



Friday 26th November 2021

E-BULLETIN

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

Welcome from the SS Academic Office

This term is a jam-packed one for the school and boys and their teachers alike are busily engaged in teaching and learning across the curriculum. Our Year 11 boys are currently sitting their GCSE mock exams and we wish them well in their endeavours. Their studious attitude and hard work will no doubt pay dividends and they are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour in these assessments.

It was a pleasure to see our current Year 12 students receive their GCSE certificates last week in our Prizegiving assembly. All the boys are now securely on their A Level journey having chosen 3 or 4 subjects that they particularly enjoyed at GCSE and which they anticipate will facilitate their chosen career path. They are enriching their subject knowledge by running clubs and societies at lunchtime: sixth form debating, the language of hip hop, MedSoc - an eclectic and growing list!



A year group that knows a thing or two about A level study is of course Year 13 who are busily meeting with the careers team, their form tutors and their SLT link to send off their UCAS applications. We've got boys applying for everything from Auto-motive Engineering to Law, from Agriculture to International Relations or a Degree Apprenticeship in Accounting & Finance to name just a few of the many career paths our boys hope to follow.



In other parts of the school our boys are engaging in high quality learning - and so are their teachers. We are currently looking at the technique of retrieval practice ([useful link 1](#), [useful link 2](#)) as a tool to embed knowledge into our long term memories as evidence suggests this is a highly effective learning strategy.

We have also been delighted to welcome parents back into school for our successful Parental Induction Evenings: Year 12 on the 7th September, Year 7 on the 14th October and Year 10 on the 4th November - it was great to see so many of you! Academic Parents Evenings continue to be virtual for the time being, and these are a valuable way to check in on your son's progress; you can also get regular feedback by checking his Firefly profile.

We hope we have been able to give you a flavour of this busy term - the rest of this ebulletin is testament to all the activities our boys are engaged in.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you soon.

Mr Fitzsimons - Freeston
Mrs Eggleston - Bentley
Senior Section Directors of Studies

Junior Section News

Last Friday saw the school celebrate its 430th birthday and the Junior Section welcomed Jonathan Lewis, old boy and current governor, to speak with the boys about his time at QEGS and how it helped him to go on to achieve many things in his life. Founders' Day is always an occasion that I look forward to and it didn't disappoint with some superb, passionate singing of the school song by the Y6 boys.

It was also great to have a number of rugby fixtures going on last week and the U9 and U11 boys excelled themselves with some superb displays against St Peter's. There should also have been plenty of boys involved in the HMC Chess Competition but, unfortunately, we had to postpone this and it will be reorganised for the spring term (a bit more time to get practising too, boys).



Not only were boys excelling on the rugby pitch, I was incredibly pleased to have a steady stream of boys being sent to my office to show off their wonderful work (and earn themselves and their House a few extra house points at the same time). Artists, writers and mathematicians from Year 2 to Year 6 all came knocking on my office door and it is always a pleasure to see what they have been working on. Well done, boys, and keep it up. I am also looking forward to sharing a good book with the Year 2 boys today in our reading session which will be a lovely way to end another busy week.

Christmas is certainly in the air with Nativity and Choir rehearsals going strong.



The staff choir have met a couple of times already and, with a challenging Yorkshire-themed piece to perform at this year's Carol Service, I am having to reign-in Mr Renshaw and his ideas for us to wear some 'interesting' traditional outfits. We will need to keep at it to ensure that the performance isn't flat like the Yorkshire headgear he is trying hard to convince us to wear!

Mr Thompson - Cave
Director of Junior Section



Dear Parents
Our Christmas Fayre has launched on Facebook! We have a great range of virtual stands to peruse and take the stress out of Christmas shopping!

From local businesses like Betty Loves Candles, The Little Orange Tree & Oak House Orchids to beauty from Temple Spa & Tropic, treatments from Transcendental Holistic Therapies and fitness from Iveridge Hall to work off the season's indulgences, there really is something for everyone!

Search Facebook for:
QEGS JS PTA Virtual Christmas Fayre

QEGS JS PTA

Founders' Day in Photos



JS Choir performing to the school.



Guest Speaker addressing the school.



Y6 were in the JS hall for the Founders Day service and all other years groups accessed this remotely.



