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E-BULLETIN

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

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Welcome from the Director of Finance and Operations

My name is Laurence Perry and I have been given the honour of writing the welcome page for this edition of the QEGS newsletter. However, the reality is that I am writing a welcome and farewell message at the same time. For those who don't know, I am the Director of Finance and Operations for Wakefield Grammar School Foundation and I am based in the Governors' Office. Until fairly recently I was known as the Bursar but a few years ago I decided to change my job title as too many people didn't know what the Bursar did! This summer I am stepping down after 15 wonderful years in the post and passing on the baton to my successor, Jenny Cocker. Jenny will be starting at the end of July and I know you will all give her a warm welcome.

What do I do, apart from sending school fees invoices to parents? Essentially my team and I look after all the support functions to enable the smooth running of the schools. This covers the areas of Finance, Estates, HR, IT, Catering, Health & Safety and Data Protection. I am also responsible for the Development Office. We try to remain behind the scenes and if we can do that, then it means things are going well. At first glance, most of these don't sound like the most exciting roles within the school community but they are all vitally important in ensuring that QEGS is a successful school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my management team and all the support staff who during my time at the Foundation have worked incredibly hard to ensure the pupils experience the best that QEGS has to offer.



This might be someone who cleans classrooms, cooks lunch, answers the phone in the school office, tidies the playground, prepares a rugby pitch, fixes a Chromebook, pays invoices, prepares materials for a lesson or indeed does one of many other jobs around the school (apologies to all those whose jobs I haven't mentioned). They all have an important role to play.

What am I going to do? Quite simply I will take the summer off and then see where life takes me after that! I am certainly looking forward to spending more time with my family (I hope my wife feels the same!) and my two flat-coated retrievers.

During my time at the Foundation, I have worked with some great people - 11 Heads, 61 Governors, hundreds of staff and literally thousands of pupils. It has been a privilege to have played a part in the 430 year history of QEGS and I wish everyone connected with the school all the very best for the future.

Best wishes

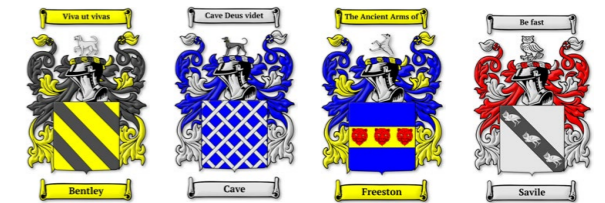
Laurence Perry
WGSF Director of Finance and Operations



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House Matters



Meet Max

It is an honour to be the new Head of House for Cave and I hope to be a good role model for boys throughout the school, and look forward to working with the rest of the Cave team. In the next year, I am eager to see the further development of the house system and to lead Cave through the variety of different house events offered to the students, from subject quizzes to sports. I'm excited to see, once again, the determination of Cave boys to get merits and fight for their house. If we all pull together I'm sure we will come out on top next year!

Max Gallagher - Cave
New Head of House



Having joined QEGS in Year 6 I was lucky to experience the house system in the junior school and I thought it was fantastic. More so, it was extremely competitive; boys would go to extreme lengths to gain house points for the much sought-after house cup. Therefore, when I heard that the house system was being extended to the senior school I jumped at the opportunity to be an assistant house leader and contribute to Cave's attempt to win the inaugural house cup as a through school.

I have been surprised by the amazing engagement and enthusiasm to participate in house activities from every year group. Throughout the year Cave has constantly been accumulating house points, with both senior and junior school students contributing, resulting in Cave currently leading the Merit Total - the event points will be awarded at the

end of the year so we will see who wins overall! Although I'm not part of the house leader team next year, I will be looking forward to participating in as many house competitions as possible and helping Cave do even better than this year!

Ben Rose - Cave
Exiting Head of House



Junior Section News

It has been a while since our last bulletin and there is certainly plenty to update on, not least the special Platinum Jubilee celebrations that have been going on in school. On the Tuesday of our Jubilee week, the Junior boys were treated to a cake at break, followed by activities on the Junior fields led by boys from Key Stage 3, while on the Friday there were more activities up at the Senior fields including a picnic lunch topped-off with a very regal cup-cake. The school was awash with red, white and blue on the day and it was wonderful to see the school coming together in celebration.



As part of Wakefield's Jubilee celebrations, a number of boys were asked to deliver a speech at Wakefield Cathedral to share 'what the Queen means to them'. Henry, Teshomi and Elias did a superb job, ably accompanied by James from the Pre-Prep and Hooriya. Well done, all - we were all very proud of you!



