

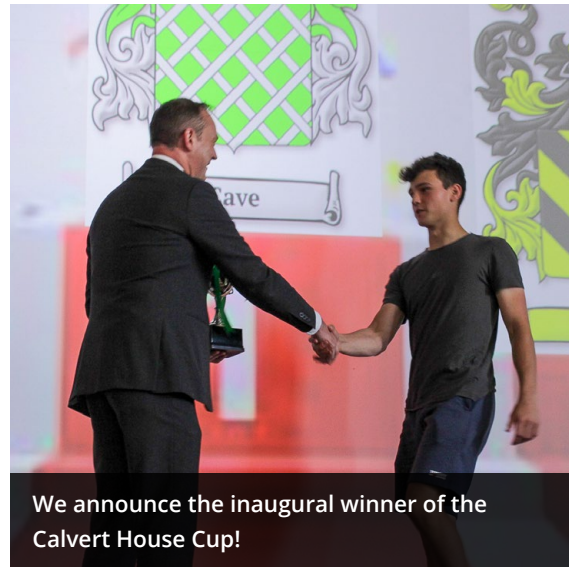


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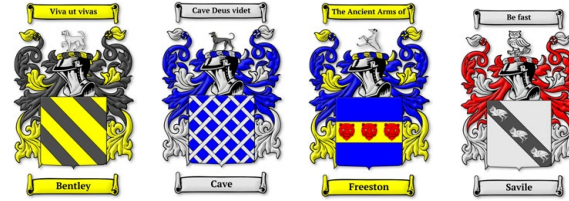
E-BULLETIN

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

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House Matters



So, after a full Year of through School activity, coupled with a huge learning curve of all things Housey in the Senior Section, we have moved someway to creating our own version of Hogwarts in Wakefield.



Boys have been proudly wearing their new House colours on their PE kits and captains, their ties and staff have been strongly biased to anything sporting their own house colours. We've hosted over 100 separate competitions and events this year, some of which have allowed whole Foundation participation across both boys' and girls' schools. Prior to Xmas we had Staff challenges (Savile), Cross Country (Savile), Heads or Tails (Cave), Pub Quiz (Cave), Proud to BE (Cave), English Poetry (3 way tie - Cave, Freeston, Savile), Xmas Cards (Freeston), Global Entrepreneurship Week (Bentley), #onethingless (Bentley in Senior Section, Bentley in Junior section and Freeston in the Pre Prep Section), Senior Maths Challenge (Cave), Bowling (Savile), Masterchef (Freeston), Badminton (Savile), Geography (Bentley) and various quizzes at the end of term in addition to the Junior Section events that have always traditionally been held.



Then the momentum really began to build as the warmer weather started to appear and the bigger sporting activities that everyone was clamouring for began. Cross country (Cave), Hockey (Savile) and football filled the calendar for many weeks - with Bentley winning overall across the dozens of matches played taking individual titles in Y13 and 8, Savile taking Y7, 11 and 12, Cave Y10 and Freeston Y9 - so at least a little bit for everyone to cheer about there.

Mr Lewis and his team held a superb music competition that brought parents into the fray too and games lessons began to take the houses on board in their end of term programmes. The House quizzes have been a really good addition to School life and have been held across a range of subjects from MFL (Freeston), to Classical Civilisation (Cave), from Mathematics (Bentley) to general trivia (Cave) - plus the obligatory sport one (Savile - yet again proving that anything to do with sport is their thing!) The quizzes brought boys from the Junior section all the way up to Year 13 together in a way, alongside staff also that we haven't really seen before and for me, this has been the significant success of the Houses this year - the various Jubilee events and the recent sports day highlighted this really well and has been a fitting end to a lot of work by the House Leaders and House Captains as well as all staff and boys throughout.

So, to the eagerly awaited results and the points - it is worth mentioning that across the whole Boys' Section there have been over 100,000 House points and merits awarded this year and the overall winner was crowned by a difference of only 272 points - individual winners have been Freeston for the Junior Section, Bentley for the Senior Section and Savile for the specific events, including Sports Day - however, through consistency and a solid approach across the whole of School life - plus managing to hold off a late surge by Savile when the weather warmed up - Mr Affleck and his team are proudly awarded as the first through School winners and can proudly boast to be the first ever winners of the Calvert Cup. Congratulations and I await for next year's bigger and better Hogwarts!



1st	Cave - 25911 pts
2nd	Savile - 25639 pts
3rd	Bentley - 24935 pts
4th	Freeston - 24422 pts

We are also proud to announce the selection of next year's Captains for the 2022/23 Academic year - Congratulations to all those selected and a thank you to all those who have been Captains this year.

	Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
Y13 Head of House	Ben Goodman	Max Gallagher	Will Sharp	Charlie Fisher
Y13 Deputy Head of House	William Thomas	Aaron Moorby	Max Shelton	John Parker
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Will Fyfe	Janik Peeters	Aditya Krishnan	Esa Butt
Y12 Assistant Head of House	Timothy Spawforth	Arthur Broadbent	Will Heath	Will Almond
Y11 House Captain	Louis Price	Chester Lomas	Oscar Smith	Morgan Bennett
Y11 House Vice Captain	Harrison Vincent	Harvey Bolton	Michael Dube	Ahmed Hassanein
Y10 House Captain	Jack Ilsely	Billy Child	Charlie Newton	Christopher Barnett
Y10 House Vice Captain	Oscar Smith	Joseph Groves	Oliver Bostwick	Daniel Akintolu
Y9 House Captain	Aston Ineson	Ihan Ha	Buba Sanyang	Ayan Sinha
Y9 House Vice Captain	Prince-Michael Ovie	Tom Gains	Shalom Fabiyi	Haroon Choudhary
Y8 House Captain	Will Priest	Harry Boswell	Sebastian Patel	Zach Williamson
Y8 House Vice Captain	Krish Daru	Theo Lewis	Max Barron	Arthur Young
Y7 House Captain - winter	Ethan Langstaff	Luke Gallagher	Oliver Parker	Thomas Wood
Y7 House Vice Captain - winter	Zac Hildyard	Sebastian Sprenger	Ayoo Fasae	Teshomi Kayode

Tug of War

As part of the final series of House events this year, both Year 12 and 10 were able to flex their powers in the ultimate battle of strength - The 8 man, tug of war. After the initial rounds of intellectual rock-paper-scissors were done to decide the draw, the teams set down to decide who came out on top. After a lot of sweating, grunting and slipping about, the Year 10 final of Bentley vs Cave and a Year 12 edition of Savile vs Cave were set. Cave yet again were rewarded with consistency of approach, reaching yet another top 2 position but on this occasion were unable to convert either performance into victory. Year 10 Bentley and Year 12 Savile proved their worth in the end. For year 10, the prize also included the chance to compete against the Staff team at Sports Day..... however, they were royally dispatched in easy fashion by the mighty Gentlemen of the Staff and the prospect of double points went astray.



QED Update

The next incarnation of QED is currently being finalised and the new QED 10 brochure is expected to be available, together with the relevant forms to complete Boys' options by the end of July. Please keep an eye on your email for it arriving via Firefly as usual - deadline for submissions will be GCSE results Day (25th August).



