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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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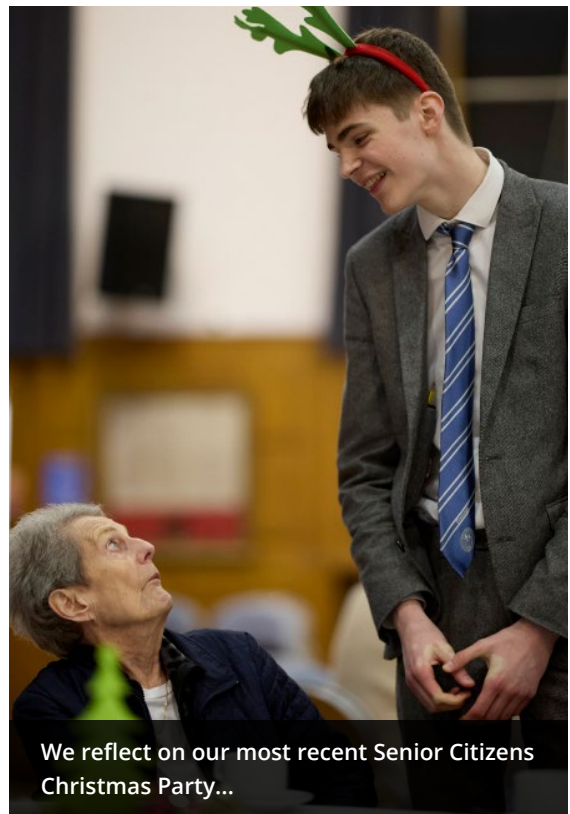
Our Y4 stars shine bright in the JS Nativity!



We reveal this year's winning Christmas card competition entries!



We round up this term's most action packed House events...



We reflect on our most recent Senior Citizens Christmas Party...

Welcome from the Catering Team

Welcome to the final E-Bulletin of 2023. Winter term has been a culinary carnival, filled with creativity and global flavors that have tantalized taste buds and sparked unforgettable moments. From the thrill of “design your own food” competitions to the delightful journey of sampling cuisines from every corner of the world, it’s been an action-packed adventure. Our dedicated catering team has masterfully crafted an experience that not only has students eagerly anticipating each day’s menu but also ensures they’ll fondly reminisce about these moments in the years to come. Join us as we wrap up this term with a burst of flavor and a dash of nostalgia!



QEGS @QEGSYorkshire · 22h

Harmony meets gratitude! 🎵🙌 Our Junior School Choir continues the sweet tradition of singing a heartfelt grace for our incredible catering staff. Cheers to our budding singers for spreading joy through their voices! 🌟🙌



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Sep 15

Last event of the week. Prize giving for our amazing students @QEGSYorkshire.

Thank you @chefmartyblake @Penny89488345 @Deegan7Paula for all your hard work. You’ve smashed it 🙌🙌🙌
@OliCullers @HolroydHowe @pammybabe68 @chefbenji64



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Sep 6

Really proud to partner with @QEGSYorkshire and open our new 6th form dining and communal area. @chefmartyblake @OliCullers @HolroydHowe @pammybabe68 @Deegan7Paula



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Sep 27

Celebrating European language with out Pedro’s food concept today @WGHSYorkshire and @QEGSYorkshire 🇪🇺🇬🇧🇪🇸
Thank you @Deegan7Paula @chefmartyblake and @Penny89488345 for all the delicious looking food 🤤🤤🤤
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Holroydhowe WGSF reposted
QEGS @QEGSYorkshire · Sep 29
 Talk about plot to plate... 🌱🍴 The great work of our JS Harvesters was selected by our catering team to feature in this weeks fantastic array of international culinary delights! 🌍



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Sep 29
 Thank you @chef_delatate for your support over the past couple days. Salads looked stunning today @QEGSYorkshire 6th form 😊😊😊 @chefbenji64 @chefmartyblake @OliCullers @pammybabe68 #holroydhowe



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Oct 7
 Really proud to support open day @QEGSYorkshire. Thank you @Deegan7Paula and @Penny89488345 and your team. The food looks amazing as always 🍌🍌🍌 @OliCullers @chefbenji64 @chefmartyblake @pammybabe68 #holroydhowe



QEGS @QEGSYorkshire · 21h
 🌟👑 A huge round of applause for Yusuf, the crowned champion of the Junior Section Christmas Cookie Competition! 🏆👑 From a sea of scrumptious entries, Yusuf's cookies rose to the occasion. Sweet success at its finest! 🍪🍪 #MadeinQEGS



Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Dec 1
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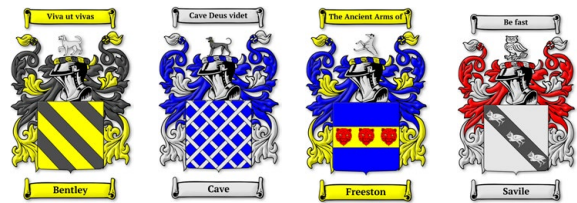
Holroydhowe WGSF @Hh_WGSF · Nov 16
 Thank you @chef_delatate for supporting break time food sampling @QEGSYorkshire 6th form today. Ramen bowls and super charged smoothies 😊
 @OliCullers @chefbenji64 @chefmartyblake @Deegan7Paula #Holroydhowe



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House Matters



As the first term comes to an end we can have a look at all the house events that have happened since September. It has been a busy term with football competitions, quizzes, Halloween writing, Masterchef, University Challenge, Christmas card competition, Christmas tree decorating, 50 Challenge and all the usual QEGs Xtra activities.

The house quizzes still prove to be very popular with the junior school coming over to join us as well this year. We started the year with the Yorkshire Quiz run by myself and Mrs Taylor with Bentley taking the win. The Classics quiz which was run by the sixth form was jointly won by Freeston and Saville. Bentley then took another win in the very popular football quiz.

The University Challenge sees years 12 and 13 competing against each other in a bid to decide who will come out on top. All heats have been completed with semi finals starting after the Christmas break. All houses have teams in the semi finals with Freeston still having all their teams in the competition, good luck to all those pupils (I'm hoping for a Freeston win).



Fun was had last week at our now annual house Christmas tree decorating competition. Four trees were put up in the senior school reception and pupils from years 3 to 13 helped to decorate the tree for their house. The competition was close with Bentley coming 1st, Freeston 2nd, Saville 3rd and Cave 4th.



Here are the winners of this year's Christmas card competition. It's always a tough job to choose the winner as there are so many wonderful entries but I'm sure you'll agree these are worthy winners.

Rex Brown - Junior section winner
Reuben Cooke-Thomas - Senior section winner



We started the House charity events off with a few games of bingo.

Much fun was had and when we eventually taught everyone the rules of bingo we had a very enjoyable evening. Oliver Mitchell, our Year 13 leader did a great job at bingo calling with a very helpful assistant, James Higgins.

It was lovely to see the school community, staff, parents and pupils, venturing out on a Friday evening to join us at school and raise money for the Freeston chosen charity, Andy's Man Club. Look out for the next charity house event coming soon.

We look forward to the next term's house events and competitions.

Mrs C Williams
Head of Freeston



Junior Section News

Last week saw another fabulous performance from Year 4 in their version of this year's nativity play - Lights, Camel Action. If you weren't there then you really did miss an absolute treat! This Strictly Come Dancing based musical was full of the joys of music and dance and like all good strictly episodes, had more than its fair share of cheers and boos, ably prompted by our studio managers. Our delightful hosts for the evening compared the show perfectly and our judges, namely the Donkey, the Innkeeper's Wife and Caesar himself did a marvellous job of adding a unique commentary on each of the dances.

The dances though! - Wow, what an amazing variety of choreography and dance from year 4, a trip to the ballet from our angels, line dancing from the people of Nazareth, Morris dancing from the Shepherds and Sheep, Funky moves from the Camels and Wise men, Disco fever from the Stars and even a Tango from the Innkeepers, followed by a hand Jive from the entire cast, all with great singing and movement. I'm very proud of what the boys have achieved this year and they have worked very hard to achieve such a humorous and uplifting performance. Well done boys - you're all my Disco Stars of the Week!





Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Last Friday the whole of the JS attended the Panto at Wakefield Theatre Royal, to watch their festive production of Sleeping Beauty (oh no we didn't, oh yes we did). Much fun was had by all and much to the teachers relief it wasn't one of the QEGS staff which got brought up onto stage. A fantastic way to finish the penultimate week of term.



ICT Update

In ICT this term, all boys have been working on a specific project throughout the term depending on which year group they are in. The aim here is that the boys learn a multitude of practical skills, whilst learning about the theory behind particular topics such as e-safety and how computers work.

Year 3 boys have been working on developing a Google Slide presentation that explains how computers work. Within these lessons, they have learned all about how computers are made of hardware and software and how these combine to make a computer work. We then explored the range of different digital devices and added these to our Google Slides. The boys have also explored the role that binary plays within computers, where they made some brilliant binary images. After that, we have delved deeper into computers and learned about the types of inputs that computers handle and what outputs occur as a result.

