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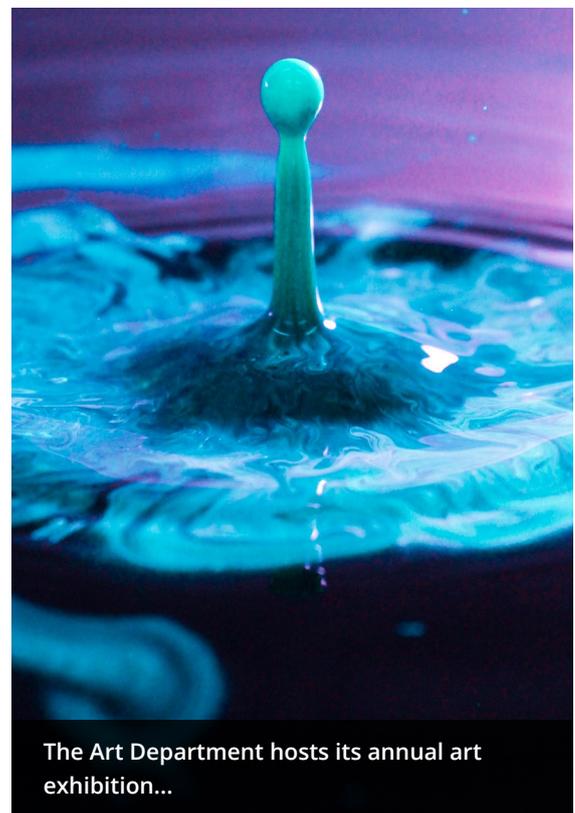
E-BULLETIN

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

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Year 5 QEGlet Rohan raises lots of cash for charity!



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Welcome from the Head

Throughout the first week of term, the Queen Elizabeth Hall was set up to conduct Lateral Flow testing, with each pupil taking two tests over the course of the week. The aim, of course, was to attempt to identify any pupil who might be COVID-positive but asymptomatic. As someone who was stuck in the Bank Holiday traffic on the M1/A1(M) as Leeds Fest emptied, I was aware that many of the boys would have been using their new-found freedoms over the summer to mix in ever bigger groups, so the testing was an important part of the return to school arrangements. When I mentioned my traffic-jam experience to staff, they all seemed to think I should have known better than to take that route on a Bank Holiday! All part of my learning experience as I settle into Yorkshire life ...

Moving to a new school, I spent time over the summer considering how best to prepare. Reading policies? I made a start. Learning names and faces? Again, I made a start. Reading Ronald Chapman's "A History of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield"? Another start made. It was interesting to learn that back in the very early days of the school, it was the Headmaster's decision alone to decide how much of the funding made available by the governors for the running of the school was spent on his salary - you can be reassured that there are rather more checks and balances in place now! It was also interesting to learn about the generosity of the original benefactors - the Saviles, and others - and those who have supported the school since, and continue to do so to this day.

As someone who only attended a school very similar to QEGS because I was given a full-fee bursary, I know just how impactful, and transformative on an individual level, such support can be.

How else to prepare? I watched the news closely, considering what the school should be prepared for, and what might inspire the boys. COVID, of course, and the news looked positive, with most restrictions set to be relaxed, and the boys set to be able to enjoy a much more varied diet of opportunities than had been possible for the last 18 months. The Euros, which, whilst exhilarating for England fans with their run to the Final, were, for me, rather dispiriting. Dispiriting because the focus turned rapidly from a celebration of football to an examination of racism, whether it be the actions of a minority or more systemic, online or in the stands. There is much for society to do, and I am determined that QEGS will continue to be a community characterised by a culture of mutual respect, where individuals are celebrated for their individuality.

But one item dominated the news this summer. Regrettably, I am referring to Afghanistan rather than the Olympics. It would be easy to be dispirited again, and there is clearly much for the global community to do as it seeks to understand, support, and protect the rights of those affected, but I was encouraged by the stories of more optimistic moments that emerged too: a story of a mother who went into labour on an escape flight, with the baby being successfully delivered by US military staff when the plane landed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany; various stories of humanitarian workers choosing to stay behind to work with those who have not been able to leave; and ongoing UNICEF-sponsored work to install taps to provide water to displaced communities. My early meetings with the boys have reinforced my view that they are an optimistic bunch - as a body of staff, we look forward to engaging with them over the coming years to channel that optimism into a preparedness and willingness to face such difficult situations alongside achieving personal successes. That said, if your son has been affected by the events of the summer, please do not hesitate to discuss that with us.

I recognise that this "Head's welcome" rather lacks background about me as a person and my motivations for joining QEGS, but I will say more about this when I welcome parents into school later this term. I look forward to seeing you in person.

