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# E-BULLETIN

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

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Our Senior Hockey and Rugby teams move a step closer to National Cup success!



Boys and girls from across the Foundation feature in our show stopping production of Sister Act!



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## Welcome from the School Office Admin Team

It has been a very busy, but immensely rewarding term and a half for the Office team, with many of the pre-COVID activities coming back on line in conjunction with some COVID related tasks continuing.

We started the academic year out in our newly adapted office space, which we believe makes us more visible and welcoming to our visitors, parents and of course our wonderful boys. The electronic sign-in system has helped enormously with the speed in which we can track the boys' attendance and at times, it has been quite amusing seeing the expressions of dread when visitors realise the system takes a photo for their visitor's badge!

Again, at both the start of each term the Office team has been involved in COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing of the boys, assisting with processing samples and recording results. We have continued providing daily statistical data to the Department of Education regarding COVID cases in school and the implications surrounding that.

With sport, music, drama, and our vast array of extra-curricular activities back at 'full throttle', the Office team has been involved in the large number of administrative tasks surrounding supporting these activities, ranging from sending letters home and collating and chasing responses, to providing emergency contact and medical information.

The telephones have been 'alive' again with the many queries about sporting fixtures details, start and finish times of activities and extra-curricular equipment requirements.



Since the New Year, the School has been without a Matron, until the newly appointed joins after the half term, and the Office team has played a big role in looking after any injured or poorly boys, providing many a plaster, ice pack, bandaging, paracetamol or 'sick' bowl and sometimes just a little dose of TLC!

The Office team love to get immersed in all areas of school life and help where we can. One of the team, Clare Williams, spent many an hour with our budding thespians in her role as the costume director for the WSGF production of Sister Act – the show, for those who saw it will know, was an enormous success!

We recently said our farewells to the fantastic Christine Denison from the Junior Section Office, who had worked at QEGS for many years, and last month we welcomed a new member of the team, the lovely Liz White. As we move towards a more holistic, through School Office team, Liz will be working across both the Junior and Senior Sections of the School.

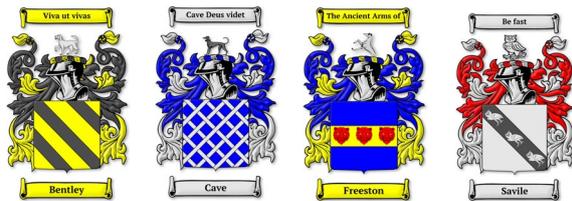
**Vicky Grafton (Savile), Clare Williams (Freeston), Charlotte Backhouse (Freeston) and Mags Chew (Savile) - The Office Team**



Turn to page 12 to see how Mrs Williams' costume direction helped to bring our sparkling production of Sister Act to life!



## House Matters



The term started with a bang with the start of many Inter House competitions for the boys to get involved with. We've had the Big Fat History quiz, football matches across all years, a Big Geography quiz, year 8 trick shot, Junior cross country, a Minecraft challenge and much more.



The boys are really embracing the challenges new and old and are definitely not afraid to have a go. I attended the Big Fat History quiz a couple of weeks ago and the enthusiasm and encouragement they gave to their teammates is lovely to see. Although we didn't win, we came a close second and they should be proud of that result.

We did however tie with Bentley for the top spot in the Geography quiz so well done to all our Freston Geographers.

As house points increase so does the race for the top which is an extremely close contest. Here are the top 3 boys who currently hold the highest house points from the Junior and Senior sections since September.

### Juniors

Name	Year
Horacio Winch	3
Ethan Keating-Choudhary	3
Oscar Howell	3

### Seniors

Name	Year
Charlie Anderson	9
William Cox	9
Felix Randall	9

Well done year 3 and 9 keep up the hard work.

## Meet Luke

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Hi my name is Luke. I am currently in Year 12 and enjoy studying biology, chemistry and maths at A level. I love getting involved in performing arts outside of school and I am aspiring to study veterinary medicine at university after my A levels. As the house system grows I would like to see the family unit of Freeston become even stronger and have lots of involvement in all the competitions, challenges and quizzes.

**Luke D - Y12 - Assistant Head of Freeston House**



## Meet Will

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Hi, I'm Will. I'm currently in Year 12 at QEGS and I am in my first year of A levels. I was privileged enough to be given the position of Assistant Head of House in Year 12 for Freeston. This position has given me valuable insight into the inner workings of the house system allowing me to develop my own insightful opinions and ideas for what I would like to see in the house system in the future.

So far, and I think boys all round the school will agree, the house system has really taken off. Already, even though the house system is still in relative infancy, we've had an array of different inter-house competitions. Everything from MasterChef to inter-house football. These competitions, which in isolation don't seem overly significant, together have a profound impact on the emotional environment within the school. They instill a sense of belonging and team spirit within the boys which then transcends into the boys work ethic in turn helping increase focus and productivity throughout the year groups.

**Will S - Y12 - Assistant Head of Freeston House**

Over half term the work on the House Hub will hopefully be completed so the house leaders and captains will have a lovely colourful and bright space to work from. We are filling it with the 4 house colours and staff and house captains will have their own space to work from.

We can't wait to start using the space and hopefully it will encourage even more creativity from us all. Keep an eye out for all future house events as we head into the next half term.

Mrs Williams  
**Freeston House Leader**



## A Word from the Head

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**D**ear Parents,  
On joining a new school there is a lot to get to know - new timings of the day, new layout of the school and classrooms, new route to and from school, and so on. When the bells don't always appear to sound at the right times, when the map is hard to read (I can understand the bemused look on new boys' faces!), and when the bus from Sandal rarely runs to time, these new things can prove more complicated than you might expect.



More importantly, though, it's the people who are new. So I set myself the target of meeting staff for 1-to-1 conversations over the course of the Autumn and Spring terms. I have also visited all the Junior Section classes to hear about their experiences of QEGS, and I have had lunch with Year 7 boys and pizza with Year 12 boys. And I have also sought to meet parents, whether on the touchline, in an aisle at a concert or play, and through inviting all of you to a "Meet the new Head" parents' breakfast. I know that I am new to you, too, of course.

These got underway in September, with parents from Years 3 & 4 first up. Year 7 followed, then Year 8. And then omicron rather got in the way, as after half-term we were required to reduce to a minimum the number of visitors in school. So, in November, Year 9 was postponed (twice), then Years 5 & 6 (twice). Ultimately, all the other breakfasts I had planned during the Autumn term were put on ice.

This term we have been able to get going again, and I have been delighted to welcome parents from Year 13 and Years 5 & 6 (finally!) into school. But, now the Inspectors are here, and so I have had to postpone the Year 11 breakfast (again - sorry) ... "best laid plans" and all that.



