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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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## Welcome from Mrs Palin

In my role as extra-curricular coordinator, it has been such a relief to see the school returning to the wide and varied range of activities that QEGS boys love to get involved with. One of the areas which makes us stand out is the number of sports teams, after school activities and clubs that give our boys opportunities they may not get elsewhere. Off-site trips have been resurrected and we have even managed to take some year groups out on residential. Whether you are in Y3 or Y13, there are plenty of domestic trips booked throughout the year and we are desperately hoping in the Senior Section that the twice postponed ski trip to Val Thorens will finally get on to the slopes!

This year has also seen the reintroduction of the Student Voice Committee with each key stage meeting twice per half term to discuss some of the big issues that most affect their day to day life. It is the opportunity for boys to meet with staff and for both sides to consult and listen to each other; the form reps have brought an array of topics - I think the one I would have least expected was a request for more napkins at lunch! The student council has long been established in the Junior Section and I think that this initiative will allow the boys to feel that they have a 'voice' in areas that matter to them. And talking about consultation, a parental survey looking at school uniform has been sent on Firefly to all parents from Y3 to Y11; we would be grateful if you could complete it by Wednesday 26th January.

Following in the footsteps of a very successful Junior Section House system, the Seniors have hosted a weekly competition ranging from Masterchef to Pumpkin Carving, Xmas card designs to entrepreneurial creations.



The boys have got quizzes, music, art, sport, debating and other challenges to get involved in over the next few weeks; any ideas for activities should be suggested to the Captains who are waiting to build points for their House which will culminate in a House Festival Day in July. Who knows, we may even be able to invite parents to cheer on their sons...

One of the areas that boys (and parents) really get behind is the charity work that we are very proud of.



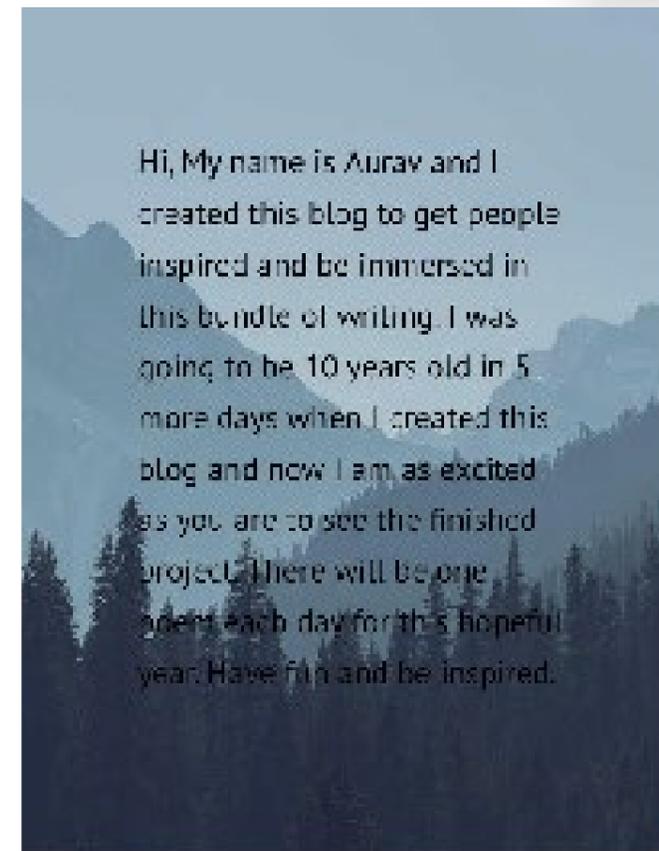
As well as the non-uniform days, money has been raised through sponsorship and donations. Although we were unable to invite the senior citizens on to the school site for their annual Christmas party, they were very grateful to still receive their goodie bags full of an eclectic range of items all donated by generous parents. From everyone involved with charity work, whether it be through organisation, collection or donation - a huge thank you!

Mrs C Palin - Freeston  
Assistant Headteacher

## Junior Section News

Welcome to the first bulletin of 2022 and I am pleased to say that there is already plenty of news to share. Charity has certainly been a theme for these first few weeks with many things to celebrate.

Aurav in Y6 completed his monumental challenge of writing one poem every day of 2021 and has raised £1140 for the Yorkshire Cancer Research charity. His Just Giving page has now closed but his poems can still be viewed on his blog: [www.poetrygrp.wordpress.com](http://www.poetrygrp.wordpress.com). Aurav made all of us very proud with his efforts and hopes to set up a podcast sometime in the future.



