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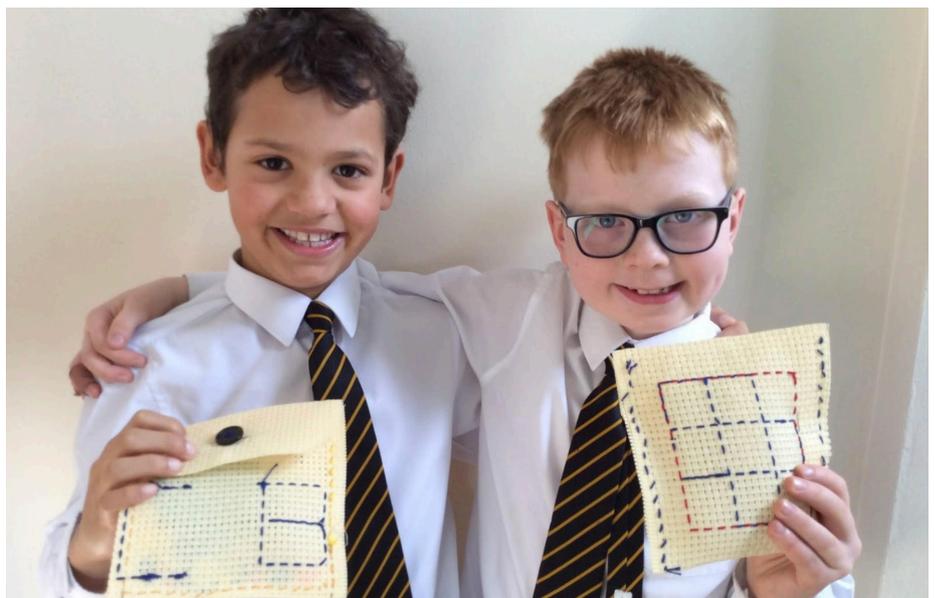
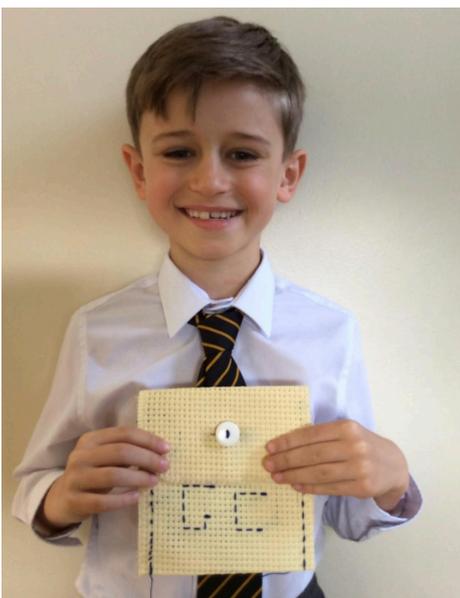
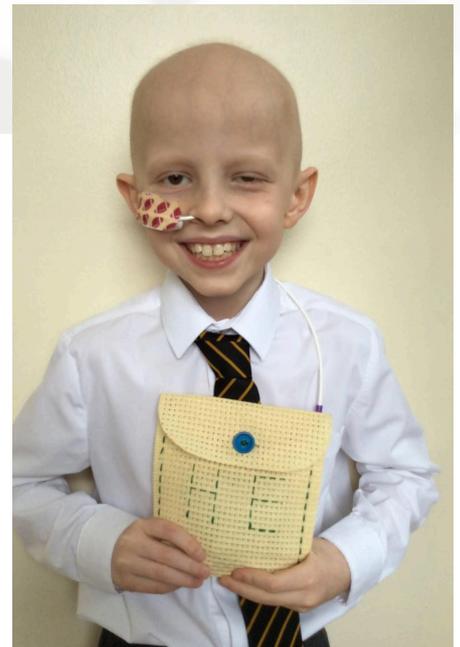


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Junior Section News

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YEAR 3 - Game Bags



The year 3 have finished their game bags. These will be arriving home imminently. The boys have not only made the bag, they have designed the games, with rules, that are played on the grid (noughts and crosses was not an option, they had to come up with their own ideas). I hope all the families of the Year 3 boys enjoy their travel size gaming experience.