The breakfasts have provided me with an opportunity to meet you and learn about your views of school, and I hope that they have provided you with an opportunity to hear from me - about my background, what brings me to QEGS, my hopes and aims for the future, and what I have enjoyed about living in Yorkshire so far. But more importantly, perhaps, they have provided us all with an opportunity to get together after so long out of school and to enjoy reacquainting with staff and other parents. For some parents, it has been their very first visit to the school, having made applications - and decisions - during lockdown periods; for the faith those parents have shown us in selecting QEGS without an in-person visit, we thank you.

I look forward to meeting parents in Years 9, 11 and 12 in the near future. And I look forward to seeing you all again soon. In the meantime, I hope that you and your families all enjoy the half-term break.

Best wishes,  
**Richard Brookes**  
**Head**



## Junior Section News

In the first event of its kind in the Foundation both junior sections Houses joined together to compete in this year's interhouse cross country event. The House in both schools have different names, but they are joined by colours which were used to link the boys and girls.

Conditions were very favourable for a February. With bright, warm days in the run up to the event and the absence of recent rain, it was firm underfoot. It was also a good day for the spectators and there were a large number of parents present to view the races.

The Year 3 boys and girls were up first.



Charlie Worth raced extremely well and held on for a well-deserved win, he was followed by Toby Rigby in second place and Arthur Ramsden Clark in the bronze medal position.



The linked colours and names are as follows:

House Colour	Boys' House Name	Girls' House Name
Blue	Freeston	Lee
Yellow	Bentley	Heywood
Green	Cave	Clayton
Red	Savile	Mackie

Year 4 boys were up next. Teddy Bentham ran strongly and finished first, winning the gold medal. Kasper Bevan was second, winning the silver medal, with Rahmin Ghouri being awarded the bronze medal for finishing third.



In the Year 5 race, Henry Roberts won the gold medal. Preston Goodiar ran well finishing second and Rehmat Ghouri finished strongly in third.



Finally we came to the Year 6 boys. It was the same two boys who competed for 1st and 2nd place, but it was a reversal of the Y5 results. Will Taylor out sprinted Elias Locking in the last 200m to take the victory. Elias ran very well finishing in second. The podium was rounded off with Oliver Rose, taking home a bronze.



Inter House Cross Country is a team event with both boys and girls finishing position contributing to their House finishing position.

The final standings were as follows:

4th Place	Freeston	Lee
3rd Place	Savile	Mackie
2nd Place	Bentley	Heywood

And the 2021 champions were Green - Cave and Clayton.



Congratulations to all the participants who took part – each of them improved his fitness, demonstrated resilience and, hopefully, had a little fun on the way.

See you next season!

Mr Tiffany - Freeston

## The Yorkshire Youth Choir

The Yorkshire Youth Choir are now doing voice tests for the Easter course which you may like to consider if your son enjoys singing. It's a wonderful thing to be part of for any singers aged 10-22 who might like to give it a go. It's 2 x week long courses each year - Easter and Summer ending with glorious concerts:

<http://www.yorkshireyouthchoir.co.uk>

Mr Renshaw - Freeston



## The Year 5 Great QEGS Bake Off

QEGS Junior Section will be running the Great QEGS Bake Off and inviting entries from Year 5.

If your son wishes to enter he should write a report about something he has baked at home. This report should show him following one recipe (this could be a cake, biscuits, muffins, bread, pastries etc), it should contain pictures and descriptions for each step of the recipe. This report can then be handed in to me in a variety of forms:

- + It can be emailed to my school email ([mbspawforth@wgsf.net](mailto:mbspawforth@wgsf.net)), no large files please.
- + It can be shared on Google documents.
- + It can even be on paper!

Each entry will earn 10 house points. The deadline for reports will be on **Tuesday 8th March**.

Eight boys, two from each House, will be chosen from the entries. The competition will take the form of two 'blind' bake offs in school hours. All the ingredients and equipment will be provided, your son just has to turn up and follow the recipe to the best of his ability. Each round will be scored for ability to perform various tasks such as accurate weighing out or safe grating of a carrot.

The competition will have an overall individual winner and a pair of boys from the same House who will win the House Competition. The individual winner will receive a trophy (presented at Speech Day) and a prize. The winning House contestants will receive prizes and all Houses will be awarded House Points depending on their respective final positions.

Please feel free to email me any questions you or your son may have about the competition to the above email address.

Happy Baking!  
Mrs Spawforth - Bentley



# English at QEGS JS

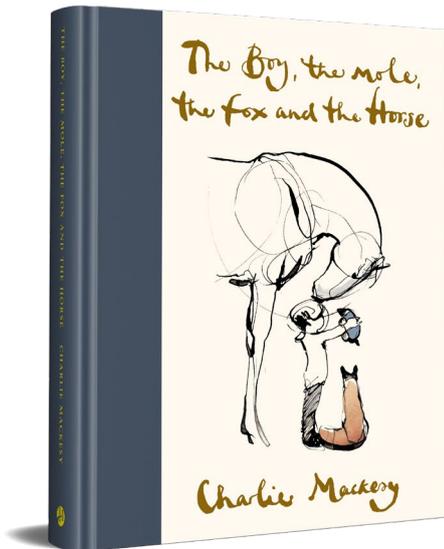
Things have been very industrious in the English lessons, where the boys have been working hard to develop their skills across the subject.

The boys have completed some lovely work across a range of creative genres.

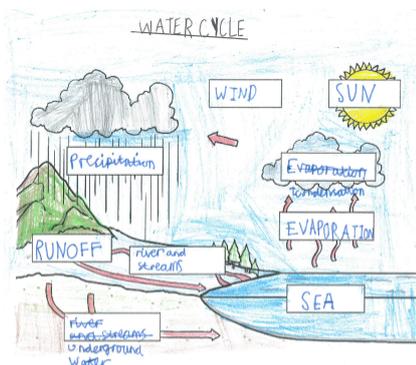


In Year 4, the boys have been focusing on creating well written descriptions of settings within a story context. They have used the stimulus of Charles Mackesy's book *The boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*.