As featured in a previous bulletin, Nathesh in Y6 raised over £600 for the Ceylon Cricket Foundation by completing a 50km charity run/walk during the month of September. The money was used to buy cricket equipment for children in Sri Lanka and we have recently received videos from a school in Sri Lanka thanking Nathesh for his support.

Another wonderful achievement and a huge well done to Nathesh.



Our final message on the theme of charity is regarding the Y6 Enterprise Challenge which has been taking place for the last 2 weeks. Mr Drury and Mrs Mackay have been working together on this challenge in which the Y6 boys are put into 'Apprentice-style' teams, given £5 and set the challenge of using it to produce a product or service and make a profit. In the first week, they had a great day working on their business plans, team roles, budgets and projections, and in the second week, sold their products and services to the other boys in the school. A more detailed explanation will come later in the bulletin but the young entrepreneurs did an amazing job and were incredibly enthused and excited by the challenge. A huge thank you for all the parental support (and donations!) as the boys really did get a huge amount out of the experience.

All of the profits raised will be donated to a charity of the boys' choosing.



I seem to have focused a lot on the exploits of the Y6 boys so I would like to redress the balance by saying a huge well done to every boy in Y3 and Y4 who took part in the rugby fixture vs Bronte House on Tuesday. I was fortunate to be able to watch many of the matches and the boys played superbly, clearly very much enjoying the experience. Thank you to all of the staff involved and to the many parents who attended to cheer on their sons - we are very grateful for your excellent support. It is the turn of the Y5 and Y6 boys next Friday as they play whole year group fixtures against GSAL and Birkdale (Y5 @ QEGS, Y6 @ GSAL). Parents, please do come along and support your sons at what will be an excellent afternoon of rugby.

R Thompson - Cave  
Director of Junior Section

## Humanities Update

Year 6 have started their Humanities in 2022 with a trip to the Newark Air Museum. This is closely linked to their work in History with a specific focus on World War Two. The boys had a great time finding out all about the impact of air warfare and the history in the development of aviation.

They had a tour of several aircraft at the museum and completed workshops on World War I and II, The Battle of Britain and early aviation through to space travel. They were able to experience an Anderson shelter and think about what it may have been like to have been an evacuee.

They are continuing to look at both physical and economic geography in school and have been enjoying the drama of volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains. Their country study this year will focus on India.



Year 5 have a trip to Armley Mills to look forward to in the summer term which will bring their current History topic and Victorian studies to life. I hope they're ready for the stark and harsh environment of the Victorian classroom, a real contrast from their school life at QEGS! This will follow up their work on Ancient Greece where they have been looking at who the Ancient Greeks were and how they have influenced our lives today. In geography as well linking their history with a study of Greece the boys have been looking at the coast, it's varied use and physical features and will be moving onto studying France.



In typical British fashion, Year 4 have been discussing THE WEATHER as part of their topic, which is followed by a topic learning all about North America. The boys have loved watching various weather experiments, including a group of scientists trying to create a man-made tornado.

We are excited to be starting our new topic learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, the boys are already bursting with facts about this fascinating civilization, but there's lots to learn and lots of fun on the way, including an Egyptian Drama Workshop in a few weeks' time!

Year 3 have had the chills over their latest topic of 'Cold Lands', where they have learnt what life is like for people living in the Arctic... and have been quite surprised at what a great heat insulator snow is!... Now it's time to contrast their knowledge of the cold to their new topic of Kenya... which is considerably warmer!

Mrs Roddy (Savile) and Mr Charlesworth (Bentley)



### Hockey Heroes - a fun introduction to hockey

Wakefield Hockey Club are again running the successful "come and try" Hockey Heroes programme designed for 5 to 8 year olds - starting on 17th February:

It is an 8 week programme - designed by and delivered on behalf of England Hockey.

We are running it on a Thursday at 6 pm to 7pm at the Wakefield Sports Club, Eastmoor Road WF1 3RR on one of our all-weather pitches.

Starting on 17th February.

The 8 week programme costs £40 if booked on for the first time - but the children get a personalised T shirt, 2 sticks, a ball and stickers - and more stickers as they complete the course each week and gain hockey and character powers! There are reductions for repeat bookings....

And if they come to love hockey, Wakefield Hockey Club have a thriving Junior Section which runs on a Sunday morning - so they can move seamlessly into that, if they like the sport.... Many children from this School do that, enjoy great coaching and play competitively at high level.