The next project will involve the boys cutting wood to make an iPad/tablet/phone holder, which they will design, cut and paint over the summer term.

YEAR 4 - Money Box



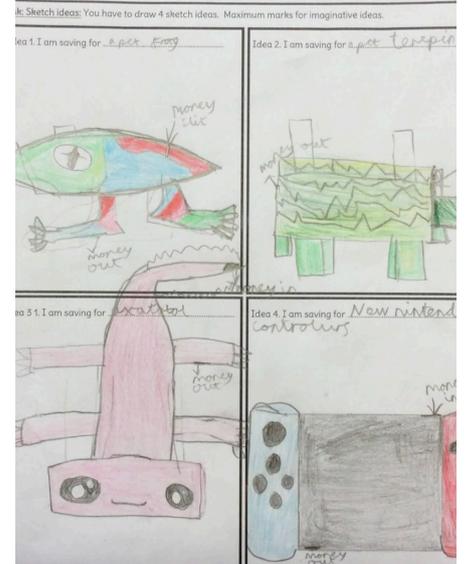
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Year 4 were asked to work out something they were saving up for or a charity they would like to save money for. They then had to draw different themed money box designs related to whatever they want to save for. These designs are now complete and the boys, having chosen their favourite idea, will be working out the net for this moneybox. After that they have to make the net accurately in card and add surface graphics.

YEAR 5 - Really Useful Boxes



These are now complete and I couldn't be happier with the fantastic job the boys have done.

What a fantastic result, with some superb CAD CAM skills in producing the base designs. The accuracy in colouring the bases was also very skillfully done.

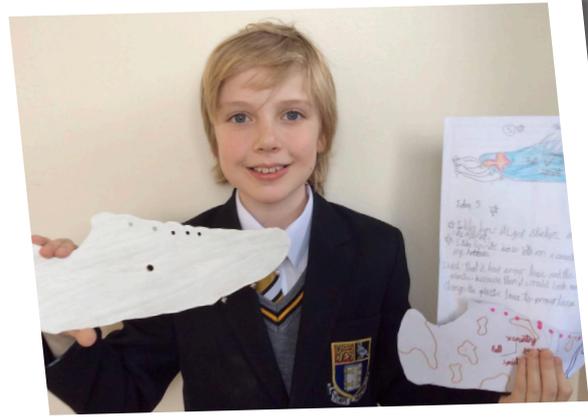
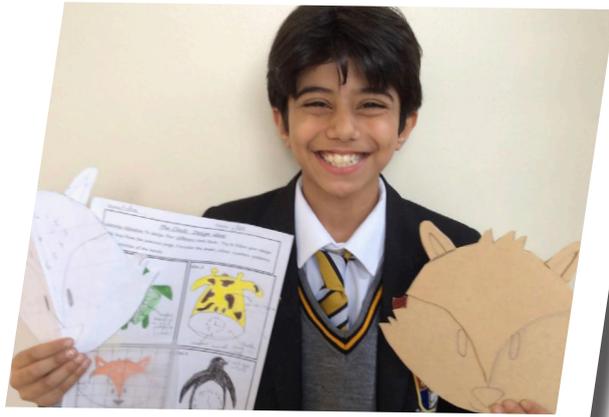
Over the coming term Year 5 will have a new challenge of sewing a pencil pouch.

YEAR 6 - Clock Manufacturing



Excellent progress has been made and all the boys are starting manufacturing their very detailed and varied clock designs.

As you can see the boys are proving up to the challenge of accurately producing their designs. Next term the classes will do the CAD CAM element of the project where they make parts for their clocks on the sticker cutter or the laser cutter, these are usually the numbers and any additional items for their clocks. These amazing clocks will be arriving home sometime in the summer term. I really hope the boys keep and use these clocks for many years to come.



QEGS @ MasterChef Junior School 2024

The MasterChef competition is an **optional** inter-house competition for **Year 6 only**.

The theme of this year's competition is '**A meal suitable for an Olympic athlete**'.

