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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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We say farewell to our Year 13 Leavers...

Welcome from our Assistant Headteacher

Whenever the focus of the Welcome page is on the school's extracurricular activities, there is so much material to choose from. Whether boys love their sport, music, acting, camping or going on trips, there has been a little bit of something for everyone. Perhaps the greatest triumph for the senior section was seeing the 2020 ski trip finally visiting the slopes of Val Thorens, something that, for a very long time, seemed as if it would never happen. Boys and staff had a great time and are already clamouring for when the next one will be. Before we think about that - along with reinstating all the other tours, mini breaks and residentials - we still have the Jersey music jamboree and the Spanish watersports trip - along with the infamous angling jaunt to Shropshire - all of which take place during the summer break and all very much looked forward to.



As well as gallivanting off, we also have lots happening on the school site. Many of you will have attended last week's summer concerts which were both excellent - though I am not sure about Mr Varley's jokes! It is always a testimony to the Y13 musicians who have spent - for many of them - years and years of dedication to practice and performing - all will be missed. A huge thanks should also go to the SALT team and all backstage crew who are tireless in their endeavours to make sure that everything is 'alright on the night.' This week also sees the first ever QEGS senior music house festival and anyone who has a spare hour on Friday 13th can catch the winners as they perform at a special concert in the QEH at 7pm. In the junior section, we are eagerly anticipating the Y6 play and the boys are already learning their lines.



Boys continue to enjoy the great outdoors, the juniors attend Forest School whilst the seniors are once again completing their DofE awards; so far this year 49 have passed at bronze level and 7 at silver and three boys have been invited to Buckingham Palace to receive their gold awards. Now that the expedition element is up and running, we have seen good numbers attend Dalesbridge for bronze and silver participation and have 26 boys out this weekend who are hoping that the sun shines on them.



Sport too, has quickly returned to its previous glory; who can forget the sight of 13 coaches snaking down the M1 to Twickenham to support the U15 rugby team, and our U15 hockey team are also county championship winners. The cricket season is now in full swing - it looks like a few weeks of dry weather at least, the junior section have a mini cricket tour in the last week of term and there is also a packed Athletics programme in place.

Over the last few months there has been the hotly contested House Football Competition with points being totted up as we race towards who will be the first ever Through-school House Winner. There are still a few weeks to go before all will be revealed at the grand House Finale on the last Wednesday of July, but there is still everything to play for. Our Y13 Savile Head of House, Toby Calvert, is offering to sponsor the Calvert Cup to the house that picks up the overall winners' trophy - that's one way of ensuring that his name lives on in QEGS silverware!



Along with all that, we have had the Y13 May Ball, the Y13 Leavers' Event at the Gamesfield with each form dressing up in their house colours (Mrs Allen making an entrance as the Cave green crayon was a sight to behold) and Y11 have had their Leavers' BBQ. We wish all these boys the very best of luck as they sit their examinations over the next few weeks.



And finally, here at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, it is only natural that our thoughts are very much focussed on the Jubilee and how we intend to celebrate the 70-year reign of our monarch (and sort of namesake!)

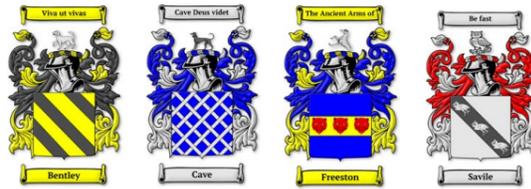
After discussions with the student voice group which has representatives in every form in the school, the boys from Y3-12 decided that they would like a special Jubilee lunch with music from across the decades and mini games competitions. House Staff Leaders are busy organising the activities and we can expect a serious amount of competition. Our Jubilee celebrations will take place on June 10th - the day before the Queen's Official Birthday and you can expect to see what we got up to in a future edition of the ebulletin. The staff at QEGS go above and beyond in their endeavours to ensure that the extracurricular provision is rich and varied, and I am sure there is no one reading this ebulletin whose son has not, at some point, benefitted from the activities offered. Their dedication ensures that boys are able to get involved in so many different things outside of the classroom, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do.

Mrs C Palin - Freeston
Assistant Headteacher

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House Matters



It has been an exciting start to the Summer Term within the house system. Votes for Year 13 House Student Leaders were collected and decisions were made on who would be our Head's of House for 2022-23. We are pleased to announce Ben Goodman as the new Head of Bentley, Max Gallagher for Cave, Will Sharp for Freeston and Charlie Fisher for Savile. The House Leaders are excited to work with the new representatives and look forward to seeing what you bring to the house. The assistant Student House Leaders and House Leaders for the younger years will be announced shortly. The House Leaders would like to say a huge thank you to the current Year 13 Student House Leaders for all their hard work over the year, they have helped make the introduction to the house system in school a great success. We wish them the best of luck in the future.

The Junior School inter house music finals took place on Wednesday 11th May. There was a range of performances from piano and singing (including Beatboxing) to percussion and guitar. The Senior school Music Festival took place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May. The winners of each section will be invited to take part in the Young Musician of the Year competition on Friday evening at 7pm. Well done to all those that took part and represented their house.



This half term, we have seen the final matches of the House football competitions. This has been an ongoing competition for the last term and the students have really enjoyed it. There has been some strong competition between the houses and the full results will be in shortly. But we can reveal that the winners so far are Year 13- Bentley, Year 12- Savile, Year 11- Savile and Year 10- Cave.



A range of other events have taken place this term, including the Masterchef mystery box challenge, well done to the winner Oscar Smith (Bentley), 2nd place Timi Kayode (Savile), 3rd place Tom Goodrum (Cave), 4th place Philip Birden (Freeston). The Eid card competition, well done to Aayan Sinha (Savile) for designing the winning card. The Classics quiz, well done to Cave with a storming victory.



