



As we approach the end of July, another very 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.

This has been an exceptional year for Queens' School, receiving Ofsted Outstanding judgements across all five areas. The inspectors were also hugely impressed with the quality of all staff, teachers and support staff alike. They frequently commented on the humble and curious nature of our students, who demonstrated a strong collaborative ethos of supporting one another. Their conduct and behaviour were deemed exemplary. I would

like to thank you all for your on-going support of the school. Your children were Outstanding ambassadors throughout the inspection. I do hope you enjoyed reading our [Ofsted Report](#) and it gave you a real sense of pride in being part of the amazing Queens' School community.

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. I would especially like to thank Ms Gray, Ms Butkute and Ms Carter. Mr Millard-Healy, who has served as Assistant Headteacher over the last 6 years takes on a much deserved promoted post as Deputy Headteacher at Vyners School.

Two of our longstanding Trustees will also be stepping down. Mr Patel, former Chair of the Finance Committee joined the Board in 2017 and Mrs Raybould, former Chair of Trustees who joined the Board in 2014. We thank them for their support, help and guidance and wish them well in the future.

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 14 August and GCSE students, a week later, on Thursday 21 August. Staff will be present on both days to help students make an informed choice about the next stage of their learning journey. Parents/Carers are always welcome

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

Jonathan Morrell
Headteacher



Fundraising and Marketing!

Read [here](#) what we have been up to



Blow your mind!

Read the Science news [here!](#)



Queens' Teams Shoot for Victory!

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

QUEENS' SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2024/2025



Music to our ears!

See what Music got up to this Summer [here!](#)



Writing up a storm!

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



My experience!

Read a Year 12's Work Experience [here!](#)



House News!

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



Booking the trend!

Read [here](#) the library news!

Humanities!

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



Tour de force!

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



Support each other!

Read the SEND News [here!](#)



Maths Whizzes and Quizzes!

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

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:**



Hannah F. 7AE Sergio K. 8FD



Dylan C. D. J. 9TA

Maria B. 10TM Amie H. 12FX



Other highest STAR point achievers:

Harrison B. 7FD Sahaj G. 7SN Ralph B. 7TM

Isla S. 8AE Evie P. 8SW Alice G. 8TC

Anna C. 9AE Ruhe-Zahra S. 9FD Melissa C. 9SW

Neriah G. 10AE Miguel S. C. 10FD Divyansh G. 10SH

Zahra T. 12AE Yoana Z. 12SN Poppy M. 12TM



News about the Queens' Parents Association.

Another school year has whirred 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, donated clothes or entered the cake competition. Everything has helped raised much valued funds that have been used to purchase items to enhance the students school life at Queens' school. We will be requesting new bids from departments in September.



This term we have collaborated with the Maths department in sending books to Africa, helped purchase office supplies, the purchase of Manga books for the library club, Geography text books and Seneca Sync used by a number of departments in the school. Thanks to all of your continued support in making Queens' school the best.

It is great for one of the QPA member **Amit Patel** to be appointed to the board of Trustees at Queens' school. Congratulations Amit!

We would also like to thank **Wendy Philips** our former QPA team who has continued her help on various QPA activities this year and to top it off at the yearly **second-hand uniform sale on 10 July Thursday**.

We sold drinks and refreshment at Open evening held on **3 July**. Thank you to everyone who came and purchased a drink and/or snack.

We also sold drinks at the Sports Awards on **14 July** and Junior presentation on **16 July**.

Our next QPA meeting will be on **8 September**. 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.

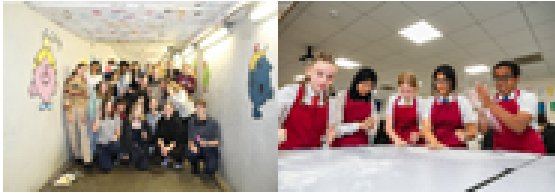
You can continue to support the QPA by shopping online via EasyFundraising, making Queens' School Parents' Association – Bushey your cause.

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 in September

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/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
Account number: 79798168
Name: Queens' School (Bushey) – Child's name as reference.

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



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>

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.

Miss Westgarth



NEEDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT?

