, a charity organisation that distributes specialised mosquito nets globally. Where treatment is challenging and vaccines underdeveloped, nets are proven the most effective method of malaria prevention to date.

The AMF has funded 248M+ nets and protected an estimated 446M+ people, a scale unimaginable and yet completely evidenced by the heart-warming photographs they share of each deployment. Despite this, funding gaps remain, and we hope to play even a small part in a beautiful cause that works to relieve suffering in such a deeply tangible way. If you're interested in donating, please consider the Barnicott [JustGiving page](#).

## Tea Time Concert



On Tuesday Queen's had one of its largest Tea Time concerts to date; always a relaxed affair with a good supply of tea and cake, the audience were treated to eleven polished performances by a range of our talented musicians, many performing for the first time in a Queen's concert.

Opening the concert, Steven, performed a powerful rendition of an arrangement of 'The Butterfly Lovers'. Next was Agne, the first of the evening's harpists, confidently playing 'Step By Step'. Rosie gave performed a moving rendition of 'Earth, Sky and Sea' and this was contrasted by Madison playing the famous 'Rondo A la Turk' on the piano. Philip was the next singer with a reflective 'Poor Wayfaring One'.

After a quick tea refill for the audience, Tom performed 'Viking Village' with great flair. He was followed by the second harpist, Charlotte, who performed 'Angelus' beautifully; she was followed by Freya who sang 'Quiet' from 'Matilda' with great poise and character. Sarah then performed our final piano piece, a haunting 'Experience' by Enaudi. To finish the concert, we had two sisters; Cora sang 'Castle On A Cloud' with the delicacy it requires before Mary-Tess rounded off the concert with another musical number, 'When Will My Life Begin', sung with confidence and panache. It was certainly one of the largest Tea Time concerts Queen's have had and it certainly matched its predecessors in the quality and range of musical performance. Many thanks to our talented musicians for providing such a superbly entertaining concert. **More photos on [Flickr](#).**



# Senior School

## A Professional Footballer and Chef Visit



A professional footballer from the Women's Premier League who plays for Fulham FC spent a number of lessons with the Year 10's who are studying GCSE Food and Nutrition.

Footballer Ellie Olds is not only a Forward in the Premiership Team but she also holds a First-Class Honours Degree in Nutrition from Leeds Trinity University in Sport and Exercise Science and also happens to be a diabetic. She spoke about all things health and nutrition explaining Macro and Micro Nutrients and how diet affects performance sports to those studying GCSE Food and Nutrition. **Read the full story [here](#).**

## Healthier Fast Food

The pupils are continuing to enjoy being educated about lean sustainable game meat at Queen's College after Great British Game Week, pupils have been making homemade venison meatball marinara subs after school. These were their own take on a healthier fast food that was a bit of a 'game' changer.

Reads the full story [here](#)



## Join Mr Mann

Queen's Hosts Fun Adult

# Christmas Cookery

Glass with Mr Mann

Friday 8 December  
7:00pm  
Book via our website

Book [here](#)

QUEEN'S COLLEGE TAUNTON

The advertisement features a festive background with snowflakes and Christmas decorations. It includes the Queen's College Taunton logo and a call to action to book a Christmas cookery class.

Join us for a jolly Christmas Cookery Class on the last Friday for families and friends of Queen's in our school kitchen classroom. 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.

# Sixth Form

## Round-up



We were really pleased to present our award winners with prizes for their performance in the Practice Interview Morning, last Thursday with local employers. The awards were based on feedback from the employers who had interviewed them for our Practice interview Morning and would have hired them if it were a real interview situation.

A group of Sixth Form went to visit the residents of Oake Meadows Care Home this week to chat to them and keep them company. Both residents and students really enjoyed this opportunity to make new friends. We were really impressed with the knitting prowess of one of the residents who loved showing us how to cast on and off, and showed us a huge patchwork blanket that she had made! This was great practice for students wanting to work in the healthcare sector.