In Year 4, they have been exploring the digital word by learning about their digital footprint and why their online privacy matters. The boys then moved on to learn about their online identity and how they should communicate online. In the next part of the project, Year 4 learned about the implications of sharing information online and how to keep their data safe through the use of strong passwords. All their projects were completed by using either Google Slides or Powerpoint presentation, whilst also using applications such as Adobe express.

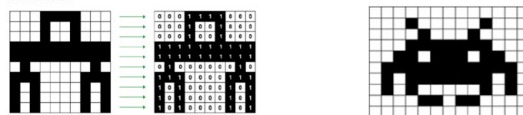
Year 5 have become Junior Web Developers this term, where they have honed their website building skills using a topic / subject of their choice. Within this unit, the boys have learned to create visually engaging web pages using Google Site, whilst also producing meaningful content. They have also become familiar with embedding links, images and forms into their website to make them as interactive as possible.



ACTIVITY

In this activity, create an image as binary numbers. Each colour of an image is stored as a binary number. You need a binary value for each different colour. If an image is black or white, the image can be encoded with a value of 0 for white and 1 for black.

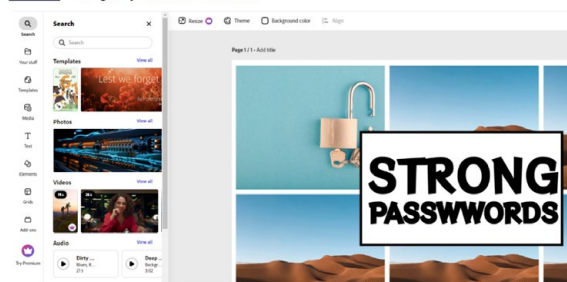
On a new slide, insert a table that is 12 x 12 and create a pattern, number, letter or image that will represent your binary code. On the next few slides, I will show you how to do this.



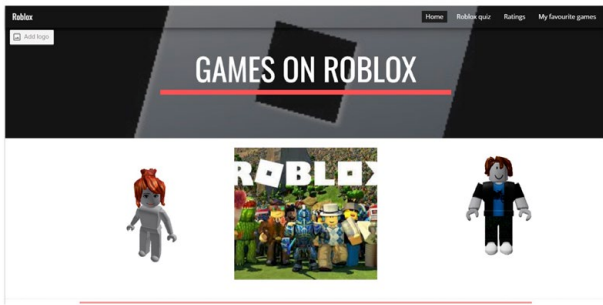
Here is an example of an activity the boys have completed.



You may need to adjust the size of the image depending on the type of grid you have selected

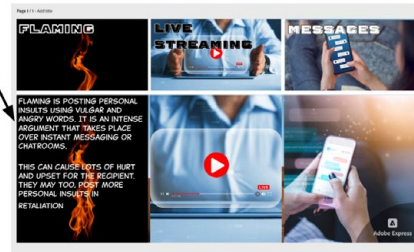


This is an example of the content that the boys created during the Autumn term.



This is an example of the work that the Year 5 boys produced throughout the Autumn term.

On the larger spaces, you will go into more detail about the ways in which rash and impulsive decisions can cause problems online



This is an example of the content that the boys have created and added to their websites.

The boys in Year 6 have been exploring the thought of growing up in a digital world. Within this unit the boys have developed their website building skills, whilst also learning about the challenges faced in an increasingly online world. They have used Adobe Express to create engaging graphics around gender stereotypes and how these can be challenged. The boys then moved on to building relationships online and how certain negative actions (such as flaming) could make a situation online worse. We finished the project by looking at how to be kind online, before exploring issues like fake news and phishing.

Mr D Hodson - Bentley



<https://www.mynametags.com/>

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**



I hope all boys have enjoyed the first week of extra curricular clubs being on offer. There is a fantastic range of clubs on offer; including Chess, Swimming, Gardening, Basketball, Orchestra, Badminton, Art, Story Reading and many many more. All boys in school should have now attended at least one club, and I'm well aware that many boys have attended a large number. For lunchtime clubs boys don't need to sign up, they just need to attend. Please continue to encourage your son to contribute as much as possible to these clubs as they are a great way to learn new skills, develop current interests and most importantly enjoy themselves. All extra curricular information has now been brought into one place on Firefly and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

If you have any feedback or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr J Tiffany - Freeston

Senior Section News

SHINE at QEGS

This Saturday saw the second week of the SHINE programme. This week it was held at QEGS and the morning was filled with activities related to Chemistry and Music.

