



QUEENS' SCHOOL
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Humanities faculty newsletter December 2023

Meet a member of the faculty

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Subject taught: PRE

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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.

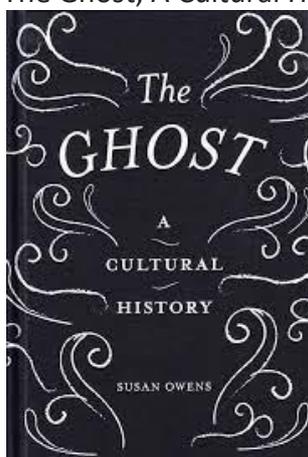
- a. Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9)
- b. Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
- c. Key Stage 5 (A Level)

STAR values in Humanities

In Year 7 PRE this half-term we have been looking at myths and legends. This has involved looking at a variety of religious stories such as that of Hanuman. This topic has helped Year 7 to develop their skill of scholarship. Year 8 are considering the challenging topic of "Life after Death". They have been thinking about whether death is a comma, or a full-stop. This has helped develop their Star Value of Respect for different views and opinions.

Reading recommendation for Christmas

Mr Macleod recommends Susan Owens: 'The Ghost, A Cultural History'



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Voices for Equality

Bethany Trober from the Anne Frank Trust held a 2-day workshop with Mr Cohen and 16 year 9 students looking at the life of Anne Frank, challenging all forms of prejudice. The pupils have made display work - even board games - and a number are applying to become Ambassadors for the Youth Empowerment Programme. Two of our Year 10 Ambassadors were invited to central London to host a special event for the Trust and they continue to inspire their peers to speak out against inequality.

Geography News

Geography club continues to be a vibrant place for our budding and keen Geographers. To celebrate Geography awareness week they produced interactive posters to help highlight to others the importance of our dynamic subject. We were very impressed with their concepts and ideas.

Geography in News brings our attention to Iceland, where Grindavik has been evacuated due to the imminent eruption of Fagradalsfjall volcano. The area has been hit by 120 earthquakes but this activity is significantly less than the 340 earthquakes earlier in the week. Year 12 Geographers visited the **University of Sussex** last week and had the privilege of having a lecture from Professor Melissa Lazenby, who is a meteorologist and climate scientist. Melissa is often used by the BBC to talk about climate change and its impacts. Students also had the opportunity to tour the campus and get a feel for student life.



Well done to Year 11 for the hard work they put in attending the lunchtime and after school revision sessions before their mocks. Keep revising and believing in yourself. Good luck to Year 13 Geographers who also have their mocks after the Christmas break - all your hard work will pay off. Good luck to each and every one of you.

History News

The History Club has been working hard researching the lives of the people that our Houses are named after. We've made a poster celebrating David Attenborough and those for both Rosalind Franklin and Alan Turing are underway. Just Mary Seacole to go!

We've also been hosting two lunchtime clubs for our GCSE and A-level students that are aiming for Level 9/A* in their exams next summer. We've had some great debates with the Year 12s and 13s on historical reputation and how to approach primary sources. The Year 11s had been honing their skills ready to ace their mocks.

We're in the process of launching our Walking Tour of Watford trip for the Year 7s in late spring, look out for details coming in the New Year. The Year 10 Berlin trip is a fantastic opportunity for our GCSE students to get a deeper insight into one of the key elements of their course - for more details, ask Mr Brothwood.

PRE News

Key Stage 3 - Singalong Philosophy' becomes "Voices for Equality" every Thursday lunchtime from 1:25-1:55pm in room 16 with Captain Cohen leading group debates about topical current affairs connected with the work of the Anne Frank Trust.

Key Stage 4 - Year 10 have been getting to grips with Religious Studies GCSE this term. There have been some exceptional Assessment results with several pupils gaining between 96% and 100%. Well done to Year 11 for completing their trial exams. Wishing a refreshing break after your efforts.

Key Stage 5 - Well done to Year 12 for working so studiously and conscientiously this term. Good luck to Year 13 who will be revising for their mock exams due to start in January.

Politics News

Our Year 12 and 13 students had their trip to Westminster for the A-level Politics Student Conference. This was an incredible opportunity for our students to engage with key politicians and present challenging questions on current affairs and the upcoming general election. Thank you to all our students for attending!



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UK Politics: Caveat Elector!

A General Election must be held by January 2025. What are the issues upon which its outcome will rest?

Programme*

THE RT. HON SAJID JAVID MP, Past Conservative Chancellor
Can the Tories Recover for 2024...? ... or are the electorate simply tired of the Tories?

WES STREETING MP, Labour, Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
Are Labour Cruising to Victory...? ... and is a Labour victory inevitable?

SIR ED DAVEY MP, Leader, Liberal Democrats
Can the Lib Dems achieve true electoral progress, with power in their own right? Or will they be squeezed, again, between the big players?

STEPHEN FLYNN MP, Leader of the SNP, Westminster
What is the State of the Union? ... Scottish independence still on the cards? Can Labour make a comeback north of the border?

DAVID DAVIS MP, Conservative, Past Minister for Brexit
Is the UK, now, the Sick Man of Europe? ... What happened to Brexit? What about the collapse in popular support, the failure of immigration policies, the 'sovereignty' and the promised 'trade deals'?

JESS PHILLIPS MP, Labour, Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding
Minorities' Report: Will the Tory Home Office defend us? ... What about the record on women's safety; the asylum seekers, 'ultra lawyers', crime figures and police misconduct?

SIR JACOB REES-MOGG MP, Conservative
Back to the Future: Can Boris Bounce Back? ... and so the future look like without him? Or with a Starmer government?

JEREMY CORBYN MP, Independent, former Labour Leader (2015 - 20)
A Socialist without a party? ... Jeremy Corbyn lost the whip in 2020 but wants to remain the Labour MP for Islington North, and has been overwhelmingly backed by his local party to do so. What will happen and where is his power base now?

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We have the Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court trip also coming up next term for our Year 12 students so keep an eye on your emails.

Finally, the best of luck to Year 13 in their mock exams!
Make sure to start revision early but also get plenty of rest over the Christmas break.
Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Charlton
Head of Humanities



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