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Humanities Faculty Newsletter February 2023

It has been another successful half-term in the Humanities faculty.

Holocaust Memorial Week

During the week of 23rd January, the school marked Holocaust Memorial Day. Mr Cohen led assemblies for the whole school based on this year's theme of 'Ordinary People'.

Year 12 and 13 were also honoured to be spoken to by local resident Michael Bibring. Michael's father Harry came to England on the Kindertransport. After Harry's passing away, Michael took on his father's legacy by continuing to educate children about the Holocaust so that we never allow it to ever happen again.

Year 9 came off the timetable to hear the testimony of Paulette Szklarz, as told by her daughter, Debra Barnes, author of "The Young Survivors" This testimony is part of the work of Generation2Generation.

In addition to this, many staff lit a candle in their homes on the evening of 26th January as a mark of respect.



Social media

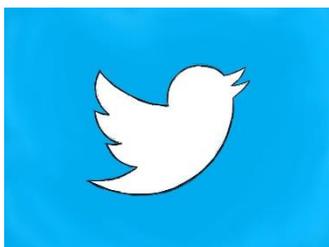
Our department Twitter accounts continue to be extremely active! Do make sure you follow us!

@QueensSch_Geog

@QueensSch_Hist

@QueensSch_PRE

@QueensSch_Pol



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



Trips & visits

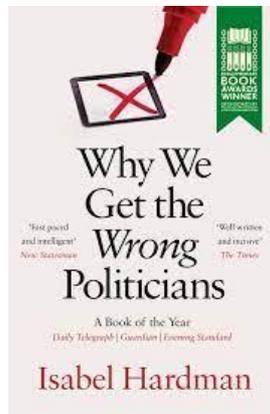
We are all getting very excited for our upcoming trips to Paris with Sixth Form Historians and our visit to Amsterdam with Year 9 and 10. Keep an eye out on the History Twitter account for photos.

Work has started behind the scenes in preparation for Iceland 2024 - watch this space!!



Recommended reading for this half-term

Why we get the wrong politicians' by Isabel Hardman. A great introduction for our budding politicians from Mr Brothwood.



Geography News

It's been a busy half-term in the Geography department. In Geography Club our young geographers have been making earthquake proof houses out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Who knew these materials could be so resilient?

Our Year 9s have been studying the Geography of Crime and have been investigating crime around Queens' School. Armed with tally charts, our young detectives investigated crimes such as littering in different areas around the school. They were pleased to report there wasn't a problem with crime around our school.

Year 12 are looking forward to visiting the dinosaurs and earthquake simulator at the Natural History Museum in London on 28th March.

Year 8 are going to be getting creative by designing and making their own model of the structure of the Earth. We are looking forward to seeing their artwork.

History & Politics News

History club continues to run every Thursday after school in room 15. This term there will be opportunities for Sixth Form students to get involved further with A-level specific events, as well as the opportunity to lead Key Stage 3 sessions.

We are preparing for the A-level trip to Paris in February which we are all excited for. It is the first time that we have run the new A-level trip; you can follow our progress on Twitter.

Year 10-13 - make sure you are looking at your 'Aiming for 8/9' and 'Aiming for A/A*' documents to support your learning. These are available on the History department Google Sites.

Budding Politicians should continue to be reading and watching the news. In particular the rather bizarre situation that occurred in America. It is the first time in over a hundred years that there was not an elected speaker in the House of Representatives. It took 15 rounds of elections before Kevin McCarthy got the position.

PRE News

The Philosophy Cave for Year 7 has moved to Wednesday Lunchtime, Room 16. You're welcome to bring your lunch and join in - or even lead our discussions!

Our status as a Beacon School for the teaching of the Holocaust took a huge step up with Year 9 having the first half of their lessons about this subject, which links to work in other parts of the Queens' curriculum including History, English, Art and Drama

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.

Mrs Charlton

Head of Humanities