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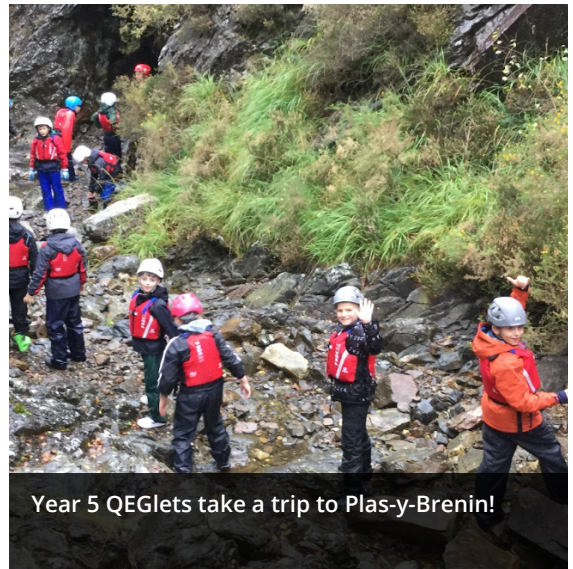
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From Junior Section to Sixth Form, keeping you up to date with everything at QEGS.

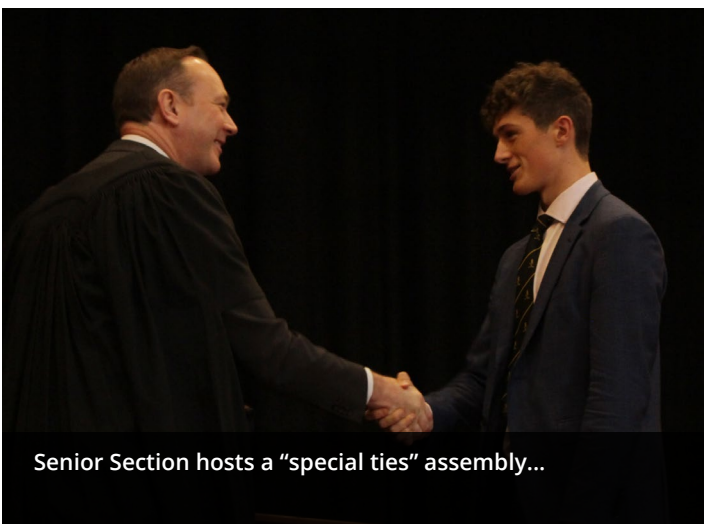
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Welcome from the House System Manager

Q EGS Junior section has run a 4 House system ever since we can remember - utilizing the names of 4 people involved in the initial years of the school. Firstly, there was Richard Bentley, an Old Savilian of the school who left in 1676 on his way to becoming one of the most illustrious scholars of his time and eventual Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Thomas Cave was a wealthy, local businessman who successfully set up scholarships for boys to attend Clare College, Cambridge. John Freeston, another wealthy businessman setup scholarships for both Emmanuel College, Cambridge and also University College, Oxford. Finally, there was Thomas Savile who was one of the Founding Fathers of the school, who being a private tutor to Queen Elizabeth I was instrumental in obtaining the royal decree to start a private School for boys, in Wakefield, in 1591.



On entry to school, all boys find themselves as members of one of the four houses and maintain membership throughout their time here whilst also continuing any long standing family links to Houses that older brothers, fathers and even grandfathers may have had. For the last 425 years, the Senior section has not maintained any house structure and the Junior school precedent of competition and inter-House rivalries has been slowly forgotten as boys grow older...until now.

Each House has swelled to recognise all members of the school, from years 2 to 13, with parallel Houses also being introduced at the Girls' High School too. Each 250 strong cohort of boys is led by a House Leader and ably aided by an Assistant house Leader; Ms Chatterton and Mr Charlesworth head up House Bentley; Mr Affleck and Mr Stiff head up House Cave; Ms Williams and Mr Pottage, House Freeston and finally Mr Cook and Mrs Taylor lead House Savile.



Over the last few weeks and months, the teams have been interviewing, selecting and analysing the problem solving, leadership and communication skills of dozens of boys who applied to be Captains of their year groups and now the full rota of Captains can be announced.



Bentley	
Y13 Head of House	Will Gillespie
Y13 Deputy Head of House	Tomi Nyatsanza
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Dan McCourt
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Connor Singleton
Y11 House Captain	Will Fyfe
Y11 House Vice Captain	Ciaran Reeves
Y10 House Captain	Bhargav Chand Myneni
Y9 House Captain	James Rawson
Y9 House Vice Captain	Jack Ilsley
Y8 House Captain	Jack Norvelle
Y8 House Vice Captain	Rayan Shahzad
Y7 House Captain - Winter	William Priest
Y7 House Vice Captain - Winter	Alexander Bennett
Y6 House Captain	Ethan Langstaff
Y6 House Vice Captain	Zac Hildyard