Keep your eyes peeled for Cave's inter house competition. **QEGS SCAVENGER QUIZ** and the **EXTREME REVISIONING challenge**. More information about this can be found on firefly.

Next half term sees a lot more activities on offer. There will be opportunities to take part in the TV and film quiz, a sports quiz and an English quiz. We will be celebrating the Queen's 70th Jubilee with a House Event and will finish off the year with the House Finale which will include a range of sport's day activities. Please keep an eye on the House firefly pages for more information and take part in as many activities and competitions as you can.

Miss H Chatterton
Head of Bentley House



Junior Section News

The summer term is here and there is already a huge amount to celebrate. We had a wonderful Charity Day before Easter and a very big thank you to all the parents who attended and donated in support of the charity. We raised £1159.21 which will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.



The entries for the Easter Egg Competition were also displayed in the QE Hall on Charity Day and we were blown away by the imagination and ingenuity displayed by the creations. The competition was organised into sections and the winners are below - well done, boys!

Key Stage 3:

- 1st place: Adam Hussain (8CCB) Bentley
- 2nd place: Ayan Sinha (8MLA) Savile



Upper Key Stage 2:

- 1st place: Elliot Smith (6K) Savile
- 2nd place: Hector Inglis (5D) Bentley

Lower Key Stage 2:

- 1st place: Eesa Nadeem (4D) Cave
- 2nd place: Bertie Robinson (4C) Freeston

Hopefully you will be aware that we are collecting plastic bottle tops for a recycling project and the boys have been learning about the importance of recycling and the impact of plastic on our environment.



To inform and raise awareness, the boys have engaged in a poster competition to encourage recycling and the collection of bottle tops. The winning entrants and their posters are pictured below and we hope that this will give the school a push to fill up those bottle top bins by the end of term! Well done to everyone who has been bringing them in and keep up the great work.



Recycling Poster Competition winners:

Cameron Newsam, Charlie Worth, Kasper Bevan, Ameer Hamza, Harry Davis, Abraham Khan, Shoaib Yaseen, Reuben Cooke-Thomas

Our Y6 boys delivered a superb assembly about Eid and then joined the rest of the school on the playground to enjoy some Eid treats. Alongside this, we ran a competition to design an Eid card. The winner of this was Rahim Ghouri (Y4) and his superb entry is pictured below (Right).



One of our talented sportsmen, Henry Hunter, gained another impressive first place in a recent competition, proving far too strong for his fellow competitors. He is pictured below in blue landing what I think is known as a side whip kick.

Mr R Thompson - Cave
Director of Junior Section



Junior Section Housepoints - 09.05.22

Housepoints

1st	Freeston - 363
2nd	Savile - 308
3rd	Bentley - 306
4th	Cave - 296

Most House Points achieved in their Year group

Year 2	Harry G
Year 3	Jason L
Year 4	Leo S-M
Year 5	Oscar B
Year 6	Jaleel A

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30th May - 3rd June

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Year 6 MasterChef Update

I am pleased to announce that all the entries for MasterChef are in and the deadline has passed. The following boys will be competing in house heats to find out who will represent their house in the MasterChef final.

The Cave contestants are James B-S, Ben M and Oliver R.

The Freeston contestants are Noah L and Rowan T

The Savile contestants are Matthew C, Jacob E, Theo M and Tesh K.

Bentley only had one entry so congratulations to Jake L who goes through to the final to represent Bentley. The heats will take place on the following days at lunchtime.

Heat 1: Friday 27th May : Savile
Heat 2: Wed 8th June: Freeston
Heat 3: Tues 14th June: Cave

The finalist will compete on Thursday 23rd June for the title of QEGS Junior's MasterChef. The judges will be Dr Brookes and Mr Thompson.

Mrs Spawforth - Bentley

QEGS Junior's Book Fair



Thank you to all of you that came along to support our school Book Fair. There was a good range of books available to purchase and I know that many boys will be very much enjoying the books that were bought for them. We don't make a monetary profit from the fair, but we are able to claim books as a reward, dependent upon the number of books sold. This means that we now have some lovely new additions to our Junior Library, and Year 2 classrooms also have a collection of new books for their classroom shelves. Many thanks again.

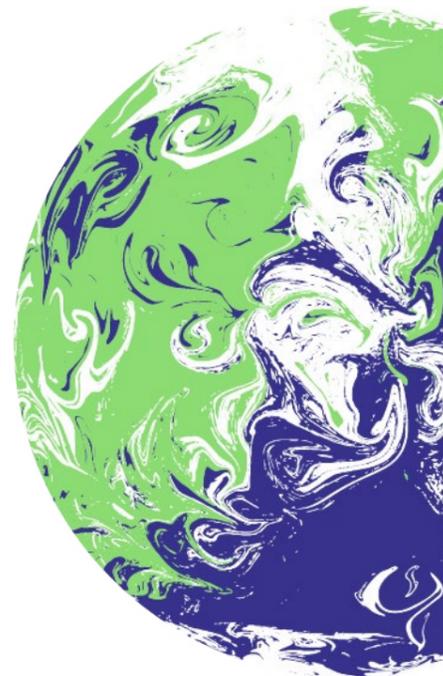


Mrs B Lindley - Bentley

JS Humanities Update

As we have begun the new term it is evident within humanities that many of our boys have been back out exploring the world, with restrictions lifting many of our pupils have spent the holidays exploring their locality or have been lucky enough to travel further afield learning about the world and its history as they go. It has been great to hear about all the journeys that have taken place both near and far, enriching and supporting our work within the classroom.