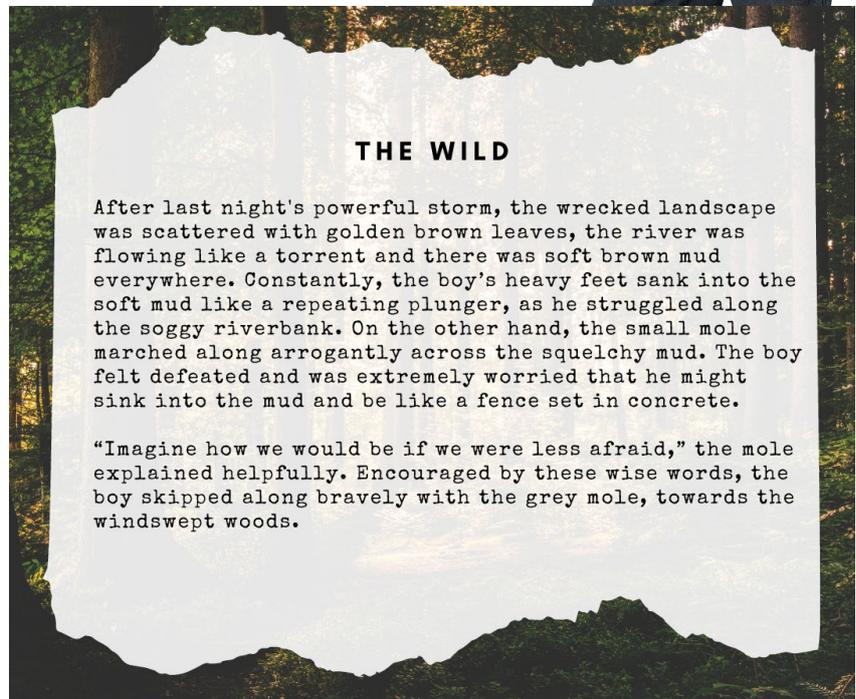
Here is an example from one of the Year 4 boys.



In Year 5 there has been a focus upon Explanation writing. This has included how a well-labelled diagram can assist in our understanding. Here is an example of an explanation of the Water Cycle.



Water on Earth is constantly moving. It is recycled over and over again. This recycling process is called the water cycle. The sun heats up water on land, in rivers, lakes and seas and turns it into water vapour. The water vapour rises into the air. Water vapour in the air condenses and changes back into tiny drops of liquid water, forming clouds. The clouds get heavy and water falls back to the ground in the form of rain or snow. Rain water runs over the land and collects in lakes or rivers, which take it back to sea. The cycle starts all over again.



In Year 6, the boys have focused on analysing existing texts to discover the way that the writer builds the tension for the reader. We considered the short story 'The Carol Singer' by Chris Naylor, before writing our own spooky ghost stories. Here is an example.

## Christmas Ghost Story

I was sitting in the Learner's car, humming Christmas carols beneath my breath. A strange figure hobbled into the driving school. All of the lights turned off on her arrival. Click. All the lights were back on again and I could see the figure clearly. Her eyes were holes of darkness and her hair stuck up like a maid's sweeping brush. She stepped into my car.

"Hello!" I exclaimed.

No sound came out of the ghost character until finally she blurted out the words, "Greetings where are we going? "

She spoke like a robot in short and snappy little parts. I told her we were going to the mountains and a tiny smile spread across her face. The snow floated around like dancing angels and the ice was a shooting star, glimmering. I started getting worried. The car shook like a wild dog being held back and the woman looked unwell. Neither of us were speaking, so I broke the silence with, "You are a very good driver. Are you sure you haven't done this before?"

In a slow soft voice she said to me, "Yes, I have driven before, but not very much."

The silence continued; only the faint hum of the tyres on the tarmac could be heard. We were approaching the immense mountains and the snow was pounding down on us. It was so heavy that it was as if it was coming through the roof of the car. The learner and I were alone at the top of the mountain and the still silence reigned over us.

I said, "Are you ok? Is there anything wrong?"

I shouldn't have said that as it seems to anger her. Her hair flipped around, her face was twisted. she turned the car and flung us off the side of the mountain.

My world went dark. Never in my 1792 years, had I seen anything like that. It was only afterwards, when I sat up and looked at the woman that I saw that her bleeding legs were as thin as needles and her cut feet seemed like disgusting toothbrushes taken from the depths of an ogre's stomach, that had been bathing in acid for a hundred years. I felt sorry for her. She had clearly unwell and I felt that I should have noticed and helped her.

The boys have also focused on developing their Comprehension skills alongside widening their understanding and confidence in using a range of grammatical terms and spelling rules.

After the Half term break, we will be welcoming the author Tom Palmer into school. There will be a workshop with each Year group separately, and we look forward to our creative writing work with him.

**Mrs Lindley - Bentley**



Our Junior Eco Monitors and Year 6 Councillors visited the Wakefield Recycling Centre today to learn all about how the area recycles and how we could become less wasteful.

Here are some of the highlights from their trip...



# Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 18th February

1st	Cave - 126
2nd	Bentley - 115
3rd	Freeston - 112
4th	Savile - 107

Most House Points for their Year group = hot chocolate treat!

Year 2	Sebby Wilson
Year 3	Mitul Sood
Year 4	Liam Hart
Year 5	Edward Williams
Year 6	Reuben Cooke-Thomas

## Events for week of 28 February

Monday 28 Feb	Outdoor Education (climbing wall) - 6R
Tuesday 1 March	Tom Palmer - author visit + Y3/4 Parents' Evening (virtual)
Wednesday 2 March	U11A at Warwick 7s + U11 HMC Football + 4D Forest School
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day
Friday 4 March	Hockey v Cundall Manor



## Senior Section News



**H**ere we are, at the end of a term and a half of work it all amounts to 3 days: 3 final, glorious nights of performing to our friends and family, making the most of every second. But our production of Sister Act is more than those 3 days. Over the course of months, the entire cast and crew have worked tirelessly to make sure they knew every line, song and set piece like the back of their hand. Though, nothing compares to those final few weeks.

On the run up to the performance, we had 2 full rehearsals a week; one for act 1, one for act 2. It was during these that the cast truly became a family. Friendships were formed, games were played and many orderly rows of chairs were turned into circular gatherings. In fact, I witnessed our own travolta, Oscar Smith, become well-versed with card tricks whilst killing it on the stage. This cycle continued, with friendships and confidence only growing stronger, until we reached the technical weekend.



This marked the start of the final run up, with sound cues, set pieces, props and costumes being brought into rehearsals and the show began to come together. This is also what I'd call the greatest moment of comradery throughout all rehearsals as 9-5 on Saturday and Sunday is not easy. However, due to bonds being made and everyone becoming comfortable performing in front of one another the level of confidence and acting was undoubtedly boosted, as was everyone's spirits.



So there we were: Monday. In two days time we would be performing and we weren't about to slow down our roll. This was going to be the latest rehearsal yet, and unlike all previous rehearsals had us tackling microphones, costumes and makeup. This was of course a challenge but being the tight-knit team

we were we pushed through to the second dress rehearsal which took up Tuesday. This consisted of us fixing sound issues, polishing deliveries, entrances and exits, and stage crew knuckling down to bring set pieces and props on and off. As for makeup, it was during these two rehearsals I was faced with the fact I'd have to be made old.

Given this unfortunate insight into my future, I was gifted wrinkles and creases like an unironed shirt and hair that was streaked with grey by the very talented makeup team.