Chemistry started the morning with all things colours. There was a quick introduction to the chemistry of colours; challenging questions were asked which Angel and Albert answered very well. We then got into the experiments. First was chromatography. Each student did brilliantly in setting up and doing the experiment for the first time. Momina did a particularly good job and had a fantastic chromatogram to show for it. Questions were then asked to the students about the experiment they had just done. Angel, Sophia and Lynne gave brilliant explanations that described the process and the analysis of the results very clearly to the other students. The fun didn't stop there though with the next experiment being candle making. Each student had each of the primary colours to dip their candles into and make a pretty pattern. They each waited patiently in a line, chose their first colour, dipped it in and handed them to the sixth formers to peel the tape from them to allow them to get a different colour the second time round. They then waited patiently again at the back of the line for their turn to come round again to dip their candles into a second colour. They all looked great! Chemistry was then rounded up with a classic experiment : elephant's toothpaste. There were two larger demonstrations at the front of the class, helped brilliantly by Albert and Adina. The reaction on the students' faces was definitely an expression of excitement, one that only got bigger when they were told they were going to do one themselves. They all did one and all enjoyed it; it rounded off an excellent first activity.

Between lessons, there was a break of about 15 minutes. This was when the students could have a biscuit, some water and let off some steam when the sixth formers took them outside on the field to play a big game of tig that, judging by the noise, they all enjoyed.



After the break, it was time for the second and final session of the day. This time, it was Music. We were greeted by Mr Jones of the Music department who played a quick musical inspired game to help him remember all of the students' and sixth formers' names. After that, he played a song that all of the students liked : George Ezra's Shotgun. He encouraged everyone, including the sixth formers to sing, and we found out that the students had very good singing voices; especially Emi. We then split up into smaller groups and learnt how to play the chords of the song on the piano and how to drum in time to the beat of the song. Muhamadoo was excellent at drumming. We then heard the students play or drum to the song and gave them all a round of applause before finishing off with another singing session of the song. It was a brilliant way to finish off the morning and the second SHINE session.

Overall it was a brilliant second week of SHINE and we, as did all the sixth form students, enjoyed it very much and loved seeing a smile on the students' faces. We all hope that they enjoyed it too.



Oliver and Eve.

QEGS Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2023

Recently QEGS, nestled in the heart of the school community and foundation, hosted a heart-warming Christmas party that brought together students and senior citizens, from across Wakefield, for an unforgettable celebration of joy and togetherness.

The party kicked off with a lively performance from some of our school musicians, transforming the QE Hall into a festive wonderland, complete with Christmas decorations, a Christmas tree, and some jovial conversations between the students and the guests. The sixth formers displayed some top-notch service, carrying cups of tea and coffee, to and from tables - not to forget the mince pies!

Following the musical interlude, the guests were guided to the dining hall; they were greeted with a steaming Christmas (turkey) dinner, topped off with a serving of some delicious Christmas cake and wine. However, this feast of flavours served to the guests would not have been possible without the amazing catering staff who went above and beyond to make sure the guests' experience was truly one to cherish.

For the guests, the highlight of the evening was the raffle, carefully orchestrated by Mr Palin, with prizes ranging from a delectable selection of treats to bottles of alcoholic beverages including wine.



However, my favourite part of the event was chatting with some of the guests, where seniors shared Christmas memories and traditions with some of the students. The conversations ranged from heart-warming anecdotes of family gatherings to talks of their previous studies within school which all of the sixth formers listened to with rapt attention.

Overall, all of our guests and sixth formers had a great evening at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2023 and I am sure all of the seniors who attended will soon be digging into the goodie bags they received, filled with a plethora of treats. However, this event couldn't go on year on year without the enthusiasm and dedication of Ms. Allen, the catering staff, the sixth form boys, the school musicians, and last but certainly not least the host of teachers, all of whom put so much effort into making sure the night runs smoothly.

Ashton Edge - Year 12 (Savile)



Year 7 Pantomime

The pantomime was about sleeping beauty, a girl who pricks her finger on a spinning wheel when she becomes 18 years of age and falls into a deep sleep of 100 years and she could only be woken up by the call of true love. The pantomime was fun, lighthearted entertainment, with many laughs along the way.

It was particularly enjoyable to watch Mr Pottage on stage, receiving the lie detector test. This is the second year running Mr Pottage has been called to the stage. The dame enjoyed a flirt with Mr Pottage and provided lots of jokes. The year group were laughing, smiling and a great time was had by all involved.