Plenty of sporting activity has been going on as you will read later in the bulletin and, as I write we are preparing for our JS Sports Day. We are so pleased to once again be able to invite parents to this event so I hope you were able to come along and cheer-on your sons.

Some of the boys have been getting very creative in Owls and we are very proud of the Year 2 boys who have been developing their construction skills. This wonderful creation was produced by William, Zak and Henry...well done, boys!



Macbeth the Musical

The Year 6 play: 'Macbeth the Musical' is coming up soon so please do come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment with a sprinkling of 'rock!' This is certainly not just for Y6 parents, all are very welcome to attend. Performances are as below and parking is available on the Senior playground. There will also be refreshments provided during the interval.

Macbeth the Musical (Y6 Production):
Wed 29 June, 7pm
Thu 30 June, 7pm

There is no need to book tickets, please just turn up and enjoy!

The next bulletin will be at the end of term so I wish you and your sons a very enjoyable final two weeks.

Mr R Thompson - Cave
Director of Junior Section



We have been speaking with the boys about staying safe in the sun. Please encourage your son to wear sunscreen and his house sun cap in hot weather.



Fifteen Year 6 boys volunteered last September to make textile owls as mascots for the Pre-Prep classes and so started a long but enjoyable journey.

First, was the competition to design an owl to represent their class, then the judging and finally the 'order' was placed with the Year 6 sewing club.

In those early days, Year 6 had no idea of the time commitment required to make a quality textile product but I have been so impressed because, even months later, very Wednesday lunchtime the boys were literally beating my door down to sew the owls. Many a sandwich and soup of mine was happily interrupted by the boys, which was a wonderful state of affairs, much better than me chasing them!

The number of parts required for manufacturing, before we assembled the owls, surprised the boys. Conversations like, "yes we do need two feet for your owls, one won't cut it!" did take place!

Fast forward half a year (yes half a year!) and we had eleven completed owls. We had a Minion owl, a rainbow owl, a dungaree-wearing owl, a highly-patterned owl and feathered owls, all manufactured down to the exact detail of the design but also to a very high standard of stitching from all the boys. As I sit here typing, I could not be prouder of the boys, their dedication and professionalism could only be dreamt of and I am one very lucky teacher. Thank you, boys, and very well done.

Mrs M Spawforth - Bentley

Science Update

As we round up the year in science we are balancing biology and physics themed topics about the natural and physical world around us.

Year 3 have just finished their topic about plants and their life cycles. They have grown cress seeds and considered the environment and the things a plant might need to grow well. They have dissected a flower and begun to explain the ways that plants make their own seeds. We have even surveyed our local bee population and thought about how important bees are to our world. We have now moved onto a topic on light, with a light treasure hunt, shadow chasing and reflective materials work.



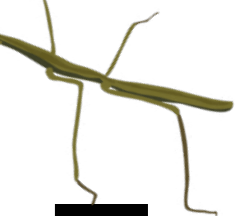
Year 4 have been experimenting with the science of sound, experimenting with the way that sounds are made, how they travel and considering how our ears work and need to be protected. They have made scientific models of several instruments and most recently have performed improvisations to each other with their bottle bands.



Year 5 have been looking at all things life cycles, building on their plant knowledge from Year 3 and beginning to consider other groups of animals including vertebrates and invertebrates. They will be looking in detail at metamorphosis in insects and have had the pleasure of studying our class pets, kindly donated by Seth in 5L, who bred our school stick insects from his own collection. It's lovely to see some animal life in the classroom as they have joined our spring collection of butterflies that we released last half term.

Year 6 have been studying human reproduction, with lessons from the school Matron and their science teachers, giving them information and advice about growing up and adolescence. We have also continued with our topic about evolution and inheritance which ties in quite nicely and will hopefully finish their year and time at the Junior Section with some habitat work.

Mrs L Roddy - Savile



Outdoor Education

In the latest block of Outdoor Education all boys in Y5/Y6 have had an introductory kayaking session at Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre. Other than having a great afternoon on the water, boys have looked at developing their basic stroke technique and ability to control the boat.



6K Orienteering Catch up Session

6K will be going Orienteering at Haw Park Wood on Monday 27th June. This is to catch up on a session that they missed earlier in the year.



QEGS Dominates HMC Athletics

QEGS JS dominated the recent HMC Athletics meet. With nearly 20 schools in attendance from the North East region, QEGS were successful in winning three of the four trophies on offer and seven of the events held.