And so by the end of Tuesday we were ready. A few things would change before the first show, such as new microphones being brought in, but everything was in place. 5:30 on the opening night, we assembled. Though tensions were high, I knew that every soul amongst us had put in a mountain of work prior to this, and it all paid off. The night went splendidly with everyone having a blast. After each performance, the entire cast would celebrate and hug as the curtains closed, completely electrified by the production. My favourite part of this post-performance tradition, as it became, was the fact the boys' changing room rang loud with renditions of our favourite songs as we celebrated a job well done.



Before the final performance the cast went out to eat and the atmosphere was one of pure joy and excitement that will without doubt stay with us forever. Each night was better than the last, and I can safely say that the play has given me a family I will never forget, even as we all go our separate ways.

Timothy Spawforth  
Bentley



# ART DEPARTMENT Update

It has been brilliant to have a more 'normal' start to the academic year for the QEGS Art department. Giving our students opportunities to visit galleries and art venues, and to see works of art in person, is such an important part of our philosophy for art education. So far this year, we have taken our sixth form students to Liverpool to see the very impressive Lucian Freud and Louise Bourgeois exhibition at Tate Modern, and to the Walker Art Gallery where they were able to compare the Victorian collection to the contemporary and modern art housed at the Tate.

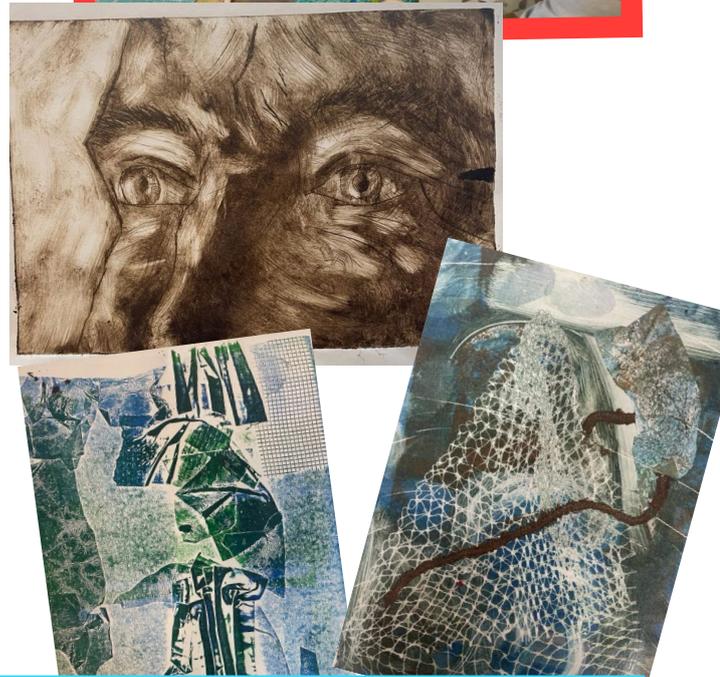
Since our last entry in the QEGS newsletter, our photography students have made the annual visit to Harlow Carr gardens in Harrogate, where they took photographs for a Composition project, with the gardens looking spectacular and awash with textures, colour and landscape photography photo opportunities.

Our A-Level students have visited the excellent Wakefield Art House, a specialist printing studio, where they took part in a printmaking workshop to produce monoprints and collographs that they can add to their portfolios.

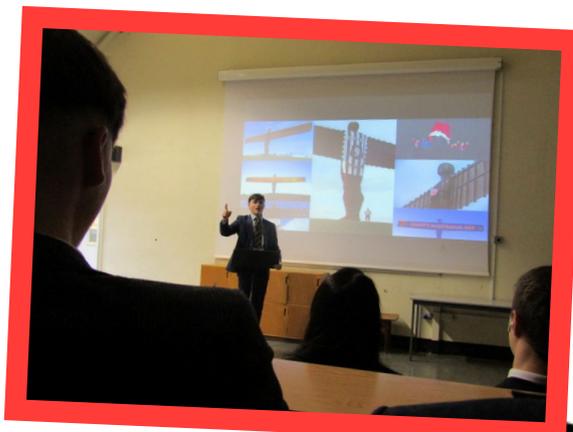
We held our annual art exhibition, which was as impressive as ever. Year 11 and 13 (class of 2021) had carefully mounted and framed their best studies for public display, and this year, in celebration of our merge with the junior section of QEGS, we were also delighted to include some Year 6 art work as well.

It is always really interesting to see how the artistic journey develops, from our younger students up to the A-Level work that our boys produce. We were so proud to see it all together, and it was very satisfying to have an in-person exhibition again, after the virtual exhibition we held for the previous year group. There is nothing quite like seeing art work 'in the flesh'!

Last week we held our internal heat for the prestigious national ARTiculation competition. I am pleased to announce that our top two winners, Hannah Sutton (first place) and Niall Haigh (second place), will be representing the school at the regional finals at the Baltic Gallery in Gateshead, later in March.



The competition was judged by Mrs Eggleston, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Caines, and we had a difficult time determining first, second and third places. The presentations were thought-provoking, personal and extremely well researched, and I have very high hopes for the next stage of the competition (no pressure, Hannah and Niall!). Congratulations to Tom Bramley as well, who was awarded third place in the internal heat.



### An Extract from Hannah's speech...

Our perception of the world around us is figuratively distorted by many things; beliefs, concerns, fears, moods. Could it be that our subconscious programming affects the way we see reality as whole and therefore determines our personal interpretations in our artwork? Social factors were the most difficult factors to overcome for any artist, especially during the 17th century. Establishments such as the Royal Arts Academy had already set a precedent for how art should take form; it created a controlled standard as well as an expected subject matter in order to build a reputation. Public opinion is vital to becoming a successful artist in the real world and so most artists would expectedly follow the predetermined rules, already accepted. Claude Monet however took a more unique approach to his work and demonstrated how his subjectivity prevailed over a basic interpretation of reality.

Monet was an artist particularly significant in the establishment of the Impressionist movement. By the early 1880s, Monet amongst other artists (Cezanne, Degas for example) had begun to push the limits of what establishments had previously deemed as artwork, developing his own unique style and subject matter. The impressionists rebelled against the classicism of the art world; they rejected clarity of form and instead embraced a looser style of brushwork as well as brighter and more vibrant colours. To most critics at the time, paintings of this type were typically perceived as amateurish or unfinished. In fact, the name of the movement came from the critic Louis Leroy who had insulted their work, naming it just an 'impression'. However, this did not prevent Monet from pursuing this style, and so he disregarded the satire intended and instead took the name on with pride.



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# ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



Our Y9 boys, Sam and Charlie have been showing off their watercolour skills this week. They have both produced amazing bird studies which show immense colours and textures. They have then used a fineliner to refine the details.

Well done lads!