Richard Brookes
Head

Junior Section News

Welcome back to a new year at QEGS. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and the boys all have plenty of energy to revel in the experiences that lie ahead this year. Many parents have asked me if it is good to be back and (notwithstanding the fact that it would always be nice to have an extra week's holiday!) I have to say that it really is good to be back with the freedom to operate in a way that, prior to the last 18 months, we all took for granted. There is a real atmosphere of happiness and enthusiasm around school and we are looking forward to inviting parents and other visitors into school for the various events we have planned.



The alignment of the school timetables has enabled teachers to work across different sections and it has been great to see Junior boys being taught French, science and games by teachers who they would previously only have met when they moved up to the Senior Section. The development of the house system has also forged stronger links throughout the school and this week the boys have had the opportunity to meet as a house and also do battle in the first house event of the year...the Inter House General Knowledge Competition. At the time of writing, I don't yet know the winners of this competition but the rather sinister-looking owl trophy is poised to be adorned with the first house rosette of the year.

Last week I learned of the efforts that one of our boys had gone to when raising money for a very worthy charity. As you will read later in Mr Drury's report, Rohan Vemula has 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 is a wonderful thing to do and a great way to support those who have found the pandemic a particularly difficult experience.

As is often the case at the start of a new year, we do have a few requests to make. Firstly, we would love to be able to welcome new members to our wonderful Junior Section Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA is a valuable asset to QEGS Junior Section - not only do they raise money to improve various aspects of the school by organising some excellent events, they are also a very nice group of people to work alongside. If you would like to be involved we would very much welcome your support. An application form is available on the school website or please contact the school office to show your interest. If you are interested but unsure what commitment you are able to make, we would be happy for you to join one of our meetings or support at an event to get a feel for the role.



Secondly, we know we have a very talented and diverse parent body and we would be very grateful to any parents who would be willing to

come into school as a 'guest speaker' and deliver a short talk on what they do for a living, or about an experience they have had that would interest and educate our boys. In the past, we have welcomed doctors, scientists, artists and even the boss of a land speed record racing team!

Finally, a request to start collecting as many 'It's Good to Grow' vouchers as possible from Morrisons. Mrs Roddy has been working hard with the gardening club boys and it would be great to turn a huge amount of vouchers into some new gardening equipment so that the boys can grow even more this year...although it would take some doing to match the monumental pumpkin that welcomed us on our return from the summer! Please send in any vouchers with your son who will pass them to the school office. And on the subject of growing, the apple tree that was planted to mark Mrs Gray's retirement is already bearing fruit so I will have to decide on some very worthy boys who might have the honour of enjoying the first apples.

I do hope your son has had an enjoyable and productive first two weeks of the year and that he is looking forward to the many and varied experiences to come.

Mr Thompson - Cave



Pen Recycling



As a teacher of many classes and a creative subject, I realise how much waste in the form of old pens, felt tips, markers etc we produce and I have decided that the DT classroom can be a collection point for all old pens ready for recycling. Ryman's Stationers are running the scheme and are collecting a wide range of old pens, including highlighters and correction fluid pots. You are welcome to send pens in from home with your sons who can then deposit them in the recycling box.

Mrs Spawforth - Bentley

Rohan's Fundraiser

Over the summer, Rohan Vemula (Year 5) and his sister Neha Vemula (Year 11) started a fundraiser to raise money for the mental health charity, Mind (Barnsley and Rotherham) by creating art and posting it on their blog. It all stemmed from having extra time during the pandemic, and of course being in isolation and not connecting with friends and family. It made them aware of the impact that the pandemic had on peoples' mental health.



Rohan decided to draw a monster everyday to raise money for Mind and it generated a huge response. So far, Rohan and Neha have raised a total of £1180 and hope more people donate to this cause. Due to the recognition they have received, they were featured in the Barnsley Chronicle.

This is the link to the blog:
<https://paintbrainbynehavemula.blogspot.com/>

This is the link to the GoFundMe page:
<https://gofund.me/aa4a509e>

The whole community of QEGS and WGHS are extremely proud of Rohan and Neha for their outstanding contribution and dedication to raising funds and awareness for mental health charities.

Let's see how much money we can raise in support of their commitment to producing some fantastic artwork!

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Friday 24 September

The PTA are delighted to be hosting a Macmillan coffee event on Friday 24th September, 2.00pm - 4.30pm, to support this fantastic cause. We are asking, please, for donations of cakes and buns from budding bakers (or super shoppers!) by Thursday 23rd September. Please either send these into school with your son, or contact the school office to arrange a drop-off.

It will be great to see everyone back in school surroundings for drinks, cake and a chat, the plan being to use the JS Hall for serving and (weather permitting) we will be able to move to the JS Lawn for alfresco seating.

Please enter via the playground gate usually used for collection at the end of the day and you will be directed from there (or simply follow the trail of crumbs!). Unfortunately, we cannot offer parking on site for this event.

