



As we approach the end of July, another successful school year draws to a close. It has been wonderful to see our students grow academically, socially and emotionally taking advantage of the numerous opportunities to thrive, pursue interests or develop gifts and talents. I feel very proud to be part of this exceptional and very special learning community.

Queens' staff, teaching and support staff alike are fundamental to the success of Queens'. I would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work and determination to go the extra mile to give students a broad and enriching Queens' Experience, both inside and outside of the classroom which makes our school unique.

Many of our staff leavers this year have given years of dedicated service and collectively made an outstanding contribution to Queens' and its students. I would like to wish them the best of luck for the future. Brandon Van Dam, Erin Hogan, Emma Canavan, Rachel Little, Morgan Sears, Alina Makhina, Marianna Saville, Bea d'Anna Brown, Cara Baxter, Tamasine Quayle, Helen Brosnan, Mohsinah Dato, Michael O'Hanlon and Meryl Charles. I would especially like to thank Linda Wassell who retires after 19 years and John McGrann who returns to Ireland after 21 years. We also say goodbye to Mr Whitbread, who alone has taught for 29 years making an enormous difference to the lives of our young people. We would all like to wish Noel a very happy and much deserved retirement.

Students and staff enjoyed the end of examination celebrations with the Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Boat Party. For the latter, this was a culmination of 7 years of commitment to Queens' School and we were incredibly proud to see them off in style. We wish all of our learners the very best of luck in the summer and continued success in the future. A-level students will receive their results on Thursday 17 August and GCSE students, a week later, on Thursday 24 August. Staff will be present on both days to help students make an informed choice about the next stage of their learning journey.

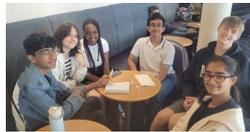
I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Jonathan Morrell  
Headteacher



### House News!

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



### Tour de force!

Read [here](#) about the MFL trips.



### Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!

Read [here](#) about the students successes!

### Maths Whizzes and Quizzes!

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



### Design on our minds!

Find out [here](#) what D&T have been up to



### Books to savour!

English Department events [here](#)!



### Computing!

Read all the news [here](#)!



### Support each other!

Read the SEND News [here](#)!



### Humanities!

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



### Back to the future!

Read [here](#) the new Alumni newsletter.



### Writing up a storm!

Find [here](#) the student Newsletter!



### Picture perfect!

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



### Careers!

Read [here](#) all the Careers News!



## 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:**



Melissa C. 7SW Harry B. 8FD  
Gemma D. 9TM  
Nelly W. 10TC Erin P. 12FX



**Other highest STAR point achievers:**

Anna C. 7AE SÚ S. 7FX Anaiah F. 7TA  
Arjun C. 8AB Hudson I. 8SH Annabel S. 8TC  
Rameen S. 9AL Georgina P. 9FD Malgosia B. 9SN  
Bethany M. 10AE Ariel O. 10FX Emmanuel O. 10SW  
Chrisan S. 12AB Sia H. 12SW Hannah F. 12TC



## News about the Queens' Parents Association.

It seems to have whizzed by, so hard to believe another school year is over. We would like to thank you for supporting the QPA during the year, whether you've bought refreshments from us at the various school events, purchased raffle tickets or Christmas puddings, donated clothes or entered the cake competition, everything has helped raise funds that have been used to purchase items to enhance the students school life. We will be requesting new bids from departments in September. It was great to see the cheer leading squad wearing their new kits which the QPA part-funded and the students enjoying a trip to The Globe and a visiting author again, funded by the QPA.



Last week we held the annual second-hand uniform sale where we raised a fantastic amount so thank you to everyone who donated uniform, making this possible. We have no uniform left so we would welcome any new donations so we can start to re-stock.

Next term we will be holding another Cake Competition on Friday 30th September to tie in with the Macmillan Coffee Morning event. We will be sending out entry details and theme at the start of September. We are looking for a couple of judges so if you have baking experience and would like to help us judge the winners on taste, presentation and techniques used, please contact us at [qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk).

We have booked another cash for clothes collection on Thursday 19th October so if you have a clear out of your wardrobes over the holidays, please keep the clothes aside for us.

We will also start collecting raffle prizes for the Christmas Raffle. We will once again be selling the popular Christmas puddings including a new flavour and we will be introducing a new initiative 'Challenge 2024' so look out for emails and class charts for more details on these next term.

Our next QPA meeting is on Monday 11th September at 7.00 pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting but could volunteer your help at events such as serving refreshments, helping with second hand uniform or requesting raffle prizes from local businesses, please email us your name as we would like to put together a list of helpers we can call upon for specific events or if there is a specific event you would like to help us arrange, we would welcome new ideas.

During the holidays please continue to support the QPA by collecting your used branded printer toners and cartridges [www.emptiesplease.com](http://www.emptiesplease.com) and putting them in the box in North Side Reception in September.

Do your online shopping via Easy Fundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause. Please see the Queens' website for details About Us&gt; QPA&gt;Easy fundraising.