In the year 5 and 6 curriculum this term we have been to both modern and Ancient Greece, travelled within France and are beginning to study the geography of a small village in India. Our year 5 boys have enjoyed a History trip to Leeds Industrial Museum experiencing restrictions in another form within the Victorian classroom, dressing up and being transported into a world which, believe it or not, was a lot stricter than QEGS although, they were



pleased to know that it is still illegal to use the cane when you are 'pretending' to be a Victorian school boy!

Here are some photos from our trip to Armley Mills...



Year 3 have been focussing on many locations around the world this year and learning all about different cultures and countries, however, recently they have had to bring things back to Wakefield, and specifically our school. Revisiting the first topic of the year but within the mindset of geographers. The boys have been learning about mapping and understanding how to locate different places on a map... but what are their mapping skills like? 3P have been out and about in the school grounds trying to make an accurate representation of the Owls' Den in the form of an OS map. They decided upon what symbols they would use for fences, trees and bushes before starting and then went off into the 'wild' and attempted to map the area of the school grounds. It proved to be trickier than we first thought and we all have a lot of respect for professional map makers!



Mrs L Roddy - Savile

Upcoming Events

16 - 20 May	Assessment Week
16 May	5D Mountain Biking on site
18 May	3P Forest School
20 May	Wharfedale Music Festival
20 May	Cricket v Bradford Grammar School U10AB @ BGS 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome)
20 May	Cricket v Bradford Grammar School U11AB @ QEGS 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome)
23 - 25 May	Y6 Bushcraft Residential
24 May	Y3 York Residential Parental drop in session, JS Hall (Parents Welcome)
25 May	4C Forest School
27 Mat	MasterChef Heat 1
27 May	Y6 Grandparents Afternoon
27 May	Break up for Half Term
7 June	Sport Teams/ Music Photos
8 June	MasterChef Heat 2
8 - 10 June	Y3 Residential to York
10 June	HMC Athletics @ Gateshead International Stadium (Parents Welcome)
13 June	6C Kayaking at Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre
14 June	MasterChef Heat 3
14 June	HMC Tennis @ Dame Allans
14 June	U9 Cricket v St Peters @ QEGS (Parents Welcome)
14 June	New Parents Information Evening
15 June	U11 Cricket v Birkdale @ QEGS (6-a-side) (Parents Welcome)
15 June	4D Forest School
16 June	Y3 Play in Elizabeth Theatre 1pm - 3pm
16 June	Y3 Play in Elizabeth Theatre 6pm - 8pm (Parents Welcome)
17 June	HMC Cricket @ Bronte House (Parents Welcome)



Please see SOCS website for more information regarding Sports Fixtures (www.qegswakefieldsport.org). For further information on how to access SOCS please click [here](#).

Parents can see all events in the school calendar on Firefly. You can access the calendar by clicking [here](#).

RETURNING TO QEGS IN SUMMER 2022

SPORT CAMPS

FOR BOYS IN YEARS 3-9

Week 1
11th - 15th July

Week 2
18th - 22nd July

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Senior Section News



QEGS U15 Yorkshire Cup Winners' Lunch

QEGS U15s had a very successful Yorkshire Cup, working hard throughout the day to be crowned champions. They successfully qualified from a very difficult group with a victory a 5-0 victory over Scarborough College and draws against Birkdale, Hall Cross and Ashville College. In the quarterfinals they saw off Ashville after penalty flicks before defeating Silicoates 1-0 in the semifinals. They then played a tight game against Hill House School in the final which once again went to flicks. They kept their nerve to win the flicks thus being crowned Yorkshire Champions and ensuring the County Cup stayed with QEGS again.

The boys were very fortunate to be taken for a celebratory meal at Rustico's along with the Headteacher and Mr and Mrs Palin, and their coaches Mr Binney and Mr Berry. This was an excellent way for the lads to round off their season and a great reward for all the hard work they had put in during training and fixtures throughout the season. It will put them in good stead for a successful U16 National Cup run next season, and judging by their plates at the end of the meal the pizzas went down very well!

Through the players' eyes...

Before half term the U15s hockey team won the County Cup in a tight final against Hill House. As well as the usual congratulations at school, we were invited by Mr Binney and Mr Berry to Rustico for a celebratory lunch. We all had a choice of pizza or pasta; I think most of us chose pizza - which was really filling.



Whilst there were a lot of other customers in the restaurant, we were served really quickly - helped by Mr Binney's very sensible pre order system. Mr and Mrs Palin joined us and Dr Brookes also called in. We all thoroughly enjoyed our lunch and it was a fitting end to a good season - we have all enjoyed being part of the hockey team this school year and would like to pass on our thanks to the staff who have coached us.

Tom Reid - Bentley



Ski Trip 2022 - Val Thorens

We all arrived at Manchester airport terminal 1 on the morning of Saturday the 9th of April. Ski jacket on, baggage in hand and after 2 years of waiting, we were ready for a trip and what a trip that would be.

I cannot lie and say that upon arrival at Manchester airport things were most certainly not looking hopeful, as in the week before our departure Manchester airport seemed to be at its worst with: Staff shortages, hours-long queues to get through security and even the possibility of EasyJet cancelling our flight like they had done to countless others in the week running up to the trip. Our experience could not have been more different- promptly getting on with checking in, via EasyJet's obscene self-check-in where we were never sure if we'd truly got it right and just had to hope that our luggage joined us on the plane. Security, which if you were looking at the news the week before would be expecting massive queues lasting two hours or more, had one of the shortest queues I have seen at Manchester.

The bus journey from Geneva to Val Thorens was the hardest part of the journey, lasting 3 hours in a



surprisingly hot bus was quite a task but the bus did allow us to see the amazing scenery the Alps had to offer and as we got to the top snow was falling all around us.