This means I'd like the boys to make a meal which is nutritionally suitable for someone in training for an Olympic event. I would like the boys to consider the nutritional requirements for an athlete and choose a main course that meets these requirements. If in any doubt, please ask me or email me at the address given below.

You need to choose a **savoury main course to serve one person**.

You will need to:

- make sure you can **safely & independently cook** this meal.
- make sure it can be cooked within **one hour (ideally 45mins)**.
- know about the **nutritional value** of your meal.

There will be **three boys from each house** chosen. These boys will be required to provide their own ingredients and cook their savoury dish and present it to the school judges in their house heat. The winner from each house heat will go on to the final, cooking the same dish to compete for the title of **QEGS Junior MasterChef**.

The final will be judged by Dr Brookes and Mr Thompson.

Entries:

Entries require a google doc or google slides with the following information:-

- a **recipe (ingredients and method)**
- **reasons** why you chose this meal for the theme: '**A meal suitable for an Olympic athlete**'
- **Nutritional information** about your meal.

Each entry will earn the individual 1 house merit..

You can hand in your entries **on paper** or share them from your **google drive** with me (mspawforth@wgsf.net). No emails please.

Please make sure your entry has on it your **name, form and house**.

The closing date for entries will be Monday 15th April 2024.

Good luck and let's get cooking!

Mrs Spawforth

World Book Day

The Junior Section had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This year, we asked the boys to dress as a character or a setting that they could include within a story of their own. Standing at the front of our World Book Day assembly, it was clear to see that the boys had thought very carefully about their costumes and I really enjoyed talking to different pupils about the characters or settings that they had chosen. They have since produced some really detailed and accurate book covers, blurbs and narratives based on this theme.

Throughout the morning, pupils from the Junior Section took part in the final of this year's Speaking and Reading Competition. The preliminary rounds of the competition took place at the end of January, with two boys in each class selected to take part in the final. Finalists performed two speeches - one of which was written independently - in front of their peers. This year's judge, Mrs Druett-Arundale, had the unenviable task of choosing a winner from each year group; this was a really tough decision, as the standard set by the finalists was incredibly high this year.

Congratulations to the following boys for winning their individual year group competitions:

Year 3 - James F

Year 4 - Ibrahim A

Year 5 - Nathan H

Year 6 - Rahim G

The overall winner of the U9 competition was Ibrahim. Ibrahim's poetry recitation was outstanding, delivering his lines with real confidence and enthusiasm. The audience were also captivated and intrigued to learn about what Ibrahim would wish for if he were granted three wishes. Rahim was chosen as the overall winner in the U11 category. The U11 finalists were asked to write a speech about a much needed invention. Rahim decided to invent a 'Ticklebot' which would bring joy and laughter to its owner. Rahim spoke with fantastic fluency and expression throughout the competition and was a well-deserved winner of the U11 category. Well done to Ibrahim and Rahim - as well as all of the other finalists who took part in the final of this event.

During the afternoon, boys in Year 5 had the opportunity to read a selection of their favourite stories to pupils at WGPPS. The boys revisited stories and picture books that they enjoyed reading when they were younger and the pupils at WGPPS enjoyed listening to older pupils reading to them.

A number of Junior Section pupils also enjoyed taking part in this year's World Book Day Lego Competition. This competition challenged pupils to build a scene from a book using Lego. There were some brilliant entries to this competition; congratulations to everyone who took part.

Winner: William B (4ND) - Harry Potter, The Chamber of Secrets where Harry and Fawkes, Dumbledore's phoenix, fight the basilisk.

2nd place: Henry Smith 4ABS - Harry Potter, Diagon Alley

Runner up: Angus Tinch 3DJR Goblet of Fire - The Black Lake

Runner up: Freddy Birch 6CNC - Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy

Runner up: William Calvert 6CMC - War Horse by Michael Morpurgo - Joey's Release

Mr Darnton



Inter-house Music

This week saw another captivating set of performances from boys across all age ranges as we held the Inter House music finals to find out who would become the QEGS Young Musicians of the Year. This is Mr Jarvis, our new Director of Music at the Senior Section was our adjudicator and he was very impressed indeed with the standard and number of performances. This year there were 193 performances in total across the heats, semi-finals and finals which was simply superb to see and hear.