Alex Haigh (Cave)



A Level Man City Visit

On the 27th of November, the Year 13 A-Level PE students visited Manchester City FC to look at the inner workings of a Premier League football club. The students had talks with the marketing team who looked at branding and commercialisation, did a stadium tour that looked at fan experience and match day preparations as well as undertook a day in the life of a footballer through the eyes of Reuben Dias where they addressed sports science and performance. The visit took place on the eve of Manchester City vs RB Leipzig in the Champions League and the stadium was busy in preparation for this key European tie; this gave the students a great 'feel' for the operational requirements for a big sporting event. Thanks to Mrs Morgan from WGHS who organised and led the trip - a great cross-foundation initiative.

Mr O Leask - Cave



In My Own Words...

With Jake Li

I started doing karate at the age of 6 and started competing in Y6. I have always been a keen karateka, practising every weekend at the club and most evenings at home, and I have been participating in competitions at national level since Year 7. In the last two months, I entered 3 competitions and did extremely well winning: Gold at the Shindo Kai competition for individual kata.

Bronze medal at the English Karate Federations E1 series for individual kata.

1st place at North East Open Championship for individual kata.

I have also won quite a few medals at the national competitions during Year 7. I am looking forward to wearing the 'starry' tie and competing in more competitions next year.





In My Own Words...

With Jaleel A

In the heart of the cosmic metropolis, nestled between asteroid belts and swirling nebulas, lay the interstellar hood known as Nova Junction. Its residents, a diverse mix of aliens and intergalactic nomads, navigated the bustling streets of this spacefaring neighbourhood.

Amidst the holographic graffiti that adorned floating buildings, Kaden, a human with cybernetic enhancements, strolled through the market square. Vendors peddled exotic space fruits and pulsating energy crystals. Alien beats echoed from makeshift music stalls as colourful beings from different corners of the universe vibed to the rhythm.

Kaden's hoverboard glided above the gravitational pavement as he exchanged nods with Zara, a tentacled creature from the water planet Aquaria. Together, they reminisced about their shared past on Earth, bonding over tales of terrestrial streets and the universal struggle for a better life.

At the Solar Cantina, a space-themed bar, the atmosphere buzzed with the chatter of diverse beings. Droids served electrifying cocktails while a holographic DJ mixed tunes from various galaxies. In a dimly lit corner, a group of friends huddled around a game of holographic poker, trading stories of their daring adventures in the cosmic frontier.

Word spread quickly through the space grapevine about a new gang of smugglers causing trouble in the quadrant. The Nova Junction crew, a tight-knit community, gathered to discuss strategies for maintaining peace in their corner of the galaxy.

As the interstellar night unfolded, the neon glow of Nova Junction's signs illuminated the cosmic horizon. Kaden and Zara joined forces with other hood residents to embark on a mission to thwart the smugglers, weaving through asteroid fields and navigating wormholes in pursuit of justice.

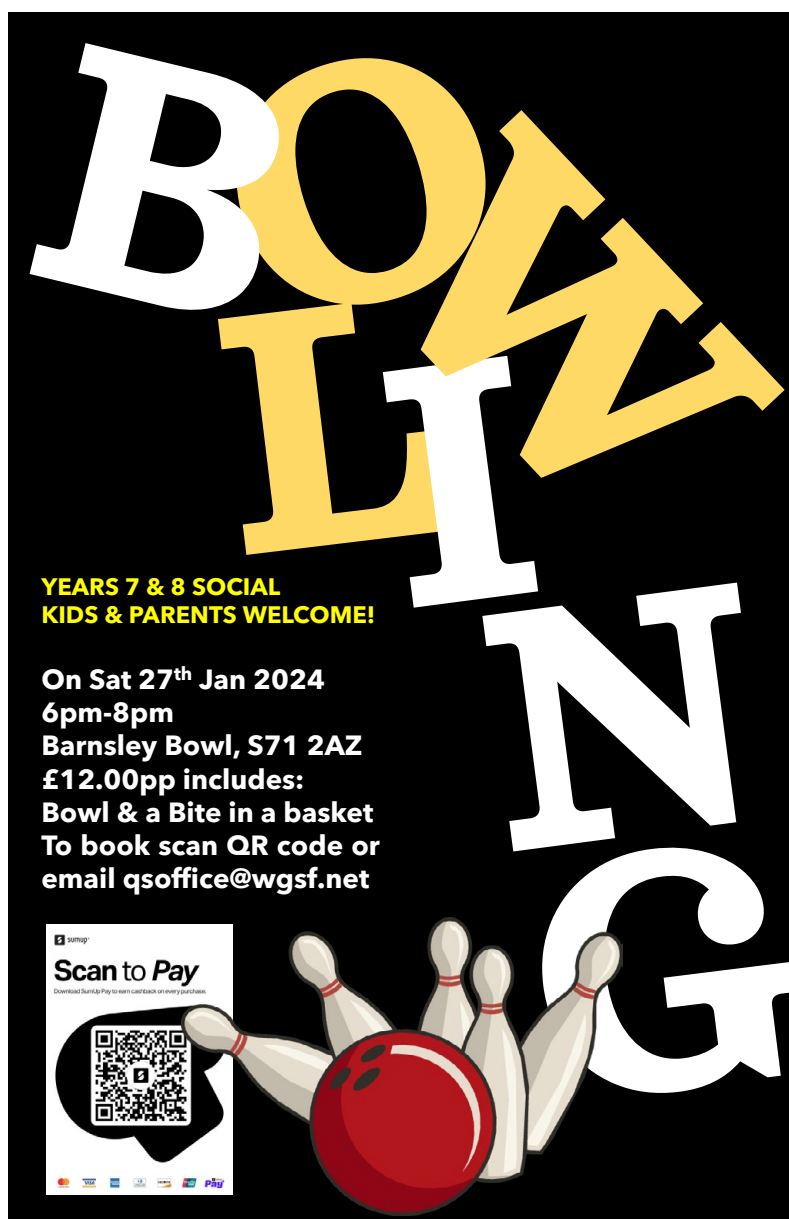
In the end, the crew's resilience and unity prevailed, sending a message across the cosmos that even in the farthest reaches of space, the spirit of the hood could overcome any challenge. And so, Nova Junction remained a beacon of diversity, resilience, and friendship in the vast expanse of the intergalactic streets.