Freeston Pizza Lunch

To say a huge thank you for all the hard work, support and enthusiasm which we have seen from staff and boys, the 2021/22 Freeston team gathered for pizza (courtesy of Dominos). We were able to discuss what was the worst thing about being a captain - having to talk in front of your friends - and the best thing - being treated to pizza! One of our Y11 captains, Ollie Mitchell, made a surprise guest return even though he has now completed his GCSE exams but we were missing Luke Ducker, who has been the Captain of Y12 as he was competing in the World Dance Championships in Spain. Both Mr Pottage and Mrs Williams have been blown away by how much time and effort the boys have dedicated into making this first year a success and we are looking forward to how Freeston will develop over the next year. We are delighted to have Will Sharp as our new Y13 Head of House and hope that he will be lifting the House Cup at the end of the year.

Pro schola vivere, pro domui mori.

Mrs C Palin – Freeston



Jubilee Celebrations Continued

With the excitement of the Jubilee weekend still fresh in our minds, QEGS set out to honour our namesake - there are only 400 years between Elizabeth I and II, close enough - in a full week of jubilant, (see what I did there) celebration. Now, unfortunately, Saville is not the most imaginative house, and, consequently, the best we could come up with was to pin the crown on the Queen. I imagine we probably could have come up with something better if the house hadn't forgotten until the day before, (again, we are not the most organised, but we are really good on a rugby field)!

Setting up on Tuesday, I remember thinking, 'This is what is going to happen; the nerf gun stall will attract all of the children, Bentley's beat the goalie will be popular, and Cave has a bad location, so no one will find them. We will get a few punters, but remain quiet for the rest of the time - I can deal with that. How wrong I was. As the Junior's came streaming down the ramp, half went straight to the guns, (I can't blame them), but then I saw at least twenty of them come straight to us, as I looked on in bewilderment! Surely this is just a novel mistake, and they will soon be drawn by the appeal of football. Indeed, I was wrong!



Our stall was so popular that Cave must have racked up at least 20 pity points by the end, and, despite Mr Affleck's best efforts, we still had a queue stretching back to the coronation! I was aware that we would be facing a far more discerning audience in three days' time, our own peers...


Now, you may think that the Senior section would have far less interest in this novel stall, and indeed the start was slow. We did have a trickle of people stumbling into our stall. Well, it can't have been that slow, as Saville did manage to rack up over 150 house points by the end of the afternoon, (and, before you say anything, our stall was completely devoid of bias, OBVIOUSLY)!

Turn to Page 23 to read about some of the exciting QED activities our senior section boys have enjoyed recently...



Things did dry up around 3:30, but I think that was more due to Mr Pottage sitting on the, 'Splat the Captain with sopping sponges' station, than a lack of enthusiasm from Illyas Formuli - Vice Captain - who was really excellent over the two days, and Fabien Selka, who was more adept at making novel things out of blue tack than attracting people to the stall, but who had generously offered to help out setting up, after I suffered an unfortunate accident that morning.

Overall, I think the whole school really got behind the celebrations, and, I know I can speak for the majority of the boys in saying that we had a right royal time - God Save the Queen!

Nathanael Illingworth - Savile Y9 Captain 

Before half term, I was informed that as part of my duty as Bentley house captain and the Queen's Jubilee, I would have to set-up, arrange and conduct a stall on both Tuesday (Junior Section) and Friday (Senior Section). The first step was to decide between the rest of the house captains, what stalls we would all run. I decided to play it safe and go with a classic - the penalty shoot out! It is a hot favourite with all boys from both sections of the school and is relatively easy to set-up. The other Bentley year captains decided on Pop pong (a safer spin on beer pong) and splat the captains. To set-up the penalty shoot out, the school would provide the goals and we (House Captains) would bring the footballs.



To make it fairer on the younger junior boys, we used different distance lines away from the goal and the traditional 12 paces for the seniors. Everyone has 3 attempts and 1 goal = 1 house point for the scorer's house. On Tuesday, the uptake from the junior section boys was incredible and slightly disorganised, but that helped us understand and prepare for Friday. The junior section were there for just over an hour, but the time flew by for both parties. The senior section was similar, but it was double the time and with both the skill and power of the seniors the afternoon felt longer, but no less fun. The seniors were hosted at the pavilion, and the day was lovely, the sun shone, the band played and thanks to the expert planning of Ms Allen (huge thanks for all the help!) the afternoon was spectacular. Everyone was having a great time and with help from the teachers, the stall ran smoothly. The time soon came though, and for the house captains, clearing. After 20,000 steps, all equipment was away and rubbish that had been left behind was almost all gone so, hot, happy and tired we made our way back to school.



I believe that thanks to the expert planning by all teachers, especially Ms Allen, the Jubilee Celebrations proved a huge success not only for everyone to unwind and have fun, but also to serve as celebration for the Queen's long and illustrious reign. A great day and great memory!

James Rawson - Bentley Y9 Captain 

After being told before half-term that we were going to be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Cave decided to get thinking about what we wanted to do as our stalls. Some houses went for the usual easy ones such as penalty shootouts (not a bad choice though) whereas Cave thought outside of the box and decided to go for activities such as Welly Wanging and Frisbee Golf. Year 9 Cave decided to go for an Egg and Spoon Obstacle Course which I can say was mostly thought of by Mr Affleck. But Mr Affleck has been an amazingly organised and thoughtful House leader as I and many other Cave captains would agree.



After deciding what we were going to do and what we needed to do so, every house captain got to work and for me and deputy captain Billy Child, it meant making sure we had eggs and spoons ready to be purchased and at the games fields for the Tuesday and Friday. We also needed to work out what obstacles we needed to retrieve from the mighty sports hall store that has everything a sportsman could ever want except the amount of boys who want to have a peek and go inside. After doing so, it was just waiting for the countdown before the day that some dreaded knowing there were going to be hundreds of kids pouring down onto the games fields to stalls. However I was actually looking forward to seeing the younger generation of our school and seeing who would come to our stall. On the day, setting up was quite simple as we only needed the eggs and spoons already there and some obstacles from the sports hall to be laid out on the track which in all honestly didn't take too long. Afterwards, we then waited until we saw the first hoard of excited little juniors coming down the drive. Once on the field, most rushed towards the penalty shootout or splat the captains which was as expected. But I was surprised to see that many went elsewhere and once a few saw us, a long line of energetic, chatty and sometimes a little too excited children ranging from year 3 to year 6.

achieved what we had set out to do. Set up a 100m egg and spoon race obstacle course on the athletics track. With cones, cricket stumps, rugby and the wind as a not so helpful hand, the course was going to be difficult. As the junior school came into the fields, I realised that this was going to be harder than Tuesday as to me it looked like there were more. Straight after their lunch, they were let loose like a pack of wolves and all of them ran about laughing, screaming and some shouting but they all looked like they were having fun. Many did come to the obstacle course, some who had visited on Tuesday.

Then came Friday where the weather was stunning and everything was looking like a fabulous afternoon for both Junior and Senior school. But after realising how much setting up we had to do, my legs were wobbling and 15,000 steps later we had finally

Overall, it wasn't a bad turn out. Then came the senior school, who, as expected, weren't as interested as the Junior school were in the Egg and Spoon race. Most were drawn to the likes of penalty shootout or Mr Masterson's very popular rugby tennis which Cave won so I'm not complaining. And then to finish we had to tidy up which is never fun but there was a free ice cream provided for all captains which was a nice way to finish.

