



# HOUSE NEWS JULY 2023



We come to the end of another very busy school year, it has been wonderful to see the students supporting their Houses in the wide variety of events and competitions throughout the year, hopefully the students have had the opportunity to try out new activities, learnt new skills and made new friends within our Houses and school community.

## New House captains

Thank you so much to our outgoing Year 13's, who did such a great job as our House Captains, we wish you luck in all your future endeavours. Our new team of Year 13 captains have now been voted in and we are so excited to see them lead their house to victory!

## Congratulations to our 2023-24 Sixth Form Captains!

**Attenborough House Captains**  
Flynn  
Olivia

**Charity Prefects**  
Max  
Tiya

**Sports Prefects**  
Bella  
Ethan

**Eco Prefects**  
Noah  
Anthony

**Art's Prefects**  
Kantri  
Arthur

**Franklin House Captains**  
Lujain  
Nelson

**Charity Prefects**  
Beth  
Cameron

**Sports Prefects**  
George  
Erin

**Eco Prefects**  
Ethan  
Shanal

**Art's Prefects**  
Aimee  
Evie

**Seacole House Captains**  
Amelia  
Georgia

**Charity Prefects**  
Saif  
Kara

**Sports Prefects**  
Cameron  
Aiden

**Eco Prefects**  
Olivia  
Athena

**Art's Prefects**  
Niyathi  
Emilia

**Turing House Captains**  
Lula  
Patric

**Charity Prefects**  
Safaa  
Abby

**Sports Prefects**  
Olivia  
Hannah

**Eco Prefects**  
Olivia  
Harry

**Art's Prefects**  
Olivia  
Natali



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## House Sport

We have had a busy year with House Sport, there were 28 house competitions over the year. It was lovely to see the students getting involved in the sport competitions and supporting their Houses. It is always such a good atmosphere! Thank you to the PE department for running the Sports Competitions and our sports captains and Ambassadors for helping put teams together.

Before the Final of the Robert Brown Trophy at Sports Day Attenborough was in the lead by 9 points, it's very close this year.

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## House Competitions

### Library Poetry Competition

1st prize - Imogen Seacole  
 2nd prize - Eloise Franklin  
 3rd prize - Ishan Attenborough

Year 7 Overall winner - Izzy Turing  
 Year 12 Winner - Lu-Jain Franklin

**Spelling Bee** Saanvi for Seacole Year 7

**Poetry Slam** Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place - Eila in Seacole and Aaron in Turing Year 8



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## House Maths



Winning House Seacole

## House Music

This year we had the return of our House Music competition, it was such a wonderful event filled with so much talent. Seacole were very worthy winners. Here are a few photos from such a fantastic show from all Houses. Thank you to our Music Department for organising a great evening and thank you to our judges whom had such a hard time picking out the winners.



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## Charity events

Each House picked a charity to raise money for during the Year

**Attenborough – DEC Ukrainian Refugee Crisis**

**Franklin – Small Acts of Kindness**

**Seacole – The Rainbow Trust**

**Turing – MenCap and the Watford Women's Centre**



Our four Houses worked hard throughout the year organising charity events for their respective charity.

We all worked together to support Watford Foodbank last Christmas and with the help and support of our students, parents and staff we donated 42.6kg's of food.

All 4 Houses also worked together on a Doughnut Sale raising £371 in aid Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal.

**Attenborough** – We have had an amazing year raising a wonderful £1,421 through a wide variety of events. Halloween Fair, Poppy Appeal, Christmas Chocolate Hamper, Xmas Baubles sales, Candy Cane Sales, Non-Uniform split between Queens' House charities, Valentines Fair, North v South Dodgeball Competition. None of this would have been possible without our House Captains, I would like to say a special thank you to Rachel, Louise, Sam, Selvi and Josie for their tireless work and dedication to our House Charity fundraising events, you are truly Altruistic and Amazing demonstrating the true embodiment of Attenborough House. I would also like to give a huge special shout out to Rachel who brought to our school the North v South Staff Basketball / Dodgeball Competitions and has been organising them every year since she was in Year 8 through to Year13, her last year at Queens' School. Rachel has raised so much money over the years for "The Danny Green Fund" demonstrating true altruism, she will be greatly missed and we wish her all the luck in the world with her chosen career in Law.



