



As we approach the end of July, another successful school year draws to a close. It has been wonderful to see our students grow academically, socially and emotionally taking advantage of the numerous opportunities to thrive, pursue interests or develop gifts and talents. I feel very proud to be part of this exceptional and very special learning community.

Queens' staff, teaching and support staff alike are fundamental to the success of Queens'. I would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work and determination to go the extra mile to give students a broad and enriching Queens' Experience, both inside and outside of the classroom which makes our school unique.

Many of our staff leavers this year have given years of dedicated service and collectively made an outstanding contribution to Queens' and its students. I would like to wish them the best of luck for the future. Iryna Gould; Jack Coates; Fay Diegan; Charlotte Wright; Luke Ray; Will Pearse; Louise Curtis; Matt Howell; Alec Thomas; Rob Owen; Michelle Gannon. I would especially like to thank Prosper Makunde who relocates after 21 years. In addition, Olivia de Groot and Sam Moore both Assistant Headteachers take on promoted posts as Deputy Headteachers at Bushey Meads and WGGs respectively and Emma MacLeod, Deputy Headteacher, takes on her first Headship at Henrietta Barnett School. We wish them the very best of luck.

Students and staff enjoyed the end of examination celebrations with the Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Boat Party. For the latter, this was a culmination of 7 years of commitment to Queens' School and we were incredibly proud to see them off in style. We wish all of our learners the very best of luck in the summer and continued success in the future. A-level students will receive their results on Thursday 15 August and GCSE students, a week later, on Thursday 22 August. Staff will be present on both days to help students make an informed choice about the next stage of their learning journey.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Jonathan Morrell
Headteacher



House News!

Find out [here](#) what the houses have been up to!



Humanities!

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



Design on our minds!

Find out [here](#) what D&T have been up to



Booking the trend!

Read [here](#) the library news!



Above & Beyond!

Read all the news [here](#)!



Maths Whizzes and Quizzes!

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



Writing up a storm!

Find out [here](#) what the English students have been doing!



Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!

Read [here](#) about the students successes!



Careers!

Read [here](#) all the Careers News!



Tour de force!

Read [here](#) about the MFL French trip.



Back to the future!

Read [here](#) the new Alumni newsletter.



Computing!

Read all the news [here](#)!



Reaching for the stars!

Read about Drama [here](#).



Support each other!

Read the SEND News [here](#).



Music to our ears!

Hear about the virtual Summer concert [here](#)!

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:**



Mia H. 7TC Nikash B. 8SN



Divyansh G. 9SH

Iqra A. 10AB Andrew M. 12AB



Other highest STAR point achievers:

Matthew M. 7AE Dorothea C. 7FR Nicole P. 7SN

Anna C. 8AE Sé S. 8FX Anaiah F. 8TA

Arjun C. 9AB Naiya P. 9FX Thaghin T. 9TM

Toby A-H. 10FX Nilan P. 10SW Dev V. 10TC

Theodoros K. P. 12FX Isabelle B. 12SW Mary R. 12TC



Fundraising & Marketing



In a difficult time for funding in schools, Queens' is being proactive in finding ways to celebrate and support our students. We have created a new Fundraising & Marketing Department with the aim of spreading the word about how great Queens' is and developing new and exciting ways to support the school. Please find [here](#) the first Fundraising & Marketing newsletter containing news about all the things we have done so far - **Francesca Dresner** Fundraising & Marketing Co-ordinator

News about the Queens' Parents Association.

Another school year has whizzed by! We would like to thank you for supporting the QPA during the year, whether you've bought refreshments from us at the various school events, purchased raffle tickets or Christmas puddings, entered the £20.24 Challenge, donated clothes or entered the cake competition, everything has helped raise much valued funds that have been used to purchase items to enhance the students school life across the curriculum. We will be requesting new bids from departments in September. This term we have purchased more pressure cookers for Food Tech and given £500 towards a Medical Mavericks Workshop for Year 8's in October and £500 for a new honours board in Swift Hall.