Eatducate Nutrition Talk

Ellie from Holroyd House came into school to give a series of excellent talks on nutrition to Key Stage 3,4 and 5 students. This supports the work that is already done in PSHE on healthy lifestyles across the school.

The talks were specifically tailored to pupil age and needs, with Ellie also spending time discussing the academic and athletic benefits of a well balanced diet. Older students were particularly keen to ask questions about nutrients, protein intake and sporting benefits. With Ellie being both a professional nutritionist and footballer for Fulham FC she was well placed to answer these. Hopefully we will see the boys go pay a little more attention to the salad bar in school and a little less attention to some of the more salty and sugary snacks outside of school!

Mr J Jones - Freeston





BOWLING

**YEARS 7 & 8 SOCIAL
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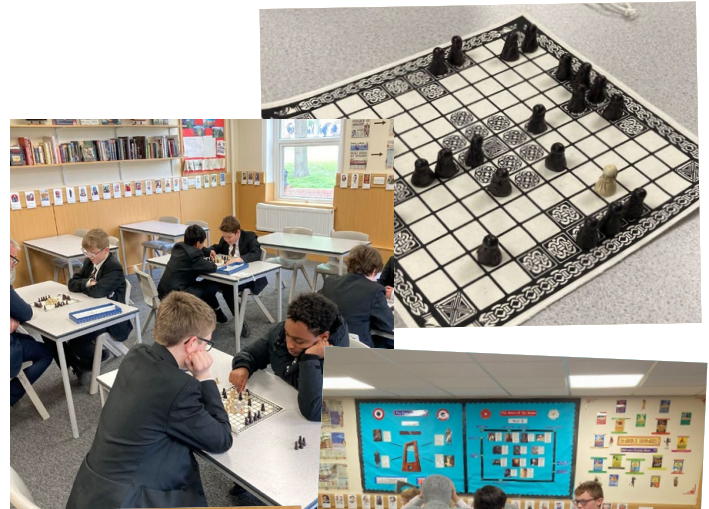


Calling all parents and boys of Year 7 and Year 8

You will have seen the flyers advertising an exciting night of bowling at the Barnsley Bowl on Saturday 27th January, The QEGS PTA are busily organising the evening for parents and boys in Y7 and 8 as a way of introducing the school community to each other. In the past, this has been a really good way for parents to meet up and break the ice - but more importantly parents who have been in the Foundation for a while are always a good source of information and support for those who are new(ish) to the school. It will be something to look forward to as January can be a long and hard month. Bowling is a great way to chat, play bowl and even have a bit of friendly competition. To sign up and pay for tickets, find the flyer in this edition of the eBulletin and scan the QR code, or alternatively contact the office at QEGS. We are really looking forward to seeing lots of you there for a great evening.

