



The spring term has been very busy for examination groups, completing non-examined assessments across a range of subjects, coursework and a second mock as well as preparing for their public examinations this summer. The Easter break heralds the beginning of the final push for these students and we wish them all the very best with their efforts. I would like to thank all of our staff who have given up their time to provide additional support and resources and to those running revision sessions over the next two weeks. The first examinations start within four weeks following our Easter break.

Extra-curricular sport has grown exponentially this year and we are celebrating success across a range of disciplines. In basketball, we are once again County and District champions for Year 7 boys. In the PGL Netball we were the Umpire's team of the tournament. We recorded some exceptionally big wins against other schools in girls football across the age ranges.

I had the pleasure of attending a variety of performances over the Spring half-term all demonstrating the depth of talent of Queens' students. Many congratulations to all the participants in House Music and indeed to Turing, who won for the first time in living memory. The Drama examination performances were outstanding with emotive and thought-provoking final A-level pieces for all 4 groups. The Gym and Dance Show was amazing, showcasing the energy and passion of so many of our wonderful students. I would like to thank all the staff involved, both directly and indirectly, ensuring these events continue to be successful and thoroughly enjoyable.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those families allocated a place at Queens' School in September. The QPA are once again looking for donations of good quality second-hand uniforms. Please feel free to drop clothes at the North or South office. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Horn, Student Support Manager and Mr Edu, Business and Economic teacher. We wish them both well and thank them for their contribution to Queens' School. We also say goodbye to Mr Govier, who has worked and lived on site as South Side Caretaker for 34 years. He leaves to start a new life in Lincolnshire with his wife. We would all like to wish him a very happy and much deserved change.

I would like to extend my thanks for your support and wish you all a happy and safe Easter break.

Jonathan Morrell
Headteacher



Humanities!

Find out [here](#) what the departments get up to!



It's only words!

Find out [here](#) what the MFL students are playing!



Computing!

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Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!

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Books to savour!

English Departments recommended reads [here](#)!



Careers!

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Social Science!

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Booking the trend!

Read [here](#) the library news!



Music to our ears!

Find out [here](#) what the Music students have been up to!



Design on our minds!

Find out [here](#) what D&T are up to!



Maths Whizzes and Quizzes!

You can read [here](#) how our Mathematicians love a challenge!



Blow your mind!

Find out [here](#) what the Science has been up to!



Support each other!

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House News!

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Back to the future!

Read the Alumni newsletter [here](#)!

Celebrating Student Achievement: STARS

This half-term, we applaud the following students, who have gained the most **STAR** achievement points for **Scholarship, Tenacity, Altruism and Respect**:



Viyana De Z. 7TM Nikash B. 8SN
Alexandria S. 9FD Harrie L-G. 10FX
Bethany M. 11AE Andrew M. 12AB



Other highest STAR point achievers:



Matthew M. 7AE Dorothea C. 7FR Brooke G. 7SW
Nathanael T. 8AB Sé S. 8FX Max B. 8TC
Neriah G. 9AE Divyansh G. 9SH Anish B. 9TC
Iqra A. 10AB Izzy B. 10SN Omobajesu I. 10TC
Morgan S. 11FD Lucy G. 11SW Ewan B. 11TC
Scarlet S. 13FX Beth P. 12SW Gabriella M. 12TC



News from the Queens' Parents Association

We have had a busy half-term selling refreshments at the brilliant House Music and Gym and Dance Show, both showcasing the amazing talents of the students whilst raising funds for the school. We also sold refreshments at Options Evening so thank you to everyone who has purchased something from us at one of these events.

We loaded an amazing 630kg of clothes onto the Cash 4 Clothes van, which is an all-time record and earned us £315.00 so again thank you to everyone who brought in their unwanted clothes.

With a good bank balance we have awarded funds to, Estates for a new cordless leaf blower; Music for 2 new electric guitars; a Photo Booth for the Year 11 Prom; Trolleys to store laptops; a 3D Printer for the Tech Department; new Calculators for the Maths Department and money to Business Studies, Geography and History for some textbooks and revision guides, so as you can see, the money raised is being put to excellent and varied use across the school.

We now have 406 parents using Easyfundraising and this quarter, we earned £158.00 through easyfundraising donations so imagine how much we could raise if more parents signed up to do their online shopping via Easy Fundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause. Please see the Queens' School website for details **Parents & Carers> Parents' Association (QPA)>Easy fundraising** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qpa

We will be selling food and drink, in conjunction with the amazing Kandy Café at the Model Railway Exhibition on Saturday 11th May so please come along and support this event and buy some food and drink.

We are now collecting good quality, clean second-hand school uniform for the annual sale on Thursday 11th July so if you have any donations, please put in a bag and leave in north or south side receptions, marked for the attention of the QPA. We particularly need skirts, ties, aprons, school jumpers with the school logo on and house coloured polo tops as well as blazers, PE tops, PE shorts, PE trousers and PE leggings. We currently have some second-hand school uniform if you need to purchase any items before July, please contact us.