Cave	
Y13 Head of House	Andrew McWilliams
Y13 Deputy Head of House	Patrick Harwood
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Ben Rose
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Jihan Ha
Y11 House Captain	Harry Bowser
Y11 House Vice Captain	Janik Peeters
Y10 House Captain	Chester Lomas
Y10 House Vice Captain	Xander Leighton
Y9 House Captain	Tom Rose
Y9 House Vice Captain	Billy Child
Y8 House Captain	Kirikaran Subaskaran
Y8 House Vice Captain	Oliver Eldridge
Y7 House Captain - Winter	Mahaveer Singh
Y7 House Vice Captain - Winter	George Garside
Y6 House Captain	Luke Gallagher
Y6 House Vice Captain	Sebastian Sprenger

Freeston	
Y13 Head of House	Joe Lister
Y13 Deputy Head of House	Sam Moore
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Will Sharp
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Luke Ducker
Y11 House Captain	Oliver Mitchell
Y11 House Vice Captain	Roman Tempest
Y10 House Captain	Oliver Sharp
Y10 House Vice Captain	Daniel Robinson
Y7 House Captain - Winter	Sebastian Patel
Y7 House Vice Captain - Winter	Charlie Davis
Y6 House Captain	Oliver Parker
Y6 House Vice Captain	Ayo Fasae

Each house has already had one get together where the House leaders have rallied their troops with messages of what they believe is vital to be a valued and true member of their House - ranging from being caring, considerate, empathetic and friendly to the more competitive attributes....winning was mentioned several times.

As the planning of House events can now take place in earnest, a new House Hub has been commissioned which will takeover the old Careers and Learning Support offices in the main building and transform



Savile	
Y13 Head of House	Toby Calvert
Y13 Deputy Head of House	Simon Kpoumie
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Sam North
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Saifullah Khalid
Y11 House Captain	Arsh Gupta
Y11 House Vice Captain	Esa Butt
Y10 House Captain	Ahmed Hassanein
Y10 House Vice Captain	Ben Hutton
Y9 House Captain	Nathanael Illingworth
Y9 House Vice Captain	Ilyas Formuli
Y8 House Captain	Oliver Grafton
Y8 House Vice Captain	Ayan Sinha
Y7 House Captain - Winter	Frederick Lumb
Y7 House Vice Captain - Winter	Benjamin Wale
Y6 House Captain	Thomas Wood
Y6 House Vice Captain	Teshomi Kayode

them into a meeting room, work space and common room for the boys to use - a privilege of the new workload that awaits them. The request for lazy boy chairs, drinks fridges and coffee machines may have to go through next year's budget though! Boys are also now deciding on how to adorn their uniforms to advertise their House roles - current decisions are fighting between a new tie or a badge accessory.

Already this term there have been various events and activities that have taken place, ranging from Staff Team games during INSET and Cross Country events at QEGS, Outwood and in the near future Ackworth to English poetry competitions and Proud to BE photography competitions that will draw to a close over half term. Enterprise, D&D, baking, football and Heads or Tails! are also in the pipeline to occur imminently....keep an eye on Google Classrooms for details. Boys are also being asked to suggest things they would like to do during the course of the next year. It is our aim that every boy will be able to find at least one activity they can contribute towards.



As of the close of play on Wednesday 13th, the current standings are:

Totals: Senior Section			
Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
1352	1329	1321	1331
Totals: Junior Section			
Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
616	623	627	515
Overall			
Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
1968	1952	1948	1846

The Junior and Senior sections will each run separate tallies during the year with an overall winner being announced in unison next July.

Sean Clark - Bentley
House Systems Manager

Junior Section News

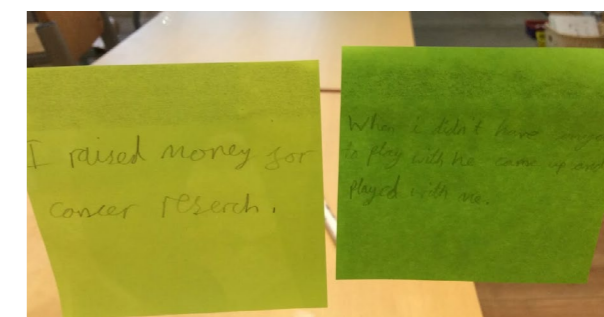
There has been a real buzz around the Junior Section this week and I am not just talking about the Y3 and Y4 boys walking around school practising their 'lip buzz' after the fantastic 'meet the brass family' session we had on Wednesday. This was to introduce the various brass instruments we have available for lessons within school and the boys absolutely loved it. Taster sessions with no charge are available for your son to try these instruments and I explained to the boys about my love of listening to brass bands around Christmas time (I even conducted one in a castle once...but that is another story), asking any boys who choose to take up an instrument to come and play for me in my office in mid-December. Your son should have received a letter regarding this but please do ask at the school office if you would like further information.



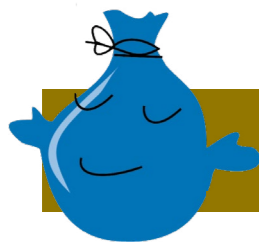
Mr Tiffany delivered a great assembly on the impact of small acts of kindness and how these can lead to much bigger things.