Mrs Williamson - Savile

## Meet one of our Trainee Teachers...

My name is Dr. Flora Thorp-Greenwood and after studying for a PhD at the University of Cardiff in 'Luminescent Cell Imaging Probes Using d6 Transition Metals' I became a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Leeds. I worked on two separate research projects for Prof. Michael Hardie synthesising shape-changing nano-scale reaction vessels and large metal organic frameworks for the storage and separation of small molecules. After 7 years of working in a laboratory and then having two children I decided it was time for a new challenge which prompted my move into teaching science to the next generation. Since starting at QEGS I have been teaching Chemical and Physical Changes to 7PLL, Acids and Alkalis to 10Q1 and Waves to 9PM with year 10 biology lessons to begin after half-term. I am attached to form group 7FES and since starting I have tried go-karting as part of QED which was great fun.



**Meet Mr Mohammed  
on page 25**



## QEGS Wakefield progresses to the Under-15 NatWest Schools Cup semi-finals after a tense and nervy 10-5 victory over Warwick School

The Under-15s have made another semi-final of the NatWest Schools Cup after a cagey 10-5 victory over historic rivals, Warwick School.

The pre-game atmosphere matched the enormity of the occasion, with what can only be described as one of the biggest crowds the school has seen for many years. To put it into context, excluding the two years lost to COVID-19, QEGS vs Warwick has been a fixture in the NatWest Schools Cup competition for seven of the previous eight years across both U15 and U18 age groups.

In blustery conditions, both teams began cautiously, throwing metaphorical jabs without landing a knockout blow. Despite the home side having a strong wind behind them, they seemed reluctant to put boot to ball, instead opting to keep the ball in hand.

As has been the theme all season, though, the QEGS pack were gaining dominance at scrum time, laying down a solid platform for the backs. The huge QEGS crowd were brought to life midway through the first half thanks to an explosive carry from winger, Will Evans, who powered through his opposite number before needing three Warwick defenders to bring him down. Despite not leading to points on the scoreboard, QEGS certainly grew in confidence.

The deadlock was finally broken as the end of the first half drew near. Once again, the powerful QEGS forwards ate away at the Warwick defensive line, eventually resulting in second-row, Xander Leighton, carrying himself over from short range for the first try of the game. The half-time score read QEGS 5-0 Warwick.



The second half began in a similar trend to the first with both teams having half chances but nothing clear cut. Again, like QEGS, Warwick chose to keep the ball in hand instead of making the most of the windy conditions.

Warwick finally pierced the solid Black and Gold defensive wall when the away sides fly half burst through the defensive line. With evident speed in their armoury, the number 10 looked to outrun the last defender but QEGS' Jack Ounsley did brilliantly to stop him in his tracks.

Warwick were slowly turning the screw, creating chance after chance, including a huge missed opportunity right under the posts. However, QEGS' never say die attitude meant the visitors couldn't turn their pressure into points.

They then paid for it in the biggest fashion as QEGS went over again for their second try of the match. After a string of penalties allowed QEGS to kick their way up the field; another solid set piece from the home side meant they were now in a strong attacking position in the Warwick 22. QEGS stayed patient in their pursuit of the Warwick line, working phase after phase before crossing the white wash through Fergus Kelly.

With the clock now fully on QEGS' side, the home crowd were in full voice - realising what a massive effort the whole 18 player squad had put in.

As is typical of this fixture, there was still time for drama as with only minutes remaining, Warwick breached the QEGS line, pegging the score back to 10-5. And, with the away team only needing a draw to go through, we were in for a grandstand finish. QEGS 10-5 Warwick. QEGS into the national semi finals.

We would like to thank you all for your fantastic and continued support. Now onto the next.



### Mr Head - Freeston



## QEGS progresses to the last 16 of Boys National Hockey Cup after victory over Bradford Grammar School

The Hockey 1st XI showed fantastic fighting spirit and resolve to comeback from 2 goals down to progress to the last 16 of the National Cup on Wednesday 9th February at Wakefield Hockey Club.

After a very tense and even first 15 minutes, QEGS found themselves 1-0 down after a very well taken penalty corner from Bradford GS. After this warning of the danger the opposition's penalty corners held, the home side began to control the game by keeping possession well and pressing very effectively. Chances came and went to equalise but agonisingly QEGS couldn't quite find the final pass or the final touch on the far post.



Following a regroup at half-time from both teams, the game became very cagey and tight with QEGS looking for the equaliser but being careful to not get caught on the break. After a few tired looking tackles from both teams, it was a green card for Bradford Grammar that saw QEGS really begin to dominate the next 10-15 minutes. Towards the end of this period they finally got their equaliser through a well worked goal, building the ball from defence to attack and a great first time finish on the far post from Charlie Fisher.

Full of confidence, the home team started pushing for the lead and control of the tie but unfortunately were caught on the break twice in quick succession by Bradford. Firstly from another Penalty corner strike, and then after some good individual skills from Bradford, and a poorly timed tackle from QEGS, Bradford were awarded a Penalty stroke which was duly dispatched.

With 10 minutes to go it seemed like QEGS' chances of making the next round had gone, until a great finish from a tight angle by Connor Singleton gave QEGS a lifeline. Pushing for the equaliser without

time on their side, it seemed the home team were going to run out of time after some great saves and defending from the Bradford back line.

With just 2 minutes to go, a fantastic through ball set Charlie Fisher away, he rounded the keeper and finished impressively from a tight angle on his backhand to send the game to penalties.

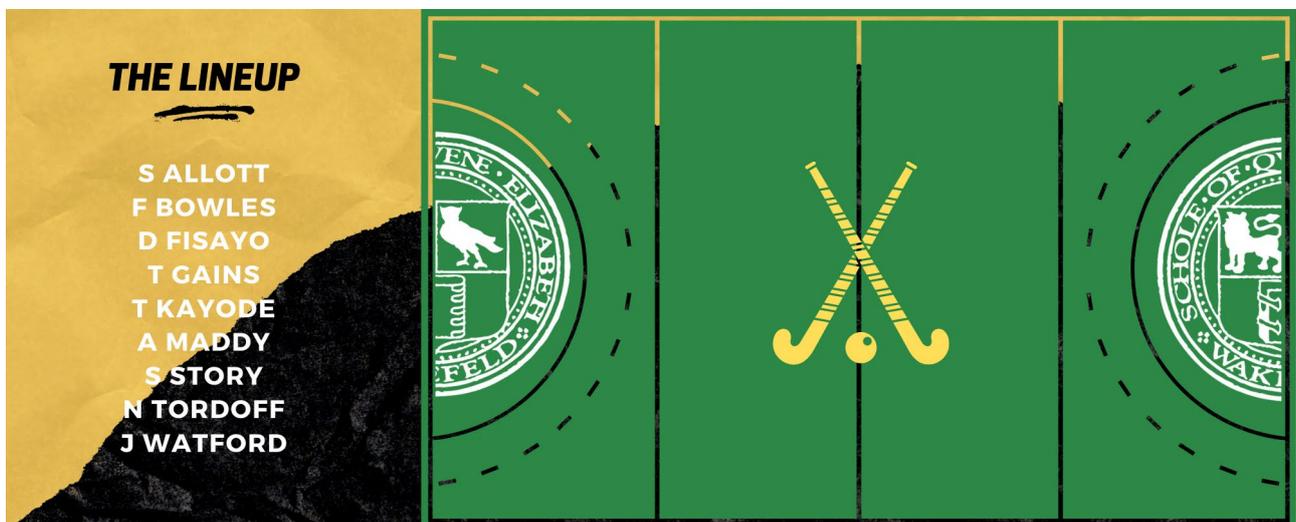
Patrick Harwood wasn't going to be beaten by the same player twice from the spot and made a fantastic first save to give QEGS the early advantage. Bradford's goalie was equally as impressive keeping the scores at 0-0 after the first round. Louis Brierley and Charlie Fisher put their flicks away into the corners before Patrick made himself the hero, making another tough diving save meaning QEGS had won the shootout 2-1.

