



Queens' Careers News

QUEENS' SCHOOL

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Dare to be Great

Welcome to the **Queens' Careers Newsletter**, where you can learn how companies, universities, colleges and business have got involved with helping our students. Email ,

Careers@queens.herts.sch.uk

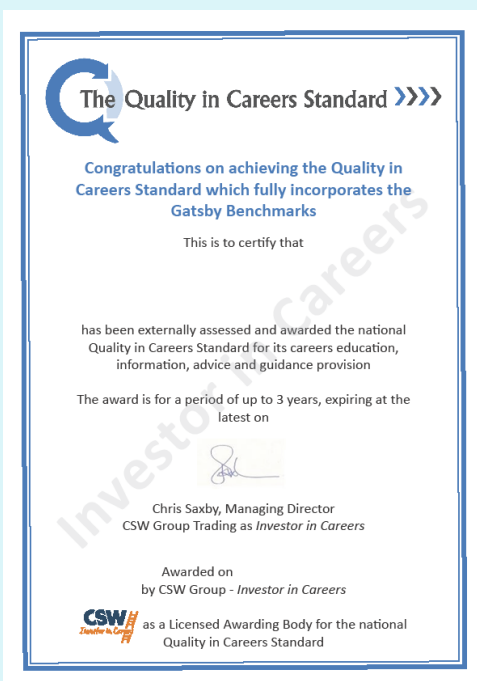
If you would like to get involved with events at Queens' next term.

Queens' Career Programme

What path are you going to take?

Contact The Careers Department : careers@queens.herts.sch.uk

I am proud to say we gained the Quality in Careers Mark at the end of the Summer term. A copy of the certificate is on the school website and in the new Careers Hub.



It has been an exciting first term for the Queens' Careers programme. The students have had industry specific opportunities in smaller groups and assemblies to gain insight knowledge from an array of companies and universities. Some of which have been, Hertfordshire University, SKY up Academy, Speakers for Schools, ROCHE Pharmaceuticals Williams Formula 1Team, The BBC, Warner Bros, Fluus and Medical Mavericks. We also introduced World of Work Wednesdays 'WOW ' focusing on an industry with a topical talk or resource.

Positive feedback from students has been a great endorsement that they have enjoyed what has been on offer in the careers programme so far this term.

We have continued to build upon and establish relationships with companies that are working with our school including the **Hertfordshire Police Ride Out Team**. They have taken staff and students out for the day to show what it is like working in the public services sector answering questions through the day. They will be supporting our school next term during National Apprenticeship Week. Parents have been into school for information evenings for each year group and found out about the careers programme and next steps for students.

The **SKY UP Academy** has been busy showing students in Year 8 how to make their own films and highlighting the creative arts sector. Showing the jobs that are on our doorstep and how to get into the industry. We have budding actors, directors, camera operators and costume designers enjoying this experience. Year 7 students have a trip booked for next term.

Warner Bros hosted a careers insight day for four schools in Hertfordshire open to sixth form students. They went through a careers carousel and a tour of the Harry Potter experience in Diagon Ally, this included learning about the creative director that had the vision you see in the films. They got to have questions and answers with Crew HQ and learn about roles and apprenticeships. The tour of the studios was the highlight in showing the behind the scenes sets and what is filmed in our local area. The job/career opportunity is vast in the film and tv business covering all industries. If you are interested in maths they need accountants, interested in Law, this could be an option. Catering, everyone needs to eat on set. The list is long. Let your imagination take a hold.

Medical Mavericks came to school for the day and got students involved with sport exercise science doing different events to measure and track their performance against Olympic athletes. Excitement built when they did an ultra sound scan on their own wrists to see if their bones showed their growth plates, this gives an indication if they are still growing. Year 11 students taking sociology went to visit **Hertfordshire University**. Completing a workshop were looking for clues in a crime scene gave them the expert knowledge to take the case into the court room .The students loved the practical side of this visit as they were detectives, lawyers, witnesses ,the jury and the judge. One student said he would like to study criminology at the university after his A-levels now he has had an idea of what this involves.

ROCHE pharmaceuticals in Welwyn hosted a brilliant practical workshop and tour of their site. The students got to see the office space, was shown hot desks and they operate through the week. In the workshop they had to work in teams and come up with a new trial medicine for an unmet medical need. Presentation skills came into play once they had completed the research and plan of how they would role the trial out and to what age group it would be for. They understood the process undertaken to get a medicine on the market and the timescale to achieve this.

