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Queens' Alumni News

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Welcome to the eighth edition of the **Queens' Alumni newsletter**, where you can learn how our past students have got involved with helping our current students. Please contact Careers@queens.herts.sch.uk if you would like to get involved with events at Queens' next term.

The Grove Hotel gave a Year 9 Assembly about the hospitality industry and the different roles they offer. We were delighted that Toby a past student on a graduate scheme spoke about what it was like sitting in the same seat at their age while he was at Queens'. He talked about A-levels, university options and how he got to work for The Grove Hotel. Q+A's were at the end and some students showed an interest in this possible career in the future.



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



Philip Sewell kindly informed the school of the sad passing of Keith Pattison, a former teacher & Head of Auden House for many years. He and many others were in post at the creation of QSB from the two old schools and helped ensure that QSB retained the ethos that its predecessor schools had nurtured in their different ways. Martin Lewis quoted 'I remember him as a helpful gentleman with a sense of humour and a small camper van!'

We would like to celebrate him as a teacher, send our condolences and wish his family all the very best at this sad time.

Matt Page, studying Economics at Cambridge University has been coming into school supporting our students that are applying for early entry universities. Conducting mock interviews has given the students the confidence to go into the real thing and do their best. An insight into the process and knowledge that a student from Queens' School has been successful is aspirational for our current students.

Thank you Matt. We wish the students the best of luck for an offer and hope you can come back next year to help.



Clare Styles Newton/Turing Cover Supervisor

What has changed most about the school since you were here?

I would have to say the new year teams and the structure of the school. When I was here we only had the Head and Deputy Head of House (Shout out to Ms Besse and Mr Dunn for seeing me through my whole school journey) and a couple of SLT Heads of Year for the important years.

What has changed least about the school since you were here?

As cliché as it might sound, the feel of the school. It does feel a bit like I've never left, despite some of the obvious changes.

What was your favourite school lunch?

I usually brought my lunch from home, but on the odd occasion I had anything from the canteen I would have to say the pasta. When I started in Year 7, the tomato sauce was great.

Who was your favourite teacher?

That's a tough one! I definitely have multiple; Mr Duckling ,History (I mean if I could say the whole History Department when I was taking my A Levels, then I would) and Mr Vyras from Maths (again, can I say a whole department?), who spent so much time with me after school during my GCSE, I don't think I would have made it through without him. Both of them had the best sense of humour and the lessons just flew by every time. Mr Ingles who taught me my English GCSE and Mr Sutherland who changed my whole Business Studies experience when he took over in Year 11.

Who were your form tutors?

Mr Rowe for Years 7-11 and Mr Riley for Sixth form.

Did you go on any school trips and if so where?

We went to France, I can't remember exactly where, I think we travelled around a bit. The best thing about the trip was everyone being so relaxed and actually enjoying the trip, staff and students alike.

Words of wisdom to current students:

Enjoy it! It might not feel like it now, but I guarantee one day you will miss this! Even if it is only a small part of it.

What is your favourite new house name?

I would say Turing, not because it is my house, but because of the history behind it and who he was and what he did during The Second World War.

What extra-curricular activities did you do when you were at school?

Choir and House music

Did you ever get a detention and if so what for?

Never!

Alumni Careers Fair

December 19 2023

Year 10 + Year 12

Will have the exciting opportunity to talk to past students and gain knowledge of what they studied and what they are doing now. A variety of Industries and Universities will be represented.

More information about this event next term with photographs.



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the school website :

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Happy Christmas

