



We started this term celebrating the success of our students in their GCSE and A-level's at the Senior School Presentation Evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 13 students return to Queens' with such positive experiences of university life and that of the world of work. We were very much inspired by our guest speaker and former student Claire Wolf, Assistant Producer for Factual Television, contributing to programmes for broadcasters like the BBC and Channel 4. She spoke of the importance of seizing every opportunity as a key to success.

The first set of mock examinations have now been completed and many of our students will be encouraged by their performance and reviewing next steps. Year 11 should now be preparing for their second mock. In considering career choices and options, students should be aware of [Unifrog](#), an online universal destinations platform free to Queens' students and all the latest local careers updates from [Herts Opportunities Portal](#). In addition, our successful [Apprenticeship Week](#), signposted a wealth of vocations.

We continue to be very fortunate to have a huge range of extra-curricular opportunities available to our students. With over 100 clubs on offer, there is something for everyone at Queens'. Enrichment opportunities also flourish. Technology students have just returned from Disneyland, Paris; Humanities students from Poland and Auschwitz; Sixth Form Geography students have now departed for Iceland and our annual ski trip is about to leave for Italy. These excursions and many like them form an integral part of the wider *Queens' Experience* on offer and we are delighted to have such a dedicated staff willing to lead such trips.

At Queens', we always take delight in hearing about the successes of our students outside of school - there are many. Please feel free to send photographs with a summary of significant achievements so we can display them in our Hall of Fame or on our social media platforms.

Queens' is lucky to have a fantastic staffing body who go the extra mile to make this school a great place to learn. In order to show our appreciation, we encourage parents/carers and students to formally thank staff. The best way to do this is through the [National Thank a Teacher scheme](#). Please clearly signpost Queens' School and the teacher/support staff name. If you are unsure of their email address, do not worry, we will forward it on to the relevant member of staff.

Our parental surgeries will continue to take place on Tuesday from 5.30 - 6.30pm. These are an opportunity to discuss Queens' in general, rather than individual students and are by appointment only: office@queens.herts.sch.uk. I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

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

Jonathan Morrell
Headteacher



All About English!

Read [here](#) about the busy time in English.



Humanities!

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



Funding our future!

Read the Funding news [here](#)!



A tour de force!

Read [here](#) about MFL!



Picture perfect!

Read all the Art news [here](#)!



Maths Whizzes and Quizzes!

You can read [here](#) how our Mathematicians rose to a challenge.



Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!

The year's just got started and we are seeing success for Sport. Read all about it [here](#)!



So History doesn't repeat!

Read the Poland trip journey [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:**

Sahaj G. 7SN Matthew M. 8AE
Nikash B. 9SN Beth H. 10SW
Nilan P. 11SW Layla-Anne B. 12SW

Other highest STAR point achievers:

Insiya A. 7AB Yusuf S. 7FD Ridaan J. 7TM
Sergio K. 8FD Nicole P. 8SN Viyana D. Z. 8TM
Anna C. 9AE Niko T. 9FD Sami H. 9TM
Jay B. 10AE Miguel S. C. 10FD Rahul S. 10TC
Iqra A. 11AB Toby A. 11FX Dev V. 11TM
Hasan N. 13AE Ian L. 12FX Gabriella M. 13TC

News from the Queens' Parents Association

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth and we hope you all had great start for the new year!

Reflecting on last year, QPA had been busy with events throughout the year ending with the Queens' Raffle.

We began this year with an excellent start selling refreshments at **Senior Presentation Evening** held on 9th January. Thank you all for your continued support.

After half-term we have a busy time for the QPA helpers serving refreshments at **House Music 26th March** and **Gym and Dance show** on 1st April, please drop by to support us.

Our next QPA meeting will be on 10th March. If you are unable to attend meetings, but could volunteer your help at events such as serving refreshments, 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.

You can continue to support the QPA by shopping online via EasyFundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause.

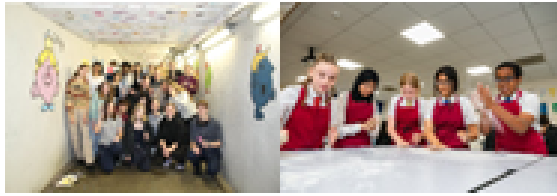
Please see the Queens' website for details **Parents & Carers> Parents Association (QPA)>Easy fundraising** or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qpa/

Keep bringing in your used branded ink and toner cartridges for us to re-cycle via www.emptiesplease.com and putting them in the box in South Side Reception.

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>

Happy holidays!





Queens' School Dare to Donate

As I am sure you are aware, the government gives us the majority of what we need in order to provide the basics of education to your children, but parents and carers giving that little more enables us to provide that bit extra. Without your generous support, our school will not be able to maintain the current state of our excellent facilities or continue to provide the existing level of exciting educational opportunities.

Disappointingly less than 2% of parents and carers are currently contributing to the Fund which means we are far from our target of purchasing another **10 interactive screens** for our classrooms for this academic year. These screens have countless benefits to your children's classroom experience and if you are not yet contributing to the Development Fund I ask that you do so as soon as possible.

From 1 September 2024, our suggested voluntary donation amount is £30 per month, £120 per term or £360 per year, per child.

If you are unable to make the suggested donation above, please give whatever you are able to donate. Every donation counts and we are grateful to everyone that pays.

Ways to Pay

There are different methods of making payments to the Fund

Make a regular contribution by setting up a Standing Order – this can be set up online

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30 99 21

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Name: Queens' School (Bushey) – Child's name as reference.