This is a competition though and sadly there can only be one (well actually two) winners, but before we get on to those, I just want to say that there were many outstanding performances in the finals though and boys had obviously spent a huge amount of time practising and preparing their performances. Many categories were really just too close to call, especially in the voice and piano sections. I would also like to thank all the boys who took part this year for their efforts and for what was, once again, an absolutely delightful morning of musical performances, showcasing the talent we have at the school.

There were 44 performances across all the categories and the winners of each section are shown below. A huge congratulations to all who took part, and especially so to the winners of each of the following categories.

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| U9 Piano | Vishvan S |
| U9 Voice | Joseph C |
| U9 Wind | Seb C |
| U9 Drums | Abel J |
| U9 Strings | Saathvik S |
| U11 Piano | Oliver L |
| U11 Voice | JJ Lole |
| U11 B&W | JJ Lole |
| U11 Strings | Kasper B |



Inter-house Music



U9 YMOTY 2024 - Joseph C

Huge congratulations to both our winners who were chosen for the detail and depth of their performances as well as the technical challenges which were required by the pieces chosen. Both performances were executed wonderfully with both performers showing a real flair for their performances and a highly developed sense of the shape and flow of the music.

Of course, this is not just an individual competition but a house competition too. The winning house this year once again were Freeston House with a stunning score of 130 points. Well done Freeston for taking the House Music Trophy for a second year in a row.

You will get the opportunity to hear some of our stunning young performers at this year's Spring Concert, which this year will be taking place on Tuesday 16th April in QE Hall. We would very much love you all to come and join us for an evening of music and entertainment. The concert starts at 6pm and will finish at approximately 8pm.



U11 YMOTY 2024 - Oliver L

The first half will feature performances from soloists and Junior ensembles such as the Junior School Choir, Lower School Choir, Orchestra and Guitar group as well as from our prize winners, whilst the 2nd half always features our Year 5 performers. This year they are performing their own take on Shakespeare's Macbeth, featuring 8 songs combined with exciting story-telling to tell this gripping tale.



House Matters - Bentley - Easter Egg Campaign

Bentley House Captains had the privilege of delivering 350 Easter eggs that had been kindly donated by the boys in the Foundation. It was an honour to team up with Yorkshire Children's Charity. Their mission is to make things better for children who are facing the greatest levels of deprivation and destitution in Yorkshire. Providing this many Easter eggs for children in a local primary school was a real testament to everyone associated with QEGS. We have shown we act with kindness and that we participate selflessly in our communities to make a positive, lasting impact. #YCC

Mr Drury, Bentley Head of House



Eid Celebratory Lunch

To mark the celebration of Eid-al-Fitr, we will be preparing a special lunch menu and decorating the dining room. This will take place on Monday 15th April. We will ask for the boys' help with this in producing decorations and selecting music to be playing during the lunch. Parents, if you are able to come into school to help us decorate the dining room prior to lunch on this day, please contact the school office as we would love you to be involved!

Mr Thompson



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A reminder that we have an association with **My Name Tags** through which the PTA receives a donation of 24% of every order. Please just enter the school ID on checkout: **11649**

Extra curricular activities have been in full swing recently in the JS.

All extra curricular information has now been brought into one place on Firefly and can be viewed by clicking [here](#). If your son is interested in attending a club that is on offer please either ask him to approach the member of staff running the club or alternatively please get in touch with me via email.