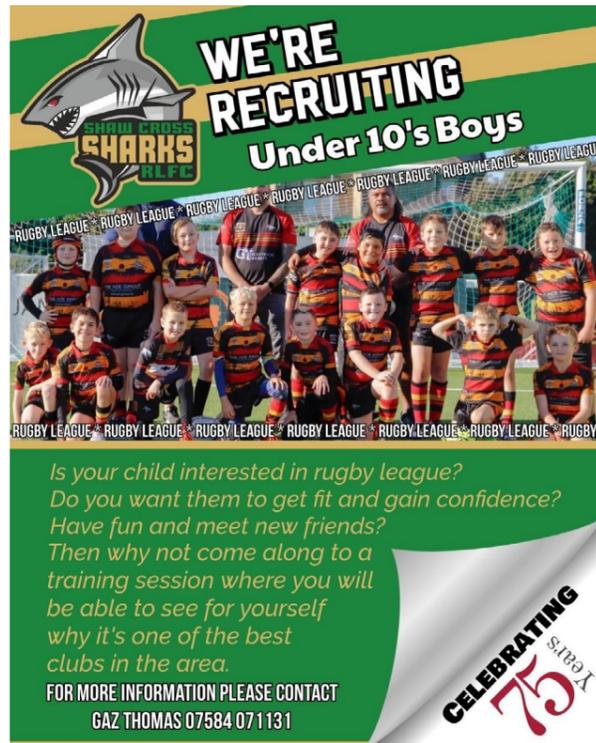
Go to [hockeyheroes.co.uk](http://hockeyheroes.co.uk) to find out more and to book on to this course.

Any queries to Chris Randall - email [cjrandall1@btinternet.com](mailto:cjrandall1@btinternet.com) or text/phone 07815 479245

## Shaw Cross U10's Rugby League Club

Shaw Cross Rugby Club are currently recruiting for the U10s for the 2022 season. Pre-season training typically starts in February prior to the matches commencing in April. It is a great club with a really good reputation in the area. It has an extremely strict safety ethos, no headguard/mouthguard = no play. Please see attached flyer.

Mr Tiffany - Freeston



## Our Year 6 Entrepreneurs *fiver* challenge

On Monday 10th January, our Year 6 boys had the exciting opportunity to become entrepreneurs and businessmen! The challenge, which is outlined below, gave the boys an opportunity to develop key skills they will need throughout their time in education and in the wonderful world of work. Skills such as creativity, communication (written and verbal), planning and organisation, teamwork, problem solving and commercial awareness.

The 'Fiver Challenge' is a programme designed to bring the business world to life for our Year 6 boys at QEGS. In groups, the boys have been given £5 to get their business ideas off the ground during the two weeks of the challenge, aiming to make as much profit as they can. Here's how...

1. Pupils work together to decide what product or service they'll invest their fivers in.
2. Teams will need to source materials or products, prepare sales pitches, and plan selling events.
3. Pupils get their product or service ready and prepare for their selling event.
4. At the end of the Challenge, pupils repay their £5 pledges and decide who they will donate their profit to.



Last week, boys pitched their business ideas to a panel...very much like the Apprentice!



Which boys came up with the most appealing business idea?

Which group will have the most successful selling technique?

Which group will make the most profit?

We will find this out when the profits are tallied up.



## Junior Section Housepoints

### Housepoints for w/e 7th January

1st	Freeston - 103
2nd	Savile - 101
3rd	Bentley - 94
4th	Cave - 83

### Housepoints for w/e 14th January

1st	Savile - 104
2nd	Freeston - 87
3rd	Bentley - 65
4th	Cave - 62

### Most House Points for their Year group

Year 2	Harry Gatenby
Year 3	Nathan Hudson
Year 4	Ilyas Hussain
Year 5	Isaac Bennett
Year 6	Luke Marples

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Year 2	Albi Kitson
Year 3	Arthur Ramsden-Clark
Year 4	Caleb Alamu
Year 5	Hashim Aslam
Year 6	Saad Ahmed

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## Senior Section News



### Match Report

QEGS faced local rivals St Peter's York in the Last 16 of the U15 National Schools Cup, a hotly anticipated clash, which both teams were well prepared for.

The opening half was nervy as both sides tried to gain early control. St Peter's were looking to play around the edge whilst QEGS' early success came from keeping the ball and dictating the play. The appetite and endeavour from both sides was there for all to see and the 'arm wrestle-type' competition continued throughout the game.