This hard fought victory showed great resilience and strength of character from QEGS against a very talented Bradford Grammar team. It will see them come up against the winner of Worksop College and Altrincham Grammar for a place in the quarter-finals after half term.

## U13 West Yorkshire Tournament

QEGS U13s also had a successful week, finishing 2nd in the West Yorkshire round of the U13 National Cup which see's them progress to the North-East of England finals in March. The squad had a difficult start in blustery conditions but managed to find a winner in their first fixture vs Silcoates. They then lost out to a last minute goal against Bradford Grammar, before beating Kettlethorpe and Ackworth School to finish second in the group.

The team are now working hard in preparation for the next round where a win would see them reach the National Finals.





## U14 Yorkshire Cup Hockey Report

The Yorkshire Cup was a big success; from experienced players to those new to the game, we all came together over the season to form a formidable team. Everyone put in their best effort and it gave us a good shot at winning.

The first game of the Yorkshire Cup and the group stage started off with a 2-0 win against Ilkley Grammar school. Despite not playing to the best of our abilities, goals from Thomas Hulme and Daniel Fisayo were enough to carry us over the line. This was a good start to the Yorkshire cup but the whole team knew that we had to play much better if we wanted to win. **Final score: 2-0**

The second game against Giggleswick was a physical and mental battle for our team. Their team was very aggressive meaning that we had to be at the top of our game. After going 1 goal down some teams would think that the game is over; but not us... After a goal from Daniel Fisayo to get us back in the game, more soon followed; 2 goals from Alex Kilner, 1 from Aarush Pillai, and 1 from William Binks allowed us to rocket through the second game and boost us to first in our group. This game showed the willpower of the team and it was the first time we started to look capable of winning the Yorkshire Cup. **Final score 5-1**

The third game was against Hill House. Although we had most of the possession and created an immense amount of chances, we weren't able to capitalise on any of them which was partly due to some spectacular saves from the Hill House keeper. Although we played well, a draw wasn't the result the team wanted. **Final score: 0-0**

The last game of the group stage was against a Scarborough team who looked confident and on top of their game. They had an exceptional player in the centre of the pitch who we knew we had to eliminate by avoiding him. We started the game with plenty of possession but were unable to cut through their tight defence. After being a constant threat and having plenty of shots, we were finally able to break through due to a wonderful strike into the top left corner by Billy Child! In the second half, our team was tested defensively and I'm glad to say that we passed. A goal late into the match from Daniel Fisayo was enough to help us finish first in our group. **Final score: 2-0**

The first game of the knockouts was against Pocklington. We were expecting a tough game as they had come second in their group, however, after a couple of quick passes, we were through on goal. By half-time, we were very confident, with the score being 4-0, but we didn't get complacent. We kept going and managed to pull off 10-0, qualifying us for the semi-finals. Helping achieve this was another starring performance by Billy Child who scored a stunning 5 goals and Sam Allot who scored 3. **Final score: 10-0**

We went into the semi-finals expecting a tough game and a tough game we got.

Bradford Grammar School's midfield was unrivalled, even including an England player: Ben Pickle, but we didn't get disheartened. After a good start to the match, we passed it around their press and picked up the first goal, but it was answered shortly after by an amazing shot, followed by a tap in from the other team equalising it. After half-time, both teams put in extra effort, as we knew it would be the closest game of the tournament. Ending the half with no more goals scored, it was down to flicks. Unfortunately, the other team's takers and goalie were exceptional, and after the first set of flicks, it was 1-0 to them. Once again, their taker did a very good shot, bringing it to 2-0. We had to score to stay in, however, the opposing goalie made a stunning save, winning them the game.

**Final score: 1-1.**

**Penalty flick score: 0-2**

Looking back over the tournament we were flooded with challenges that we overcame as a team. With some special performances from certain players and some solid performances as a unit, we played to the very best of our abilities. To go out of the cup in the manner we did, I felt was unfortunate. We gained an enormous amount of experience as we bonded both on and off the pitch. We would like to thank all of the players for showing the highest amount of sportsmanship, integrity and respect to each other, opposing players, officials, coaches and staff. I can't wait to play hockey next year together as a team and improve so that we will bounce back stronger in the Yorkshire cup next year. Finally, we would like to thank the parents who travelled to Weetwood to watch us play and in particular, the Staff: Mr Berry, Mr Lister and Mr Leask who all made it possible for us to make it so far into the tournament.

**Aarush Pillai (Captain) - Freeston**

**Mathew Hen-Boison (Vice-captain) - Cave**

## THE LINEUP

**SHIRAZ BAIG, WILLIAM BINKS, OLIVER BRIGGS, BILLY CHILD,  
MATHEW HEN-BOISEN, THOMAS HULME, SAM JAMES,  
IBRAHEEM KHAJWAL, ALEX KILNER, CHARLIE NEWTON,  
AARUSH PILLAI, SAM ALLOTT, ALFIE MADDY, DANIEL FISAYO AND SAM STORY.**

## QEGS Cross Country

The QEGS Cross-Country season culminates in some of our runners being selected to represent the Wakefield Schools Team. The event was held at GSAL and for most of the boys, it was the longest distance and toughest field of their season.

This year we had:

### **Year 7**

Archer Morten, Thomas Oldacre, and Arthur Young.

### **Year 8/9**

William Hunter, Joe Watford, Ayan Sinha, and Ethan Battye.

### **Year 10/11**

Jamie Nicholls and James McKinlay-Smith.



The QEGS runners ran a great race against the best in West Yorkshire in what can only be described as dreadful conditions.



The junior runners involved in the event were all presented with their QEGS Cross-Country ties as a reward for their commitment. We are hoping to present some more ties to the other members of the club in the near future.



## Bridge Club at QEGS

Bridge Club is now up and running in its usual Monday lunchtime slot in room 24. All welcome; beginners and improvers.

