



With public examinations now in full swing, our students should be reassured by their commitment to studying and determination to achieve throughout the year. We wish all of our students the best of luck at this time and can assure them that teachers will continue to provide their time and additional support and resources. Students should also be aware of the support on offer in school and encouraged to talk about managing time and anxiety.

The Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Boat Party will provide an opportunity for students to say goodbye and in some instances farewell to Queens'. For our Year 13 leavers, I would like to thank you for the immense contribution you have made to the school. You can be assured of a warm welcome whenever you return to

Queens'. I would also like to show our appreciation to all our parents/carers for their support during their child's learning journey here at Queens'. Together we have molded some incredible young men and women who I believe will go on and achieve great things.

As one group of students leave, we of course welcome a new cohort. Our new entrants, having just completed their SATS will be joining us after half-term for their Induction Evening and their Transfer Day, before they begin in September. The QPA are looking for donations of good quality second-hand uniforms. Please feel free to drop clothes at the North or South office. We will also be welcoming our new Sixth Form students with an induction day planned for the end of June.

Once again Queens' is celebrating considerable success in sport. Many congratulations to all of our super stars. We are very much looking forward to the athletics season with some notable wins. Competition for the Robert Brown Trophy has intensified in recent weeks and students can look forward to the fantastic Sports Day held at the Woodside Stadium in July.

Construction of the four English classrooms is progressing well and will be completed in time for the new academic year: This first significant build for Queens' for a number of years following a successful CIF bid. Work will shortly commence on an expansion of the Sixth Form Study Centre and cafe. In addition, we have secured funding from the Trustees to build a specialist Music Centre.

I would like to wish you a restful and happy May half-term.

Jonathan Morrell
Headteacher



Books to savour!
English Departments recommended reads [here!](#)



Tour de force!
Read [here](#) about the Year 7 Spanish "Spelling Bee" competition!



Social Science!
Find out [here](#) what Phycology got up to!



Perfectly dramatic!
Find out [here](#) about the Drama students.



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



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

Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!
We are seeing success in Sport. Read about it [here!](#)

Music to our ears!
Find out [here](#) what Music has planned!



Well done Year 11; we are so proud of you!
You held it together until the last day; See you at the Prom for more pictures

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

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:**



Izzy S. 7FR Nikash B. 8SN

Divyansh G. 9SH Iqra A. 10AB

Andrew M. 12AB



Other highest STAR point achievers:

Marianna M. S. 7AB Brooke G. 7SW Viyana De Z. 7TM

Anna C. 8AE Sé S. 8FX Yuktha M. 8TA

Arjun C. 9AB Naiya P. 9FX Izzy F. 9TM

Prisha M. 10FD Arthur P. 10SW Omobajesu I. 10TC

Muhammad K. 12FD Kajeesan R. 12SN James R. 12TM



News from the Queens' Parents Association

On the 11th May we served refreshments in conjunction with the Kandy Café at the Model Railway Exhibition held at Queens'. It was a busy day so thank you to everyone who helped and attended.

By the time you read this, the QPA's £20.24 will have been completed and we will inform the winners of the prize draw after half-term. We hope the students enjoyed the challenge and came up with some innovative ideas how to raise the money; like Isla, Millie and Bethany from 7AE who planned and organised a cake sale at Highwood School. They baked and made up sweetie bags as well as creating price lists, labels and a poster to promote the sale to the parents at Highwood School. Despite the rain, they managed to sell almost everything and raised an amazing £100 for the QPA's challenge.



Mica and Szofi's Seven Sisters fundraising walk - Sat 4th May 2024



13 miles completed and funds for the QPA 2024 Challenge are still coming in!!!

Very well done to Mica and Szofi who completed a 13 mile sponsored walk along the Seven Sisters to raise their challenge money. Brilliant walking and baking girls and thank you very much from the QPA

We are currently collecting good quality, clean second hand school uniform for the annual sale on **Thursday 11th July** so if you have any donations please put in a bag and leave in north or south side receptions, marked for the attention of the QPA. We particularly need skirts, ties, aprons, house coloured polo tops and blazers with the house badges on. If you need to purchase any items, please contact us at qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk or come to the sale on Thursday 11th July which will be held in the Sports Hall on South Side 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We continue to collect used branded printer toners and cartridges via www.emptiesplease.com and recently packed up and sent off another full box. We have raised £177.25 to date, so this is a really worthwhile green initiative, so if you have any, please put them in the box in North Side Reception.

On the 21st September, we will be hosting our first ever, Queens Comedy Evening so put the date in your diary and come and join us for a night of laughter. Details to follow.