Mr Thompson's address to the school.



Dr Brookes, Mr Jonathan Lewis and Mr Thompson.



Jonathan Lewis, Mr Thompson, with Oliver (Head Boy) and Pranav (Deputy Head Boy).

Bentley Boys Challenges

Since October Half Term, 'Team Bentley' have been setting all Junior and Senior Bentley boys a little challenge where they can show off their creativity and win a prize. The challenges are being set by the house captains and go live on the Bentley Firefly Page at the start of each Week B. So far, it has been senior school boys that have won each challenge so we'd love to see a junior school boy scoop the next prize!

The new challenge, set by Dan and Connor - our Y12 Captains, and all the previous challenges, are all on the Bentley Firefly Page. Go and have a look and good luck with your entries!

<https://qs-wgsf.fireflycloud.net/houses/bentley>

Mr Charlesworth
Assistant Head of Bentley House



BE Next To Leap; Empower Yourself

New Bentley Challenge! (22.11.21)



Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 26th November

1st	Cave - 355
2nd	Bentley - 345
3rd	Freeston - 344
4th	Savile - 338

Most House Points achieved in each Year group

Year 2	William Birch
Year 3	Toby Rigby
Year 4	Jeremiah Abuede
Year 5	Oliver Marshall
Year 6	Danny Le



Yorkshire Business Awards 2021

Our JS Choir usually performs at the following event but are unable to do so this year. We hope to be able to attend again next year.

The Yorkshire Business Awards

The Queens Hotel, Leeds at 11.30am - Drinks reception
12.00 noon - Call for dinner and 4.00pm - Approx finish

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Senior Section News

Each year, we are privileged to be joined by three foreign language assistants in our Foundation. This year sees the return of our Spanish language assistant, Roberto, from Chile and two new assistants from Germany and France. The three of them work with our students to improve their spoken language but also, and importantly, to give them insight into the cultures of their respective countries. I will leave it to them to introduce themselves...



Roberto



¡Hola a todos!
Me llamo Roberto González y vengo de Chile, Sudamérica. Este es mi segundo año en WGHS y QEGS, y debo decir que lo he pasado fantástico. Todos los estudiantes son maravillosos y muy inteligentes. Me encanta realizar actividades y juegos con ellos para ayudarlos a aprender el español. Todos mis alumnos me han demostrado su cariño a través de un gesto y uno que otro regalito. Sin duda alguna ha sido una gran experiencia. Saludos y cariños a todos!

Hello, everyone!
I am called Roberto González and I come from Chile, South America. This is my second year at WGHS and QEGS, and I must say that I have had a fantastic time. All the students are wonderful and very intelligent. I love doing activities and games with them to help them learn Spanish. All my pupils have shown me much affection through simple gestures or the odd little gift. Without a doubt, it has been a great experience.

Ich heiße Marlene Feger, ich bin 24 Jahre alt und komme aus Berlin. In meiner Freizeit spiele ich Geige und und singe in einem Chor. Außerdem gehe ich gerne in der Natur wandern, zum Beispiel nächstes Wochenende im Yorkshire Dales National Park. Ich studiere Englisch und Deutsch an der Freien Universität Berlin und möchte später Lehrerin werden. Deshalb bin ich auch bis Ende April hier an der Schule. Ich freue mich sehr auf die Zeit hier.

My name is Marlene Feger, I am 24 years old and I am from Berlin. In my free time I play the violin and I sing in a choir. Moreover, I like to go hiking in nature, for example, next weekend I'll go hiking in the Yorkshire Dales Nationalpark. I study English and German at the Freie Universität Berlin to be a teacher. This is also why I'll be here as an assistant until April. I'm very much looking forward to my time here.



Justine



Bonjour! Je m'appelle Justine, j'ai vingt-et-un ans et je suis la nouvelle assistante française à Wakefield Girls' High School et Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. J'habite dans un petit village situé dans le Nord de la France près de Lille et Arras. Cette année j'ai obtenu la licence LLCER (langues, littératures, civilisations étrangères et régionales) dans la ville d'Arras. J'aimerais faire un master pour devenir professeur d'anglais ou encore travailler dans le tourisme.

