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Humanities faculty newsletter October 2023

What a fantastic start to this academic year. There has already been a huge amount going on in the Humanities faculty.

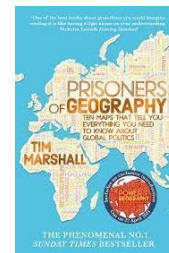
Meet a new member of the faculty



Name: Miss Butkute
Subject/s taught: Geography
Favourite food: Paella
Degree: BA Geography (Birmingham)

Reading recommendation for October half-term

Mrs Terry recommends Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall



Humanities prefects

We are excited to announce that our Sixth Form prefects for Humanities are:

- Priya F.
- Jack V.

Jack will be working with the Geography department in Year 7 lessons and Priya will be supporting the History department with the History Club.

Key Stage 3 Summer Reading Challenge Winners

Congratulations to these students in Year 8 and 9:

- Amelia R. (9SH)
- Ruhe-Zahra S. (8FD)
- Toby H. (8TM)

Sixth form Humanities essay writing competition

Congratulations to these students in Year 12 for writing incredible essays. These are available to read in the Sixth Form centre or via Mrs Charlton.

- Sophie J.
- Tiya P.



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Social media

Our department X accounts continue to be extremely active! Do make sure you follow us!

@QueensSch_Geog

@QueensSch_Hist

@QueensSch_PRE

@QueensSch_Pol



Humanities google sites

On the front page of the student school page, students will find links to the Humanities google sites. There are three sites. Please encourage your children to use them.

- a. Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9)
- b. Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
- c. Key Stage 5 (A-level)

Geography News

- Geography Club is a vibrant and exciting place to be this year (Wednesdays after school Rm 22). Members have started the year off by entering the Royal Geographical Society's '**Geographer of the Year**' competition. The students have also created posters to showcase their blueprint for the future, which has seen many innovative and eco-city designs.
- **Books** for GCSE and A-level students to add to their reading lists are: 'Factfulness' by Hans Rosling; 'The Almighty Dollar' by Dharshini David and 'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall.
- **What to watch** budding Geographers - 'A Life on Our Planet' (David Attenborough).
- **Geography in the News: Migration.** Biden approves border wall as Mexico crossings rise; Sunak to urge 'Europe-wide solutions' on migration.

History News

- **Huge congratulations to our GCSE History** group for their amazing results in the summer - and we're thrilled to see so many of you joining us for A-level History!
- A very big **thank you** to everyone who helped out with Open Evening, it was great to have you there and hear you talk so enthusiastically about History at Queens', well done.
- **History Club is back!** Join us in Room 17 every Thursday straight after school. At the moment, we are researching the four people that inspired our House names. Our aim is to make resources that we can share with the whole school. If you are interested, please just turn up, we'll be thrilled to see you.
- There is a brilliant **new documentary series on iPlayer** with the historian David Olusoga. It's called Union and looks at the history of the United Kingdom - well worth a watch.

PRE News

Two of our Anne Frank Trust Ambassadors, Aditi Mishra and Ronnie Savage - both now in Year 10 took part in the Anne Frank Trust's Residential Workshop with author Tom Palmer whose books about World War 2 are in our Library. They also explored creative writing with poet Clare Shaw. Ronnie and Aditi's work were part of a very moving national showcase recently where the Trust's Chairman spoke very highly of their contributions.

This year we are exploring gaining the UCL Beacon School Quality Mark in Holocaust Education, building on last year's Holocaust lessons, visiting speakers and school displays.



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Politics News

- Huge congratulations to our A-level Politics group for their results! We wish them every success with whatever path they have now chosen to follow.
- **Recommended reading:** 'How Westminster Works... and Why it doesn't' by Ian Dunt. A fascinating and brutal analysis of our system of government and full of excellent examples for politics essays!
- **Recommended watching:** A new documentary series 'Laura Kuenssberg: State of Chaos' has been added to iPlayer. It takes a look at the last few years of British politics. Perfect for those new to the subject.
- **Politics in the news:** The turmoil in politics looks set to continue, both in the UK and USA the election cycle is heating-up. In America we know the election will definitely happen in November 2024, however here an election could happen at any moment so speculation is rife.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.

Mrs Charlton

Head of Humanities



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