Overall, I believe that the Jubilee was a great way to celebrate our monarch reaching 70 years on the throne and for most it was a great way to spend a sunny afternoon instead of staying in a stuffy classroom. Not only that, but the whole setup has shown that in the future, we may be able to hold these kinds of events more often for very special occasions.

Thomas Rose- Cave Y9 Captain 

Junior Section News

Well, here we are at the end of another very enjoyable year at QEGS. It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were coming back to school, still under the restrictive shackles of the pandemic, and wondering if we would ever be able to once again revel in events and activities that make QEGS such a special place. I feel we can (tentatively) say that things are back to normal and a couple of highlights from this year for me were being able to welcome our grandparents back into school on the JS Grandparents' Afternoon and, of course, our productions that were staged throughout the year (the Year 4 Nativity, Year 5 Musical and recent Year 3 and Year 6 plays). These were expertly organised by the staff, superbly acted by the boys and also enthusiastically supported by the audiences so a big thank you from me for all of the effort that went into these.



Charity is a huge part of life at QEGS and we made sure that our Charity Days went ahead with as much excitement and eccentricity as usual. The first of our Charity Days had to be a 'student-only' event and the theme of 'Inspirational People' produced some fascinating costumes. There were a number of Greta Thunbergs and David Attenboroughs, along with some very interesting historical figures, including a highly convincing Franz Liszt, complete with wildly oversized fingers. The second Charity Day saw the reinstatement of the traditional large event with parents in school to witness the pandemonium for themselves! The theme of 'Dress to Express' gave the opportunity for the boys to share something about themselves or something that was important to them.



Aside from these key events, charity and fundraising has been a running theme this year with many boys taking it upon themselves to raise money for highly deserving causes. The Year 6 boys in particular undertook a number of fundraising projects to support charities that were significant for them and their friends.

Kevin Lingavasan raised money for Great Ormond Street Hospital by setting up his own blog featuring inspirational stories about inspirational people.

Nathesh Nanthakumar put in a Herculean fundraising effort in support of the Ceylon Cricket Foundation by completing a 50km charity run & walk during the month of September. The money was used to buy cricket equipment for children in Sri Lanka.

At the turn of the year, Aurav Vinta completed his monumental challenge of writing one poem every single day during 2021 in support of Yorkshire Cancer Research. Aurav made all of us very proud with his efforts and hopes to set up a podcast sometime in the future.

On a similar theme, Rohan Vemula in Year 5 raised an incredible sum of money for Mind - The Mental Health Charity - by setting himself the challenge of creating and drawing a different image every day of the year.

This was a wonderful thing to do and a great way to support those who had found the pandemic a particularly difficult experience.

And, of course, we were all so proud of the strength and perseverance that Leo Fisher showed in his support of a charity that's very close to his heart. Not only were his efforts impressive on an individual level, they were also incredibly inspiring, so much so that James Bird-Smith, Jacob Edge and Zac Hildyard took it upon themselves to set up their own fundraising page for the same charity, in support of Leo.

Very well done to all of you - a truly caring way to contribute to society and something we can all aspire to.

This year sees the departure of some well-loved staff members from the junior section.

Liz O'Malley

After running After School Care so brilliantly, Miss O'Malley will be moving on at the end of this year. We will all miss her, especially the boys who attend regularly and appreciate how she goes the extra mile to make Owls enjoyable and stimulating after a long day at school. Thank you, Miss O'Malley.

Christine Denison

Mrs Denison retired at the end of the Autumn Term after 19 years of service. During her time at QEGS, Mrs Denison had fulfilled many different roles, including: school secretary for Mr Bissett (the previous Head before Mrs Gray), Mrs Gray's PA and the Junior School Admissions Manager. Mrs Denison's son came to QEGS and her daughter went to Wakefield Girls' High School so she really was a part of the fabric of the school and knew the Foundation inside out. We will miss her knowledge and understanding a great deal and wish her an enjoyable retirement, no doubt being kept busy by her beloved Jack-chi, Alfie. Mrs Denison.

Belinda Lindley

Another long-standing member of the QEGS family will be retiring at the end of this year. After 21 years of commitment to QEGS, Mrs Lindley is hanging up her gown, putting the lid on her handwriting pen and closing the class reading book for the final time. Having a passion for all things literary, Mrs Lindley led the JS English department for many years, introducing a number of competitions, challenges and initiatives that have inspired and challenged our boys. Aside from this, I do have to say that one of her greatest achievements is the way she can enthral a class of tired Year 6 boys by generating the most captivating character voices when reading aloud from the class text. We will all miss Mrs Lindley a huge amount and wish her the very best of retirements.

I would also like to make a special mention of the wonderful Year 2 boys and staff who have been with us at QEGS this year. They settled-in immediately and have really made the place their home, running rings around the Year 6s in playtime football matches and achieving a huge number of house points to contribute to the end of year totals. We will not miss them next year as they will be remaining at QEGS as fully fledged Year 3s, however, we will very much miss your teachers, Ms White, Miss Waudby, and Mrs Meredith and Mrs Miller who will return to Pre-Prep to work with their new classes.

Ms White and Miss Waudby, it's been wonderful having you on board as teachers this year and you have given a great deal to the school. We will miss your positive attitude and I hope you will pop back and see us as often as you can.

It was great to be able to welcome everyone back to our JS Speech Day which was a wonderful celebration of the year. Congratulations to Rehmat, Luke and Alfie, our new Junior Section Head Boy Team, who received their badges on the day.



And finally, I would like to wish the very best of luck to our Year 6 boys who will be moving on to the next stage in their educational journey. You are a superb year group and everyone in the Junior Section will miss you and we hope that you pop back and say hello from time to time and let us know how you are getting on.

Parents and boys, I hope you all have a wonderful summer and thank you for making this a very enjoyable first year for me as Director of Junior Section.

Mr R Thompson - Cave
Director of Junior Section



Speech Day Highlights



Tug of War

The Y6 boys got to take part in the traditional House tug of war on Thursday lunchtime. As always the 'pull off' was hotly contested, with the whole of the junior section passionately cheering on their house teams.

Semi Finals

Semi Final 1 - Freeston beat Cave 2 - 0.

Semi Final 2 - Savile beat Bentley 2 - 0

Finals

3rd/4th - Cave beat Bentley 2-0

Final - Freeston beat Savile 2 - 0

Well done to the Freeston team for winning the tug of war!










Mr J Tiffany - Freeston



QEGS Junior Section PE and Games Kit

Our PE and Games kit is provided by Hardgear.
Please visit <https://www.hardgear.co.uk/qegs/>

The list of compulsory items for Junior Section pupils is below:

 <p>QEGS House Tee From £15.99 VIEW MORE</p>	 <p>QEGS PE Short From £14.99 VIEW MORE</p>	 <p>QEGS Ankle Socks £8.00 VIEW MORE</p>	 <p>QEGS Contact Top From £27.50 VIEW MORE</p>	 <p>QEGS Cuffed Stadium Pants £25.99 VIEW MORE</p>
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Senior Section News

The English Department was delighted to welcome back Old Sav, Adam Cunis, on Friday: now an accomplished actor with the Globe Theatre in London, he spent the morning with a Year 12 Literature group, and the afternoon with Year 7, in both instances bringing his tremendous dramatic expertise (and experience) to illuminate challenging texts by Oscar Wilde and Shakespeare.