Val Thorens is the highest ski resort in Europe sitting at 2300 metres above sea level with ski lifts that can take you up to 3200 metres, with 319 pistes adding up to 600km of slopes. The resort also had an assortment of shops and restaurants with a bowling alley and arcade being the place where most apres-ski activities took place. We stayed at the Residence Cheval Blanc apartments, after a self-

catered breakfast of cereal and pastries we could ski out directly from the apartments. Breaking up the 6 hours a day we spent skiing, lunch was served at an Asian fusion restaurant just off the side of one of the main pistes.

In my opinion, I would say that the first day was one of, if not the best day of the trip; with amazing snow due to the fact it had snowed the whole week before the trip so the snow was completely fresh and powdery, but also the fact there was not a cloud in sight providing some amazing views from the top at 3200 metres where you could see straight over to Mont Blanc.

Due to the heat, I could get by just wearing thermals and salopettes but strongly tinted goggles were a must. Our instructors were also very accommodating and also keen to push us to our limits, but maybe a little too much at some points.

The rest of the days of skiing were great but began to be plagued by extremely icy mornings followed by slushy afternoons ending up making everyone extremely tired and constantly have the feeling that your legs could turn to jelly at any moment. The heat only seemed to get worse throughout the week with some of the on-piste thermometers reading upwards of 25 degrees celsius, meaning if you weren't moving around then it felt like you were almost being cooked and for those who forgot to put sunscreen on then goggle marks were assured, of which there were a few. But for most these conditions were a welcomed surprise and caused no trouble.

The return journey felt effortless compared to the departing. I do have to say I did feel a bit of sombre leaving such a great trip, which honestly, I wish could have gone on longer but just without the legs turning to jelly bit.

I cannot lie when I say that I can't think of anything compellingly negative to say about the ski trip; pristine skiing conditions and weather contributing to the range of activities that made the week so enjoyable. So, what I would say is if you're on the fence about going, go for it as it's an amazing opportunity!

Chester Lomas - Cave



DofE expedition at Dalesbridge

QEGS boys from Y10, 11 and 12 were delighted to return to Dalesbridge, in the Yorkshire Dales, for Duke of Edinburgh expedition training during the Easter Holiday. It was great to be back in the Dales enjoying the fresh air, amazing scenery, and reconnecting with the farms, campsites and people that work alongside QEGS to make the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions an exciting and valuable experience.

Having previously formed teams and planned routes during after school sessions on Tuesdays, boys furthered their skills under the watchful eyes of the Mountain Leader instructors from AddVenture. At Bronze level, a full day was spent on tent pitching, stove use, rucksack packing, first aid and emergency procedures, before heading out on the practice expedition. At Silver level boys, set off walking on the first day! Arthur Broadbent, training for his Silver, describes his experience:

It was our second day out on expedition when our group, fresh and perfectly rested after a chilly night in the tents, set out walking towards Ingleborough. As we adjusted our bags and checked the map, the 2nd tallest of the 3 Peaks soon came into view. Although its height was daunting, we had chosen to attempt the summit and the route had been decided upon. Carrying 3 days of supplies meant that the strain

soon became apparent, and as the wind, and soon the incline, picked up we put our heads down for what would be a long, hard but ultimately rewarding experience. We were pleasantly surprised to see Mr McWilliam, Mr Lambert and Mrs Taylor near the top of Ingleborough, braving the elements to offer us encouragement. Together the view, lunch and the forgiving descent to our next campsite gave us plenty of time to reflect on what had been a truly impressive journey. Not to mention, we had passed the summit of Ingleborough ahead of schedule, and our early arrival to the campsite allowed us to be set up and have eaten before the rain later that evening. Despite another cold night camping ahead of us, we were only 4-5 hours of walking away from home and in high spirits after the success of that day - and after that, with the practice expedition completed, we were looking forward to the real thing.

All boys in attendance successfully completed their training and look forward to putting their skills to the test during their assessment expedition. A huge thank you to Nick Lambert, Anne Taylor, Mark Reed and Wendy Affleck for giving up holiday time to ensure the expeditions ran smoothly.

Mr P McWilliam - Savile

The Greatest Show-Men

This term, in QED, my friends and I have been learning Circus Skills. This is where you learn tricks like juggling, plate spinning and balloon modelling. We have also learned how to master flower sticks and diablo.

Circus skills are important because you can gain resilience and learn how to keep trying. None of us were very good at first, but as we approach our performance in the final week, I think we've shown that practice makes perfect! This QED is also great because you can have fun and build confidence, working with boys from older year groups. Personally, the thing I'll take away from this is the skill of concentration. I'm hoping this will come in handy on Assessment Week...

For the more adventurous, Circus Skills could also help you get a job in the future as a show master or even join a travelling circus!! (if your Mum will let you). If you prefer to stay at home, for now, there are also a lot of films and books based on the circus like 'The Greatest Showman'.

Overall, it was a very fun thing to learn and has helped us all to develop new skills. Circus Skills was a good experience and everyone enjoyed it very much.

William Milne - Bentley
Arthur Taylor - Cave
Thomas Oldacre - Bentley

Artist of the Week



Ahmed Ali is our artist of the week. After a few weeks of planning, cutting and preparing his printing plate, Ahmed has produced this stunning print of a bird. Excellent design, use of mark-making and great control of the cutting tool. Well done, Ahmed!

Mrs M Caines - Freeston



Photo of the Week

Masterchef Mystery Box Challenge

Friday 8th April saw our first ever Mystery Box challenge and four very nervous representatives from their respective Houses. They were given a range of basic ingredients from which they could prepare something savoury or sweet, without the aid of recipes.