Sarah Giles
PA chair

For much of this term, Key Stage 3 boys have attended Re-Enactment Society to engage in the intricate art of chainmail making - a complex but rewarding pastime. Boys attend to socialise with their friends and make medieval armour; what could be more relaxing? The boys also play early medieval games that used to be played on our shores in the 8th and 9th centuries - in particular Hnefatafl (Old Norse for The King's Table). This year's tournament will begin in January where Oliver Jackson is hoping to retain his crown as the Hnefatafl king but I know of a few competitors that have been practising very hard and are planning to give him a run for his money this time around.



Mr M Archer (Savile)

Re-Enactment Society is easily my favourite QEGS Xtra club because it gives me the opportunity to share my passion with my friends and even learn something new myself.

Ed Pratt (Savile)

I really enjoy Re-Enactment Society because I get to play Hnefatafl. It's a fun game and I can't wait for the tournament to start again

Oliver Jackson (Cave)

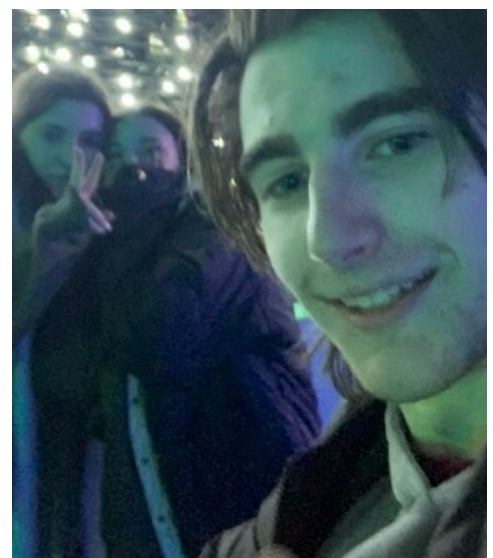
I love coming to the club because everybody is very friendly and the Hnefatafl tournament is a great competition - I'm hoping to beat a teacher again like I did in Round One last year.

Elliot Smith (Savile)

Stockeld Park

On the evening of Friday 8th of December, a group of sixth form students went on a trip to Wetherby for a social night at Stockeld Park. We set off into the night with a coach full of Year 12 and 13's that were excited and eagerly anticipating the evening's activities.

As we were let into the park, some headed straight to the cafe where soup, steak and ale pie and sausage rolls awaited them. Others made for the snowflake maze, a huge hedge labyrinth with plenty of confusing twists and turns. Despite the maps dotted throughout it was difficult to orient ourselves, and as different groups split off in search of the exit things quickly became quite confusing!



Luckily however, a few found their way out, only to run back in to show the others the way, calling and trying to find their way to the voices. Eventually everybody made it to the exit, and most people decided it was time for something more relaxing, in the form of The Winter Illuminations. This section of the park took the form of a long, winding path through a forest, with a series of light shows, displays, and interactive musical stands. The night sky ensured it was an impressive spectacle, with the lightshow on the lake topping off an enjoyable walk.



With these first two activities completed, everyone gradually made their way onto the ice rink, which soon proved to be the highlight of the evening. Those with experience skating were quickly distinguishable from close calls and the flailing arms of some of the less balanced individuals, with some pretty spectacular falls giving everyone a good laugh.

All in all, it was a very successful outing, with cups of hot chocolate and a christmassy vibe making sure that the bus ride home did the whole trip justice!

Arthur Broadbent (Cave), Ethan Chan (Savile) and Toby Hobbs (Cave)

Sixth Form Taster Sessions

My taster lessons included Geography, Psychology, Academic PE, and Business. Geography was my first lesson and was very good as I was able to have a mock of a genuine A-level Geography lesson, this gave me a good overview of future Geography lessons and the A-level tests and what I would learn. Psychology followed next and I enjoyed the way that the teacher presented it as it made it very interesting to learn about that new subject. After the break, Academic PE followed and was actually very good due to having a significantly lower number of students in the classroom than I am used to and people were able to ask any questions that they wanted to know. We went through the overview and the coursework, so as well as the fun that we had, it was also very informative. Business was my 4th and final period and was good. We went through the taster in the style of a mock lesson and I was able to learn about what I would be doing in the first week of business A-level. In all, I think that the taster lessons were a very good idea and gave a good overview of the structure of the A-level taster you picked as well as learning while doing it.

Marcus English - Bentley

Spotlight On: Old Savilians

When I first set foot at QEGS in 2001, little did I know what I was signing up for. I remember my first days, stepping into the Junior School playground, feeling timid and out of place in shorts and long socks that did nothing against the Northern winter and a tie that my Dad probably tied for me.