Please keep supporting the QPA by attending events shopping online via Easy Fundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause. Please see the Queens' website for details **About Us> QPA>Easy fundraising.**

We continue to be a small friendly group of parents so if you would like to join the QPA, we always welcome new ideas and new members so please come to our next meeting, which is our annual social at The Round Bush on **Thursday 20th June** at 7pm. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact us on qpa@queens.herts.sch.uk. We are on twitter [@queenssch_qpa](https://twitter.com/queenssch_qpa) and facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/730227757885485/?ref+share>



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Mental Health

For any help this half-term please use the following services

**South West Herts Partnership
ISSUE 201– MAY**



South West Herts Partnership
Family Support Service

Click on the above images for the Newsletters links that offer support.

If you are feeling Anxious, try this...

One way to help with our anxiety and to help distract ourselves when we are feeling anxious is grounding techniques.

Grounding technique for anxiety

Focus on your breathing and identify



5 things you can see



4 things you can touch



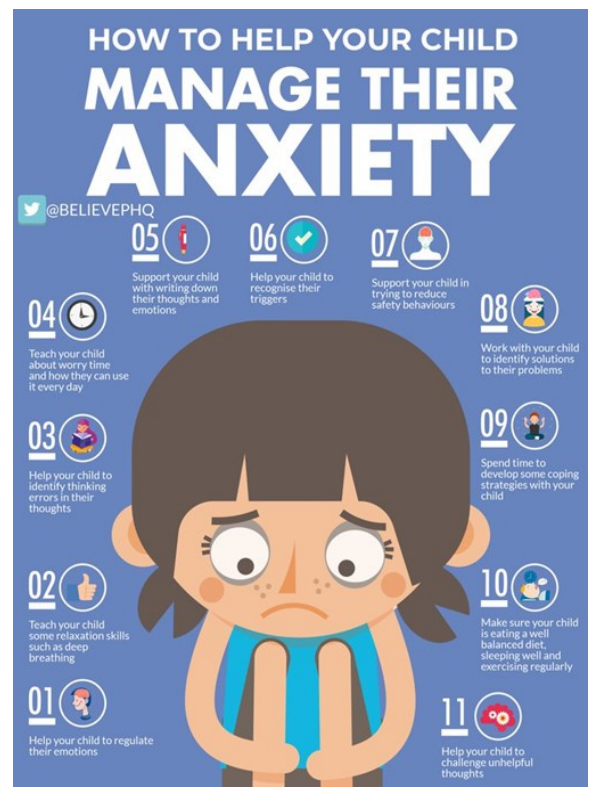
3 things you can hear



2 things you can smell



1 thing you can taste



A specialist CAMHS crisis clinician is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **0800 6444 101**, to provide advice to families and professionals about children/young people in a mental health crisis and/or to arrange an assessment if required. **If you, a friend or a family member are experiencing a mental health crisis, call: 0800 6444 101 in the first instance, unless you have a physical health emergency, in which case, call 999 and ask for an ambulance or go to A&E.**

Upcoming Events

Below are the 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.

Half-term:

Monday 3 rd June:	All students
Tuesday 4 th June:	Year 12 Art trip to Goldsmiths
Wednesday 5 th June:	Year 10 Food trip to WHC
Thursday 6 th June:	Year 12 History trip to Reading University
Friday 7 th June:	A-level Drama trip to The Pumpouse
Monday 10 th - 13 th June:	Year 10 Geography field trip
Wednesday 12th & 13th June:	Year 10 GCSE Parent performance evening
Friday 14 th June:	Year 7 MFL Boulogne trip
Monday 17 th – 28 th June:	Year 12 Exams
Wednesday 19 th June:	Year 10 Food trip to WHC
Wednesday 19 th June:	Year 7 & 8 Big bang Science trip to Birmingham
Thursday 20th June:	Art & Photography A-level Exhibition Sixth Common room 5-7pm
Friday 21 st June:	Year 7 MFL Boulogne trip 2
Monday 24 th June:	Year 12 Induction & Transition day
Monday 24 th – 28 th June:	Year 9 & 10 Spanish trip to Madrid
Wednesday 26 th June:	Year 11 Prom
Friday 28 th June:	INSET day school closed to students
Friday 28 th June:	Year 13 Boat party
Monday 1 st July:	Year 9 DofE Qualifying Expedition
Monday 1 st – 5 th July:	Year 7 Attenborough & Franklin Trip
Friday 5 th July:	Year 12 Business trip to Thorpe Park
Monday 8 th July:	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Monday 8 th – 12 th July:	Year 7 Seacole & Turing trip
	Year 10 Work Shadowing
	Year 12 Work Experience
Tuesday 9 th July:	Year 8 Army workshop day
Thursday 11 th July:	Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 11th July:	QPA Uniform sale in The Sports Hall on South Side 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
Monday 15th July:	Junior Presentation Evening
Monday 15 th & 16 th July:	Year 8 MFL Le Touquet trip
Tuesday 16 th & 17 th July:	Year 9 Immunisations: DTP/MEN ACWY
Wednesday 17 th July:	A-level Evening National Theatre trip
Wednesday 17th July:	Sports Awards Presentation Evening
Thursday 18 th July:	Sports Day at Woodside
Friday 19 th July:	Last Day of Term, school closes 12.15pm