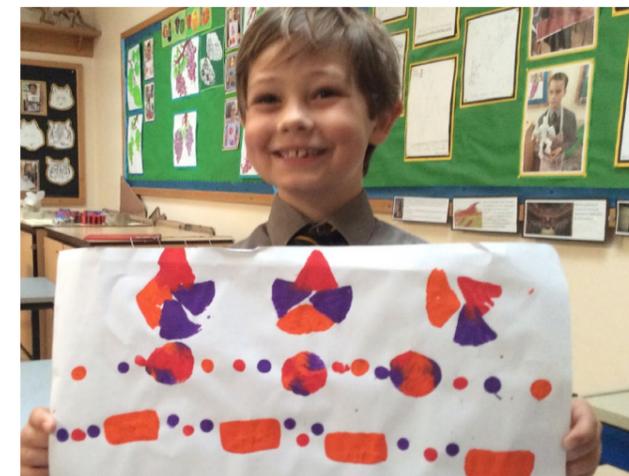
The PTA

Art in the Junior Section

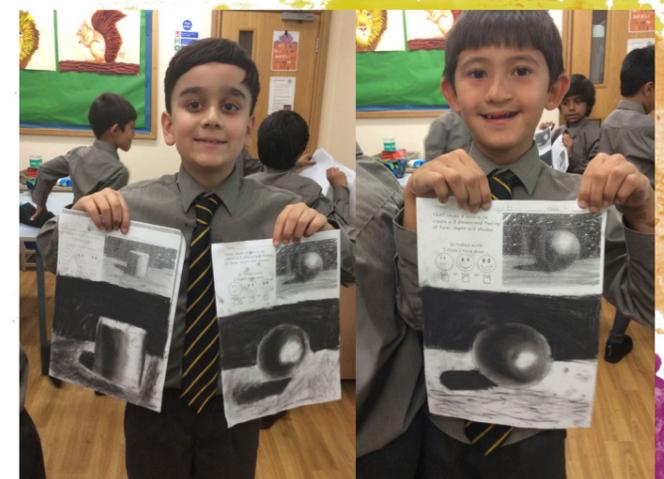
This term, as usual, our art lessons are challenging and hopefully stimulating and fun.

In Year 3, the boys are looking at pattern: continuing increasingly interesting patterns, printing repeating and symmetrical patterns using everyday classroom objects and looking at and designing their own tartan patterns using paper, felt and maybe even ICT.

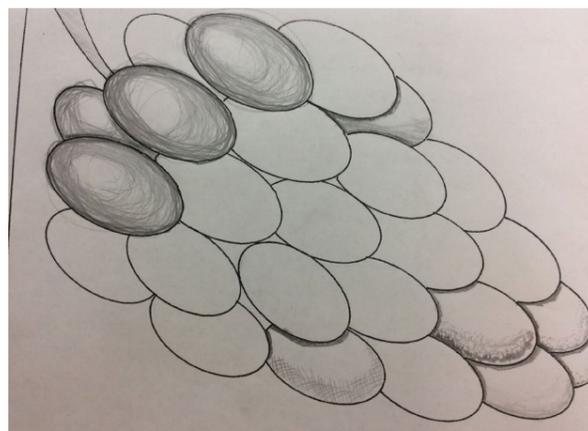
Here is a nice example from last year. I hope this year's Year 3s can produce such a pleasing print as this!



The Year 5 boys are also learning artistic skills, in this case different pencil shading techniques. Do you know what hatching and pointillism are? Hopefully, they do!



Here is an early example. Good, isn't it. When completed, these thoughtfully shaded still life studies look incredibly 3D.



The Year 6 boys are working on a series of anatomically detailed figure drawings much of which links nicely to their science studies.

Yesterday, a large, enthusiastic group of 21 boys had their first lunchtime art club, beginning to cut and model card as part of their action figure models. Here are some good past examples of the eventual figures they will be making.

Junior Section Housepoints

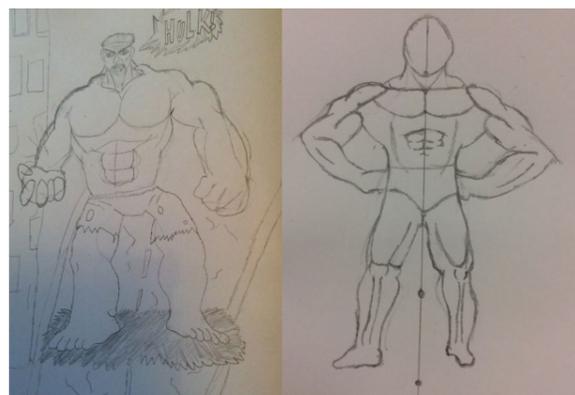
House Points are awarded to pupils for a wide variety of reasons within the Junior Section. It could be that a pupil has performed a good deed, produced an excellent piece of work, shown dedication to a task or has been successful at one of the many events within the Junior Section.