The food prepared was outstanding, various guises of savoury mince, stuffed peppers, pancakes and even burgers with flatbread. The judge's decision was very difficult, in the end Oscar Smith (Bentley) won the Masterchef Mystery box crown. He prepared burgers served on flatbread with slow cooked peppers on the side. Well done on preparing a delicious meal.

Ms N Allen - Cave

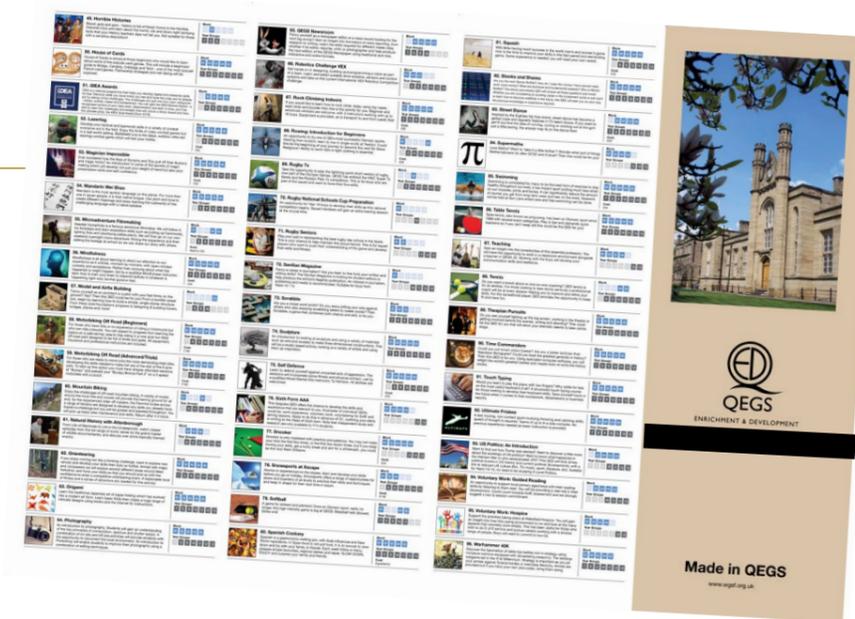


QED Survey

Every year, we ask the boys which QEDs they have enjoyed and which they perhaps don't find as entertaining, which QEDs they would like to get rid of and which they would like to see appear... every year this means that Paintballing will be requested, and every year we carefully gloss over it...think PJ and Duncan for those who remember it.

Each year we aim to change approximately 20% of each brochure, alongside the views of boys staff and parents. This year, the results of a very simple yes or no survey represented a large proportion of the School body and activities such as backgammon, Savilian magazine, barbershop, model train building, table tennis and the many flavours of football, baking and cooking all performed very well. Book club, touch typing and stage combat, however, maybe not so much, unfortunately. The results will be used moving forwards in producing the QED10 brochure in the later part of the Summer term, but if you have any questions, queries or suggestions, please email sclark@wgsf.net with them also.

Dr S Clark - Bentley



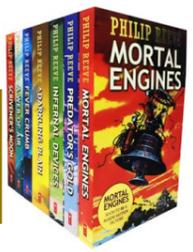


Members of Year 9 recently participated in the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge, tasked in teams to turn £10 into as much profit as they could. The boys had one month to carry out various enterprising activities within school and their local communities, reinvesting their profits along the way. Activities included popcorn and bake sales, car washing, sports tournaments, 'Pancake Fridays', an Easter Egg raffle and producing and selling ribbon pin badges for the raising of awareness of the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. The boys demonstrated excellent entrepreneurial flair developing crucial personal, enterprise and employability skills along the way; including teamwork and communication, perseverance and dedication, business planning, marketing and promotion, stock replenishment, event organisation and the tracking of finances. Collectively, the seven teams turned £70 of loans into £581 profit to be donated to Comic Relief and British Red Cross and as such contributing to their Young Savilians' Award. Fantastic work boys!!

Mrs C Mackay - Bentley
Enterprise Coordinator



English Showstopper



In the week before Easter, Key Stage 3 English students traditionally give a presentation on the reading they have enjoyed in the Spring Term. Year 7 students in particular showed wonderful enthusiasm and ingenuity with book themed banners and dramatic readings of passages from their favourite books. The one that 'took the cake' this time, though, was undoubtedly Aidan Clarke of 7DJP's 'Mortal Engines' themed cake which gave his class not only food for thought in terms of Easter reading, but also a delicious Monday morning treat!



For our first independent English study we were asked to make a presentation based on a book we had read during year 7. My choice of book to review was Mortal Engine by Philip Reeve. Mrs Affleck said that our presentation should be original, "a show stopper". If someone says show stopper then the first thing that comes to mind for me is CAKE! I chose to make a scene from the book where the traction city of London had finally found a smaller city to devour. The cake itself took me a week to design, bake and decorate ready for the presentation to the class. The presentation itself was nerve wracking, standing in front of the class, wondering if they would like my idea, and whether Mrs Affleck would accept a baking project in English. As it turned out everyone loved the cake and my review got a 'distinction' so I think I got away with it.

I have really enjoyed English at QEGS, we have studied many different topics from Beowulf to Macbeth. The year has been enjoyable so far and I hope it stays that way in years to come.

Aidan Clarke - Freeston

Assessment Week



Rumour has it that sales of highlighters, coloured pens and note cards have gone through the roof in the local area as our boys get ready for their upcoming end of year assessments! Year 10 and 12 will begin theirs from Wednesday 18th May whilst our younger boys in Years 7-9 begin on Monday 23rd.

They should revise what they don't know, practise what they do and ask for help from their teachers if they come across something they don't understand; there are also a wealth of resources on the Firefly subject pages for them to use.