Account number:

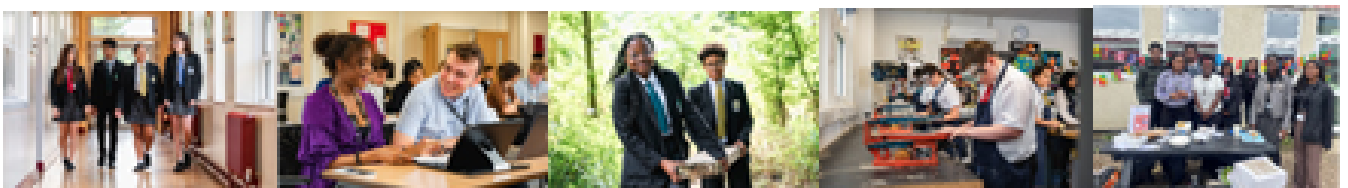
Make a one-off or multiple ad hoc contributions through Wise Pay – select **The Development Fund and Project contributions**.

Gift Aid Declaration Form

As a registered charity, the school can benefit from additional funds via Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer and do not already have a gift aid declaration in place for Queens' School, please complete and return the form on the website [here](#).

We thank parents for their continuing support

Please contact our Fundraising & Marketing Co-Ordinator on dresnefr@queens.herts.sch.uk



Miss Westgarth's Wellbeing Words.....



Children's Mental Health Week took place from 3-9 February 2025, with this year's theme, *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*, focusing on empowering young people to embrace self-awareness and personal growth. The theme encouraged students to reflect on their strengths, emotions, and personal development, helping them build resilience and confidence.

Special workshops were also offered to both students and parents, providing valuable insights and strategies for fostering a positive mindset and managing stress effectively.

One highlight of the week was a dedicated workshop for our Year 10 students, focusing on stress management. The session provided practical techniques to cope with academic and personal pressures, including breathing exercises, time management strategies, and healthy coping mechanisms. Students found the workshop insightful and appreciated the opportunity to openly discuss their experiences in a supportive environment.



We look forward to continuing these conversations and initiatives throughout the year, ensuring that mental health remains a priority for all.

Miss Westgarth



Please watch the following link where Emily explains that a child/young person doesn't need to have severe mental health problems before they can access professional help and that it is always better to ask for some advice and help as soon as the young person and/or their parents/carers notice a problem. For more information, visit this [link](#).



TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

- 1 Encourage journalling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.
Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S Digital Wellbeing Services

Digital Support Instant messaging

Scan here!

A safe, supported online space for you to talk to us about the things that are important to you. Open Every day from 2pm-10pm (excluding Bank Holidays).

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage

Scan here!

Instant access to therapy in a mobile game for 7-12 year olds with fears and worries (anxiety). Instant access to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) based support.

LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE
for Childhood Anxiety

Groups Digital Support

Scan here!

A safe space to explore your feelings and gain confidence in talking about mental health and emotions - all whilst building connections and a sense of belonging with your peers.

One-to-one Digital Support

Scan here!

We provide a range of one-to-one support which is provided by our dedicated team of CYP Support Workers.

T: 0208 189 8400 E: withyouth@hertfordshiremind.org W: www.withyouth.org

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 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.

HALF-TERM:

Tuesday 25th February:

All students

Tuesday 25th February:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Tuesday 25th February:

Year 12 & 13 Richard II English Theatre Trip 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Tuesday 25th February - 12th March:

Year 11 Second Mock Exams

Thursday 27th February:

A-level Drama Exam in the Drama Studio 6pm

Monday 3rd March:

Year 12 Holocaust Education Seminar 3pm - 7pm

Tuesday 4th March:

Year 9 MENACWY Immunisation session 1

Tuesday 4th March:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Thursday 6th March:

World book day

Thursday 6th March:

Interfaith Ifthar 6.30pm - 9pm

Monday 10th March:

QPA Meeting

Tuesday 11th March:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Tuesday 11th March:

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th March:

Year 12 Holocaust Poland Trip

Friday 14th March:

Year 10 Classics trip to the British Museum

Monday 17th - 21st March:

GCSE PE Internal Moderation Week

Tuesday 18th March:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Wednesday 19th March:

Year 12 Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Thursday 20th March:

Year 11 Drama/Music trip 12.45pm - 6.45pm

Thursday 20th March:

Year 12 Death of a Salesman English trip 7pm - 10.30pm

Friday 21st - 23rd March:

PGL Netball tournament trip

Tuesday 25th March:

Year 12 UCAS discovery day. London Excel 11.30am - 4.30pm

Tuesday 25th March:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Wednesday 26th March:

House Music Competition

Wednesday 26th March:

Year 12 & 13 English Hamilton Theatre trip 6.30-10pm

Thursday 27th March:

Year 13 Psychology/Sociology workshop trip to White City

Friday 28th March:

Year 7 Religious Studies trip to Bhakdivedanta Manor

Tuesday 1st April:

Year 12 Most Able Caius College Cambridge trip

Tuesday 1st April:

Parental English Speaking Class 5-6.30pm room 77

Tuesday 1st April:

Gym & Dance Show South Sports Hall 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday 2nd April:

Year 12 & 13 Drama The Three Sisters trip 7.30pm

Thursday 3rd April:

Year 9 MENACWY Immunisation session 2

Thursday 3rd April:

Year 12 Drama rehearsals and evening performance

Friday 4th April:

Last Day of Term, school closes 12.15pm