Je suis impatiente d'apprendre de nouvelles choses sur le métier d'enseignant, et d'améliorer mon anglais mais aussi de découvrir la belle région du Yorkshire.

Hello or bonjour! My name is Justine, I am twenty one years old and I am the new French assistant at Wakefield Girls' High School and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. I live in a small village in the north of France near Lille and Arras. This year I obtained an English degree called LLCER (Langages, littératures, civilisations étrangères et régionales) in Arras. I would like to do a masters to become an English teacher or to work in tourism. I am looking forward to learning new things about the teaching profession, and improving my English, but also to discover the beautiful region of Yorkshire.

Language Ambassadors

Another exciting development in the MFL department is the introduction of our Language Ambassadors programme. This is still brand new and sees keen linguists from all years and all languages band together to promote and celebrate language learning here at QEGS. Their first official meeting took place just the other day, so watch this space for exciting news or activities coming your way...



The Mighty Black and Golds Storm to Victory in the Cup

QEGS faced a spirited Hymers College team in the third round of the National Schools' Cup.

The match was very competitive at the start with both teams trying to impose their game plan early on; breakdown penalties were given to both teams evidencing their desire to win.

The black and gold began to get a foothold in the game, making gain line in attack, keeping some shape and width, and allowing them to play rugby at the spaces. This created some good opportunities which were duly converted.

The defensive effort from the team was impressive, managing to keep Hymers at bay throughout.

All in all, it was a very good display of rugby from both teams, but QEGS ran out comfortable winners at 33-0. Despite defeat, the opposition should be credited for their efforts and attitude towards the contest.



Cross Country Success

Our cross country team competed in the Regional round of the English school's cross country event at Mount St Mary's school recently.

The magnificent four of Joseph (captain and 9th), Ayan (20th) Samuel (38th), and Thomas (a year young running in an U13 competition and 59th)

Photo of the Week



Congratulations to our Year 7 karate star, Mayon!

Mayon travelled to the International Open Karate Competition in Dundee and scooped the gold medal in his event, a truly remarkable achievement.



all battled hard in what is always an elite field of talented school and club runners. The team finished in 8th position overall.

Mr. Rees was very impressed with their effort and camaraderie throughout the day and we hope their experience of this level of competition can motivate them to continue training and working hard to try and improve next year!

Student Spotlight Featuring Henry Smith

Our very own star sailor Henry has been selected as a member of the RYA's ILCA4 Regional Training Group for Winter 2021/2022. Following a competitive application process, he is one of just 13 ILCA4 sailors selected to train over the winter in the North!

Coached by Ali Young, GBR's ILCA6 sailor at the Tokyo Olympics, Henry enjoyed his first training session recently at Rutland Sailing Club, and will head to Plas Heli in Wales in February when the southern and northern groups will train together.

Henry's achievement marks another huge milestone in his fledgling career, following his recent Silver Fleet victory at the UKLA National Championships held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for Henry on the next leg of his sailing journey!



Highlight



46. Horse Riding

Mrs Williamson has been in charge of Horse-Riding QED this year. The boys (and Miss) have had a great time!

They have been heading off to Lowfold Equestrian every Wednesday afternoon where they have been learning how to saddle up a horse, and how to walk and trot safely. The boys have really taken to this incredibly challenging sport and are getting better every week. Even the instructor has said how impressed she has been! A few boys are keen to start galloping already...but let's not run before we can walk. Keep up the great work everyone!



QEGS Students Raise Funds for Nigerian School

In December 2019, Year 8 students Timilehin and Xavier initiated a charity project to renovate a school in Ikorodu, Lagos-state in Nigeria. The idea for the project stemmed from the boys' passion to help other children who do not have the same opportunity as them. Having seen pictures of a local Nigerian school in a deplorable state, they decided to help raise funds to renovate it.

Partnering with a Lagos based not-for-profit organisation, called FoodClique, the boys initiated a 10km charity winter walk in January 2020 with 30 children and adults also taking part. The boys made several presentations to local Churches in Wakefield, Nigerian community members in Leeds, and local councillors in Leeds to help raise awareness of the challenges in Nigeria and to raise more funds.

A GoFundMe campaign was set up to facilitate the fundraising and the boys managed to raise a whopping total of £5,612.