It was wonderful to see him (literally) 'walking through' Wilde's An Ideal Husband with Year 12: exploring it very much as an actor, and not as a critic or academic 'expert'. This made the text fresh and dynamic for the A-Level students; and I was very much struck by his refusal ever to 'speak down' to a pupil (or, for that matter, a teacher): his interest in others' viewpoints, difficulties and observations is always genuine, never feigned. He has that rare ability to give his total attention to whoever is speaking, which can be truly transformative.

This was also much in evidence with the Year 7 workshop, in which I saw a group of KS3 pupils delighting in the physical and verbal comedy of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream: Adam was able to draw out even the most reticent of pupils, fully involving them, helping them actually experience Shakespeare, rather than just 'study' him: he showed them a writer who might have something real to say to them in an ever-changing world of iPhones and proliferating social media.



For my part, I found it humbling to reflect that I had taught Adam Theatre Studies A-Level way back in 2006 - but here I was, learning so much in turn from him, and very much myself being taught. So - all in all - a fantastic day: thank you, Adam!

Dr C Winborn
Savile

Turn to Page 26 to read more about Adam Cunis' #MadeInQEGS story...

Poetry Promenade 2022

The English Department was delighted to return to an 'actual' Poetry Promenade this year, after a year of virtual events. We had wonderful weather and enjoyed an evening of original poetry from students in KS3 and KS5 on the theme of 'Connections'. The evening included a diverse range of published poetry from The Canterbury Tales (in its original Middle English) to modern performance poetry by Anu Balofin.

As ever, we were so pleased to welcome Mr Dean who entertained us musically with his selection of waltzes from around the UK. He even ended the evening with one of his own compositions in honour of Mrs Dean. Mrs Eggleston's tough 'Connections' quiz had everyone exercising their brain cells and a fabulous evening was had by all. Our congratulations to all of the performers and thanks to the Parents' Association for serving refreshments.

Mrs A Fitzsimons - Freeston

The Barn Owl's Eye

A watchful eye lurking from its perch, knowing all from sound and search.
It takes off in a swift swoop,
Flying low to the ground
It sees its prey and opens wide
Until 't'was too late to realise
The rodent snapped up, unprepared to die.
It was caught by the Barn Owl's Eye.

It all goes without say, this being of tan, cream and grey
Finds its prey with total ease
And nabs them with its bronzed beak.
Its wings, curved for ease of flight
Are powerful, and contain its might.
They take off, leaving all land behind
As it is watched, by the Barn Owl's Eye.

A screech calls, from midsummer's air, the dusk
staying orange and fair.
The low flying missile
Raises into a tree
Black gems pop out
From inside its beak
A nest. It builds
From the remains of those
Dispatched, by the Barn Owl's Eye.



Sam Williams 7FES

My Culinary Club Experience

Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed participating in the after-school club known as Culinary Club. After a full year of inability to participate in near to none Extra-curricular clubs due to COVID restrictions this was a great opportunity for me to excel in something which I thoroughly enjoyed doing during lockdown - within the free QED slots which we had. During my time at the culinary club, we experimented with many different savoury and sweet dishes some of which included brownies, mac n' cheese and we even learnt the fascinating skill of filleting a fish - which became highly useful to show off to my parents! Ms Allen allowed us to open our palates to any recipe of our desire which certainly taught us many different life skills along the way. I cannot wait to continue cooking throughout the summer with the new skills which I have learned and to sign back up for Culinary Club in the subsequent years to come.

Ayan Sinha - Savile

I've had great fun at the Culinary Club. At first, I thought that I was going to be absolutely hopeless and end up burning down the cookery suite. However, we all ended up making some pretty good food. For the first two weeks, we started easy - making jam biscuits and chocolate chip cookies. But as the weeks progressed we started to work on more specific skills that could help us in future culinary activities. For example, Ms showed us how to make a cheese pasta sauce and how to fillet a fish - I wasn't very good at the latter - but it was still incredibly useful. Overall, It's great fun, very useful and I would definitely do it again next year.

Oscar Smith - Bentley



Oscar was crowned Inter House Masterchef competition champion earlier this year!

Artist of the Week



This week's artist of the week is Eisa, with this stunning linocut. We particularly like the directional mark making and balance of light and dark in this dramatic print.

Well done, Eisa.

Mrs M Caines - Freeston



Congratulations to our very own Ben and Faaris, who have been selected to represent Yorkshire as part of the England Hockey Performance Centre Challenge Cup for the national tournament in July.

QEGS Extra-Curricular Programme Roundup

With the COVID-19 restrictions abating, the Extra-Curricular programme returned with aplomb this year with over 35 clubs offering numerous and various activities for the boys to experience. Both lunchtime and after school clubs were extremely popular with over 4,000 attendances from Year 7 to 13 throughout the year. The two 'Give It a Go' weeks in October and January were excellent opportunities for many boys to discover brand new talents and passions with the uptake in Years 7 and 8 being particularly high. All this goes to show that QEGS really is a place where its pupils can find a home whatever their niche.

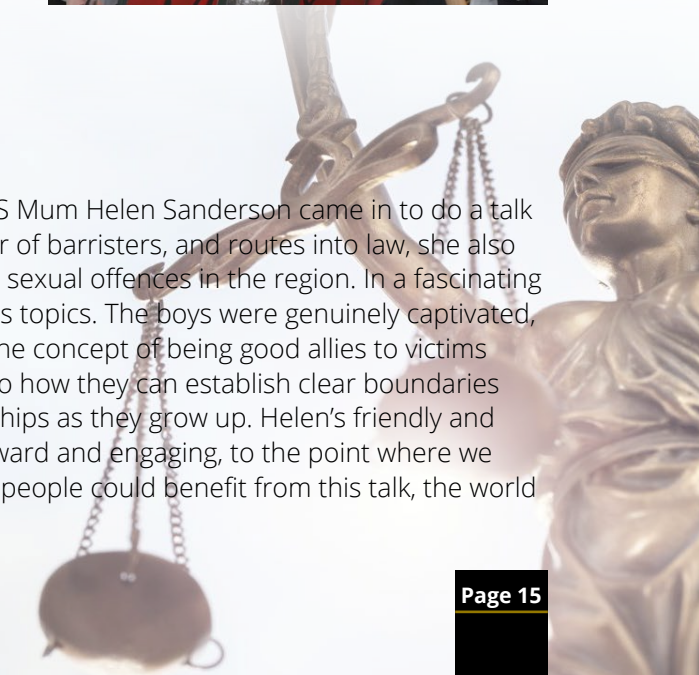
In Culinary Club, boys were perfecting their bakery skills whilst in Biology Club boys conducted complex DNA analysis as well as the traditional dissection of animal organs. Bridge Club continued to be a popular activity as did D&D and Warhammer where fantastical creativity shone brightly. The Chess Club had its usual competitive edge and the SALT Club practised spectacular light shows in preparation for the Christmas and Summer Concerts. Philosophy Through Film and Roman Mysteries Club got the boys thinking and questioning whilst Time Commanders and the Medieval Re-enactment Society helped its attendees relive historical battles and even make their own chainmail. The Chemistry and Geography Clubs focused on explosions and death, and were unsurprisingly instant hits, whereas Mindfulness Colouring slowed down the pace providing a zen-like atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. These are just a selection of the opportunities provided for the boys this year with even bigger and better things to come in September.