Kindness has been the theme for the week and the boys have been thinking about acts of kindness and how these can be good for others and for ourselves. On Wednesday, each boy was given a green and a yellow post-it note to write messages on about how they had been kind to others and how others had been kind to them. These were then put up around school for all to see. I have loved walking around the corridors and reading these - there are some incredibly heart-warming comments.



I am also asking for your help and kindness by supporting a local charity called BCDP Drop-In (Barnsley Churches Drop-In Project). The charity supports homeless people by providing warm clothing, blankets and tents. This is particularly important at this time of year as winter approaches and the nights are getting colder. As many of you will be sorting through clothes for the upcoming Bags 2 School drop-offs (Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November @ 8.00-9.00am), we thought it would be a good opportunity to separate out some coats and jumpers to donate to the charity. If you are able to do this, please bring these items to the Bags 2 School drop-off in a separate bag so that we can gather them together and deliver them to the charity.



Please do still bring in other items for Bags 2 School at the same time.
<https://localgiving.org/charity/barnsley-churches-drop-in-project/>

I would like to say a huge thank you to the boys who supported us on the recent Open Morning. You certainly were the best versions of yourselves and showed yourselves to be a real asset to the school (even though many of you were feeling thoroughly worn out after the Y5 Residential!). It was a very successful day and a special well done to Oliver Lee and Alexander Sprenger in Y4 for delivering superb speeches with Dr Brookes in the QE Hall.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very pleasant half-term break and I hope your sons can come back refreshed and ready for what will be a busy half term.

Mr Richard Thompson - Cave



Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 8th October

1st	Cave - 357
2nd	Freeston - 348
3rd	Savile - 314
4th	Bentley - 293

Most House Points for their Year group

Year 2	Henry Smith
Year 3	George Fearnley
Year 4	Saleh Hayat
Year 5	Gabriel Eastwood-Hickson
Year 6	Ben Marsden

DT Juniors Curriculum News

Well, how to describe DT so far this term, that would be ...busy, busy, busy!
 All year groups are actively involved in making, whether in wood, plastic, fabric or food.
 Here's a summary so far...

Year 3 have mastered threading a sharp needle with thread, sewing an anchor stitch to anchor their thread to the fabric and are developing the skill of sewing two pieces of fabric together using running stitch.



Year 4 are learning how to construct comb joints from softwood. They have chosen the size of their 'really useful box' based on what they wish to place in the box. They have drawn a plan view of their box at scale 1:1 and dimensioning accurately both internally and externally. They have been taught to mark out and cut their softwood safely and accurately. The next stages will be gluing the box together and designing a laser cut base for their box on the computer, lots of fun to come.

Year 5 have been completing a project as a consequence of COVID, which is an essential part of the curriculum. The main focus for Year 5 this term will be the food course, (health, hygiene and baking skills) which should have been covered last year but again COVID prevented us from delivering. The baking skills will start with the rubbing in method, then move onto the creaming method and then kneading as well as many other essential skills. I think the best part for all the boys is definitely 'the eating method' at the end!

Year 6 are currently completing a COVID delayed project and are demonstrating a high standard of finishing skills to their wood, which they are smoothing and painting using the Mrs Spawforth's 'anyone can paint and varnish like a professional' rules. After half term we will introduce 'cooking for life' skills, where the boys will learn to feed themselves (and their families) with delicious healthy meals. They will also be learning 3rd angle orthographic projection, which is a very powerful technical drawing technique. Later in the year they will use this technique to communicate their design ideas for the upcycling project.

A select handful of Year 6 students have started manufacturing soft toy owls designed by the Pre-Prep students. Although we have a long way to go before the owls are finished, I have to commend each and every Year 6 boy involved for their dedication and enthusiasm, giving up their Wednesday lunchtime with no gain to themselves. Thank you boys, you are amazing.



A special note for Year 5, soon I will be inviting entries to our annual house competition, The QEGS Great British Junior Bake Off. I am delaying the start slightly so that the Year 5 have a chance to discover their love of baking in our current DT lessons.

As I said at the start, busy, busy, busy...but fun!

Mrs Spawforth - Bentley

Bags 2 School

The PTA will be holding a Bags 2 School collection straight after half term on 2nd and 3rd November. Bags will be coming home with your son so please have a good clear out and help us raise some money for the projects that we have planned for this year. Bags can be dropped off between 8.00 - 9.00am on these days at the black door at the top of Westfield Road.

As mentioned above, we will also be collecting coats and jumpers separately at this time for a local homeless charity.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Plas y Brenin, Snowdonia National Park

On Tuesday, 5th October, the Year 5 boys became intrepid explorers, setting out into the unknown. Some of these boys had never been away from home on a school trip, and the last eighteen months has meant that we weren't allowed to have such a trip anyway! So, with some nervous, yet excited young men, we set out for the wilds of Snowdonia. The boys watched the world zip by on our journey, taking in the splendid views of the Welsh coast and mountains. They entered into the spirit of adventure by giving their best efforts to all of the activities they were faced with, even though many of the boys had never experienced some of them before and were a little nervous at times. They ate heartily, leaving clean plates, slept soundly - all of the fresh air knocked them out - and generally had a fabulous time. The staff were all very tired by Friday evening, but with smiles on our faces knowing what a super time everyone had had.