The battle-hardened QEGS team began to get a foothold in the game, especially in the second half with their usual gritty defense keeping St. Peters pinned back and negating their threats. QEGS were able to keep the ball for long periods of time, going forwards and being patient in their attack. It was a very mature performance from the team as they successfully applied the game plan to great effect.

With all of the conversions missed in the game, the match finished 10-10 with QEGS progressing to the Quarter-Finals on the away team rule. St. Peter's deserve credit for always being a threat and being clinical in taking their opportunistic tries that came their way. The QEGS players ensured they edged the contest with their professional and direct game plan, keeping the pressure on throughout.

On behalf of the U15 squad, we would like to thank the whole QEGS community for their ongoing support and effort. It does not go unnoticed and we are looking forward to continuing the hard work as we prepare for our next opponent which will be drawn in due course.

**QEGS TO TAKE ON WARWICK OR BROMSGROVE SCHOOL IN THE QUARTER FINAL OF THE U15 NATIONAL SCHOOLS CUP**

In My Own Words...



At the start of the school year, during form time there was a question from the form tutors. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for student voice? If you put yourself forward and there was no one else in your class who wanted to participate you would be able to be the student voice in your class. On the other hand, if there was more than one person you would have to do an interview or in my case rock paper scissors.

What we do

Our first meeting was about immediate changes to the school and what is good about it. Everyone got a say in it and the changes we talked about, most of them were actually accepted by the school! These meetings help the school understand how to improve the school by listening to the student's list of things they would like to change and would like to introduce to the school.

Noah T Bentley



Artist of the Week



Our artist of the week is George!

George has produced some outstanding abstract work in Mr Cheffins' class.

Well done George.  
Mr Cheffins - Savile



Students learn about the art of the parry with Neil Tattersall teaching stage combat for QED.

Next step - choreographed fights!

QEGS History Department presents:



The BIG, FAT QUIZ of the Last 2,000 Years



1.25pm  
Tuesday 1st February 2022  
Lecture Room

Quiz Rules:

- House competition
- Prizes will be awarded
- Ideal team composition: 1 KS5 pupil, 2 KS4 pupils and 2 KS3 pupils
- Staff teams are welcome

Sample Questions:

In which wars did the following battles take place?

- a) Sluys (1340)
- b) Towton (1461)
- c) Preston (1648)
- d) Yorktown (1781)

Famous firsts and lasts:

- a) Who was the first Tudor king?
- b) Who was the first man to sail to India via the Cape of Good Hope?
- c) Who was the last Stuart monarch?
- d) Where was the last pitched battle fought on British soil?

Answer the following questions about British monarchs:

- a) Which deeply pious king was crowned in 1043?
- b) Which king was deposed in 1399?
- c) Which king hid in an oak tree to avoid capture?
- d) Which king was on the throne in 1914?

The History Dept are hosting the first House event of the year and are calling on House Captains (Y7-11) and Heads of House (Y13) to select a team for each key stage - Staff House Leaders will also be calling on their colleagues to compete. Will it be Bentley, Cave, Freeston or Savile who will emerge from the battle victorious and be crowned the House Historians of 2022?

Mr Archer - Savile



Christmas Enterprise Project

A massive congratulations to our budding Year 10 entrepreneurs who produced and marketed fantastic festive products for the Christmas Concerts and raised an impressive £386 for Cap Care Wakefield! Awards included 'Best Dragon's den pitch', 'Best in sustainability', 'Best sales technique', 'Best teamwork' and many more. The Bronze and Silver winners for 'Most profit made' went to 'Miracle in the Sports Hall' and 'Bottle Lights' with the number one spot going to Gold winners 'Christmas Treetops' with their handmade wooden Christmas trees and coaster bundles. Well done to all boys involved!

Mrs Mackay - Bentley



## Master Chef Competition 2021/22

This House competition with a difference was aimed at the very many talented aspiring chefs we have in school. The audition round involved entrants creating dishes at home and then submitting photographic evidence of their adventurous cooks/bakes. After much deliberation over the number of entries, finalists were selected to represent their respective Houses with each House preparing and presenting a three course menu. Final day was brilliant, the aspiring chefs were focused on their entries and overcame a few interesting moments with aplomb. The finished dishes were judged by a worthy panel; consisting of Dr Brookes, Mrs Palin, Ed Marsh, George Booth and James Ackroyd. They had a challenge on their hands as all dishes were delicious and well presented.