We are extremely grateful to Nick Woolven, our external bridge teacher (and England player) who comes along every week. We have progressed on from mini bridge to a full game and are busying learning all the bidding terms and then playing the cards.

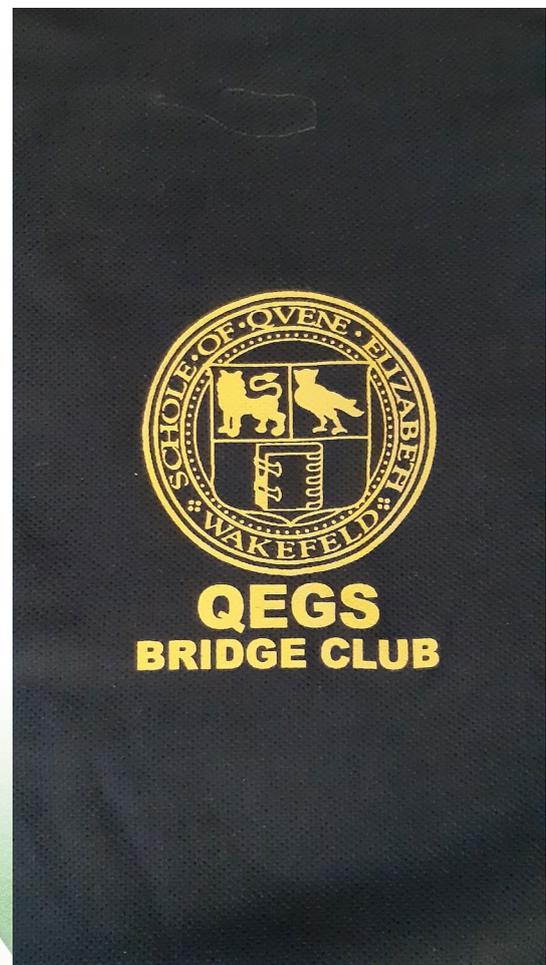
QED bridge was held for the 1st time back in November and a group of mixed ability boys enjoyed 2 hours of bridge tuition again from Nick. All improved enormously and it was wonderful to see their progress.

We held our 1st after school tournament this half term which was great fun, enabling us to put into practice all we had learnt so far.

8 hands were played followed by pizza and refreshments. The winners were Pablo Selka and Mr Benn and the runners up were George Bailey and Marlon Walsh.

Well Done.  
A very enjoyable evening!

**Mrs Taylor**  
Assistant House Leader - Savile



# Year 10 Entrepreneurs Raise Cash for Charity

A massive congratulations to our budding Year 10 entrepreneurs who produced, marketed and sold fabulous Valentine's themed products during our production of Sister Act.

Over the three nights they raised an incredible £787 for UK charity FareShare, which exists to tackle child hunger supported by footballer Marcus Rashford. Through FareShare, for every £1 donated four meals can be provided for children and families in needs, as such the boys efforts raised enough to provide 3,148 meals.

Boys demonstrated, and were awarded for a variety of enterprise and employability skills such as teamwork, personal development and initiative, as well as business skills such as innovation, merchandising, branding and customer experience.

The Bronze and Silver winners for 'Most profit made' went to 'the Popcorn boys' and 'Brownies' with the number one spot going to Gold winners 'The Chocolate Bouquet Company'. Well done to all boys involved!

**Mrs Mackay - Bentley**



# YMCA Lakeside Challenge 2022

After a Covid induced hiatus the weekend of 4-6th February saw the return of Year 9 competing in the YMCA's National Lakeside challenge competition. 18 boys comprising 3 teams travelled to the YMCA Lakeside centre on the shores of Windermere for a weekend of team challenges. The teams had to complete a range of activities for points, with the highest scoring team from all the schools involved taking the win. The weather was suitably Cumbrian and unfortunately all water based activities were cancelled due to safety concerns. Despite the rain, wind and mud, the boys got stuck in and showed a huge amount of spirit and character. With typical good humour the QEGS teams gave their all in the challenges and amassed some healthy scores. Out of the 15 teams present, QEGS team "Lights out" (Thomas Rose, Euan Hart, Christopher Barnett, Edward Pratt, Fabien Selka, Oliver Bostwick) came 3rd with very few points splitting the top 3. Most importantly, all the boys honed valuable team building skills which will no doubt stand them in good stead for their future endeavours. I would like to congratulate all 18 boys who participated for their excellent attitude, and would especially like to thank Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Taylor for giving up their weekend to make the visit possible.

Mr Thomas - Savile  
Head of Year 9



## In My Own Words...



*With Muzzammil*



During my recent Y11 SLT interview, I was asked to write an article about some of the things which I class as hobbies and some of things which are just a way of life for me. I developed an interest in track days after visiting a few different tracks with my elder brother who always reiterates how the track is the safest place to drive fast and the importance of always being safe and considerate when on public roads. I've been to track days at Silverstone, Croft, Donnington Park and Cadwell Park. If COVID rules allow I will be attending the Nurburgring in Germany during the summer holidays.



Eventually I would like my own track car and I have started to improve my driving skills by becoming a member of TeamSport Go Karting with my brother where I attend at least one session a month to further my understanding of what it takes to be a smooth and fast driver.

I also help my brother with the maintenance of his cars, for example we did a full service and replaced the driveshafts on his car which is a BMW e36 328i. We also swapped the rubber OEM suspension bushes for polyurethane bushes using a hydraulic press and various other tools. Polyurethane bushes are much harder wearing and more suitable for track day driving as the components are under a lot of stress for prolonged periods of time.



As well as being interested in cars, I also have an Italian mastiff called Quincy who is going to be 2 years old next month. We've had him since he was 8 weeks old and my role in his life is to prepare his raw diet as recommended by his breeder who regularly checks in on him. His diet is known as the 80:10:10 diet so is made up of 80% meat, 10% bone and 10% offal (organ meat). It's easy to buy ready-made, however we prefer to prepare it ourselves so we know exactly what he is eating. His staple meats are lean beef, chicken and fish. He also has one egg including the shell on a daily basis which he loves as well as a spoon of live set natural yoghurt. He goes for daily walks of around 4 miles with varied terrain and routes. We are lucky to have a country park close to our house which is amazing to explore.

**Muzzamil - Year 11  
Savile**



Hi! My name is Mr Mohammed, I am a Design Technology trainee teaching here at QEGS. I completed my degree in Product Design at De Montfort University, specializing in Computer Aided Design. I am currently teaching year groups 7-10 with a variety of projects including an architectural Dream House, speed machines, speakers, IKEA desk lamps and many others! I have also been given the opportunity to take part in QED where there is an endless number of extra curriculum activities to choose from. Overall my experience in the past few weeks has been excellent, receiving amazing support from staff and being able to work with the boys has been phenomenal. The boys show a lot of potential and passion which is expressed through the work that they produce! I look forward to teaching the new projects ahead which are filled with new and innovative thinking!