Please encourage your child/children to complete the QPA's 2024 Challenge where we challenge ALL students to raise £20.24 (or more) by; making and selling a craft; washing a neighbour's car; babysitting; walking a neighbour's dog; doing household chores or holding a garage sale. Please return the money in an envelope marked with the child's name and form and amount raised to their form tutor or school office by Friday 24th May to be entered in the prize draw to win £50.00 or £100.00.

At this month's QPA meeting we agreed to host a Comedy Evening in September so watch out for details. We would also like to host a Bingo Night so if any parent or carer would be keen to be our bingo caller please contact us. If you would like to become involved in the QPA, or have any ideas we always welcome new members and new energy so please come to our next meeting on Monday 29th April at 7pm in the PRE Block.

We can be contacted by email on qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk. We are on twitter [@queenssch_qpa](https://twitter.com/queenssch_qpa) and facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/730227757885485/?ref+share>

All that leaves us to say, is have a lovely Easter Holiday break and we look forward to your continued support in the Summer Term



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Supporting Mental Health over the Holidays

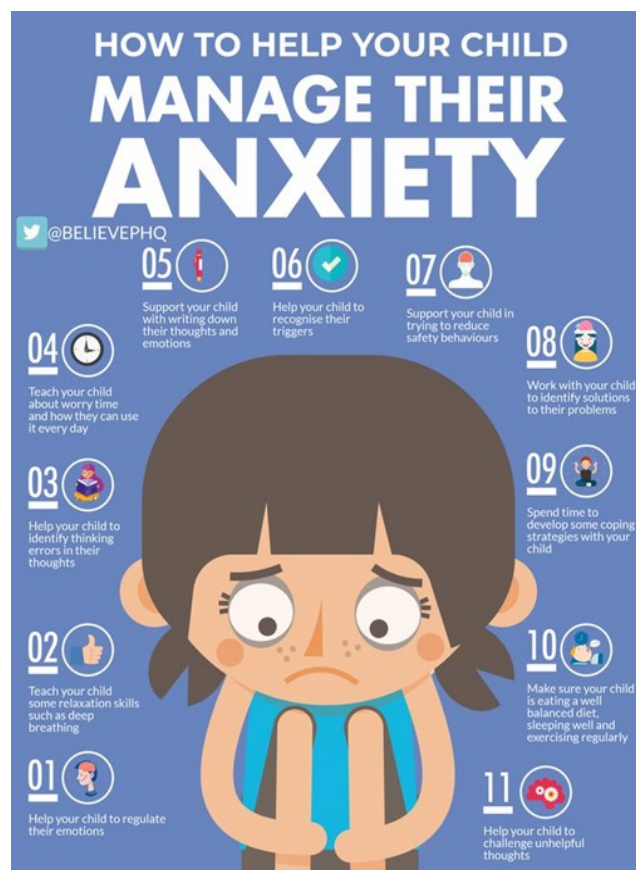
Below is a list of some insightful and meaningful resources that can help students and parents over the holidays.

[5 steps to mental wellbeing - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Cost of Living Support – Hertfordshire Council](#)



A specialist CAMHS crisis clinician is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **0800 6444 101**, to provide advice to families and professionals about children/young people in a mental health crisis and/or to arrange an assessment if required. **If you, a friend or a family member are experiencing a mental health crisis, call: 0800 6444 101 in the first instance, unless you have a physical health emergency, in which case, call 999 and ask for an ambulance or go to A&E.**



Upcoming Events

Below are the key dates for your diaries over the next half-term. Those in red are intended for parents to attend. Please keep up to date with all our events by visiting our online calendar.

Half-Term:

Monday 15th April:

Friday 19th -21st April:

Thursday 25th April:

Monday 29th April:

Wednesday 1st May:

Wednesday 1st May:

Thursday 2nd May:

Friday 3rd May:

Saturday 4th & 5th May:

Monday 6th May:

Tuesday 7th May:

Thursday 9th May:

Tuesday 14th May:

Wednesday 15th May:

Thursday 16th -18th May:

Wednesday 22nd -25th May:

Thursday 23rd May:

Friday 24th May:

Monday 27th May - 31st May:

Summer term starts

DofE Silver practice expedition

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Year 10 Theatre trip English

Year 8 Theatre trip to 6, Humanities

CCF trip to Longmoor Training Camp

Year 7 Heritage Walking Tour of Watford

UCAS & Apprenticeship Guidance Evening

Year 10 & 12 Theatre trip to the Bridge theatre

Year Sculpture trip to Henry Moore's house

DofE practice expedition

Bank Holiday

Year 7 Humanities trip to Brighton

Year 12 Drama evening Theatre trip

Year 10 Parents' Virtual Consultation Evening

Year 12 Politics trip to UK Parliament

Early closure for staff training, 1.50pm

GCSE Histroy trip to Berlin

Year 9 trip to Normandy

Year 9 Immunisations: DTP/MEN ACWY

INSET School closed to students

Half-Term



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