ASK Apprenticeships came in for 'Face the Future' assembly for Sixth form. They delivered information about degree apprenticeships and students took part in a group assessment centre task. We look forward to them coming back again next term for Year 10 and Year 11.

Williams Formula 1 Outreach Team are working towards highlighting STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) subjects to bridge the skills gap in the UK for the motor industry. Some students in Year 8 and Year 9 had the chance to visit the head quarters near Oxford. Students had a guided tour of the heritage museum, enter a competition in the Esports cars circuits and worked in Formula 1 teams to design a nose cone for a racing car. They had £100,000 budget to spend in the mock shop, had to build and test the model nose cone keeping to the budget, then presented back the results to the whole group. This was an exciting trip the students engaged in and represented Queens' school to a very high standard. A couple of our students had positive feedback from the team and said they could have a career in the F1 Esports industry.

BBC Bite Size Careers Tour came to school with special guests from EastEnders. The session covered a variety of careers-based topics, such as GCSE'S - relevant qualifications, personal anecdotes and soft skills. There was an opportunity for our students to ask questions during the interactive part of the event. This was open to all year groups and had a buzz around school after the event. Some students had photos with the cast of EastEnders.

Our **African Caribbean Society** celebrated **Black History Month** with assemblies over the week highlighting local business and successful people changing the narrative and message to look forward and be kind to all. The presentation was written by students for students and staff. Well done ACS.

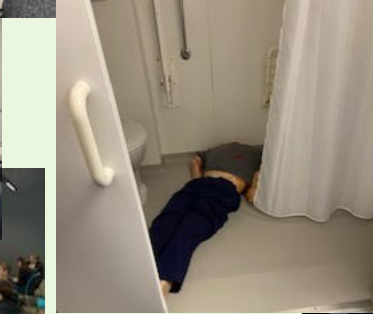
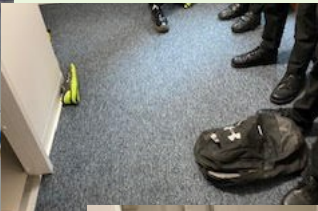
Queens' school were selected to take part in **FLUUS Safe to Flush Period Pad Trial**. This entailed students having a talk and demonstration of how the pads disintegrate in water from the Owner of the start up company, Dr Olivia Ahn. This is an eco product sold online and trying to gain a wider audience with student feedback at the forefront. This is an ongoing partnership with the company that are offering our students first hand market research on a product that they can have an influence on for the future. They have given our students an opportunity to visit the companies office and workplace in London in the new year.

Generation Hertsmere Careers Fair took place in November for some students in Years 10-13. There was an opportunity for students to speak to local employers, universities and colleges. This included companies showing their apprenticeship entry level jobs that they offer. The colleges showed the T Level course they run as well as the range of courses that the colleges have in the course guide. The students had their own booklet with all the information and space for prepared questions.

This is the first time our school has entered a team for the **Bar Mock Trial Competition** run by 'Young Citizens company. Students from the Law Society in Sixth form had a team and gave up 6 weeks worth of lunchtimes and some time after school to learn two criminal cases and each of their parts they had to play. They became the Barristers for the prosecution and defence, witnesses, jury, defendant, clerk and usher. They had support from Miss Alaaldin, Head of life Long Learning/Law society and Miss Goetsch from the library. Hertfordshire police funded the entry fee for the competition. Queens' school would like to thank all involved with the competition that made it happen on Saturday 7 December. The team won all three cases but just missed out on points to go through to the next heat. We are looking forward to next years team as the students gained a great understanding and confidence in public speaking, research and analytical analysis. This will be come a yearly event for our careers programme in Sixth form.

Tom Toumazis MBE from Speakers for Schools has a portfolio of directorships focused in technology, media and the arts. Tom currently holds a portfolio of 5 companies. He is a Non-Executive Director of the Performing Rights Society for Music *and* Directors UK, a Global Senior Adviser at Management Consultancy, AlixPartners. Tom is also Founder and Chair of the Childline Board, part of the NSPCC and Deputy Chair of Westminster University. He gave a talk with Q+A's to our Year 12 students in Face the future assembly and is coming back in the new year to see our Year 13 students.

I would like to thank all the companies and universities that have supported our careers programme and look forward to celebrating National Apprenticeship week, National Careers week and National Interview Week next term.