The students also planned to organise a bake sale and movie night to raise more funds in March 2020, but the project came to a standstill due to the COVID pandemic and subsequent lockdown.

Despite this setback, the renovation of Ipakodo Grammar school was recently completed, thanks to the boys' fundraising efforts.

The school now accommodates over 1000 children across its junior, senior, and inclusive sections, with the latter offering special provision for speech impaired, blind and deaf children.

Take a sneak peek behind the scenes of the renovation project via the following link: <https://youtu.be/mq823cZNcio>

The leaders of the school, local community and the charity are extremely grateful to Timilehin and Xavier for their accomplishment and recently invited the boys to virtually attend the commissioning ceremony of the Ipakodo Grammar School as guests of honour.



Green Jumper Day at QEGS

Junior and Senior Section students came together today to take part in Green Jumper Day.

Green Jumper Day is all about raising climate change awareness. Today, we at QEGS, along with other businesses, shops, schools and other organisations turned down the heating to save money and boys donated £2 each to wear a green jumper as part of our mission to help save our planet.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this worthy cause, the money raised will be used to plant trees and educate the next generation about the importance of mitigating climate change.

In My Own Words...

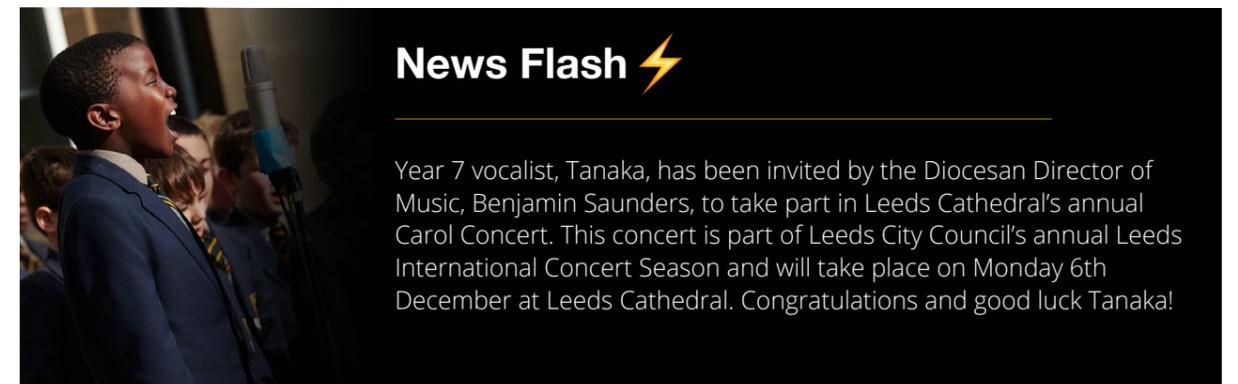
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Following last year's BBC Chorister of the Year competition, Me, Alex, Isaac, and Gabriel were asked by Aled Jones and Simon Lole to form a new choral boy band which was very exciting as it's a unique idea which has been brought to the world of music.



Between the two, they have an abundance of experience in choral music so we knew that what they were creating would be something special. I have always looked up to Aled Jones so to be asked to join his new vocal group is an honour. After we had decided what pieces we were going to sing, we travelled to London and Manchester to get some rehearsals, recording and filming done and the final product has already been produced across Radio 2, Classic FM and BBC 1 Songs of Praise. It's now been over a year in the making and we are so happy that it has now been announced and you can hear what we have been up to throughout this past year. We are now currently working on some more pieces which we can't wait for you to hear. We have an amazing team behind it all who have made this experience one I will never forget. We have lots more lined up and I'm excited for the future of 'The Choristers'.



News Flash ⚡

Year 7 vocalist, Tanaka, has been invited by the Diocesan Director of Music, Benjamin Saunders, to take part in Leeds Cathedral's annual Carol Concert. This concert is part of Leeds City Council's annual Leeds International Concert Season and will take place on Monday 6th December at Leeds Cathedral. Congratulations and good luck Tanaka!

Jazz Inspire Day

The day started with a rehearsal with our Intermediate Swing Foundation, and during this we played a piece called Tuxedo Junction. Mr Urbanski then went into detail and taught us about how to keep in time and about all the different triplet beats involved in jazz. We then moved onto some improvisation skills and he taught us about choosing different motifs to use and to then apply them to our improvisation.