Key Dates

Easter Holidays

25 Mar - 9 Apr

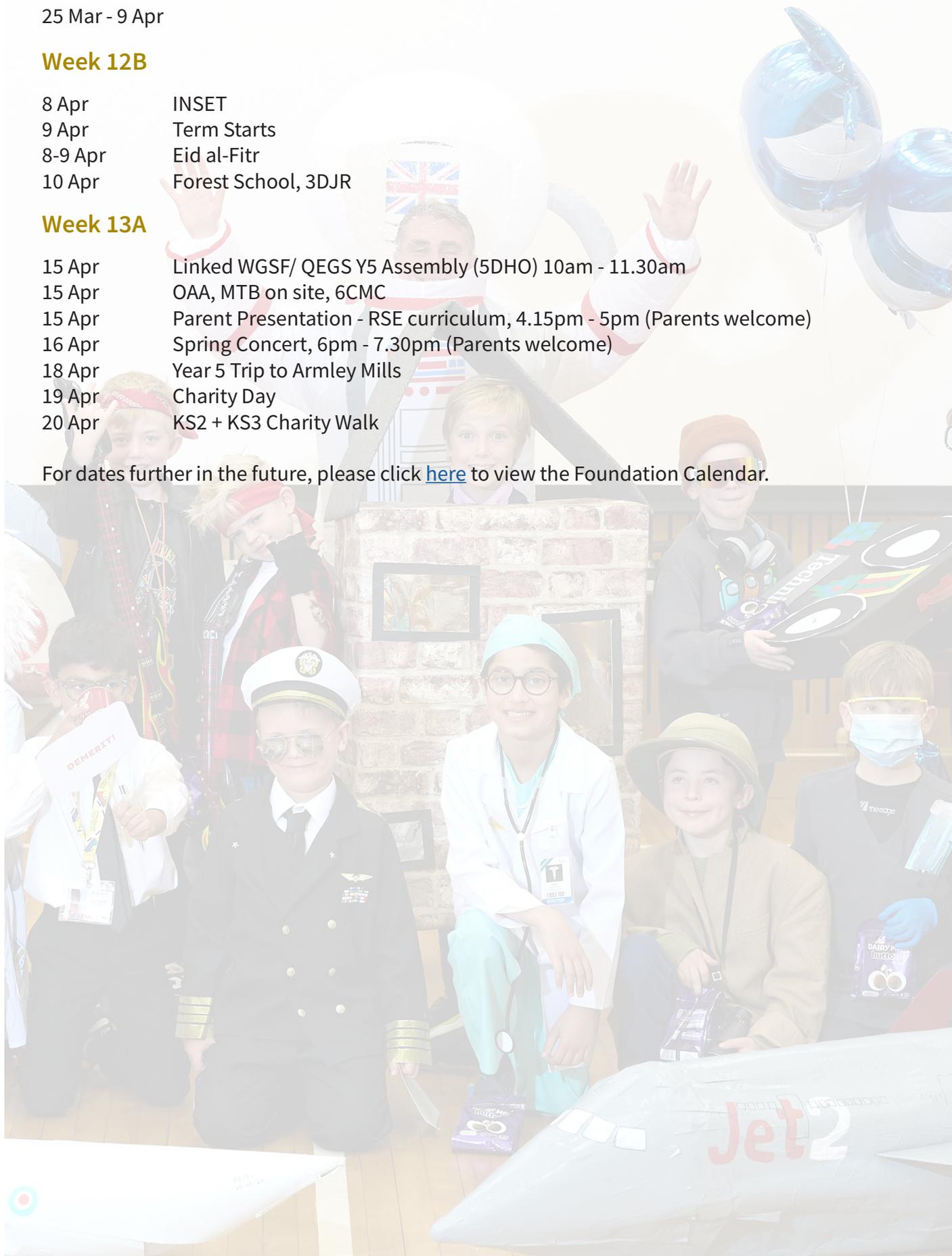
Week 12B

8 Apr INSET
9 Apr Term Starts
8-9 Apr Eid al-Fitr
10 Apr Forest School, 3DJR

Week 13A

15 Apr Linked WGSF/ QEGS Y5 Assembly (5DHO) 10am - 11.30am
15 Apr OAA, MTB on site, 6CMC
15 Apr Parent Presentation - RSE curriculum, 4.15pm - 5pm (Parents welcome)
16 Apr Spring Concert, 6pm - 7.30pm (Parents welcome)
18 Apr Year 5 Trip to Armley Mills
19 Apr Charity Day
20 Apr KS2 + KS3 Charity Walk

For dates further in the future, please click [here](#) to view the Foundation Calendar.