Coventry University visited Sixth Form this week to talk about the transferable skills that students gain from their time at university. Coventry also gave our students hints and tips on interviews that they may have coming up, whether that be for university or with an employer.



Hayden joins Yas as Head of Sixth Form



Ferrari

And following from our last two week's theme, the Sixth Formers have continued to lead from the front. Following Isla's move to prefect last week, the vacancy for head of Sixth Form has been filled so more congratulations are in order. Well done on your new position in the Sixth Form, Hayden! Our gap in the Sixth Form Executive has been filled too - well done Ferrari.

There's a date for your diary too - Sixth Formers Tadhg and Isla have organised a charity Christmas market with festive foods, arts and crafts and more, in aid of underprivileged children in Cambodia. It's 11am-3pm on Sunday 3rd December on the school site. Please come along and buy some gifts for under your trees.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

**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



# Sixth Form

## Elliott Sets a New Record for Queen's College



Year 13 student Elliott has set a new record for Queen's College, in that he received all five of his replies from universities in one day.

Elliott who applied for courses in accounting and finance received the offers from Cardiff Met, Derby, Reading, Surrey and Swansea universities. The record was further boosted by the fact that the replies were received within two working days of his application being sent. Well done Elliott!

## 2 Pupils Receive Offers to Study Physiotherapy at Oxford Brookes University

Year 13 students Sophie and Hayden found themselves in the same online group interview for places to study Physiotherapy at Oxford Brookes University.

The story is made even better by both of them getting through the rigorous selection process and receiving the much sought after offers of places. Congratulations to both!



# Boarders' Corner

## Cotlake House

At the weekend, Cotlake house had a great time at Ninja Warriors, suffice to say they were exhausted afterwards!



# News and Announcements



On Wednesday evening, parents from right across the College gathered in the Queen's Hall to hear more about our exciting new project, [High Performance Learning](#). Following a number of brief presentations, we split into a number of breakout groups to explore the concepts in more detail.

HPL is an initiative which may seem to be purely academic but is truly all-encompassing. It is a coordinated and communicable cross-phase educational philosophy that will help us to develop a shared language of learning from 3-18 and which should lift the ceiling to enable higher performance for all. HPL fits with our ethos and mission to prepare young people 'not for school, but for life' and is driven by sound academic research. It is our intention that HPL is integrated into pastoral, boarding, co-curricular and futures education and guidance in order to help us to achieve our long term strategic aims - ultimately, to overcome the shortcomings of the current curriculum as defined by government, prepare our young people for an unknown future and create resilient, creative, and independent learners.

**If you were unable to attend the evening and would like to know more, a recording of the initial presentations can be found [here](#), as can the handouts for both the [HPL Skills](#) and [HPL Attitudes](#).**



# News and Announcements

## Key Reminders

Senior Play: 'A Christmas Carol' - all day rehearsals	26 November
Inter Schools Climbing Competition (Senior)- South Molton	26 November
Friends of Queen's College meeting	29 November 08:15am
Senior Play: 'A Christmas Carol'	01 December
Lingfield MUN	01 December
Year 9 Christmas Social	01 December

## Looking Ahead

<a href="#">Senior Play: 'A Christmas Carol'</a>	1 December— 3 December
Edukid Christmas Market	3 December 11:00-15:00
<a href="#">The Mouse In Santa's House - Year 3 Christmas Play</a>	6 December 14:45-15:45
<a href="#">Pre-Prep Christmas Performance</a>	7 December 14:30-15:30
<a href="#">Christmas Concert</a>	7 December 19:00-21:30
Last day of Prep Co-curriculars	8 December
<a href="#">Queen's Minis Christmas Party</a>	11 December 13:00
<a href="#">Queen's Minis Nativity</a>	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
<b>Prep last of term</b>	<b>13 December (collection from 15:30, buses leave 16:35, late care available until 18:00)</b>
<b>Senior last day of term</b>	<b>14 December (collection from 13:00) (Buses depart 13:00)</b>
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](#).