Y11 at Herts Uni. Crime scene + Court room



WOW Wednesday Hospitality Talk



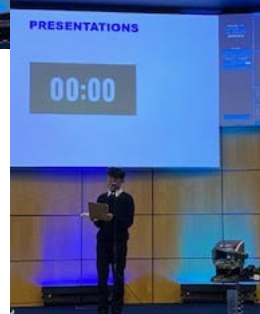
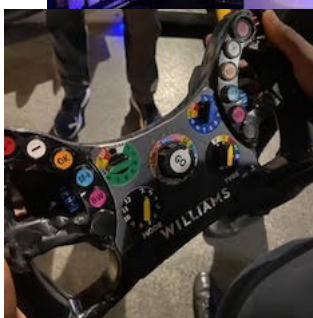
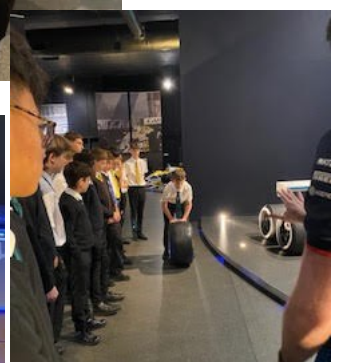
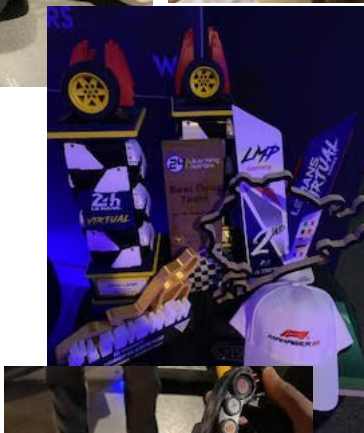
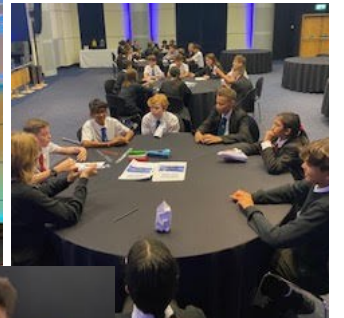
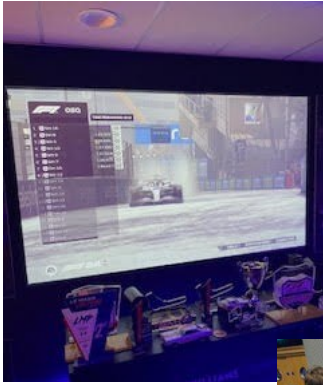
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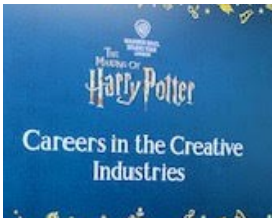


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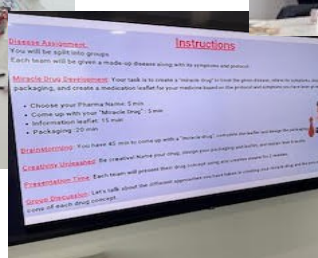


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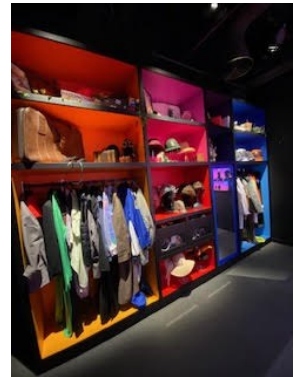
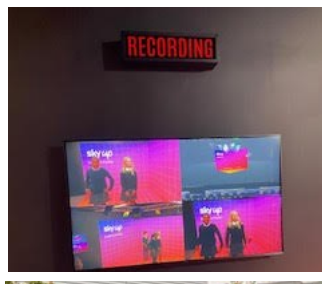
Students delivering Black History Month Assemblies
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Pharmaceuticals





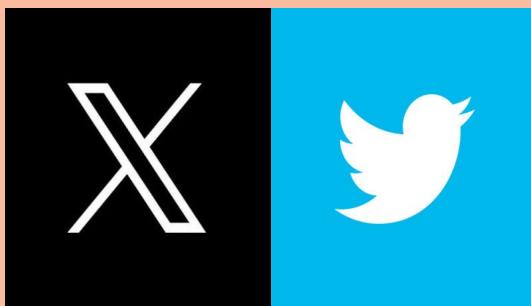
Parents + Students Open evening 2024



ASK Apprenticeships Face the Future Assembly



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