Senior Section

German Play and Career's Day

On Tuesday 12th March our Languages Department hosted the final language play of the year, held in Jubilee Hall for Year 9 and 10 German students. Our German students were in for a treat as they watched 'Der Babysitter' performed entirely in German by Onatti Theatre Production.

The play follows Herr und Frau Müller, who are going to a fancy dress party leaving Sophie to babysit their child, Bruno. Sophie's quiet evening with baby Bruno is interrupted by her ex-boyfriend Jakob who arrives unexpectedly with attempts to win her back by helping with the babysitting. Reluctantly, Sophie agrees and soon has two children to take care of. After an argument, Sophie storms out, leaving Jakob to handle the baby alone. But when the Müllers return early, chaos ensues.

This popular play by Onatti features two native German actors delivering the dialogue slowly and clearly. The goal is for students to easily understand the story, enjoy the performance, and gain confidence in their German language skills.

On Tuesday 5th March, 15 year 9 & 10 students from QEGS & WGHS travelled to Nottingham University in order to take part in a German Career's Roadshow organised by the Goethe Institute. The aim of the event was to provide students with an insight into the relevance of German in professional life. Students attended workshops and talks on 'Intercultural Awareness Training' and 'Why Learn German?' and participated in a quiz about Germany and its language. There were also a variety of exhibition stands hosted by German organisations and German/international companies where pupils could get their hands on a variety of free goodies!

German Debating

Josh Green in Year 12 recently represented QEGs at a MFL debating competition at St Peter's School, York. Sixth Form students from all over the region competed against each other in German and tackled motions such as 'Everyone should be vegetarian' & 'Celebrities are not good role models for young people these days'. Whilst Josh & Abi (from WGHS) did not make the final, they nevertheless did us proud!



House Matters - Freeston

Mrs Williams, Freeston Head of House

Even though this term seems to have been all about exams and parents evenings we have still managed to fit in some house activities along the way.

We finally managed to complete the University challenge competition with Cave coming first overall for the year 13's closely followed by Freeston. Year 12's also had a Cave win with Freeston coming 3rd in what turned out to be a very close contest.

Well done to our Freeston stars in the kitchen who were crowned the Junior bake off winners. The bakers were put through their paces by Mrs Spawforth and let their talent shine through. Well done Freeston. There has been a lot of inter house sports going on this term.

Rugby and football were played over a number of weeks at lunchtime, heats were played, then 3rd and 4th place playoffs, semi finals and then finals for each year group.

Freeston managed a win in year 8 and 10 for Rugby and wins in year 6, 10 and sixth form in Football. Well done to all those involved.

Freeston were also the winners of the Cricket world cup where entrants could score points for correctly predicting the correct winning margin or result for all of the games in this year's Cricket World Cup. It was a nail biting wait for the results.

As always, pupils are awarded House points for getting involved in all these activities so if they want their house to do well they need to get involved.

House Quizzes

This term saw the most popular quiz yet, FORTNITE quiz run by Dr Clark. I did attend this quiz as I always do but unfortunately were of very little help to the team due to having no knowledge of the game. I didn't have to worry though as the boys amazed me with their knowledge of the subject.