Mr M Archer - Savile

Year 12 Enjoys a Special Guest Visit

Senior District Crown Prosecutor for West Yorkshire and QEGS Mum Helen Sanderson came in to do a talk with Year 12 in PSHE. As well as explaining her role as a trainer of barristers, and routes into law, she also talked about her role as chief prosecutor for rape and serious sexual offences in the region. In a fascinating talk she discussed legal and moral issues around these serious topics. The boys were genuinely captivated, asking lots of excellent questions and very much buying into the concept of being good allies to victims as well as protecting not only females and themselves, but also how they can establish clear boundaries so that they can enjoy positive and trusting romantic relationships as they grow up. Helen's friendly and down to earth personality really made things both straightforward and engaging, to the point where we were even able to have a few laughs at times! If only all young people could benefit from this talk, the world would be a better place.

Mr J Jones - Freeston Head of Year 12



Science Reading Challenge

This term saw the launch of the Science Reading Challenge. Picking from a specially curated list of exciting and engaging popular science, science fiction and other novels with a science or nature woven through the story, boys can earn House points for books read and reviewed over the next year.

With titles ranging from Watership Down to The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Northern Lights to Metamorphosis, Bad Science to How to Teach Quantum Physics to Your Dog, there's something for every enquiring mind. Boys can view the lists for the three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, online or in the Hub and add a sprinkle of science into their summer reading.

Mr D Higgins - Bentley

Kaizen 改善 and Time Travel

I always use the end of the summer term to reflect on the academic year that has passed and also put some serious thought into making the best possible start in September. I would like to relate two concepts that I'm particularly mindful of at this time in the school year.

The first concept is Kaizen. This is a Japanese term that in its simplest form means "change for the better". Kaizen speaks to a deeper meaning which is a philosophy of continual improvement in all aspects of a person or organisation's approach. The idea is that implementing small changes and being vigilant about where to make improvements will lead to significant results.



The second concept is time travel. I really enjoy movies with a time travel or time loop structure with my favourites when growing up being Back to the Future and Groundhog Day. In Back to the Future, Marty McFly travels back to 1955 and can influence events in his parent's past to change his future for the better. In Groundhog Day, Bill Murray's Phil relives the same day again and again until he achieves complete understanding of the people and events in the small town of Punxsutawney. Other films to recommend would be Source Code, Edge of Tomorrow, About Time, Tenet, Palm Springs and Dark (TV series) which all take this concept and explore the consequences of transtemporal travel in interesting ways.



Set "The Grandfather Paradox" to one side and enjoy the ride. If you are a gamer I would also recommend Deathloop, The Outer Wilds and 12 Minutes. You may be starting each loop again but you are now armed with the most important weapon of all - knowledge.

As a teacher, I work in one of the most cyclical industries that exists. My teaching time loop is each academic year and I have now participated in more revolutions of the calendar than my youthful appearance would suggest. Every year I experience the highs and lows of school life from the buzz of meeting new classes in September to the monotony of marking summer assessments and everything in between. For me, each year is another chance to improve my own skills, create resources, refine my lessons and further develop how the Maths Department at QEGS operates - the goal: to improve the experience and outcomes for all our boys. Time loops and kaizen in action.

As a student I would encourage you to reflect in a similar way.

Now you have the chance to start fresh in September- How will you apply kaizen to your academic approach?

Students don't get repeated attempts at the same year like a time traveller (or teacher) might so how can we apply this concept to you?

Year 11 and 13 have now completed their GCSE and A Level exams and will be enjoying a well deserved rest over the summer. After completing their final Maths exam I asked them the following question - "Imagine you are starting Year 11/13 for the first time... what is the best advice you would give yourself?"

If you are a student who will be in their final year of GCSE or A Level in September I urge you to read the words of wisdom below which, if you have been paying attention, could be your own future selves calling back through the time loop to assist you on this life changing mission.

Mr T Becker - Freeston

Keep on top of all the topics you learn in the year, so they are familiar and easy when you come to revise them.

Reuben Taylor

I should have spread out my revision time more since the start of Y11, instead of mostly revising in the last 2 months! Just 20-40 minutes each evening would have definitely saved me time and stress when revising the harder subjects.

Zane Tam-McMillan

A "little but often" approach to revision is key. Also, I found it very useful to find that balance between studies and hobbies and in particular for me exercise as it was a great stress relief.

Harry Bowser

Students being attentive during lessons which can minimise the amount of work/ learning needed to be done at home.

Abhinav Vutla

The main thing for me was getting my hands on as many past papers as possible, and leaving one for the day before the exam to treat as an exam conditions mock. From there it's easy to see which areas need work, and you can do Hegarty's / Dr Frost to target that skill.

James McKinley-Smith

Clinics are for everyone, so go to them.

Oliver Mitchell

Maintain a high work ethic both in and out of the classroom: this means applying yourself to absorbing information in class, reviewing work regularly to solidify knowledge and finding help when things aren't understood. Keeping a healthy balance between work and rest is also essential, especially when there are numerous activities to slot into the schedule. To do this, I found making a routine and sticking to it was successful for me - it significantly improved my motivation to work whilst also allowing me to pursue my hobbies.

Roman Tempest

Past paper club helps a lot so you should go every week.

James TeufaAwounang

Enjoy every moment in and out of class. It's easier to learn when you're enjoying what you're learning - you only do year 13 once!

Thomas Coulthard

My best advice would be to do past papers from an early stage of the year. Even as early as October/November. I think that this would really improve your skills in the final few questions and by doing the papers regularly, you are constantly reinforcing the skills you learnt in the previous papers and applying them in the new paper. Also, when you are marking the paper, pay close attention to the methods used and not just the final answer.

Srichand Myneni

Do as many past papers as possible and on weaker areas use Hegarty Maths but you can never do too many past papers.

Thomas Leaver

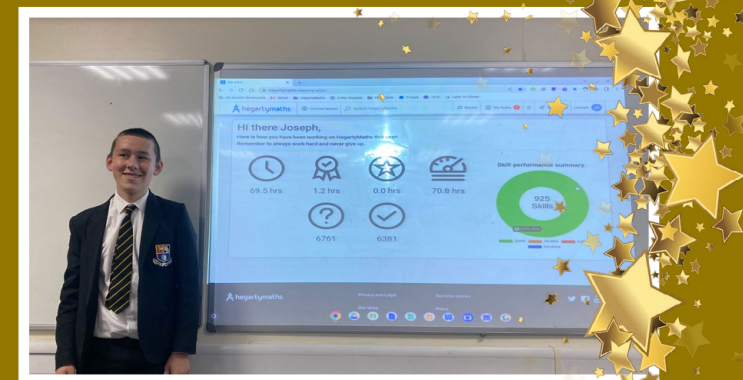
The best advice I could offer would be: Don't panic, Listen to the teachers, Keep on top of all the work, it will be worth it.

Oscar Campbell

Year 9 Hegarty Maths

Joe Groves in 9TJL completed the last of the 925 Hegarty Maths tasks this week. 2,000,000 students have access to Hegarty, but Joe is one of very few students to have completed all tasks by Year 9.

Well done Joe!