Well done boys, and here's to your next trip!
Mrs Lindley - Bentley



Healthy Snacks

A reminder that boys should bring healthy snacks into school to consume at break times. The school publishes a healthy eating booklet containing advice which can be found on the school website. Generally, fruit and vegetables are good options when considering snacks.

Snack Boxes

Please could I ask that any snack boxes are labelled with boys' names. We have a number of these left over from playtime and it is very difficult for them to find their way back to their rightful owners.

Mr Tiffany - Freeston



Remembrance Day Thursday, 11 November

ALL BOYS TO WEAR WHITE SHIRTS ON THIS DAY.

Please could all boys ensure they have their blazer with a poppy attached to the left lapel on this day in preparation for our Remembrance Day Assembly.



Monday 15th November - What is it?

Most importantly, 'Odd Socks Day' is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive socks. All they have to do to take part is to wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of 'Anti Bullying Week', **Monday 15th November 2021** to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

HMC CROSS COUNTRY



CHANGE OF DATE

THURSDAY 3RD
FEBRUARY
2022



Please note the date of the HMC Cross Country at Barlborough Hall has changed from Thursday 11th November 2021 to Thursday 3rd February 2022.

Mr Tiffany - Freeston

Why do we love Maths at QEGS?

Numbers help us understand the world, and maths helps us understand numbers. The real-life applications of mathematics are endless; we are surrounded by numbers, equations, algorithms and statistics. Maths gives us the ability to view the world in a way nothing else can!

Every maths problem is a new, fresh and unique challenge. The adrenaline rush you get when you finally solve a problem which initially seemed impossible is unparalleled. Eureka moments happen everyday at QEGS, especially in maths! The boys love a challenge; they love to tackle these head on through creative teaching methods such as treasure hunts, tarsia puzzles and opportunities in outdoor learning.

Problem solving allows the boys to develop understanding and explain the processes used to arrive at solutions. It encourages them to believe in their ability to think mathematically. They will see that they can apply the maths that they are learning to find the solution to a problem. They encourage active learning while they gain critical thinking skills. The benefits are endless! Below are a few photographs where the boys have tackled challenges during maths lessons.

Mr J Drury - Bentley
KS2 Maths Coordinator and
Teaching & Learning Mentor



Year 4 had an absolutely brilliant trip away to the National Forest where they learnt all about the Industrial Revolution and how the National Forest Project is helping preserve a part of the UK. We had great fun on all 3 days of our trip and the boys were absolute superstars and represented the school perfectly.

We started the trip with a nice walk in the local area along the canal, spotting wildlife and learning about the industrial past. We spent day 2 at CONKERS activity centre where we did some orienteering, watched a 4D film and played in their amazing indoor adventure playground.

Following this we had a catwalk and party back at the youth hostel. Our final day saw us take a trip on the Great Central Steam Railway for the start of their steam gala weekend.

The boys that were the winners of our competitions on the trip - Best dressed, best dancers and 'Top Trippers' - were all presented with a certificate in assembly. These boys have also had a tree planted within the National Forest as their prize which they can 'keep' forevermore.



Key Dates

15 Oct	Charity Day	16 Nov	HMC Chess
01 Nov	Flu Vaccination	19 Nov	U11 Rugby v St Peters
2 Nov	Bags 2 School	19 Nov	Founders' Day
3 Nov	Bags 2 School	19 Nov	International Men's Day
6 Nov	Harrison Cup	23 Nov	U9 Rugby v St Peters
10 Nov	U11 HMC Rugby at GSAL	26 Nov	U10/ U11 Rugby v GSAL
12 Nov	U10 Rugby v St Peters	1 Dec	Warwick Rugby Festival
15 Nov	Anti Bullying Week	13 Dec	JS Carol Service

Senior Section News

It seems to me to be a very long time since we were able, once again, to fling open the doors and invite the world to come and have a look at all the wonderful things we do here at QEGS! After much preparation in school by the boys and the staff, Saturday 9th October saw a beautiful and unusually warm day, with an early threat of a downpour never materialising.

I watched from the main yard as first the staff arrived, then a number of our older boys, and then slowly a combination of the younger boys and visitors. By 9.50am, the car park was full, and we had used every one of our Year 7 and Year 8 "guides" who pair up to give a tour to our visitors. This is the first time that I have seen this throughout the time I have been involved with the organisation of the day, which is at least 12 years, possibly more!



The site was packed, with the atmosphere enhanced by fantastic musical performances in the QE Hall and an amazing array of interactive displays across the huge range of departments and co-curricular areas that characterise this school.



It is clear that the boys and the staff in all of these areas worked exceptionally hard throughout the morning, but personal highlights for me included the falconry display, and in particular the knowledge shown by our boys alongside the staff involved, the mini re-enactment of a second world war scene outside History, with accompanying and perhaps a little too regular "emergency drills", the huge array of challenges and tasks in Physics, and finally the disarray and damage I caused in DT through my inability to steer the robot correctly!