The advice to the boys from the Academic Office is to make sure they get lots of sleep and rest over the coming days, eat well and get into good study habits and of course, try their best.

We are all here to support them - believe it or not, boys, assessments can be enjoyable if you are well prepared. Good luck and show us what you can do!

Mrs A Eggleston - Bentley



After a two year hiatus, The start of May saw the welcome return of the WGSF Summer Concerts and the two evenings were as packed full of ensembles as ever. There were some superb performances by our large instrumental ensembles - Youth Brass Band, String Ensemble, Intermediate Strings, Senior Orchestra, Senior Concert Band, Senior Strings, Orchestras and of course the Swing Bands, as well as our well-established choirs: Major Minors, Cantabile and Foundation Chorus.

Meanwhile, contrast was provided by a number of smaller ensembles: Mantabile (boy's choir), 'Clarantella' (clarinets), Percussion Ensembles, Electric Ensembles, Flute Ensemble, Barbershop and Saxophone Ensemble, as well as some new ventures: Mr Meredith's Wakefield Training Orchestra (an outreach project linking with Wakefield Music Hub), Folk Band (complete with dancers!), 'Nonsensical' (guitars) and the appropriately named 'Horns with Hats'.



Also in the mix were three excellent student-led groups: Show Choir, Session Orchestra and Funk Band. Congratulations go to Mia Sedgwick, Alexandra Lee and Charlotte McKinlay for bringing the groups up to such a high standard.

The evening was rounded off with an emotional musical farewell put together by Year 13, whom we thank for all their hard work and commitment over the years.



The concerts could not have happened without the support of our fabulous team of VIMs, the sound and lighting team and stage crew. Thanks also to the school offices for producing the programmes and tickets and to the Parents' Association for providing the interval refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all again at Christmas!

Mr C Lewis - Savile



Year 10 Enterprise at Summer Concerts

A big well done to our budding Year 10 entrepreneurs who produced, marketed and sold fabulous products during the Summer Concerts. Over the two nights they raised £271 for The British Red Cross. Boys demonstrated, and were awarded for a variety of enterprise and employability skills such as teamwork and organisation, as well as business skills such as originality, merchandising, branding and customer experience. The Bronze and Silver winners for 'Most profit made' went to 'Garden of Gifts' with their gift basket raffle and 'Music Cookies' for their high-quality music themed cookie selection. The number one spot went to Gold winners 'The Brownies Company'. Well done to all boys involved!



Wakefield for UKRAINE

No one who has watched the news in the recent weeks can fail to have been affected by the horrendous stories coming out of Ukraine and the mass movement of people fleeing war. The desire to help has been strong in many countries, not least the UK. Locally, Wakefield for Ukraine was born as a hub for people in the Wakefield district to donate items. The founders even spent their honeymoon driving across Europe in a transit van stuffed with much needed supplies which they distributed to a school and refugee camp.

I was so moved by this and sure of the QEGS community's generosity that I approached Mrs Allen to ask if we could possibly organise a collection. I thought we may manage to get a couple of carrier bags of essential items, especially in these fiscally challenging times. The email went out to the whole school, and to say I have been blown away by the generosity of the school community is an understatement. You have donated bin bags of items that will make so much difference to the lives of people. I am simply blown away and humbled. My little car boot was full to overflowing with so much good will and love as well as the physical items. When I delivered the donations the ladies who were there to receive them described our community as awesome and amazing for our generosity.



If anyone would like to donate personally, volunteer or simply watch the journey of the items donated then you can follow Wakefield for Ukraine on either Facebook or Twitter.

Once again can I issue thanks for everything - you are all amazing.

Mrs H Bray - Savile



Ms Bracewell's Miles for Refugees Challenge

When the conflict in Ukraine began, I knew many people would suffer and be displaced as they sought food, shelter and safety. These people, one day living lives just like ours, would become refugees. I wanted to help but didn't have the space or resources to give a Ukrainian refugee a home, as some among us are. Frustrated by my impotence, in face of the situation, I turned to a charity I already raised funds for regularly.

The British Red Cross, a part of The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, is neutral body, long-committed to helping people, without discrimination. For over a hundred years they have been active providing aid in war-torn countries and also supporting our emergency services when major emergencies have occurred closer to home. Their Miles For Refugees fundraising event is how I first became involved with their work, and I drew inspiration from that in starting this personal challenge

Over the course of just over 65 days, I have clocked up 2,238.88 km (of the total 2301.1 Kyiv to London distance) by mixing indoor cycling, outdoor cycling, roller skating, and walking. That makes it 62.22 kilometres to go, I should have that done by the end of this week!

Thank you all for your ongoing support, every little helps.

Ms D Bracewell - Freston



Year 11's Last Full Day of School

Our Year 11 students marked their last day of school before study leave with a farewell BBQ lunch followed by some flame-tastic experiments for their last chemistry lesson with Mr Lambert!





Special Announcement

After what seemed like weeks of deliberating, voting and interviewing, the Head Boy and Head of House team were formally announced to the whole school in assembly this week. For the younger boys, these are the roles that, one day, they should be aspiring to; having a leadership role in the sixth form requires commitment, dedication, organisation but also approachability, humility and, perhaps the most important trait of all - kindness. Luckily, lots of boys have these qualities in abundance and they apply to the role because they want to make a difference, to help the school and have the opportunity to influence how the younger students are.

During the interview process for Head Boy, two of the applicants spoke about the impression a former Head Boy, Lakshiv Dhingra, had on them when they were in Y7 - and this is the crux of what being a Head Boy is all about: compassion, care and kindness.