Harlow Carr Photography Visit

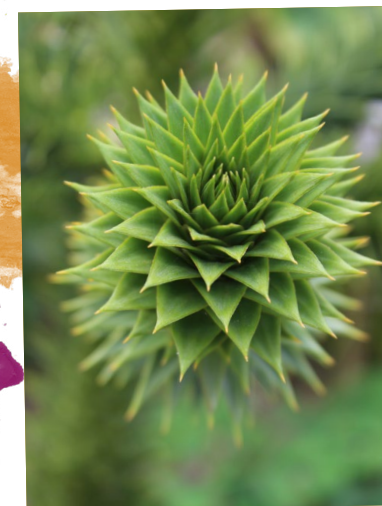
On 28th June our next cohort of GCSE Photography students visited the magnificent RHS Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate, as a means of getting to know the DSLR cameras that we use for the course.

The gardens are spectacular at any time of the year, but are particularly beautiful in the summer. Students were tasked with applying compositional techniques to their photography, in order to create balanced and aesthetic photographs that challenged normal perspectives of the natural world.

Techniques included using unusual camera angles, incorporating leading lines, considering the cropping or framing of an image and applying the 'rule of thirds'.

In the second half of the day, students used black and white film cameras to collect images of the landscape that would emphasise contrast and texture. We are looking forward to developing these photographs in September, using traditional darkroom photography techniques. A number of our students have relatives or family friends who used to develop their own photographs at home, in DIY darkrooms. The students are fascinated at the prospect of trying this out for themselves. Do watch this space - we will share the results!

Mrs M Caines - Freston



Radcliffe Scholars Visit the Etihad

The Radcliffe Scholars in Y7-9 all had a fantastic day out at the Etihad Stadium on the 30th June. 45 students across the three year groups travelled to Manchester to see the home of the Premier League Champions, where they got a behind the scenes look at one of the most state of the art stadiums in the world.

Students were shown an interactive video of the club's history before they took a seat in the most expensive seats in the stadium. They then experienced the players match day where they visited both home and away changing rooms, the warm-up areas, as well as walking down the tunnel and players entrance onto the pitch and dug out area. The highlight for most of the students though, was their chance to sit next to Pep in an after-match interview.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed their trip, behaved impeccably throughout, and look forward to next year's PE trip.

Mr D Berry - Savile



My next event is the nationals at Leeds in July and then the next big focus is the world championships, currently to be hosted by Turkey in 2022.

Daniel Wilcock - Savile

QEGS' World Dance Champion

Already the proud recipient of QEGS' 'starry starry tie' for outstanding achievement, Luke Ducker has returned from the Dance World Cup in San Sebastian, Spain, with the following medals:

- + Gold in Lyrical solo
- + Gold in jazz duet
- + Silver in jazz solo
- + Bronze in ballet duet
- + Bronze x2 in group dances

A truly amazing tally of results!
QEGS could not be prouder of our Head Boy!



In My Own Words...



With Daniel



You're doing what? Playing hockey underwater? How is that possible? These are the usual questions I get asked when I tell people I play octopush for Great Britain.

In 2019 the world octopush championships were held in Sheffield. My dad took me along to watch and I became totally hooked. It was something I definitely wanted to have a go at. I found a local club, borrowed some kit and gave it a go. Three years later, I find myself competing for GB in the under 17 team at Mulhouse. After a long weekend of competitions we find ourselves champions! So, some of you are probably still wondering what this sport is. Essentially it consists of two teams playing hockey underwater without any air tanks. You wear snorkel, mask and fins and swim with a bat. The aim is to get the puck (similar to an ice hockey puck) into the opposition's goal (a metal trough). This all happens under the water and the real art is learning when to be at the bottom of the pool and when to come up and breathe. It's a game that needs good lung capacity, manoeuvrability, and the ability to push your body to its limits when you're desperately trying to defend or secure a goal; all whilst holding your breath.



Congratulations to Year 9 students Ewan and James, who have both been selected for the Wakefield Trinity Academy Scholarship Programme.



Tennis Stars Crowned West Yorkshire Champions

Our U13 and U15 boys Tennis squads played their last league game of the season at Roundhay on Monday and both have become West Yorkshire Champions. They now move through to the Yorkshire and North East rounds in September. Both B team squads finished 2nd in Division 2 where they competed well against a lot of other Schools A teams and came out on top in most games.

Year 8 Enterprise Students Reach National Careers Challenge Finals

Congratulations to our two teams of Y8 National Careers Challenge finalists who presented their ideas for a new Thorpe Park attraction and immersive queue experience to a panel of industry experts, including former Dragon and founder of Moon Pig Nick Jenkins, at the ICC Birmingham.

We are very proud of the boys as they demonstrated great courage and entrepreneurial spirit. A day to remember!

Mrs C Mackay - Bentley
Enterprise Coordinator



Year 12 London DT Trip

It was a splendid day out. After the two-and-a-half-hour train journey down, the first port of call was the New Designers exhibition with 2,500 hand-picked graduate design talent from around the UK. Along with 200 flagship universities. These projects included everything from chairs to model boats. We looked at the designs that people had made, taking inspiration to apply into our own NEA projects. After looking around the different projects, we walked through Islington to the Design Museum. This building had iconic designs such as the Juicy Salif, the iMac and pieces of work from Alessi. We then took the tube, a favourite mode of transport amongst us, to Portobello road where we looked at antique shops and food from different cultures. Being used to northern prices, we weren't ready for the extortionate prices of ice cream in the capital. We really enjoyed this trip to mark the end of our Y12 Design Technology year, and look forward to incorporating the inspiration and advice from the exhibition and museum into our own work.

Ronnie Parker (Cave) & Jack Brough (Cave)

Bouldering Club meets every Thursday after school and makes use of the brilliant facilities at City Bloc, an indoor bouldering centre in Leeds. Boys attending through the academic year have made excellent progress under the watchful eye of the instructors at City Bloc, and from watching the climbing skills of the attending teachers!

Bouldering involves climbing up an artificial wall to a height of approximately 4 metres above crash mats (there are no ropes). Routes are set at different grades using colour coded hand and foot holds. These routes are reset regularly to provide fresh mental and physical challenges.

Boys work towards completing all routes at a particular grade level, with the intention of climbing higher grades in time. This means lots of work on "blues, greys and oranges" with the occasional "yellow" for the stronger climbers. The environment is very supportive and the focus is more about challenging yourself and getting "Bloc Strong" than being better than someone else.

There is also a competitive element to bouldering and to this end City Bloc hosts a Summer League in their dedicated competition room. Points are scored for finishing a route on the 1st, 2nd or 3rd attempt, with a successful first attempt being known as a "flash". It has been great to see some of our lads (Charlie Fisher and Ciaran McWilliam) getting their names onto the top 10 Junior Male Leaderboard.

Big thanks to Polly Loftus, Diana Bracewell, Dom Higgins and Tim Lister for supporting the Bouldering Club all year. We'll be looking to get climbing again in September so keep an eye out for information if this sounds like your thing.

Mr P McWilliam - Savile



Fishing Trip Report

With much excitement we returned to West Lake fishery for the first time in three years. We excitedly set off on Wednesday eagerly anticipating what was to come & all looking forward to Mr Palin's fantastic cooking (and some great fishing!)

On Thursday we all had a great day with everyone catching multiple fish - except Mr Benn who is still awaiting his first catch of the trip. However, a visit to the clay pit on Friday and a house competition planned later in the week we should be set to have a good time.