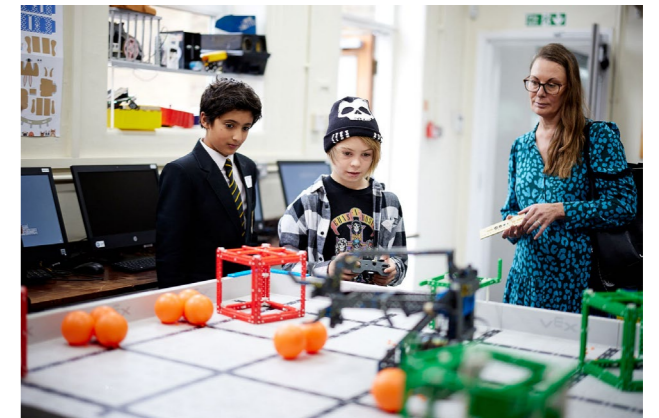


Finally, my thanks, and indeed huge admiration, go to those boys ranging from Year 4 through to Year 13, who were brave enough to speak about their experiences of QEGS in front of hundreds of visitors in a packed QE Hall.

There are many things I will reflect on when the time eventually comes for me to leave this school, but the stand out feature for me is, and always has been, the way in which our boys and staff interact with each other, the ability to rise to the occasion when it matters and the overwhelming sense of fun, commitment and working together that I saw again on Saturday. This really is a special place, full of special people, and every single one of the visitors I spoke to, some completely new to QEGS, some existing parents, commented on the atmosphere, spirit and sense of "togetherness" that comes through on occasions like this.



There are too many people for me to thank individually but it would be remiss not to mention the huge efforts made by our Estates team to both have the site looking at its best but more importantly manage the safe flow of traffic and visitors through the site and also to our Catering team who fed all of the boys and the staff at the end of the morning. We also make significant and ongoing demands of our Head Boy, Deputies and Senior Prefect Team and on the day they were simply superb.



The most important thank you, though, goes to you as parents. I know that the logistics of managing children into school on a Saturday morning can, for many of you, be hugely complicated and I am sure is something many of you could have done without. But the boys are, without a doubt, the very best advert we can ever show for this school and through your efforts we have been able to show the school at its very best. I also want to reassure you that all of the boys will be thanked in school by me and Dr Brookes in one of our full school assemblies.

Jim Palin - Savile
Deputy Headmaster

Marsden Jazz Festival

Congratulations to members of the WGSF Swing Foundation who opened the Marsden Fringe Festival on Friday of last week, the second outside gig of the term. The band started with their signature tune 'I Got You' and some and followed up with a gutsy performance of 'Birdland'. Michael Jackson's 'Man in the Mirror' provided a welcome contrast and James Smith hit new heights with his interpretation of the original Blood, Sweat and Tears trumpet solo in 'Spinning Wheel'. The set finished with two 1980s classics: Flashdance - What a Feeling and Soul Man.

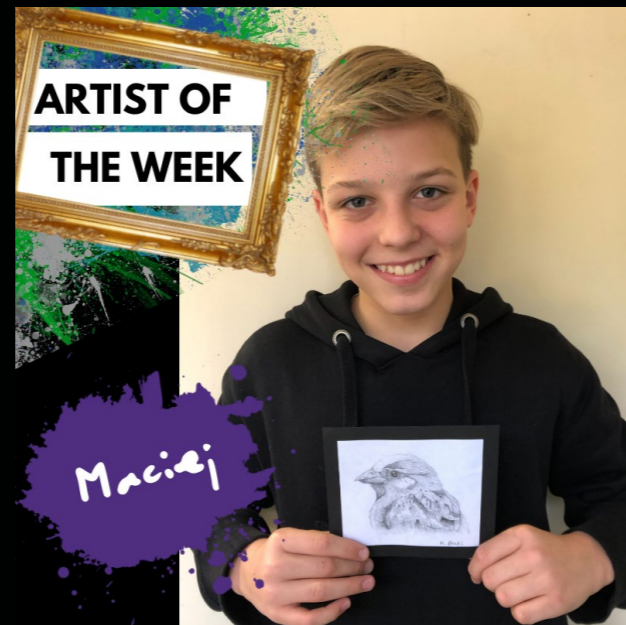


In addition to the ensemble numbers, there were some confident and melodious individual performances from Ciaran Reeves, Joseph Dowd and Hannah Poulton-Haselier, as they stood up for their debut solos, with some wonderfully free-flowing accompanying from Mr Urbanski.

Many thanks to Mr Urbanski and Mr Varley for their musical support, and to Mrs Bentham for organising the gig.

Mr Chris Lewis - Savile

Artist of the Week



Our artist of the week is Maciej, with this gorgeous little pencil study of a bird. Maciej has concentrated on building up realistic texture with thoughtfully placed mark-making, and has really managed to make this bird look real enough to fly straight off the page!