Keep supporting and donating to the Development Fund as the next project will be installing an additional canopy on North Side to benefit the Year 8 and Year 9 students. Look out for the project launch in September but you can start donating now by setting up a direct debit for as little as £1 a month or make a one off payment. For more information on the Development Fund, please see the Queens' website for details about-us&gt;the-development-fund

If you have any ideas or questions, please contact us on [qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk). We are on twitter @queenssch\_qpa and facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/730227757885485/?ref=share>

All that leaves us to do is wish you a happy Summer holiday.



QUEENS' SCHOOL  
Dare to be Great

Daring to be Great by pursuing our values of Scholarship, Tenacity, Altruism and Respect



Should parents/carers need any advice regarding safeguarding over the summer when school is closed the following link may prove helpful: [https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-board/young-people-and-families.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager\\_2\\_Anchor\\_1](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-board/young-people-and-families.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_2_Anchor_1)

Our school website also has a Safeguarding page. Please visit this for additional information. If you need to contact the school urgently regarding a safeguarding matter please email the [safeguarding@queens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@queens.herts.sch.uk) address which will be monitored throughout the holiday period.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you back in school for the new academic year in September.

### Introducing Beth Cullen from the NHS Mental Health Support Team

My name is Beth Cullen - I am a Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner within the Hertsmere NHS Mental Health Support Team. Queen's is one of my linked schools and I am really pleased to have the opportunity to introduce myself and my role to you.



Our service seeks to support schools by:

- Developing their Mental Health Provision using Public Health England's Whole School Approach Model.
- Speaking openly about Mental Health to reduce stigma and build awareness of difficulties faced by adolescents as well as highlighting strategies which can be put in place to support them.
- Providing targeted early-intervention support to children and young people who have symptoms of mild-moderate anxiety and low mood, using cognitive-behavioural

While we are coming to the end of this school year Miss Westgarth and I are already planning for the new school year to develop the support already in place at Queen's. Our service is available through the summer holidays, and we currently have the following, remotely delivered, workshops available for parents, carers and guardians to sign up for on Eventbrite.

#### Parent Workshop for Managing your child's Worries/Anxiety

03/08/2023 – 10:00am Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parent-workshop-for-managing-your-childs-worriesanxiety-tickets-666708060757?aff=oddtcreator>

03/08/2023 – 19:00pm Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parent-workshop-for-managing-your-childs-worriesanxiety-tickets-666718231177?aff=oddtcreator>

#### A Parent Workshop for Managing your child's Low Mood

10/08/2023 – 10:00am Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parent-workshop-for-managing-your-childs-low-mood-tickets-666729926157>

10/08/2023 - 19:00pm Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parent-workshop-for-managing-your-childs-low-mood-tickets-666736686377>

#### A Parent Workshop for Managing Adolescent Behaviour

04/08/2023 – 10:00am Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/managing-adolescent-behaviour-workshop-tickets-663485622357>

11/08/2023 – 10:00am Start - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parent-workshop-for-managing-adolescent-behaviour-tickets-664534158557>

It would be great to see some of you at the workshops! I look forward to working with the Queen's School community going forwards. Wishing you all a lovely summer!

### In you or your child are in urgent need of help please call:

**Your doctor** – it is important that your doctor is aware of your symptoms, as being your primary care service, they can offer you access to wider treatment and medical support.

**SPA (Single Point of Access):** 0800 6444 101 or NHS 111 and select the option for mental health crisis

The **A&E** department at your nearest hospital or **999** if you are very concerned about your own or someone else's imminent safety.

**Childline** - trained *Childline* counsellors are there for young people 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Telephone: **0800 1111** (Freephone from mobiles and landlines)

**Samaritans** – trained *Samaritans* are available to talk through your concerns, worries and troubles any time, day or night. Telephone: **116 123** (Freephone from mobiles and landlines)

## Upcoming Events

Below is just a taste of the exciting events and 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.

### NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September:  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September:  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September:  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September:  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September:  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September:  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September:  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October:  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October:  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October:  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October:

INSET Day school closed to students  
First Day of Term for Year 7  
First Day of Term for Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 13  
First Day of Term for Year 12  
Year 8 & Year 9 Parents' Information Evening 6pm  
Year 10 & Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 6pm  
Year 12 & Year 13 Parents' Information Evening 6pm  
Year 7 Parents' Information Evening 6pm  
Year 13 Geography Field Trip  
HPV1 Vaccination Year 8  
School Photographs  
QPA Year 7 parents welcome 7-9pm North Hall  
Early school closure for Year 6 Open Evening, 12.15pm  
INSET Day school closed to students  
Year 11 Drama trip from 2pm  
Year 11 English trip to see Macbeth at the Globe 7.30pm  
Flu Vaccination Years 7-11  
Early closure for staff training 1.45pm  
Year 13 Parents' Evening  
Year 10 & A-level Drama Theatre trip  
Last Day of half-term  
Football trip to Valencia