## Spotlight On: Old Savilians

**W**ithout question, I hold some of my most cherished memories in life from my time at 158 Northgate, Wakefield. In fact, only the other day my old school mates and I were joking about some of the things we used to get up to: the Year 12 Physical Geography trip to Wales springs to mind!

It's easy however, to get wrapped up in the safety blanket of Yorkshire – but all good things come to an end and the same goes for my time at QEGS. It is true that it is only when you leave, you really appreciate how great school was!

Upon leaving WF1 in 2015, I was privileged to have opportunities present themselves that I'm sure all old and current Savilians would jump at.

In September of 2015, I travelled to New Zealand for 7 months to play cricket with a friend from my home club in Huddersfield, staying until March 2016. When there I coached in primary schools during the day and worked in a bar during the evenings, loving every second of it. The weekends were spent on cricket grounds or at the beach – a really tough way to unwind from the months of A-level preparations!

On my return to the less sunny climes of the UK, I studied Politics & International Relations at Loughborough university, and despite the weather not being up to scratch, I had an absolute blast. Within the sporting societies and also on the course itself (which I loved) I met some great people - the social aspect of university can never be underestimated!

In a similar vein to my time at QEGS, the good times come to an end all too fast. After an enjoyable three years in the East Midlands (which included an eye-opening 5 month exchange in Brno, Czech Republic), I started my career in Insurance at Markel in Leeds.

Initially, my role at Markel started with handling claims linked to social welfare type risk environments (foster homes, care homes etc.) I did this for two years before an opportunity presented itself in the underwriting team of Hull & War in the Marine division of Markel in London.

For me, the main issue with Insurance is it's a very misunderstood industry which most people dismiss (if they even think of it at all) as 'boring', so attracting people to a career in insurance can be a tough sell. It's only until you describe the sort of risks we insure - that most people are not even conscious of - that people really broaden their horizons and change their views on the industry. This is understandable though as the general public come into contact with insurance companies at a personal level, normally car or home insurance and this, despite making up some of the insurance industry, is the tip of the iceberg and quite frankly, can be very dull.



Thankfully, my area of insurance is much more interesting. In essence, we insure ships against a range of risks and environments. These vessels can be domiciled anywhere and operate all over the world. from a Louisianan tug pulling barges in the inland waterways of the southern US carrying grain to a \$1 billion cruise ship venturing around the Caribbean. However, the best thing about insurance is the people you meet along the way - not unlike school I suppose. Whilst I enjoyed my fair share of geography on a Thursday afternoon, the thing which you look back on most fondly may not be terminal moraines the teacher at the front is trying their best to explain, but more the camaraderie you had with other boys you shared the classroom with; boys that are now men - and with whom I am still in contact with.

Insurance is a very sociable industry where you come across all types of people, both whilst in and out of the office, on the sports field or in the many bars and restaurants in the city of London.

I would firmly encourage ALL current QEGS students to really read into and research the insurance market and take a view for themselves what this industry has to offer. Be it in claims, underwriting, actuarial, or legal there are hundreds of opportunities and there will be something which interests everyone – whether its maths that's your thing or you're a bit of an all-rounder and humanities subjects are your bag at this stage. Insurance is often overlooked within the financial services sector but it really is a hidden gem.

My own workplace, Markel, run a school leavers programme and a graduate programme – I'll leave the link below. Unfortunately, the applications have just closed for the September 2022 intake but Year 12s, keep this in mind for around Christmas and when the applications open, get applying for September 2023 and I will hopefully be joined by a fellow Old Savilian in the walky talky building!

Lastly, enjoy your time at QEGS but once you leave the front gates for the final time, do things which take you out of your comfort zone! You'll learn far more that way than playing it safe.

<https://www.markel.com/insurance/careers-at-markel/early-careers>



**Harvey Booth**

**OS 2015**

**Freeston**

**Underwriting Assistant**



## Key Dates

28 Feb	Y13 mocks begin (until Fri 11th March)	10-13 Apr	DofE Training at Dalesbridge
1-2 Mar	VIMS Foundation Parents' Evenings	13-16 Apr	DofE Training (2) at Dalesbridge
2 Mar	Q4 begins	25 Apr	INSET
2 Mar	Y9 parents at Head's Breakfast	26 Apr	Summer term starts
3 Mar	Y7 Parents' Evening (online)	2 May	May Day - school closed
4 Mar	Rush Hour Recital 5-6pm	4 May	Q5 begins
4 Mar	Y9 Options Fair	4 - 5 May	Summer Concert (7-9.30pm)
6 Mar	U15 rugby v Ipswich SF at Sixways Stadium	6 May	Y13 May Ball at Royal Armouries
7 Mar	Covid Vaccinations (2)	6-7 May	DofE bronze assessment
10 Mar	Y12 parents at Head's Breakfast	12 May	Intermediate (Y9+10) Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc
11-12 Mar	U14 Loughborough GS Tour	13 May	Junior and Senior Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc
15 Mar	Y7/8 Book Trust Livestream Event	13 May	Y13 Final Day in formal lessons
16-18 Mar	Rothwell Music Festival	27 May	Y8 Enterprise Day
16 Mar	Y13 Business Revision Tutorial	27 May	Break up at 4
17 -18 Mar	Y8 Residential	6 June	School opens
w/b 21 Mar	ABRSM exams (tbc)	8-17 June	Y10 and 12 assessments (tbc)
21 -25 Mar	Foundation Careers' Week	13-17 Jun	KS3 assessments
21-23 Mar	U18s at Rosslyn Park	20 Jun	Snr Citizens Jubilee Tea party
22-24 Mar	U16s at Rosslyn Park	20 Jun	New Parents' Evening
23-25 Mar	U14s at Rosslyn Park	21 Jun	Transition Day
26-28 Mar	Sedbergh 10s	23 Jun	Poetry Promenade
26-27 Mar	U13s Caldicott Tournament	24 Jun	Final external exam day scheduled
28 Mar	Foundation Food Bank Week	27 Jun	Y12 Parents' Evening (online)
29 Mar	Y8 Parents' Evening (online)	28 Jun	Lunchtime recital at Cathedral
2 Apr	Sports' Association Spring Ball	1 -2 Jul	Y6-8 Bushcraft Residential (tbc)
5 Apr	Whole School Photograph	3-6 Jul	DofE silver assessment
5 Apr	Y13 Parents' Evening (online)	5-9 Jul	Music Tour to Jersey
6 Apr	Y13 Business Revision Tutorial (2)	5 Jul	Trips Day (tbc)
8 Apr	Break up at 4pm & Non-uniform Day	6 Ju	House Finale (inc sports' day)
9-16th Apr	Ski Trip to Val Thorens	6-10 Jul	Angling Society residential (tbc)
		7 Jul	Y8 HPV (2)
		8 Jul	Break up at 12