A full account of the trip will be provided in the Savilian magazine published in the Autumn term.

George Bailey - Cave



Sports Day Highlights



#MadeinQEGS Initiatives

Mentoring

We would start this article with a huge thank you! Thank you to all the Old Savs who have volunteered their services as mentors - you have been wonderful! Following a successful pilot of our #MadeinQEGS mentoring scheme, earlier in the year, we have now rolled out this initiative to our current Year 12 boys with over 20 boys signing up to take part.

We are so proud of you, our alumni, and this scheme is the perfect chance for us in school to celebrate all the great things that our students go on to do, whilst giving you - our Old Savs - an opportunity to provide a guiding hand to boys on the brink of their own careers.

We have boys wanting to meet Old Savs who work in everything from Finance to Zoology, from Automotive Engineering to Journalism. Medicine is a perennial favourite and this year we also have aspiring dentists and vets as well as pharmacists and physicists.

As you will see from our images, meetings take place online which increases the access our current students have to you all. It is wonderful to see you in person but we understand that isn't always possible so we have found Google Meets to be an ideal platform for the mentoring conversations.

Your impact cannot be underestimated but we also hope that you can get something from the process. As one Old Sav said last week, it's an ideal opportunity to give something back.



Rohan talking all things Computer Science.



Jack getting advice in making his application for Zoology.

And that's not all, read on for another exciting opportunity to inspire the current generation of QEGS' students...

Mr M Fitzsimons - Freeston
Director of Studies

#MadeinQEGSTV

The new highlight of Wednesday afternoons at 4pm is tuning in to watch Mr Fitzsimons interviewing our Old Savs for our #MadeinQEGSTV initiative.

Since the Pilot with former Head Boy James Bowler (OS 2015) last year, we now have 10 episodes 'in the can' with more planned for the coming weeks and into the Autumn Term.

The interviews are live on Instagram and explore the professional lives and experiences of Old Savs in their time since leaving school.



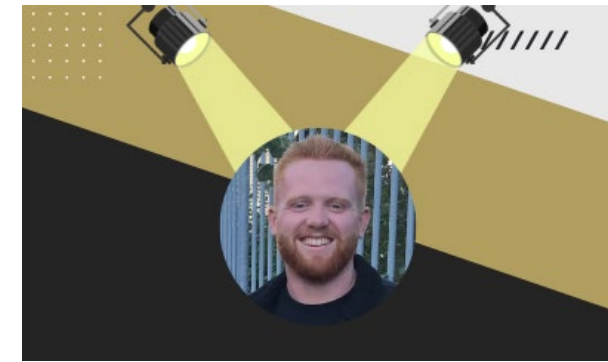
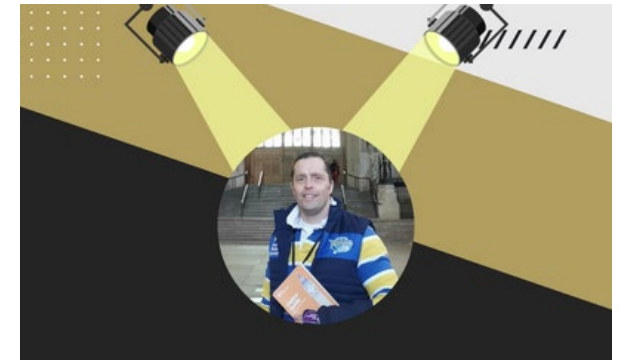
Episode 1 - James Bowler (OS 2015)

In our pilot episode, James talks about his experiences as a Management Consultant in Buffalo, NY and explains why he now talks with a different accent!



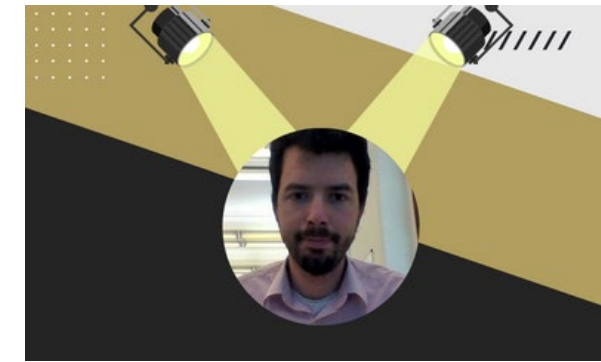
Episode 6 - Dave Lancaster (OS 1992)

In the same week as he left the Royal Signals Corps, Dave joined us to reflect on his lifelong career with the Army and what he plans to do next.



Episode 2 - George Howe (OS 2015)

George talks about his journey from studying MFLs to his burgeoning career as a session musician being curtailed by a Global pandemic, culminating in his rapid rise to Night Shift Manager with Amazon.



Episode 7 - Mark Pickard (OS 2007)

Mark is a Policy Advisor for HMRC in Whitehall and this was a most enlightening interview as we found out all about how he became a Civil Servant along with his advice for aspiring students interested in pursuing such a career.

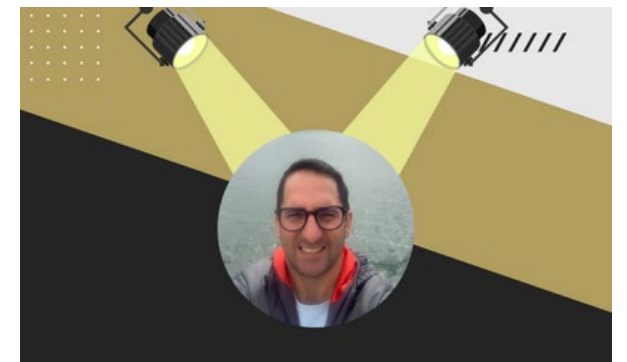
Episode 3 - Adam Cunis (OS 2007)

Adam is a Shakespearean actor, educator and voiceover artist who gives an eloquent and fascinating account of his life in London and the challenges faced by aspiring actors in the pre- and post-pandemic world.



Episode 8 - Seif Ahmad (OS 1996)

Seif is an A&E Consultant in the United Arab Emirates and he talks to us about his life and times in medicine, and why he and his family decided to take the opportunity to work in the Middle East during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Episode 4 - Dr Jon Markham (OS 1996)

Jon is a Patent Attorney and he tells us all about his journey on this unique and intriguing career pathway, from studying Physics to qualifying in the legal profession.

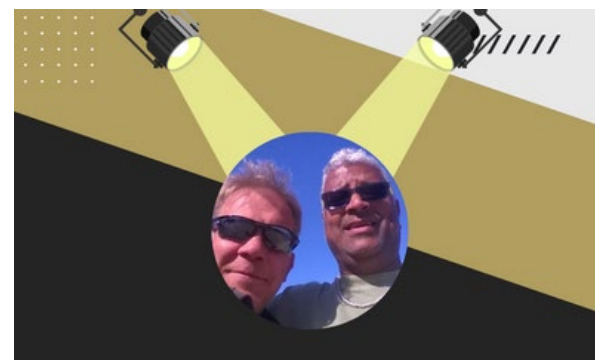


Episode 9 - Roshan Das (OS 2015)

Roshan is close to completing his qualification as a Corporate Tax Associate in Leeds, by way of studying Economics at Edinburgh, leading the University Hockey club and getting himself cast in a Bollywood movie!