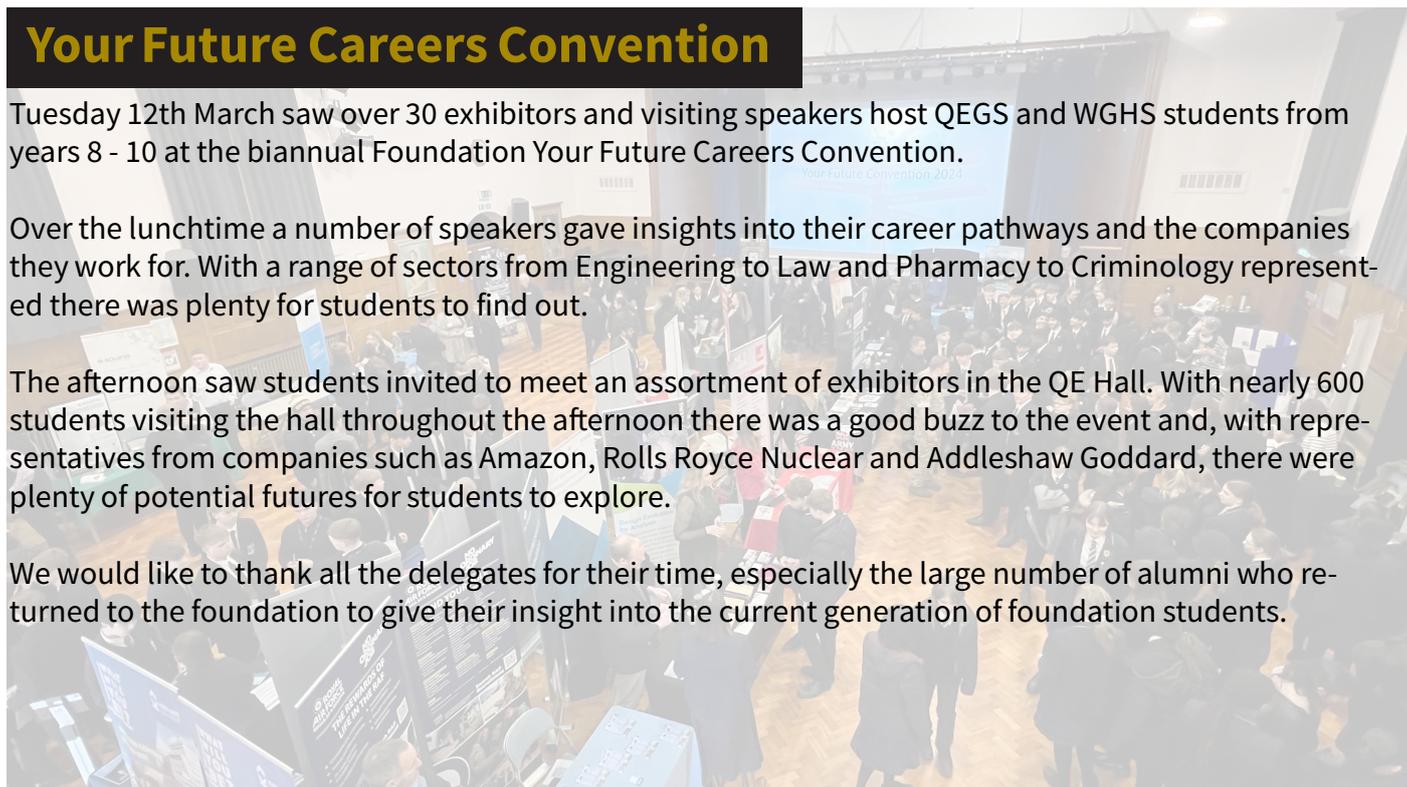
Your Future Careers Convention

Tuesday 12th March saw over 30 exhibitors and visiting speakers host QEGS and WGHS students from years 8 - 10 at the biannual Foundation Your Future Careers Convention.

Over the lunchtime a number of speakers gave insights into their career pathways and the companies they work for. With a range of sectors from Engineering to Law and Pharmacy to Criminology represented there was plenty for students to find out.

The afternoon saw students invited to meet an assortment of exhibitors in the QE Hall. With nearly 600 students visiting the hall throughout the afternoon there was a good buzz to the event and, with representatives from companies such as Amazon, Rolls Royce Nuclear and Addleshaw Goddard, there were plenty of potential futures for students to explore.

We would like to thank all the delegates for their time, especially the large number of alumni who returned to the foundation to give their insight into the current generation of foundation students.



Charity at QEGS

Fundraising for Wakefield Hospice is well underway with in excess of £500 being raised via the 50 Miles in February Challenge. In addition to this there are a number of staff and sixth form boys participating in the Hospice's 10km run on Sunday 24th March.