So, the two most senior student teams in the school have a lot to live up to and I have no doubt that they will rise to the challenge. They are:

The 2022/23 Head Boy Team

Head Boy: Luke Ducker - Freeston

Deputy Head Boys: Jihan Ha - Cave, Dan McCourt - Bentley, Ben Rose - Cave, Connor Singleton - Bentley

The 2022/23 Head Boy Team

Head of Bentley House - Ben Greenwood

Head of Cave House - Max Gallagher

Head of Freeston House - Will Sharp

Head of Savile House - Charlie Fisher

All the other Y13 senior prefects and Y13 - 6 House positions through the school will be announced in the next few weeks.

Mrs C Palin - Freeston
Assistant Headteacher



The Magnificent 8

Top left to right - Dan Clegg (History Newcastle), James Willard (History Warwick), Edward Marsh (History Cambridge)

Bottom left to right - George Amati (History Leeds University), Guy Salvini (History Reading), Hugo Alexander (English and History Newcastle), Patrick Harwood (History and Politics Warwick)

The History Department at QEGS has always been proud of its record in sending students to study History related courses at university, however this year we have the largest number of students wanting to study the subject at degree level for many years. Even I, who has been a member of the Department for over 30 years cannot remember the last time so many have chosen to continue with the subject. In order to find out more about what motivated these Year 13 students to continue with History I asked what their motivations were:



Hugh Lawrenson (History Edinburgh)

1. What made you decide to continue with a History related course at university?

Edward and James replied that history has always been their favourite subject at QEGS, both passionate about the way in which it has helped shape their views of the modern world. Patrick for this reason wanted to combine it with Politics so as to gain a more contemporary view of world events. George and Hugh both mentioned that the skills they have developed in studying the subject will give them the analytical abilities prized by many employers. For Guy and Dan it was the breadth of different time periods studied and the opportunity to explore new topics.

2. What are your future career aspirations?

Edward hopes to use his written skills to pursue a career in journalism, Hugh sees himself going into international diplomacy with the UN, whereas both Patrick and Guy want to pursue Law at a later date. The others are not yet sure what they want to do but all commented that doing a non-vocational degree left their options open.

3. What has been the most memorable feature of studying History at QEGS?

A number of the boys highlighted their enjoyment of the Year 11 Battlefields Trip, but for George, it was his love of studying modern History, especially the Thatcher Years at A Level. For Guy, it is the help he has been given in clinics by all his History teachers. Whereas for Ed, it is the interactive nature of studying History at QEGS. He also recalled spending Year 12 History in an Art classroom (due to Covid) with a model skeleton and thus being made to listen to Mr Binney's skeleton-themed jokes for a year straight was also a highlight!

May I take this opportunity to thank the lads for all their commitment to the subject and wish them well in getting the grades they need to make their offers for their first choice universities.

Mr D Binney - Cave
Head of History

Year 13 Leavers' Ball

Friday 6th May saw a return to the Royal Armouries in Leeds for the Year 13 Leavers' Ball after a two year absence and, after much planning and a great deal of anticipation, a superb evening was enjoyed by all who attended. The boys looked very smart in their suits and tuxedos and it was great that, with the ending of COVID restrictions, they finally had an opportunity to celebrate their time in school with both friends and members of staff.

The evening began with a champagne reception, and was then followed by a 3 course meal, the ever popular 'Leavers' Awards' (hosted by two Year 13 students, Emily Alish and Matthew Stirk), and a night of dancing (including Mr Dean's superbly choreographed Senior Prefect dance). This was certainly an evening that will last long in the memory.

Mr A Rees - Cave



Senior Prefects' Dinner

Without the help of the senior 'prefect team, events that take place in school would be close to impossible and to say a huge thank you for all that they do, it has become traditional for the boys and their form tutors to go for an afternoon's bowling at Xscape. It was decided (by Y13) that there would be a specific dress code; shirts which, at best could be described as gaudy, and at worse, migraine inducing. The forms faced each other down on a windy Thursday afternoon, ready for battle on the bowling lanes and losing was not an option. The winner's crown was eventually raised by George Booth whose cricketing prowess allowed him to easily destroy any potential challenge, it is worth mentioning that he also won the competition for the worst shirt, some rubbery gold number that was a cross between a wetsuit, an elastic band and a daffodil - truly hideous! However, despise looking like a YPO glue stick, he scooped a thousand points* for Freeston (not biased at all!) so well done George! However, even his victory was not enough to beat the might of the staff contender - step forward Mr Fitzsimons - who with flair, brilliance and not a small amount of luck, trounced everybody in the field and was the ultimate victor - another win for Freeston with a thousand more house points* in the bag (hurrah).

The boys then returned to school where they were joined by pastoral Heads of Year, Heads of House and the senior leadership team and were whisked through the suburbs of Wakefield for a feast of epic proportions at Kashmiri Aroma. The food was delicious and plentiful; it is not often you hear eighteen year old young men say that they are full

- so this was a truly momentous occasion. Mr Palin of House Savile gave the 'Goodbye' speech with nary a dry eye left in the house, throwing in his trademark philosophical quotations with advice, wisdom and humour.

The vote of thanks fell, as is tradition, to the outgoing Headboy, Ed Marsh of House Bentley who spoke succinctly about his time in post and thanked his team for all their support. But it was the surprise (and totally impromptu) speech of the evening that was perhaps the most touching with Cave's Will Gatus - as the final Gatus of four boys to walk through the hallowed corridors of QEGS academia - to raise a heartfelt toast to the future of QEGS. How we clapped and cheered!

This senior prefect (or 'perfect' team as they have self-styled themselves) have been the ultimate role models for their peers and younger boys in school; they will be sorely missed but we wish them - and all Y13 - the success they undoubtedly deserve. Their last day in school was as composed and dignified as we have come to expect. They will always be Old Savilians and we look forward to welcoming them back on September 16th for their speech day, and of course, to all future OS events. Floreas Wakefieldia.