The second session featured a saxophone ensemble rehearsal and we prepared a piece called 'Round Midnight' for a concert that was taking place later.



At lunch Mr Urbanski gave a very informative lecture on improvisation and the triplet feel. This lecture wasn't strictly for musicians, and it was open to anyone interested. As I'd already heard what he had to say I was more appreciating his beautiful playing skills!

After this Mr Urbanski held a solo masterclass, and this was one of the highlights of the day. A lot of us were given the opportunity to play a jazz standard with Mr Urbanski and then add an improvisation section using the information he had given us earlier.

After this day of jazz inspiration our saxophone ensemble were given the chance to play with an amazing quartet which Mr Urbanski had organised. This was my favourite part of the day, as it just showed how much music means to people; you could see on everyone's faces that they were having the best time and that they were just so into the music.

Thank you to Mrs Bentham and Mr Urbanski for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

By Michael Dube - Freeston



Classics Department Update

The Classics Department has been working away steadily this half term, and is looking forward to the Saturnalia season in the middle of winter! This traditionally involved lots of eating and drinking, a break from work, and for one day only masters and slaves changed places. Perhaps Mr. Dean will be keener on the start of that sentence than the end of it ...

This term has been in lots of ways a series of steps back towards "normality". We have had "proper" lessons with old favourites such as Standup Sitdown vocabulary test/games, presentation of Graded Test certificates, and face to face arguments and debates in class. Year 12 Classical Civilisation have recently been reading and discussing Sophocles' play Antigone, where the key idea is if and when it is right to disobey the law of the state. It is hard to see how more contemporary that could be!

Jasmine Butler, who was in the joint Classics class a couple of years ago, is directing an adaptation of [Euripides' Bacchae at Nottingham University](#). Exploring issues of sexuality and gender identity as the play does, it is another contemporary and "edgy" use of the Classical World.



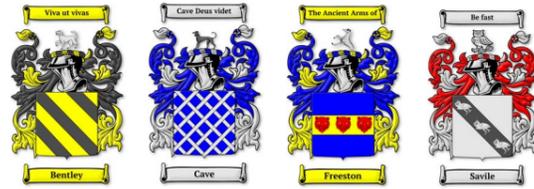
Year 11 pupils are doing Mock Exams as I write, hoping that these will not be part of the grade awarding process next summer. Sixth Form Open Evening has been and gone with promising numbers of pupils expressing interest in their Classical futures in the sixth form.

Lower down the school there has been much interest in the Classics Video Club on Tuesday dinnertimes. The Percy Jackson films have featured, and we have now moved on to the slightly more grisly Eagle film, based on Rosemary Sutcliff's novel Eagle of the Ninth which some may remember. Historical fiction also features in the classroom, with one class reading Simon Scarrow's excellent novel "Gladiator" and others about to start on Caroline Lawrence's Roman Mysteries series.

Another small sign of "normality" has been new pupil work displayed on the Classics classroom display boards. These small steps forward give us all cause for optimism. Another sign of faith in the future of Classics at QEGS and elsewhere, is the continuing interest in Mr. Dean's Youtube channel. Last week ticked over 30,000 views and you are all encouraged to dip into it and find a topic of interest to you. Leading the way in hits has been Roman Eagles, but Roman Executions, and the third century emperor Philip the Arab also have their devotees!

As ever with Classics, we look backwards and forwards, Janus like in our outlook. And as we reach the darker days of winter, we wish you "Io, Saturnalia"!

House Matters



After 9 weeks back at school and a half term in between, it is evident that the House system is in full swing with a number of competitions, events and meetings happening all around school and numerous boys having a chance to represent their houses in the best way they can.

We, Mr Cook and Mrs. Taylor, have the honour of being Head of House and assistant Head of House for what is hopefully going to be the best House in the school, Savile. Named after the founder of the school we thought it appropriate that Saviles lead the way in everything they do, from academics, to sports and general behaviour. Over the past few weeks, boys have been able to shape their house and are currently in the process of voting for a motto that embodies what we stand for. There have been several amazing entries (some extremely interesting!) and now it's down to the final 6 for a vote. What a chance to get some of your work into the history books!