Although I can now no longer remember anything about it, apparently on my first days as a Savilian I thought that I was being bullied. A boy was repeatedly grabbing and holding onto me at school without reason. When my parents complained, apparently rather than being assaulted, the boy's parents had instructed him to make friends through the language of hugs. This boy had chosen me as their victim friend, but followed through with too much vigour. This was to be my first and now longest lasting friendship.

Since then, QEGS not only helped me heal from a trauma of hugs, but gave me the foundation that I could build on. When I consider the 11 years at QEGS, and 11 years since, although everything around me has changed, the values instilled upon me and friendships there remain at my core.

In 2012, I left to study Economics at the University of Warwick, following which I pursued a career in banking with Deutsche Bank in London. Although I have stayed with them since, I've proactively changed roles several times and moved to Hong Kong last year to cover private equity clients in "Financial Sponsors Coverage".

When I recall my time at QEGS and those foundational learnings, I recall the:

1) Trips – I completed my Gold DofE at QEGS where I developed a love of hiking, one of the best parts of Hong Kong. My eyes were also opened by travelling to Peru, Iceland, and...

College Grove;

2) Music – I had my first piano lesson at 4 and my first violin lesson at 7. However, music only started becoming enjoyable when with my friends in the orchestra, and post-grades when I could learn and play what I wanted. Whilst I started early, the most successful are those that combine hard work, passion and to a lesser extent talent; and

3) Friends – Last but not least, this will be one the most important legacy from your time at school, and will be the people that will always be there to keep you sane and grounded. In addition, whilst teachers at QEGS were (and undoubtedly still are) great and incredibly helpful, I owe my A Level Physics degree to my best friend who essentially taught me the entire course.

Although at the time, I thought school was about academics, I have come to realise it is about so much more, which is something the teachers at QEGS have realised and part of why the school and many of their Old Savilians are so successful.

Whilst I left school with some trepidation, much like where I am at the time of writing (on the "Train to Busan"), the reality is often less scary than the stories told as in the titular movie. Strangers are more likely to turn from zombies to friends rather than the other way around. Without knowing it, QEGS will lay the groundwork to prepare you for your journey, even if nobody can predict the future.

As long as you stay true to those and follow your own path step by step, your friends and values will help guide and make your journey meaningful and successful.

In the meantime, I encourage you all to make the most and enjoy your remaining years at QEGS.

Andrew Fu - OS 2014



Year 9 and 10 students enjoy a French play

On Tuesday 5th December, all boys and girls studying French in Year 9 and 10 attended a French play in the Elizabeth Theatre. This is an annual event where we are visited by a pair of French actors who deliver an entertaining and accessible play entirely in French. The scenario of this year's play was that of the mystery of disappearing students from an art room! The actors did a particularly good job especially when it came to playing 3 different characters each within the same scene with some high speed costume changes! It was well received by our students but as always, the highlights were always going to be the moments of audience participation with volunteers even having to speak French on stage. We look forward to welcoming both a Spanish and a German play in January and March respectively.



Key Dates

8 Jan - INSET	27 Jan - Y7+8 PTA Bowling @ Barnsley
9 Jan - School opens	29 Jan - Berlin info evening
9 Jan - QED 2: Final session	1 Feb - Y9 Parents' Evening
16 Jan - 11+ Entrance Exam Day	3 Feb - SHINE @ QEGS
17 Jan - Y9 Options Fair	7 Feb - Y11 Options deadline
17 Jan - QED3: session 1	7 Feb - Foundation Drama Production
18 Jan - Y11 Parents' Evening	8 Feb - Y9 options deadline
20 Jan - SHINE @ QEGS	8 Feb - Y9 Parents' Breakfast
23 Jan - Y11 Radcliffe Scholars at Oxford University	8 Feb - Foundation Drama Production
23 Jan - Y9+10 Spanish play	9 Feb - Berlin residential departs
25 Jan - Y12 Parents' Breakfast	9 Feb - Foundation Drama Production
25 Jan - Y10 Parents' Evening	9 Feb - Break up @ 4pm
26 Jan - KS5 Classics trip to Warwick	19 Feb - School reopens
26 Jan - Primaries Together Partnership Event	19 Feb - Y13 mocks (19th - 1st)

Parents' Evenings - 2023-24

Y11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 18th January 2024

Y10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 25th January 2024

Y9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 1st February 2024

Y7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 29th February 2024

Y8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 7th March 2024

Y13 Parents' Evening (2) - Tuesday 19th March 2024

New Parents' Evening - Monday 17th June 2024

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

Don't Forget:

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