We are running in support of Team Tom- QEGS and should you wish to sponsor us, you can via this [link](#). Bentley House have continued to support Yorkshire Children's Charity and have also collected a large number of Easter Eggs as part of YCC aim to make things better for children and will be delivered to the allocated primary school this week - in excess of 250 Easter Eggs have been donated! Upcoming events include a charity walk for boys in years 6-9 in aid of the MidYork NHS MRI appeal as well as Savile's afternoon tea in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



Thank you for your continued support. Ms Allen (Cave)

Hockey Update

The U13 competed in the Yorkshire and North East round of the In2Hockey Championships, finishing 5th to cap off a successful season for them. At U14 level, we reached the Round of 16 in the National Cup for Tier 1, having beaten MGS and Yarm, but were knocked out by Kings Chester. The U11s have had a successful season, finishing third in the NEJS Hockey Tournament which was the strongest finish in our history. The U16s have progressed to the National Schools Championships Plate Final having beaten Oakham and Kings Taunton in the quarter- and semi-finals. They will play in the final at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London on 24th April, hoping to bring some silverware back to West Yorkshire. Good luck boys!



Rosslyn Park 2024

The Rosslyn Park 7's Tournament, renowned for its prestige in the rugby sevens world, saw the participation of hundreds of teams, including our U18s, U16s and U14s squads compete over a highly competitive two days.

Our U18s team demonstrated commendable resilience and teamwork throughout the tournament. Despite facing formidable opponents, they exhibited skillful gameplay and determination, receiving admiration from spectators and competitors alike.

The team's cohesion was evident on the field as they communicated effectively. Notable individual performances contributed significantly to the team's success, drawing attention from scouts and rugby enthusiasts.

U14s and U16s Team Achievement:

The U14s team surpassed expectations with their impressive performance in the Rosslyn Park 7's Tournament. They showcased remarkable talent and determination, advancing to the final group stages through a series of impressive victories.

Although narrowly missing out on a spot in the final, their journey was a testament to their potential and dedication. Participating in such a prestigious tournament provided invaluable learning experiences for the U14s players, exposing them to high-level competition and fostering their growth in rugby.

The U16s team delivered an outstanding performance, advancing to day two of the competition and emerging victorious in their group. Their impressive display of talent and determination propelled them through the tournament, setting a high standard for future competitions. The U16s team's success highlights the depth of talent within our rugby program and serves as a testament to their hard work and dedication. Keep your eyes peeled for the TOTW podcast for behind the scenes footage!

Conclusion:

Our U18s, U16s and U14s teams left a significant mark on the Rosslyn Park 7's Tournament, showcasing their skills, sportsmanship, and determination. The U18s team's skillful gameplay and teamwork, coupled with the promising talent displayed by the U16s and U14s teams, reflect the strength and potential of our rugby program.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to nurturing and developing the talents of our young players, ensuring they continue to excel both on and off the rugby field. The experiences gained from participating in tournaments like the Rosslyn Park 7's serve as invaluable stepping stones in their rugby journeys.



Key Events

Key events:

22 Mar - Break up @ 4pm
23-30 Mar - Ski Trip
24-26 Mar - Dalesbridge 1
27 - 29 Mar - Dalesbridge 2
27 Y7&8 Medicine Day

SUMMER TERM

8 April - INSET
9 April - school opens to pupils
11-12 April - Y12 @ Cranedale
18 April - Y10 parents' breakfast
18 April - Y12 POst-18 evening
20 April - KS2 and 3 walk for charity
25 April - charity afternoon tea for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance
26 April - Y8 Enterprise Day
26 April - Y13 Leavers' Ball @ Royal Armouries
29 April - Y9 DTP/Meningitis
1 May - QED: Q4 Final Session
2 May - Y8 parents' breakfast
6 May - MAY DAY - school closed
7 May - Y11 study leave @ 4pm
7 May - Summer Concert (1)
8 May - QED: Q5 begins
8 May - Summer Concert (2)
9 May - Y13 study leave @ 4pm

Parents' Evenings 2023-24

New Parents' Evening - Monday 17th June 2024
Y12 Parents' Evening (2) - Thursday 20th June 2024

Don't Forget:

The Weekly Digest is published each Thursday which holds important information and letters for your son