### The Results...

The winner of the inaugural Master Chef Competition was Freeston (best overall), comprising Subhaan Sarwar, Philip Birden and Orin Wood. Best starter went to Savile (Lu-ay Hassan), best main to Freeston (Philip Birden) and best dessert to Cave (Thomas Goodrum).

Well done everyone.

Ms Allen - Cave



## Geography Department Update

As part of the academic transition between KS3 and GCSE Geography, Year 9 have been working on a decision-making exercise about the tropical island of Montserrat, in the Caribbean.

With the island still having an active volcano and the restrictions on travel due to COVID-19, it was deemed a little too much for the risk assessment and perhaps a little too expensive for a real field trip. So, for now, the Geography Department can dream of a field trip there but it will have to remain on hold!

Thankfully, via the wonder of chromebooks the boys were able to take a virtual field trip to the island and worked in groups to work out how they would manage a real, live, exploding volcano, right there in their classroom (This may or may not have involved a teacher's chromebook in the corner rather than a real helicopter circling Chances Peak volcano on Montserrat).

With geologists, helicopter pilots and disaster planners at the helm the boys very much enjoyed



their interactive lesson and the element of competition as to who could make the best hazard zoning maps and make the best decisions on how to keep the people of Montserrat safe. Interestingly, the option to let the lava hit the local school and not evacuate the teachers proved surprisingly popular!

This has been followed in class (and at home) with written decision making and budgeting tasks. Boys had to work out how they would prioritise £84m worth of aid from the UK to rebuild the infrastructure and economy of the island and justify their choices in a written report to the islands Governor, his excellency Mr Jones. Unfortunately, the rebuilding of the governor's mansion did not prove a popular choice amongst the boys! Corrupt and dubious 'governors' aside, this was an excellent way for the boys to practice their higher level thinking and writing skills. Great practice not only for GCSE, but also A-Level Geography.

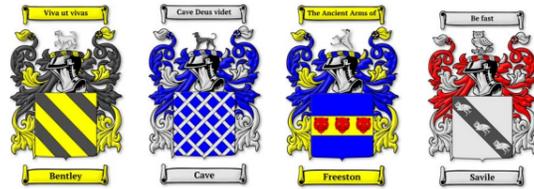
Mr Jones - Freeston  
Geography Department

### Photos of the Week



Former Head Boy Adam Priest returns to QEGS in his new role as a University Ambassador for the Oddballs Foundation to help raise awareness of testicular cancer!

## House Matters



The start of the new term, and 2022, saw the first rotation of the Year 7 House Captains and Vice Captains. Year 7 House Captains are now Sam Isley for Bentley, Rayyan Hussain for Cave, Benjamin Wale for Savile and Sebastian Patel for Freeston became captains of their respective houses. Year 7 Vice Captains are Johsua Timmons for Bentley, Harry Boswell for Cave, Joshua Akintolu for Savile and Isaac Loita for Freeston are the newly appointed vice captains for Year 7.



House ties have been introduced for House Captains and Vice Captains for all years in both the Senior and Junior Section with each house receiving their own personalised ties to reward boys for their effort to promote the new house system. They are due to arrive in the next few weeks. House Captains, keep your eyes peeled for updates!

Last term, there were over 15 house competitions running which saw winners from all year groups and houses. Some highlights include the Masterchef competition which saw 3 boys from a house compete together to produce the best 3 course meal. The best starter crown was taken by Lu'ay Hassan (Savile), the best main course was cooked by Phillip Birden (Freeston) and the chef with the skills for desserts was Tom Goodram (Cave).

Global entrepreneurship week was celebrated by QEGS with a competition for Key Stage 3 students under the guidance of Sixth Form house captains to

produce and market a product. Bentley won the overall award with their 'Desk Mate' design which was judged on a variety of criteria including the product itself and the sales pitch. The Key Stage 3 badminton competition also took place last term with Savile coming out victorious, Bentley close behind in 2nd, and Freeston and Cave taking the next two spots respectively.



November saw COP26 come to Glasgow and QEGS commemorated this with a #OneThingLess competition where boys were asked to take a photo of them doing, or rather not doing something, to help the environment. With a variety of fantastic entries, Mr Higgins picked his winners and Bentley collected the most points overall.

In the Junior Section, Bentley were winners in the



house football competition which is taking part this term in the Senior Section.