House points are a key component of the House system. All Boys are all allocated to one of the four Houses, with siblings always being allocated to the same House. Boys will stay in the same House as they move into the Senior Section.

The Houses are:



Here are the first two drawings the Year 6 boys have worked on: an overly muscular man (can you guess which teacher posed for them?) and the Incredible Hulk. Below are two of many impressive pictures by new boys Jake Li and Zander Irving.



House points go towards a weekly individual total, a weekly House total and towards the fiercely contested 'House Bowl'. Individuals, who receive the most House Points in their year group, get their name read out in the weekly 'Celebration Assembly' and also get the additional reward of having a hot chocolate with Mr Thompson.

Weekly, all the House Points accrued are tallied, with a certificate being presented to the House with the most points that week. At the end of the academic year on Speech Day, the House Cup is presented to the House with the highest number of points accumulated throughout the year. Think of Harry Potter and the House Cup being presented at the final assembly and you will not go far wrong.

House Points - 10.09.21

1st	Bentley	
2nd	Cave	Savile
3rd	Freeston	

Individual House Point Achievements 10.09.21

Year 2	Jacob Lo
Year 3	Charlie Worth
Year 4	Jeremiah Abuede
Year 5	Rafferty Wallis
Year 6	Oliver Rose

House Points - 17.09.21

1st	Freeston	
2nd	Cave	
3rd	Bentley	
4th	Savile	

Individual House Point Achievements 17.09.21

Year 2	Ollie Lonergan
Year 3	Olly Gill
Year 4	Eisa Mohmed
Year 5	Pratham Dwarakanath
Year 6	Ben Marsden

Forest School Sessions

Sessions can also be found in the 'QEGS JS Calendar' on Firefly.

- Wed 8 Sept - 4D
- Wed 15 Sept - 3R
- Wed 22 Sept - 4C
- Wed 29 Sept - 3P
- Wed 6 Oct - 4D
- Wed 13 Oct - 3R
- Wed 3 Nov - 4C
- Wed 10 Nov - 3P
- Wed 17 Nov - 4D
- Wed 24 Nov - 3R
- Wed 1 Dec - 4C
- Wed 8 Dec - 3P
- Wed 15 Dec - 4D



Key Dates

13 Sept	PTA meeting	13 Oct	Y4/Y5/Y6 Rugby v Aysgarth
16 Sept	JS Inter House General Knowledge	15 Oct	Charity Day
21 Sept	Y3 to Y5 Virtual Parents Evening	6 Nov	Harrison Cup
22 Sept	Variety Minibus Handover	10 Nov	U11 HMC Rugby at GSAL
24 Sept	McMillian Coffee Morning	11 Nov	HMC Cross Country at Barlbrough Hall
27 Sept	JS Class Photos	12 Nov	U10 Rugby v St Peters
27 Sept	Y4/Y5/Y6 Rugby Fixtures v RGS Newcastle and Dame Allans	15 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
28 Sept	Harvest Festival	16 Nov	HMC Chess
29 Sept - 1 Oct	Y4 Residential to National Forest	19 Nov	U11 Rugby v St Peters
5 Oct - 8 Oct	Y5 Residential to PYB	19 Nov	Founders' Day
8 Oct	Foundation Wide Non Uniform Day	19 Nov	International Men's Day
9th Oct	Foundation Open Morning	23 Nov	U9 Rugby v St Peters
12 Oct	Bradford Rugby Tournament	26 Nov	U10/ U11 Rugby v GSAL
		1 Dec	Warwick Rugby Festival
		13 Dec	JS Carol Service

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OPENS MINDS AND
OPENS DOORS**



Yorkshire Football Development

At Wakefield Girls High School,
Wentworth Street, Wakefield, WF1 2QS
Starting on Wednesday 29th September 2021

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 and Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm




Dear Parents,

I am pleased to tell you that places are now available to join a new 12-week football course at Wakefield Girls High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £5.50 per week which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Cameron
TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

Senior Section News

QEGS welcomed the new Year 7 boys into school on Monday 6th September. They had an extremely busy transition day getting to know each other and the school. There were lots of smiling faces as the boys were introduced to their new members of staff and peers. The boys took part in some icebreaker activities which got them to relax and start to build new friendships. They managed to squeeze in their photographs and collect their new timetable before they began the Year 7 Passport around school. The boys travelled up and down corridors and in and out of buildings looking for clues to where the next room was.

After a well earned lunch the boys enjoyed some lunchtime activities, there was the spaghetti tower challenge, games in the sports hall, biology and cookie mining in Geography. What came next was periods 5 and 6 and the task of navigating themselves to the right classroom in school. The Year 7 boys impressed us with their manners and effort, and one boy summed up the day with "That was fun!"