The Sandbox

FREE ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN HERTFORDSHIRE AGED 10-25

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [THE SANDBOX.MINDLER.CO.UK](https://thesandbox.mindler.co.uk) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

The Sandbox have released additional resources to help families understand about self-harm.

Self-Harm: Understanding, Talking, and Finding Support

Self-harm is something many young people experience or come across. It often happens as a way to cope with overwhelming emotions or difficult situations.

While it can feel like the only option in the moment, there are better ways to cope and many forms of support available.

These resources are here to help you understand self-harm better, explore different ways to cope, and find the support you need.



WHAT IS SELF-HARM? PART 1

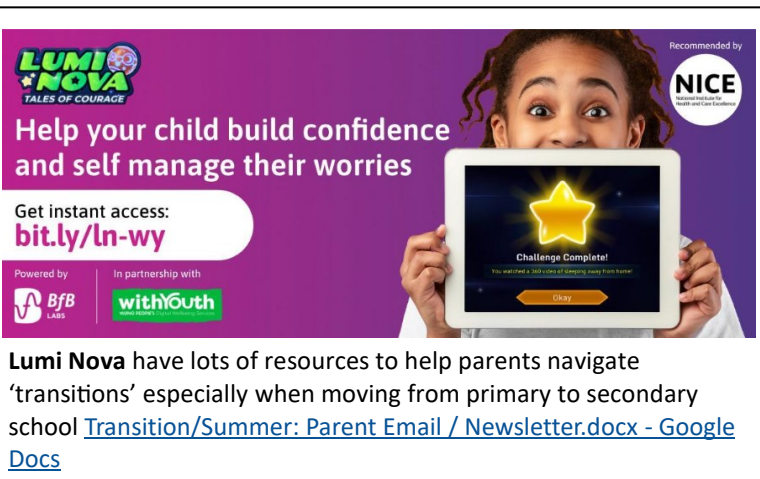
Self-harm is any way we hurt ourselves on purpose, to deal with difficult feelings. Self-harm isn't just physical, it can be emotional as well.

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner service are running the attached courses for parents & Carers.

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Thursday 31 st July 10 am-12 pm Thursday 18 th September 6-8 pm
Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self esteem and resilience and what parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 8 th July 6-8 pm Tuesday 2 nd September 6-8 pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Thursday 7 th August 10 am-12 pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 5 th August 6-8 pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Thursday 10 th July 6-8 pm Tuesday 12 th August 10 am-12 pm Thursday 25 th September 6-8 pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Wednesday 16 th July 10 am-12 pm Tuesday 19 th August 6-8 pm Wednesday 24 September 10 am-12 pm



Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



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TALES OF COURAGE

Help your child build confidence and self manage their worries

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Lumi Nova have lots of resources to help parents navigate 'transitions' especially when moving from primary to secondary school [Transition/Summer: Parent Email / Newsletter.docx - Google Docs](#)

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)

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 1 September:
Tuesday 2 September:
Wednesday 3 September:
Thursday 4 September:
Thursday 11 September:
Tuesday 16 September:
Wednesday 17 September:
Thursday 18 September:
Monday 22- Friday 26 September:
Thursday 25 September:
Thursday 25 September:
Friday 26 September:
Wednesday 8 October:
Friday 10 October:
Tuesday 14 October:
Wednesday 15 October:
Thursday 16 October:
Monday 20- Friday 24 October:
Friday 24 October:
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October:

INSET Day school closed to students
First Day of Term for Year 7 & 12
First Day of Term for Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
Year 7 Music Peri lesson Information Evening 5.30 - 6.30pm
Year 12 & Year 13 Parents' Information Evening 6 - 7pm
School Photographs
Year 11 Drama theatre trip 12.20 - 6pm
Year 10 & Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
Year 13 Geography Field Trip
School Culture Day/EDOL celebrations
A-level Drama trip 7.30 - 10pm
Flu Vaccination
Year 13 English trip to the National Theatre 7.30 - 10pm
INSET Day school closed to students
Flu Vaccination
Year 13 Parents' Evening
GCSE & A-level Music Showcase 5 – 6.30pm
Year 11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams
Last Day of half-term
Year 13 New York trip