In one particular competition, our team of excellent house captains, two from each year group, have brought together a range of students to compete in the Enterprise competition. The team is being managed by our very own 6th form Captain Toby Calvert.

We have been to see the progress of all houses and some of the work they are doing is outstanding, it is a true testament to what a house system is (however Savile's product is easily the best). Our team have been given a mysterious object to 'upcycle' and create a new versatile product that they can then sell back to a Dragons Den style panel in the next few weeks. Watching the boys work all week, using their imaginations and collaborative skills, working to a common goal has been a pleasure to see. It bodes well for the Savile house.

Other competitions will be coming up during the next few weeks; Football, Badminton, Dodgeball, Quiz, Maths and Yard events and many more are on the horizon. We hope that there will be something for everybody in Savile to enable them to represent the house and show off their talents.

We will be encouraging all boys to get involved and speak to their respective Year's House Captains when an event comes up to express their interest in taking part and hopefully winning lots of house points for Savile and the glory that comes with it.

Senior Section Housepoints

Bentley	Cave	Freeston	Savile
3278	3314	3235	3307

Congratulations to these boys who have won the house point competition this cycle, great effort and well done.

Year 7 - Joseph Shepherd (Savile) Year 10 - Oliver Sharp (Freeston) Year 12 - Ethan Pritchard (Cave)

Year 8 - Samuel Story (Savile) Year 11 - Oliver Gibson (Cave) Year 13 - Ed Marsh (Bentley)

Year 9 - Yu He (Cave)

As we can see, the House points totals are very close, well done to all the boys that are being the very best versions of themselves and gaining merits and house points. Lets keep up the excellent standard we have set in this first term and aim to push on, gaining as many points as we can over the next few weeks.

A last word from us, Savile boys, take a look at the following to see our house values and what we model ourselves on:

S Sportsmanship

To play to the best of your ability in a fair and kind manner and whether win or lose act graciously.

A Achieve

Set yourself realistic goals, work hard and be proud and happy to achieve them.

V Victorious

Work hard; play hard, do your very best.

I Inspirational

Be kind and inspire others with your enthusiasm, patience and kindness.

L Laughter

Don't go a day without laughing; the best form of medicine; triggers.

E Enjoy

All aspects that the house system brings; ENJOY being part of the SAVILE family, enjoy being part of a SAVILE team and most importantly ENJOY yourself.

Mr Cook and Mrs Taylor
House Leaders - Savile



Founders' Day 2021

On Friday 19th November, we celebrated our school's 430th birthday.

Founders' Day celebrations in the Senior Section saw Year 13 boys visit the Wakefield Cathedral for a special commemorative service, with the live performances from a number of talented musicians and vocalists from across the Foundation proving to be a real highlight.



Global Entrepreneurship Week

In celebration of all things entrepreneurial, boys have been working in vertical House teams embracing their innovation and creativity in an upcycling challenge requiring them to design, construct and brand a marketable product out of lollipop sticks.

It has been wonderful to see boys from Year 7 all the way through to Year 13 working together and supporting each other and their ideas are fantastic though TOP SECRET for now!

The challenge will culminate in an exciting presentation event judged by a panel of external experts - Watch this space to find out the winning House team of Global Entrepreneurship Week 2021!



Key Dates

26 Nov	Y13 Joint Economics Conference - London	7 Dec	Y9 Bowling/Buffer (tbc)
26 Nov	Green Jumper Charity Day	7 Dec	Y8 Pantomime @ Leeds Playhouse
29 Nov	U16 Indoor Hockey National Cup	8 Dec	Carol Service @ Cathedral
29 Nov	U13 McCarthy Festival	9 Dec	ABRSM exams
30 Nov	Y7 Pantomime Visit - Wakefield Theatre	10 Dec	Y7 Carol Service @ St John's
2 Dec	Y12 joint Parents' Evening	14 Dec	KS5 Art Printing Workshop
3 Dec	Y11 return - Work Experience Day	15-16 Dec	Christmas concerts
6 Dec	Y9 Writing workshop (tbc)	16 Dec	KS5 Apprenticeship Workshop
		17 Dec	House Master Chef Competition
		17 Dec	End of term @ 12pm