**Franklin** – This year we have raised money for Small Acts of Kindness. Overall throughout the year, we have raised over £500. Through hard work of the whole Franklin team, we successfully ran the first bake sale of the year, did a Krispy Kreme sale, and much more including donating food to the Watford food bank drive. Unfortunately, we were not able to run the much-anticipated "Throw a sponge at a teacher" fundraiser, so hopefully if the new



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charity reps and captains advocate hard enough, Miss Holder can make it happen! Franklin overall have had a very successful year, holding on to second place in the running for Robert Brown trophy (fingers crossed for sports day!) and managed to amass a staggering 55,678 STAR points across the year. Everyone in Franklin House has worked super hard and should be proud of themselves.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all students and staff in Franklin House for being so welcoming to me as a new Head of House before Miss Holder returns from her world travels. Taking on this role has been challenging and rewarding in so many aspects and I'm proud to have been Head of Franklin.

**Seacole** – Seacole have raised money for their chosen charity, The Rainbow Trust, this year raising a total of £780. The events that the pupils have organised include 'Guess how many sweets in the jar', 'Seacole Karaoke', The valentines sweets and our joint events of Non-school uniform day and our doughnut sale.

The pupils this year have been amazing with their organisation putting on all these events- I would like to thank our Charity Captains Sakina and Caroline who embraced this role and took charge in the events. I would also like to thank the rest of the school for their engagement and generous contributions throughout the year! We as a school are so proud of all the money we raise for charity each year- It just goes to show what an amazing community we have here at Queens'.



**Turing** – This year Turing House were supporting local Watford charities, including MenCap and the Watford Women's Centre. We have raised over £300 through Krispy Kreme doughnut and bake sales, as well as donating 41kg of toiletries for the Women's Centre. These donations, both monetary and physical items will go on to support victims of domestic abuse and children with learning difficulties in the local community. I am so thankful to so many Turing students this year, for their dedication to the House and the numerous activities held throughout the year. I am so pleased to see how many students got involved this year, and to see Turing with the most STAR points out of all 4 Houses by the end of the school year! An absolutely smashing achievement by all! From sportsmen to musicians, mathematicians to bookworms, you are all incredible.

A sad end for me this year as I hand over my Head of House title to Miss Uthayakumaran to leave the UK and teach in Colombo, Sri Lanka. I have really enjoyed my time at Queens', as both Head of House and as a teacher of Drama, and I will miss so many students and staff. Thank you to every student, Turing and other, who have made me smile, laugh, applaud, whoop for and feel proud of - you've made my time at Queens' unforgettable. I'll keep in touch, so let's keep it up next year Turing! All the best, Miss DB

## Year 7 Yorkshire Trip

Year 7 went on their residential school trip again this year and we all headed off to Yorkshire, Attenborough and Seacole to Malham and Franklin and Turing to Ingleton. There was a lot of walking over dales and visiting the caves and Malham cove made famous by the Harry Potter film. Such a wonderful place to visit and great memories made and friendships made stronger over the week away. And a few memories saved for the year 11 leavers assembly!!!



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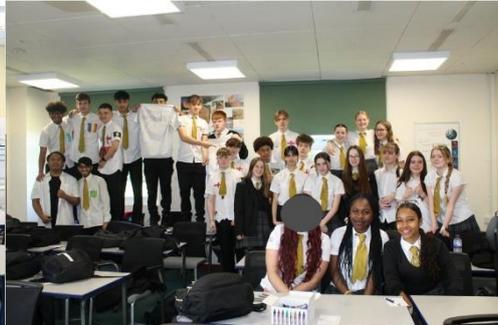
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## Goodbyes

We would like to say goodbye to our Year 11's and 13's, wishing you all good luck on results day and hope you will go on to make your dreams come true, weather that involves returning to Queens' for Sixth Form or going on to Uni / Apprentices or new experiences over a gap year. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way, always give it 100% and be kind. If your path leads you away from our Queens' Community we hope you will take away great memories from your House and your time at Queens' and will come back to visit us sometimes.



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We are all looking forward to next year and our charity teams picking next year's House Charities, there will be more opportunities for our students and the Houses to hold more competitions and charity events. Sadly, we are losing two of our Heads of Houses this year. Franklin's Ms Little and Turing's Ms D'Anna -Brown who are both off on exciting adventures in school's abroad. It has been wonderful working with them as a House Lead Team and against them in our competitions, we wish them all lots of luck in their new job's and over the next year.



**From all the House leads, we wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer break!**



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