* Dr Clark would like to make clear that there were not 2,000 house points added to the tally!

Mrs C Palin - Freeston
Assistant Headteacher



Farewell Year 13

Year 13 students were treated to a hearty breakfast on their penultimate day of formal education at QEGS. Together with their form tutors and members of the pastoral and senior management teams, the boys were welcomed into the main dining hall for the last time on what was a poignant occasion for them - some having been in the Foundation for the majority of their young lives!

Roger Ackroyd, President of the Old Savilians, welcomed the newest members of the organisation with a brief speech and the boys received their Old Savilian ties. We have no doubt they will go on to wear these with pride in a wide variety of successful careers in the future.



Sports Association Spring Ball

Thank you to everyone who attended the Royal Armouries to support this event. An amazing £6000 was raised which is just an incredible amount. The profit made from the casino of £200 is being donated to the DEC to help towards the ukrainian war effort.

The evening commenced with a drinks reception during which we were entertained by Jacob Crabtree, a "Made in QEGS" student who is currently reading music at Nottingham university. After dinner, guests were able to enjoy Casino Royale with the overall winner receiving dinner for four with wine at The Fountain at Ingbirchwood, donated by Jason Brook a QEGS Old Sav. Thank you, Jason.

The evening was filled with lots of fun, laughter and our DJ, Curtis from WDC, filled the dance floor for the majority of the evening.

A special thank you goes to our sponsors for the evening whose generosity enabled us to have a fantastic array of prizes.

Flower House Garforth
Chocolate Beauty Spa Garforth
Secret Wardrobe
Iveridge Health Club Oulton
Room 97
Rob Royd farm Shop
Beatson House Cawthorne
Temple Spa - Lindsay Barron

Waterton Reserve Gin
Pilates and Barre - Leanne Lamb
Zeanti Boutique
Number 10 Horbury
The Fountain Ingbirchwood
XBM Limited
Edward and Co Hairdressers Brighouse
Schwarzkopf

Golf Day

This event on Friday 20th May at Wakefield Golf Club is now full. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list should there be any cancellations, please email Brad Crecraft at bcrecraft@me.com

Afternoon Tea



Our Summer term event is afternoon tea at the Three Acres Emley on Friday 17th June at 1pm. Tickets are £35 each which includes a glass of prosecco. Look out for the Firefly messages and book via the link if you would like to attend. Tables can be any size. Please do come and join us for the final event of the academic year.

Golf Umbrellas

The Sport's Association have purchased some QEGS golf umbrellas to keep you dry during the various sporting fixtures in the British weather. Various committee members will be at sporting fixtures throughout the year with stock to sell or alternatively, you can contact the senior school office and order via there. Umbrellas cost £25 and payment can be made by bank transfer to the SA account

Clothes Bank

A clothes bank for any unwanted clothing items is situated in the games field car park, near to where the away coaches park. Monies raised goes the Sport's Association fund to support the boys directly with their sporting activities.

100 Club

Our committee will be at various sporting fixtures over the coming year to promote our 100 Club. If you sign up before the end of the December term, you will be entered into a free prize draw to win a weekend away at a luxury lakeside property on Lake Windermere. The cost is £5 per calendar month made by direct debit and a monthly draw takes place with prizes of 1 x £100 and 2 x £25. If you would like to be part of our 100 Club or for more information, please email Justin at qegs100club@xbmltd.com.

Key Dates

13/14 May	Y10 Bronze DofE assessment @ Silverwood	20 Jun	New Parents' Evening
13 May	Y7&8 Music Competition 9-1pm	21 Jun	Transition Day (Y6 pupils)
13 May	Y13 study leave begins at 12pm	22 Jun	U12 St Peters Super 8s
13 May	U14 cricket v Shelley College	22 Jun	Athletics - Wakefield League (Y7)
13 May	Y11-13 Music Competition 2-4pm	23 Jun	Wakefield Schools' Championship Athletics
13 May	Music Festival Winners' Concert (7-8.30pm)	23 Jun	Poetry Promenade
17 May	Wakefield Athletics Trials (Y8-10)	24 Jun	Final external exam day scheduled
18-27 May	Y10/12 assessments	24 Jun	Y13 Leavers' Lunch
19 May	Performing Shakespeare Competition	28 Jun	Lunchtime recital @ Cathedral
19 May	ESAA Round 1 (U13s and U15s)	29 Jun	Oxford University Open Day
23-26 May	KS3 assessment	29 Jun	Athletics - Wakefield League - (Y7)
27 May	Y8 Enterprise Day	29 Jun-1Jul	Y12 Biology residential (N Wales)
27 May	Trips Day - Y7,9,10	30 Jun	Medicine in Action - online event
27 May	Break up at 4	3-6 Jul	DofE silver assessment
6 Jun	School opens	5-9 Jul	Music Tour to Jersey
10 Jun	Jubilee Lunch - non uniform day	6 Jul	House Finale (inc sports' day)
11 Jun	West Yorkshire Athletic Championship	6-10 Jul	Angling Society residential
13-17 Jun	Art/DT exhibition	7 Jul	Y8 HPV (2)
14 Jun	Y12 Parents' Evening (online)	7 Jul	Y12 Design Trip to London
16 Jun	ABRSM exams (tbc)	7 Jul	Cambridge Open Day
17 Jun	Sports' Association Afternoon Tea @ The 3 Acres	7 Jul	National Enterprise Finals in Birmingham
20 Jun	Snr Citizens Jubilee Tea party	8 Jul	Break up @ 12pm