Mrs Roberts - Cave



Congratulations to our Y7, Y8 and Y9 winners of the 2021 Extreme Reading Competition.

Benjamin Wale 7ANR

Arthur Young 7WLS

Joseph Grove 9TJL

Ayan Sinha 8MLA

Congratulations to Dr Rhodes for being the staff winner!



Extreme Reading 2021

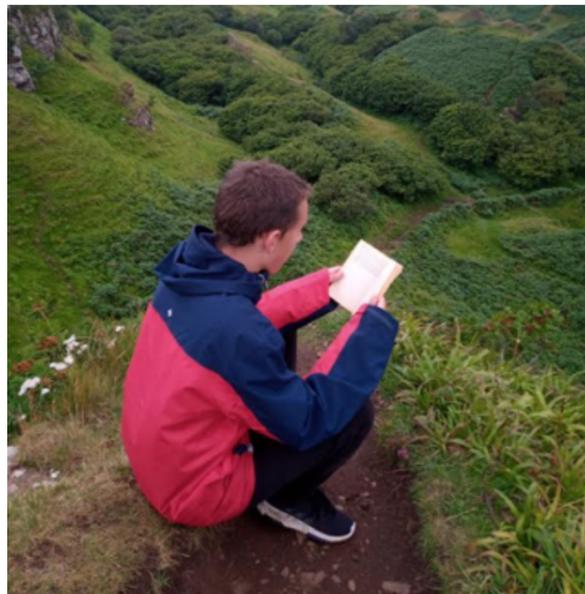


Photo of the Week

Mrs Bauman-Milner has signed up our Year 6, Year 7, and Year 8 boys to Bookbuzz, a programme from the Book Trust charity, giving students the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles.

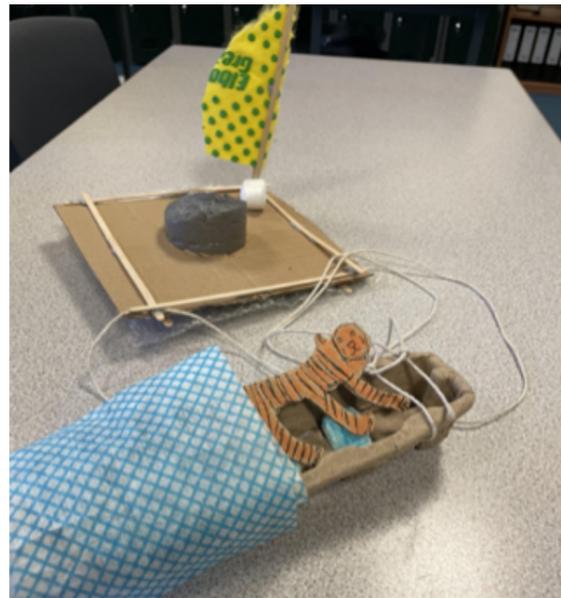


Year 10 Life of Pi

Our GCSE Literature text, Life of Pi by Yann Martel has started on an 'even keel' with our raft-building challenge.

Using a range of recycled materials, students took inspiration from Part Two of the novel to build their creations:

'I hitched the long rope to the raft. Lifeboat and raft were now tethered. Next I attached a life jacket to each side of the raft, on its underside. Another life jacket I strapped across the hole of the lifebuoy to act as a seat. I turned the last oar into a footrest, lashing it on one side of the raft, about two feet from the lifebuoy, and tying the remaining life jacket to it. My fingers trembled as I worked, and my breath was short and strained. I checked and rechecked all my knots'



Clifton Scarecrow Festival

Many thanks to all the boys who took part in Saturday afternoon's concert as part of the Clifton Scarecrow Festival, whether in the swing bands, saxophone ensembles or as soloists. It was great to be out performing again!

Thanks also to the parents who came along to support.

Art Department Update

The start of each academic year is a great opportunity for us to showcase the work of our GCSE and A-Level exam groups. Friday 17th September sees our Year 14 leavers return for the Year 14 Prize Giving Event and, before the formalities of the evening begin, Year 14 students and their families will have the opportunity to look at some of the work of our GCSE and A-Level students from the summer 2021 exam series. In addition to Fine Art GCSE and Fine Art A-Level, we are delighted to have also been able to include some of the photographs that our GCSE Photography students have taken over the two year course, as well as some of the work of our Year 6 students.

The academic year is starting to feel more like a 'normal' QEGS year, and we wasted no time in organising an offsite visit for our GCSE Photography students. The current Year 11 photography students hadn't been on a Photography field trip since the course began in 2020, and it was such a relief to be able to finally take the boys to the very beautiful Harlow Carr RHS Gardens, in Harrogate, where they used the day to take photographs that would enrich their coursework portfolios, and allow them to apply the skills they have been developing in school and during the lockdown learning.