There were a total of 450 points up for grabs from competitions last term and Savile collected the most points followed by Bentley, Freeston, and Cave. Well done to everyone who took part in any competition and we'd encourage you to keep taking part and collecting those valuable house points!

-Connor Singleton and Dan McCourt, Year 12 Assistant Heads of Bentley House

There are plenty of exciting house competitions coming up in 2022. The Year 10 and 12 Bentley boys are currently lacing up their boots as the inter house football competition is coming up in the coming weeks. Similar events will be taking place across all year groups throughout the duration of the term, for example Year 12 are also preparing for their upcoming dodgeball event.

The Art department is currently running a competition for Year 12 and 13 boys where the boys must study a piece of artwork or architecture and hold a presentation speaking about their work. The winner of the internal heat in school will then go on to perform at the regional final at the National Gallery in London in March.

The Bentley historians up and down the school will soon be taking part in the 'The Big, Fat Quiz of the Last 2,000 Years' in which both boys and staff teams battle to be crowned top quizzers and earn lots of house points along the way.

If any boys fancy themselves as top designers on Minecraft they have been challenged to design the Clayton Hospital site with the best design winning house points for their team.

For the musicians in the school, information around a festival style event will be circulated in the coming weeks...

Good luck to all Bentley boys in the new year!

**Will Gillespie, Head of Bentley House and Tommy Nyatsanza, Deputy Head of Bentley House**

And finally, a message from your Bentley House Leaders, Miss Chatterton and Mr Charlesworth. We would like to congratulate all our Bentley boys for their continuing hard work across all aspects of QEGS and a very well done to those challenging themselves by taking part in competitions. We would like to say a particular well done to the following boys for being the top 3 house point scorers in Bentley to date since September 2021.

**Top 3 Junior Section boys:**

Ridha Abubaker  
Max Gamble  
Charlie Worth

**Top 3 Senior Section boys:**

Zidan Mirza  
Alfie Brewster  
William Milne

The competition is very close between the houses this year and there is only 1 house point separating first and second place between both the Junior and Senior sections. In order to close this gap, all boys should keep checking firefly for updates on competitions and house points.

**Miss Chatterton and Mr Charlesworth, Bentley House Leaders**



## Key Dates

24 Jan	Y9 Radcliffe Scholars creative writing workshop	4 Mar	Rush Hour Recital 5-6pm
24/27 Jan	Sister Act rehearsals 4-6pm	11-12 Mar	U14 Loughborough GS Tour
25 Jan	11+ Entrance Exams (Y7 out of school)	14 Mar	ABRSM exams
26 Jan	Music Concert at Pennine	15 Mar	Y7/8 Book Trust Livestream Event
29 Jan	SHINE at QEGS	16-18 Mar	Rothwell Music Festival
31 Jan	KS4 French play at WGHS	17-18 Mar	Y8 Residential
31 Jan	Geography Examiner Workshop	19 Mar	Antiques Fair
31-3 Feb	Sister Act rehearsals 4-6pm	21-25 Mar	Foundation Careers' Week
1 Feb	House History Quiz	21-23 Mar	U18s at Rosslyn Park
2 Feb	Intermediate Maths Challenge	22-24 Mar	U16s at Rosslyn Park
4 Feb	Y9 at Lakeside Challenge (tbc)	23-25 Mar	U14s at Rosslyn Park
6 Feb	Sister Act Technical Day	26-28 Mar	Sedbergh 10s
8 Feb	Sister Act matinee	26-27 Mar	U13s Caldicott Tournament
9-11 Feb	Sister Act WGSF Production	28 Mar	Foundation Food Bank Week
10 Feb	U15 rugby QF v Warwick	29 Mar	Y8 Parents' Evening (online)
15 Feb	Y9 Parents' Evening (online)	2 Apr	Sports' Association Spring Ball
18 Feb	Y9 DTP/Meningitis vaccine	5 Apr	Whole School Photograph
18 Feb	End of term at 4pm	5 Apr	Y13 Parents' Evening (online)
28 Feb	Y13 mocks begin until Fri 11th March)	8 Apr	Break up at 4pm & Non-uniform Day
1-2 Mar	VIMS Foundation Parents' Evenings	9-16th Apr	Ski Trip to Val Thorens
3 Mar	Y7 Parents' Evening (online)	10-13 Apr	DofE Training at Dalesbridge
		13-16 Apr	DofE Training (2) at Dalesbridge