Mrs Marie Gaines - Freeston



It was the second round of the Wakefield League Cross Country this week.

The course was longer than the QEGS event and had a tricky incline on the finish, but our boys were superb again. Well done boys!

QED Update

This half term twelve KS3 pupils have been taking part in QED Falconry. Wayne and Katrina Auty from The Wise Owl Bird of Prey Rescue Centre have given the boys a fascinating insight into the world of raptors. They have been able to hold and fly a wide variety of birds, including: an Eagle Owl, a Great Grey Owl, a Barn Owl, a Little Owl, a Short-eared Owl, a Kestrel, a Harris Hawk and a Gyr Saker Falcon.

They have learned all about the habitats of these birds of prey, as well as the husbandry involved in looking after them. This has included their feeding habits and even dissecting a pellet to find the bones of a quail that one of the owls had eaten! They have learned how to attach anklets, jesses and a leash to a bird and learned how to tie a falconer's knot. All the boys have loved the experience and it has been incredible to see a Harris Hawk swooping across the Sixth Form Centre on to the glove of a boy holding some food!



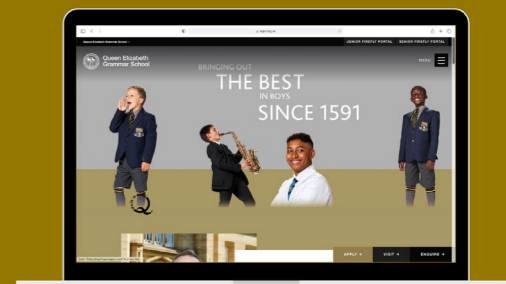
In Time Commanders, you get the chance to use timeless, state-of-the-art 00's technology to re-enact real-life, historical battles ranging from the Ancient Greeks up to the Napoleonic era and learn about the history behind them. You get to experience the pressures of being a military general and take on the likes of Caesar, Napoleon and King Henry V as you control some of the greatest armies the world has ever seen. Time Commanders teaches teamwork, tactics, and discipline; giving you an unparalleled immersion that is not restricted by the confines of a curriculum. Veni, vidi, vici!

Janik Peeters - Cave

Our New Website is LIVE!

You will notice a change when you next visit our school website as it has undergone a complete makeover, not only aesthetically, but in the breadth of content that visitors can now enjoy when enquiring about our school.

Whilst the new website has been designed with future members of the QEGS community in mind, we hope that you will also like the fresh look and feel, and enjoy our new content.



Mathematics Department Update

The Maths Department upper corridor has had a radical revamp with colourful and informative displays being installed at the start of the year.

Mr Becker has worked closely with InnerSmile, an environmental graphics and branding company to bring the designs into reality.

"I decided to focus on creating displays that catch the eye, convey information that students can actually use and also showcase the beauty of mathematics.

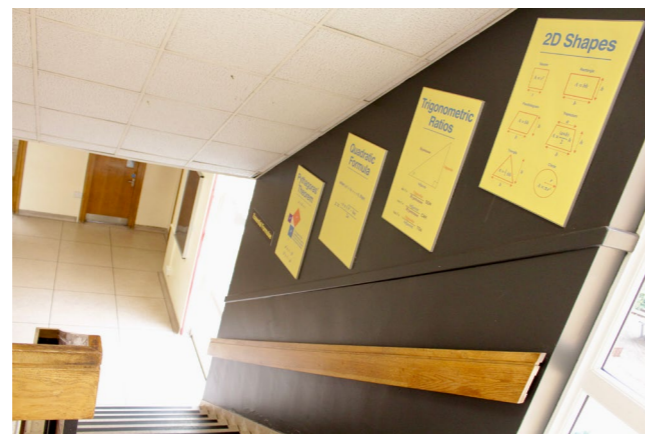
The regular polygons display contains key formulae for calculating interior and exterior angles and offers our students a chance to memorise the key shape names. I really like the way the shapes stand in relief to the wall as this gives the display a greater graphical impact.



Mr Tim Becker - Freeston



The essential formulae posters are on the staircase down to science and these really "pop" with a bright yellow background contrasting the dark wall behind. These posters are part of a larger set which can be swapped out to display four at a time so if you think something has changed... it probably has. There are a mix of formulae used regularly in GCSE and A Level mathematics - some you will need to learn off by heart so next time you are passing please take a good look.



My favourite section runs down a huge length of the upper corridor and shows the elegant curves of the key trigonometry ratios. The process of creating a five metre long graphic was extremely time consuming to design but it has been well worth the effort."



In My Own Words...

With Luke



Over the summer I was privileged to be selected to represent England in the Dance World Cup. Following the summer of 2019 in Portugal achieving 2x world titles in group dances, I endeavoured to return after COVID-19 in the solo/ duet sections. After months of hard work I came away with a Junior (15-18) solo world title and 2x world titles in a Lyrical and jazz duet on top of 2 silvers and a bronze medal. The final country rankings placed England top above Spain and South Africa in 2nd and 3rd. I'm hoping to compete again next year and hopefully bring home more titles for my country.