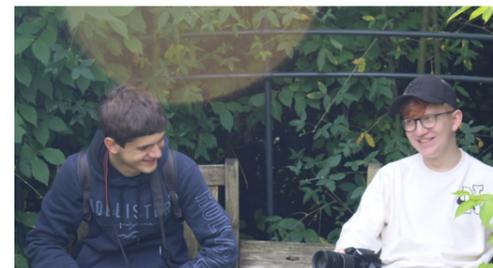
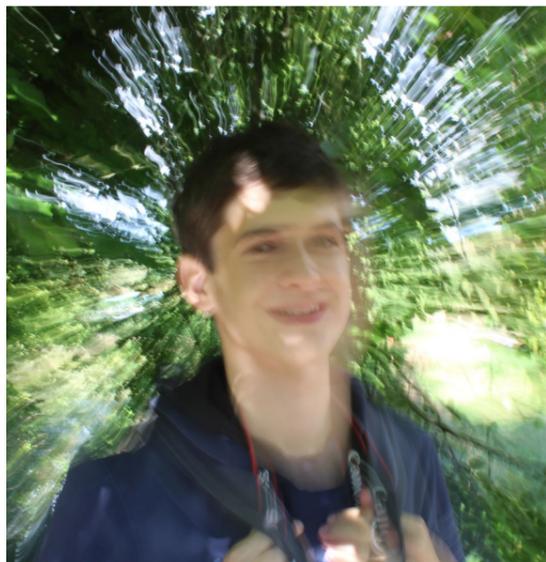
We are very proud of our boys' creative achievements, and it has been a delight to curate the exhibition this year. With four exam groups and a whole Year 6 cohort to consider, we only wish the Reception Hall was bigger, so we could have included work from everyone!





Abhinav has taken photographs for the Experimental Photography Project, exploring the possibilities of homemade lens filters and contrived blur techniques.

Ciaran has taken some excellent portrait photographs during the trip, capturing moment that show just how valuable it is to finally be able to spend time in the company of others, after the challenges of 2020.



Watch this space - we are already planning a wealth of other enrichment opportunities for our art and photography students, and are looking forward to being able to present these in future editions of the newsletter.

Mrs Caines - Freeston

Foundation Students and Global Produce Charity Single



The song was a community initiative spearheaded by students across the three Foundation Schools, with its royalties going directly to Variety to raise much-needed funds for equipment for local vulnerable children. Lyrics including 'I am the future, I am the stars' and 'We are the voice that fights for the dream' were inspired by students' commitment to help all children reach their goals.

Stars from Global's radio stations including Capital FM and Classic FM sent good luck messages and videos to the students.



The six-week venture saw musicians including four-year old pianist, Fei Fei and 14-year old drummer, Frankie, through to lead vocal and guitar from Charisa, involved in songwriting and production sessions with tutors and Global producers, Jack and Tim, the father/son duo and Britain's Got Talent Runners up in 2018.

Song vocals and vocal support were performed by Charisa, Millie, Beau, Fifi, Eva, Hugo and Oscar, who also played guitar.

Watch the official music video here: <https://youtu.be/v4hsnlm336w>



“ We are so impressed. We hope you have a great time making it and we can't wait to hear it. Best of luck. *Roman Kemp, Sonny and Sian from the Capital Breakfast Show.* ”



“ It's so cool that you're involved in writing, singing and performing of your own song - *Marvin Humes* ”

Charlotte Farrington, regional development director at charity, Variety, commented on the impact the Foundation students' creative gesture will make on their fundraising. She said:

"The support of Wakefield Grammar Schools is absolutely fantastic – they've recognised Variety's need and have responded in such a creative way! All monies raised will be used to fund applications for specialist equipment from children and families across Yorkshire. As we bounce back as a country, now is our opportunity to help those whose daily struggles are far greater than any lockdown we have had to endure!"



“How exciting you can write and perform your very own song. You're heroes.”

Aled Jones - Classic FM

Mrs Allen Raises Cash for Charity

The Great North Run returned this year in celebration of its 40th year, albeit a slightly different route from usual. It was a fantastic event with an amazing atmosphere and welcome support from fellow runners and the residents of Newcastle. In an effort to raise much needed funds for Tommy's, Mrs Allen completed the challenge on Sunday 12th September and has so far succeeded in raising £355.

If you wish to donate to this worthy charity, the link is: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NatalieAllen15>



In My Own Words...

With Ayan 

Year 8 visited Rustico to start the new academic year in a new way. With the last year being all inside school with no trips to be seen in the misty fog of Covid-19 which blocked our path beyond the grand gates of QEGS; the school knew this would be the best way to show what QEGS actually has to offer. With a trip outside the gates and in the streets of Wakefield-Rustico was our final destination.