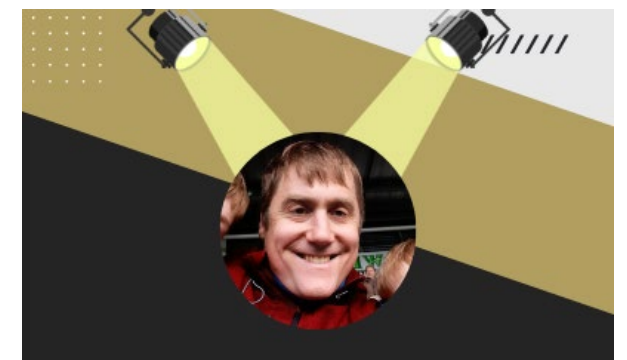
Episode 5 - Jim Hey (OS 1990)

Jim is Group Business Development Manager for a company you've possibly never heard of but which has been around for 175 years. He specialises in renewable energy but his story has many varied and interesting chapters!



Episode 10 - Iain Angus (OS 1998)

Iain has worked in the Computer Games Industry for over 20 years and he joins us to reflect on his experiences working for some of the biggest companies in the business, and including some invaluable advice about getting advice!



Episode 11 - Billy Brand (OS 2012)

Billy joins us from London to tell us about his journey from work experience in an Architecture and Town Planning office to becoming a Chartered Structural Engineer.



If you want to watch any of these episodes on 'catchup' - the Archive is here:

<https://wgsf.org.uk/qegs/podcasts/>

Any Old Savilians who would like to get involved with #MadeinQEGSTV please click here to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/3LOluLd>

Our Year 12s need more Mentors! - if you'd like to volunteer to help please click here:

<https://bit.ly/3LWChMk>

Mrs A Eggleston - Bentley
Director of Studies

Spotlight On: Old Savilians

Since leaving QEGS life has taken quite a few transitions. I qualified in Dentistry at Newcastle University in 2011, following which I undertook further training and qualification working in Oral Surgery, Restorative Dentistry, Sedation, Oral Medicine, Community Dentistry, private and NHS practice. I gained a diploma in conscious sedation in dentistry and worked my way up to be a clinical trainer for Newcastle upon Tyne NHS trust. This job involved training dental students and postgraduates in oral surgery and sedation. I'd managed to rapidly accelerate into such a position that usually takes many years to get to.

This was achieved by having a real passion for the work, taking the right jobs that interested me the most and making friends in the right places. Ensuring you get a very long string of letters after the name always helps too in this area, but does come at a cost with lots of studying and exams.

Life had other ideas for me though and took an unexpected twist with a diagnosis of bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome in 2017.



This basically means getting numbness and loss of grip in both hands, not ideal for the field of surgery where you need both good feeling and grip.

Moving to the present day, 2 surgeries to the right hand later, and still awaiting a fix for the left, I have been unable to work in dentistry since 2017. But fortunately, a passion for beekeeping and my wife Suzie have been a bit of saviour in the last couple of years keeping the home fires burning when an income protection insurance company let us down.



My wife Suzie finished a PhD in molecular nutrition and started working in a business we set up Northumberland Honey Company, producing honey and a 'champagne method' sparkling mead. Back when this business started with only 20 colonies of bees there was no idea where it would lead to or what it could mean to us now. With some misfortune and some occasional good luck along the way, the company is now supporting us both and 2 bee farming apprentices.

We now keep 200 colonies of bees, produce thousands of queen bees a year to sell to other beekeepers and produce around 6-8 tonnes of honey a year, not to mention the sparkling mead.

Looking forward I hope to be able to utilise my skills in dentistry again if the next surgery is successful. I had never appreciated just how long something like carpal tunnel could take to

be fixed. The important message here I think is to not be too reliant on one thing, one company or one idea ever. Spread your net widely, enjoy what you do, appreciate there is always another way forward, and if anyone is looking for a very different career, Northumberland Honey Company is part of the Bee Farmers Association apprenticeship scheme and is always on the look out for the next apprentice!

Luke Hutchinson



Sports Association News

Golf Day

Thank you to all who attended the Golf Day at Wakefield Golf Club, proudly sponsored by Sandal BMW. The rain held off for nearly all of the day and raised an amazing £3678.

Golf Umbrellas

The Sport's Association have purchased some QEGS golf umbrellas to keep you dry during the various sporting fixtures in the British weather. Various committee members will be at sporting fixtures throughout the year with stock to sell or alternatively, you can contact the senior school office and order via there. Umbrellas cost £25 and payment can be made by bank transfer to the SA account.

100 Club

Our committee will be at various sporting fixtures over the coming year to promote our 100 Club. If you sign up before the end of the December term, you will be entered into a free prize draw to win a weekend away at a luxury lakeside property on Lake Windermere. The cost is £5 per calendar month made by direct debit and a monthly draw takes place with prizes of 1 x £100 and 2 x £25. If you would like to be part of our 100 Club or for more information, please email Justin at qegs100club@xbmltd.com.

For further information on the Sport's Association and its aims and objectives, please visit the school website or contact Sarah Marshall (Chair) via the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer filled with sports!

Stevensons Uniform

As you will be aware, the Foundation has changed its uniform supplier to Stevensons - in fact many of you may have called in to the pop up shops which were held at QEGS and WGHS over the last couple of weeks. Before ordering it may help to refer to the letter which I sent in June (which can be found on Firefly) covering whether items are optional or compulsory.

Stevensons website is now up and running. Can we politely remind parents that the deadline for all orders is the 31st July; this will ensure all in stock orders are with you by the start of term (some items which are currently out of stock might not be in for start of term i.e holdalls).



Afternoon Tea

What a delightful afternoon at the Three Acres Emley in the glorious sunshine. Thank you again to all those who attended and supported the event. A further £450 was raised.

Clothes Bank

A clothes bank for any unwanted clothing items is situated in the games field car park, near to where the away coaches park. Monies raised goes the Sport's Association fund to support the boys directly with their sporting activities.

The following links may be of some use when setting up your online account:

How to register online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLSuFoCPINU>

How to measure for uniform:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZb_oU1dVMY

Mrs C Palin - Freeston

Assistant Headteacher

SCHOOL WEAR ORDER DEADLINE

We politely request all web orders
are placed before July 31st

This is to guarantee in stock items
are delivered before the start of
school.

Our customer service team are
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or email customerservices@stevensons.co.uk



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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

Key Dates

- 25-28 Jul DofE training
- 20-26 Aug Spanish Watersports trip

Key dates 2022/23

- 7 Sept Y7, Y10 and Y12 in school
- 8 Sept School open for everyone
- 8 Sept Y12 Induction Evening
- 9 Sept OPRO fittings
- 13 Sept Y13 UCAS evening
- 15/16 Sept Y7&8 Buddy Breakfast
- 16 Sept 'Y14' Speech Evening
- 19-21 Sept Y7 Residential - Windermere
- 20/21 Sept Y13 Interim tests
- 23 Sept Y8 HPV1 vaccination
- 23-25 Sept DofE @ Silverwood
- 1 Oct Open Morning
- 5/6 Oct Y12 Interim tests
- 14-16 Oct St Joseph's Festival
- 15 Oct Antiques Fair
- 20 Oct Y7 Form Tutor Evening
- 21 Oct Break up 4pm