Luke D - Year 12
Freeston



Children In Need Sponsored Walk

Marlon W Savile



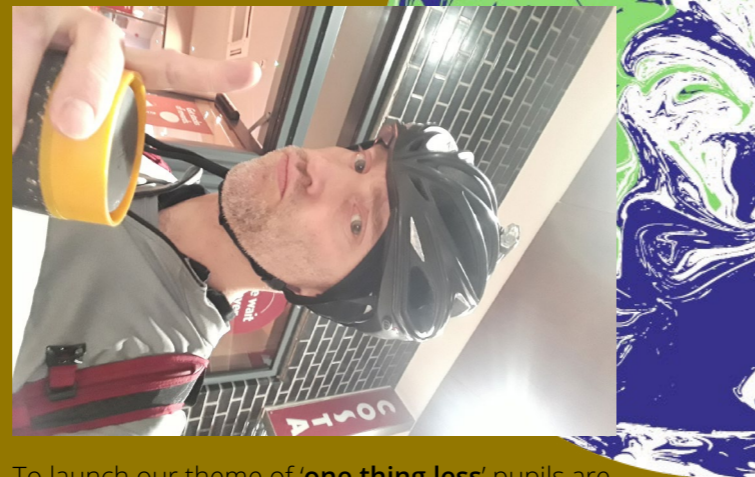
On Sunday 3rd October 2021 it was time for the annual Children In Need sponsored Y6-Y9 ramble around the wilds of West Yorkshire. We met up at 1pm on an unusually sunny Sunday October afternoon and soon after we were off! Mr and Mrs Palin, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Ramsden, two brave parents, 29 boys, two cocker spaniels and Stanley the Jack Russell set off walking through Cawthorne Park and into the woods. We travelled over bridges, across streams and through fields. The views were extraordinary and we even saw Emley Moor mast in the distance; the hills were steep and the fields were never ending. At one point on the walk a kind dairy cow farmer let us cross over his farmland, while we were crossing the farm I had the misfortune of stepping in a pile of cow slurry and both of my wellies got stuck, this provided much entertainment for the rest of the group! The walk was around 4 miles in total and we successfully raised £524.00 for Children In Need. Mrs Roberts would like to thank everyone who was involved and particularly those who donated online.



QEGS gears up for COP26

November brings the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, to Glasgow and a renewed focus on our climate impact to the QEGS community. Through an array of whole-school and smaller events we will ask ourselves what we can do to help enact the changes required to avoid the worst effects of global heating, habitat breakdown and biodiversity loss.

Head of Biology Mr Higgins says "climate anxiety is increasingly affecting young people and our own efforts can seem insignificant in the face of such huge challenges but QEGS represents hundreds of current and future voters, drivers, workers, consumers and leaders and what we do as individuals, or stop doing, can be multiplied and amplified to make a real difference. And the easiest way to start reducing our collective impact on the planet is to do less, not more."



To launch our theme of 'one thing less' pupils are being encouraged to submit a photo of themselves making a difference by *not* doing something. Here is Mr Higgins *not* buying a coffee on his way into work and looking forward to seeing this simple inaction be 'raised to the power of QEGS'.

#onethingless #tothepowerofQEGS

Mr Dominic Higgins - Bentley

Recent events have displayed Cave's eagerness to take part and apply themselves fully to the housing system. As Head of House, I witnessed first-hand the grit and passion of the Cave boys during the cross-country last Thursday whilst marshalling the runners. I'm proud of the valiant effort given by the boys and hope that the enthusiasm shown only increases over the year from event to event.

Approaching quickly is the inter-house poetry competition, which I believe Cave will be able to aim high and take our rightful place at the top. I urge boys to get involved and sign up before this Friday and wish everyone participating the best of luck. No matter what, it's impossible that anyone's poetry could be as bad as my own, as a science major!

The Global Entrepreneurship competition is a new and innovative opportunity for boys to get involved in after the half term holidays. Groups of boys will be given a mystery object and have to create a product and then pitch it to a Dragon's Den group of Old Savs.

There will be a team per house that will be made up of 2 per year group 7-10 and then 4 from 11-13, which we hope many people will put themselves forward to participate in.

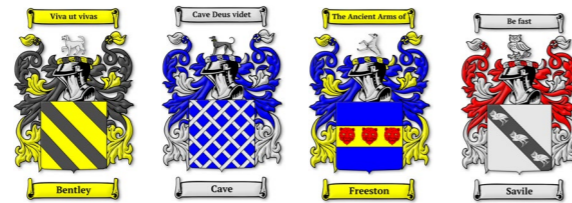
This is an incredible opportunity which as well as being enjoyable will offer the boy an insight of the skills needed to be a successful entrepreneur.

Recently house captains for Cave throughout the school have been announced. This involved a tough interview process for both year 12 and year 13, with the year 12 interviews being run by myself and the deputy head of house Patrick Harwood.

A huge congratulations to the boys selected from a top-class group of applicants. We hope the boys will enjoy their rewarding and well-deserved roles, they should be proud of themselves and ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead.