Last week we held the annual second-hand uniform sale where we raised a fantastic amount so thank you to everyone who donated uniform, making this possible. We have very limited uniform left so we would welcome any new donations in September so we can start to re-stock. We also served refreshments at the brilliant Art Fest, Sports Awards Evening and donated the trust bar at the Junior Presentation Evening so it's been a very busy end of term for the QPA. I would like to thank all the QPA members who give up their



time to help make these events possible.

Next term we will be hosting our first ever Comedy Evening on Saturday 21st September with a line up of Bobby Davro, Keefy Jewell, James Mileham and Naomi Townsend. Please click [here](#) for the ticket and event information.

Our next QPA meeting is in September – date to be confirmed. If you are unable to attend meetings but could volunteer your help at events such as serving refreshments, helping with second hand uniform or requesting raffle prizes from local businesses, please email us your name as we would like to put together a list of helpers we can call upon for specific events or if there is a specific event you would like to help us arrange, we would welcome new ideas.

During the holidays please continue to support the QPA by collecting your used branded printer toners and cartridges www.emptiesplease.com and putting them in the box in North Side Reception in September.

Do your online shopping via Easy Fundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause. Please see the Queens' website for details **Parents & Carers> Parents Association (QPA)>Easy fundraising or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qpa/**

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>

All that leaves us to do is wish you happy summer holidays.



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Upcoming Events

Below is just a taste of the exciting events and 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.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Monday 2nd September:
 Tuesday 3rd September:
 Wednesday 4th September:
 Thursday 5th September:
 Monday 9th September:
 Tuesday 10th September:
 Wednesday 11th September:
 Thursday 12th September:
 Tuesday 17th September:
 Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th September:
 Saturday 21st September:
 Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September:
 Thursday 26th September:
 Thursday 10th October:
 Friday 11th October:
 Wednesday 16th October:
 Friday 25th October:

INSET Day school closed to students
 First Day of Term for Year 7
 First Day of Term for Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
 First Day of Term for Year 12
 Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
 Year 8 & Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
 Year 10 & Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
 Year 12 & Year 13 Parents' Information Evening
 HPV Vaccination Year 8
 School Photographs
 QPA Comedy Evening 7-8pm North (Swift) Hall
 Year 13 Geography Field Trip
 School Culture Day/EDOL celebrations
 Early school closure for Year 6 Open Evening, 12.15pm
 INSET Day school closed to students
 Year 13 Parents' Evening
 Last Day of half-term

Safeguarding and Mental Health over the Summer

Should parents/carers need any advice regarding safeguarding over the summer when school is closed the following link may prove helpful:

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-board/young-people-and-families.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_2_Anchor_1

Our school website also has a Safeguarding page. Please visit this for additional information. If you need to contact the school urgently regarding a safeguarding matter please email the safeguarding@queens.herts.sch.uk address which will be monitored throughout the holiday period.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you back in school for the new academic year in September.

Support for Parents and Carers

Many parents and carers struggle over the summer holidays without the support that school provides. Particularly when it comes to managing their child's behaviour and mental health at home – but there are things you can do to help. Here is a list of activity ideas that can help make tough conversations about mental health easier. There are suggestions for both younger kids and teens.

[Activities to support conversations with your child](#)

Please also see Young Minds [guide to supporting challenging behaviour](#) which provides tips on how parents and carers can look after their child and themselves.

YOUNGMINDS
 fighting for young people's mental health



Exam results - free resources

Please see the tip sheets full of practical advice to help young people, schools and families manage feelings on results day.



10 tips to help your wellbeing this summer

The summer holidays can be a great time to build your wellbeing. Researchers from the University of Cambridge and students at Northgate High School have shared their tips.

In you or your child are in urgent need of help please call:

- **Your doctor** – it is important that your doctor is aware of your symptoms, as being your primary care service, they can offer you access to wider treatment and medical support.
- **SPA (Single Point of Access):** 0800 6444 101 or NHS 111 and select the option for mental health crisis
- The **A&E** department at your nearest hospital or **999** if you are very concerned about your own or someone else's imminent safety.
- **Childline** - trained *Childline* counsellors are there for young people 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Telephone: **0800 1111** (Freephone from mobiles and landlines)
- **Samaritans** – trained *Samaritans* are available to talk through your concerns, worries and troubles any time, day or night. Telephone: **116 123** (Freephone from mobiles and landlines)



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