QUEEN'S  
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# A Christmas Carol

1 - 3 DEC 23

QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE

[WWW.QUEENSCOLLEGE.ORG.UK/NEWS-EVENTS/EVENTS](http://WWW.QUEENSCOLLEGE.ORG.UK/NEWS-EVENTS/EVENTS)



# 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

## EDUKID Sponsored Walk



We are delighted to announce that the EDUKID [whole school sponsored walk](#), held back in September, raised a huge £3,281.

# EDUKID

## Children In Need

£310 raised by donations from the Own Clothes day and from the Movie night.





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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](mailto:events@queenscollege.org.uk)





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# Flexi Boarding

## Prices

From £55 per night

Termly rates available for  
regular flexi boarders

## Why Flexi Board?

- Dinner and breakfast included
- Home from home comfortable boarding houses
- Convenient, fun sleepovers with friends
- Encourages independence
- Qualified, caring and experienced staff



## Contact

Carla Shearman, Head of Boarding  
[cxs@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:cxs@queenscollege.org.uk)





SOMERSET TENNIS

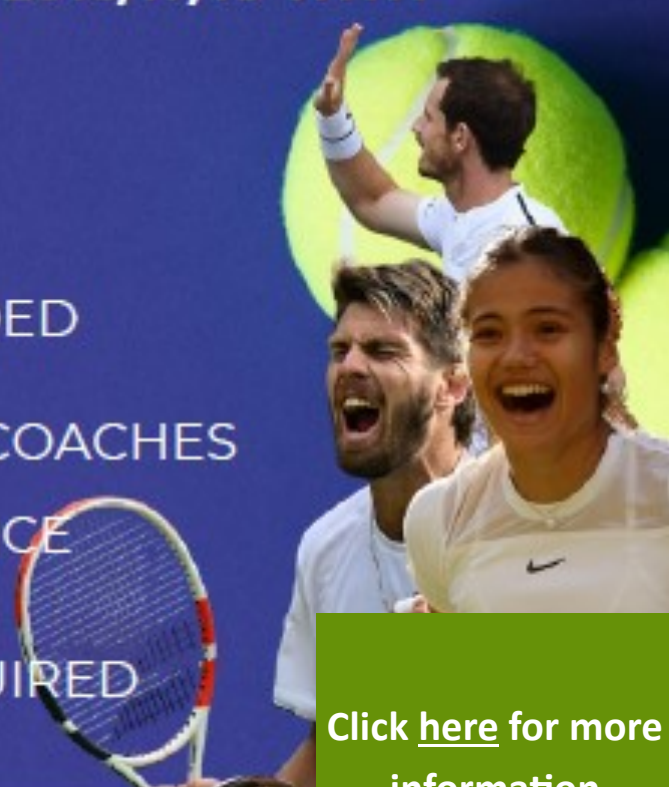


# TENNIS FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY 3 DEC 2023, 2-4PM**  
INDOORS AT TAUNTON TENNIS CENTRE

**FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2016/17/18 WITH AN INTEREST IN TENNIS!**

-  **FREE** TO ATTEND!
-  EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
-  RUN BY QUALIFIED COACHES
-  NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
-  REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Click [here](#) for more information

Calling all tennis players in Year 1 to 3!





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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](#).*

OUR OQ'S BORN  
BEFORE 1963,  
PLEASE  
JOIN US FOR THE  
ANNUAL

# *Vintage*

LUNCH

FRIDAY

| 8  
|  
DEC

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

  
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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 Artistic Director, Simon Chalk
- Concert to end the day for all family and friends
- Completely free, including brunch and refreshments



Or click [here](#)



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..."*



# MONKEY

JOURNEY TO THE WEST



23 - 26 JAN 24

QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE

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