Andrew McWilliams
Y13 Head of House - Cave

House Matters

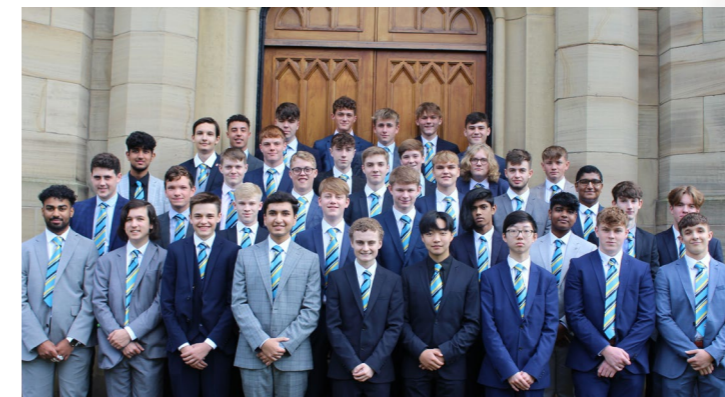


What an exciting jumpstart to the QEGS school year it has been! Integrating the Houses into the school system has already emphasized the competitive and eager spirit of the school community, including not only pupils but staff also. Ever evolving and advancing, the opportunities brought by the housing system will increasingly enrich boys' skills and versatility.

The news of the House System is spreading far and wide, with the school recently having been contacted by Canon Cave-Brown-Cave, current Vice Chairman of the Cave Family History Society. This is a group of 200 - 300 members of the Cave Family tree - ranging from places as far afield and Australia to the United States - and have been in contact to show their support and share knowledge of the Cave Family tree. Did you know that a descendant of Thomas Cave was on the Titanic?

A Special "Ties" Assembly

Tuesday 5th October saw our much anticipated "ties assembly" - a full school assembly where the primary focus is the award of ties that recognise the special achievements of boys currently in Year 12, during their final GCSE year. We award two ties at this stage, the Savile Scholar tie, featuring a bright and distinctive blue band, which recognises those boys who achieved the highest overall average GCSE scores, and an Academic Excellence tie, with a distinctive wide yellow band, which is awarded to any boy not already recognised as a Savile Scholar and who obtained a grade 9 in at least one subject at GCSE.



These ties have become an important part of school life and all of the boys who are awarded them wear them with pride. A particularly poignant moment for me was watching the boys, after the assembly and entirely unprompted, removing their normal ties and wanting to leave the QE Hall already in their new ties. This, for me, says it all.



Jim Palin - Savile
Deputy Headmaster

Honorary Radcliffe Scholars

We were delighted to meet with a number of boys in Year 10 who were invited to join the Radcliffe Scholar programme - designed to provide stretch and challenge beyond the classroom. As well as activities organised by departments, the boys will be invited to complete an HPQ this year, giving them the opportunity to research into a topic of their choice and write a 2000 word essay in response. The boys were chosen due to their excellent exam results in Year 9 and in recent baseline tests.

Here at QEGS, we believe that all boys should have the opportunity to explore their interests so any Year 10s who would like to take part in the HPQ programme should look out for information and see Mr Davies or Mrs Eggleston for more details.

Key Dates

15 Oct	D of E day walk (2)	18 Nov	6th Form Open Evening
15 Oct	Break up at 4pm	18 Nov	Y11 Study Leave begins at 4pm
15-17 Oct	Y12 at St Joseph's Festival	19 Nov	Founders' Day
1 Nov	School reopens	19 Nov-2 Dec	Y11 mocks
1 Nov	Flu vaccinations	20 Nov	SHINE at QEGS
4 Nov	Y10 Form Tutor Evening	20 Nov	Y7 & 8 Bowling at Barnsley Bowl
5 Nov	Parents of Y9 - Head's Breakfast	24 Nov	Parents of Y13 - Head's Breakfast
7 Nov	D of E day walk (2)	25-26 Nov	Y8 Residential - Kingswood
9 Nov	Parents of Y11 - Head's Breakfast	26 Nov	Y13 Joint Economics Conference - London
9 Nov	Y13 Parents' Evening (1)	29 Nov	U16 Indoor Hockey National Cup
10 Nov	UKMT Senior Challenge (KS5)	30 Nov	Y7 Pantomime Visit - Wakefield Theatre
11 Nov	Remembrance Service	2 Dec	Y12 Parents' Evening
12 Nov	Parents of Y10 - Head's Breakfast	3 Dec	Y11 return - Work Experience Day
12 Nov	Y13 early applicant interviews	4 Dec	SHINE at QEGS
13 Nov	SHINE begins	6 Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
16 Nov	Jazz Inspire Day	7 Dec	Y8 Pantomime at Leeds Playhouse
17 Nov	Parents of Y12 - Head's Breakfast	10 Dec	Carol Service at Cathedral
18 Nov	KS3+4 Prizegiving assembly (tbc)	15-16 Dec	Christmas concerts
		17 Dec	End of term at 12pm