Once Year 8 had reached the ravishing Rustico, they were surprised to see that everything had been gorgeously laid out on the tables making them feel very excited to taste the even more appetizing, flavoursome food. They were all kindly greeted by the very welcoming workers to look around to see the splendid restaurant decorations which surrounded the walls making them feel even happier to be there.

After a light second of waiting our food had been served with a great range of variety which was for them to decide. From pizza to pasta the options were endless and to top it all off there was a soft drink to choose from as well! The luscious, divine, flavourful food sat at the brink of our fingertips and within minutes our plates were empty! Year 8's bodies had been energised to 100% battery and they were all ready to head back to school and shoot back into lessons to their best potential.

It was delightful for Year 8 to enjoy some time out of school with their friends and teachers to enjoy themselves as much as they could after a long, hard and fatiguing year had just passed and a new year had begun.



Ayan S - Savile

Meet our New Staff Members



For the last decade I've worked as the Hockey & Tennis coach here at QEGS, alongside working as a Coach for Wakefield Hockey Club in various capacities and for the European Hockey Federation in a number of different countries. I've recently retired from playing Hockey, after playing for Wakefield and Sheffield Hallam in the National League and internationally with Wales, due to family commitments and age related issues! I've been lucky enough to work with a lot of very talented students over the last 10 years at QEGS and am looking forward to continuing that within the PE department.

Danny Berry - Savile



A private school girl myself, with my passions for Physics and Pedagogy, I've had opportunities to teach students and train teachers, both inside and out of the classroom, here and abroad, and in a vast number of settings.

While I will retain links with places such as the Royal Institution and will keep writing and editing materials where I can, it is with the utmost pleasure that I join the staff at QEGS, as part of The Foundation.

I am excited for this next stage of my career in education and even more so to meet, teach and, hopefully, enthuse your children about Physics, while supporting them in all aspects of their QEGS experience.

Diana Bracewell - Freeston



As an Old Savilian, I am delighted to be back at the school where I spent the best part of 15 years of my life. Even after 5 years away, there are still teachers that bring out the shy school boy in me - Mr Leask and Mr Fortas, to name a few. Since my school days I have tackled sports coaching in Manchester, as well as carrying on my rugby career while studying Journalism at Leeds Beckett University. Here I took a keen interest in radio journalism, which led to fantastic work placements at talkSPORT, BBC Radio Leeds and BBC 5 Live in Salford, where I became a regular guest on their morning newspaper review segment. Despite this, the lure of teaching and sports coaching could not be ignored and I look forward to what the year has in store.

Harry Graham - Freeston



I have been a Head of Physics for the best of 8 years now at Hall Cross Academy in Doncaster and was previously a head of science at the Oxford International College of Qingdao in China.

I am thrilled and honoured to be joining QEGS as Head of Physics and working within the community to deliver a quality education within the Physics department. I have an excellent and diverse team of three teachers and a fantastic technician.

The school has been exceptionally welcoming and I am really impressed with the camaraderie of the staff and the pleasant attitude of the student community. The students have impressed me greatly and the support staff also have been very patient and supportive as I ask vast amounts of questions at almost every opportunity.

This feels like a real team effort and I am looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Thank you
Kirk Williams - Cave



I grew up in a small town called Castleford just outside of Wakefield. All my life I have played sports such as rugby union, rugby league, cricket, swimming and have thoroughly enjoyed doing so. From the age of 7-16 I attended QEGS Wakefield. After completing my GCES here at QEGS, I wanted a change in environment so I decided to move to NEW College Pontefract where I studied Sports, Business Studies and Media. To complete my education after college I attended Leeds Beckett University where I completed a Bachelor's degree in Sports Business Management. After leaving University a position here at the Junior School became available and it was something that I knew I would enjoy doing.

Brannan Pearson - Freeston

Qubana Joint Social

Year 12 QEGS gents and WGHS ladies enjoyed their first joint social at the prestigious Qubana restaurant in Wakefield on Friday 10th of September. It was a chance to eat tapas, have a (soft) drink, get to know each other and hopefully make friends across the road.

Judging by the smiles on their faces, it seems like the evening was a success and we look forward to holding more joint socials before the glamour of the Year 13 Leavers' Ball as our final curtain to life in the Foundation Sixth Form. It will come around quicker than you think!

Meet our Head Boy



As the newly appointed Head Boy, I feel extremely lucky to be able to fulfil the role in a year of 'normality'. Whether it be the familiar sound of simultaneous yard cricket and football games, the buzz of much-anticipated sports fixtures and musical performances, or the QED programme in full swing, this academic year promises to see a return to the tangible products of the special ethos our school has.



Yet, perhaps most exciting of all is the introduction of the house system. Not only will it create some positive rivalry and competition, but it will also lead to new friendships that will transcend year groups as each house competes to be the best (of course, we already know that's Bentley!)

It's already been a busy start to the year for us as a head boy team, a sign of things to come; we helped the seamless transition for Year 7's, 10's and 13's as well as assisting at Year 12's parents evening. As a group, we hope to be an open and approachable voice for the students as we look ahead to what is sure to be a fantastic year!

**Edward Marsh
Head Boy - Bentley**

House Matters



After a few heavy days of pre-term INSET sessions, the staff started the ball rolling with the very first inter House competitions of 2021/22. They took to the field, the oche, the shooting range, the putting green and a whole host of other locations. Mr Mason of house Savile showed his true hidden abilities as the Master of the Croquet Lawn. Mrs McGlone of Cave demonstrated a ruthless streak and ensured nobody ever wants to share a car with her again in Mario Kart while Mr Leask, also of team Cave muscled in on his athletic ability to calmly clear a double top finish on the dart board.



After several hours of golf ball putting, beer ponging, quizzing, pellet shooting and evidently what can only be described as a ferociously competitive game of rounders, the prowess of the bakers was gladly feasted upon for several hours afterwards and what is now a traditional ending to any festivity - the Tug of War - proved a fitting showpiece finale.

Bentley had accrued enough points to be comfortably topping the leaderboard heading into the final event. With a packed powerhouse of what they believed was a winning team they, however, underestimated the sheer immovable force of Team Savile who carried themselves through to win in the end. A very happy Mr Cook backing up his early claims to early success.



Final scores of 435 points for Savile, 415 for Bentley, 380 for Freeston and 375 for Cave will show as an early lead for Savile as the boys now take over the challenge.

With launch assemblies to the Junior Section and inaugural House Assemblies to the whole School body beginning to take shape we can also begin to introduce more of the House Captain teams:

	Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
Y13 Head of House	Will Gillespie	Andrew McWilliams	Joe Lister	Toby Calvert
Y13 Deputy Head of House	Tomi Nyatsanza	Patrick Harwood	Sam Moore	Simon Kpoumie
Y11 House Captain	Will Fyfe	Harry Bowser	Oliver Mitchell	Arsh Gupta
Y11 House Vice Captain	Ciaran Reeves	Janik Peeters	Roman Tempest	Esa Butt
Y7 House Captain	Sam Ilsley	Mahaveer Singh	Sebastien Patel	Frederick Lumb
Y7 House Vice Captain	Alexander Bennett	George Garside	Charlie Davis	Benjamin Wale

The rest of the teams will be applied for and decided over the coming weeks.....pay attention to your Firefly messages if you wish to apply

Dr. Clark - Bentley
House Systems Manager

Key Dates

17 Sept	'Y14' Speech Evening 5-8pm	9 Nov	Y13 Parents' Evening (1)
20-22 Sept	Y7 Residential at Lake Windermere	11 Nov	Remembrance Service
26 Sept	Tait 10s at Barnard Castle	12 Nov	Parents of Y10 - Head's Breakfast
28 Sept	Y11 Parents' Evening	12 Nov	Y13 early applicant interviews
3 Oct	KS2 and 3 Sponsored walk for CIN	13 Nov	SHINE begins
6-7 Oct	Y12 Interim exams	16 Nov	Jazz Inspire Day
6 Oct	Parents of Y7 - Head's Breakfast	17 Nov	Parents of Y12 - Head's Breakfast
7 Oct	National Poetry Day	18 Nov	KS3+4 Prizegiving assembly (tbc)
8 Oct	Non-uniform day - early finish	18 Nov	6th Form Open Evening
8 Oct	Marsden Jazz Festival	18 Nov	Y11 Study Leave begins at 4pm
9 Oct	Open Morning	19 Nov	Founders' Day
13 Oct	Parents of Y8 - Head's Breakfast	20 Nov.	Y7&8 Bowling at Barnsley Bowl
14 Oct	Y7 Form Tutor Evening	24 Nov	Parents of Y13 - Head's Breakfast
15 Oct	Break up at 4pm	19 - 2nd Dec	Y11 mocks
15-17	1st XV - St Joseph's Festival (tbc)	2 Dec	Y12 Parents' Evening
1 Nov	School reopens	3 Dec	Y11 return - Work Experience Day
1st Nov	Flu vaccinations	6 Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
4 Nov	Y10 Form Tutor Evening	7 Dec	Y8 Pantomime at Leeds Playhouse
5 Nov	Parents of Y9 - Head's Breakfast	10 Dec	Carol Service
9 Nov	Parents of Y11 - Head's Breakfast	15-16 Dec	Christmas concerts
		17 Dec	End of term at 12pm