A summary of the results are below:

Overall results

U9s 3rd
U10s 1st
U11s 1st
Overall Boys Winners

Event Winners

Nathan Banda - U9 80m
Henry Roberts - U10 600m
Oliver Marshall - U10 Cricket ball
U10 4 x 100 Relay (Henry Roberts, Samuel Chineme, Harry Okunkpolor, Preston Goodair)
Elias Locking - U11 800m
Thomas Wood - U11 Cricket Ball
U11 4 x 100m Relay (Ayo Fasae, Leo Fisher, Will Taylor Elias Locking).



Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Darnton and Mr Lewis for preparing the team so well.

Mr J Tiffany - Freeston

QEGS Win Plate Competition at HMC Cricket

The Y6 boys played in the HMC cricket last week and came away as winners of the Plate competition. Losing to Barnard Castle in the group phase of the competition on the last ball of the match meant the team didn't not qualify for the cup competition. The team produced two good performances in the semi and final of the plate to take home the trophy.



HMC Tennis at Dame Allen's

Last week, Seb Sprenger, Aurva Vinta, Mathew Chen and Pranav Nair travelled to Dame Allen's to compete in the HMC NE Doubles Tennis Competition. With a very strong field, the boys performed well and finished 4th and 8th overall. This was the boys' first opportunity to represent the school in tennis. With further opportunities in the Senior Section to play competitive tennis, I'm sure these boys and many others will enjoy this sport in the coming years. Well done.



Junior Section Sports Day 2022

Under blue skies, all JS boys took part in Sports Day on Wednesday 22nd June. It was a fantastic day of athletics where boys competed in a Sprint Race, 200m, Distance Race, Long Jump, Cricket Ball throw and Relays. All the boys showed a competitive desire to represent their House with pride and passion. However, this was balanced with a supportive atmosphere where everyone cheered, encouraged and clapped every competitor throughout.

Results

Freeston - Sports Day Winners

Y3 Victor Ludorum Winner - Charlie Worth

Y4 Victor Ludorum Winner - Nathan Banda

Y5 Victor Ludorum Winner - Henry Roberts

Y6 Victor Ludorum Winner - Elias Locking

Victor ludorum is Latin for "the winner of the games"

Thank you to all parents who attended and helped make this a fantastic day for the boys. Photos from the day will be shared in the near future.

Mr J Tiffany



Inter House Cricket



After a stop start season for the U11 and 10s, it was lovely to see the boys come out and play competitive cricket against each other. As always the House matches are fiercely contested and always close affairs with very few runs between each game. The standard of cricket on show was outstanding and the few Year 5s in each team really stepped up to compliment the already talented Year 6s.

In the semi final one, it saw Bentley vs Cave. Some outstanding performances in the field saw Cave come out victorious with very few extras being given away. In semi final two, Savile came out on top against a very competitive Freeston side. Being led by the two Captains, Aurav and Pranav, and supported by Thomas Wood; Savile were hot favourites to win the whole thing but were pushed all the way by a determined Freeston.

The final didn't let us down, with the result coming down to the very final ball, Savile needing 1 run to win and Jacob Edge and Alister Helm in to bat. With sidling shouting and no attempt to hit the ball Jacob and Alister attempted to run a single to win the game. Excellent keeping by Seb Sprenger caught the ball and rushed to hit the stumps and take the game into a 'Super Over'. Unfortunately, with the tightest of margins, the batsman managed to get down a superman dive into his crease. A contentious decision to be made but it was judged to be not out and a Savile win.

Well done to all boys that played a part in the cricket, it was an excellent tournament and the standard of cricket was extremely high.

Mr S Cook - Savile

Inter House Swimming

The programme of Inter House competitions will soon finish for another year with the final house event being Sports Day. As we wrap things up, I realise that we did not report the result of the JS Inter House Swimming from earlier in the year. This event took place in the school pool which meant that a large number of pupils could take part. There were fantastic performances all-round with Cave coming out on top. Well done to all who took part and we look forward to a full programme of swimming events and fixtures next year.



QEGS Team Photos

We have recently had our team photos taken and a communication regarding this will be sent very soon. For now, here is a selection of the photos that were taken:



Swimming Team



JS Choir

Linked Assembly with WGHS

Over the last couple of weeks, both classes in Y5 at QEGS and WGHS have delivered assemblies to the other school on the themes of 'Our Houses' and 'Our School'.



This was designed to give pupils an insight into the opposite school and help increase the amount of interaction between boys and girls. As part of the process boys and girls had morning break at the opposite school - it was interesting to see how competitive 'rock-paper-scissors' and a speed challenge on a rubix cube could be between the boys and girls!



Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 12th June

1st	Freeston - 277
2nd	Cave - 227
3rd	Bentley - 222
4th	Savile - 134

Most House Points achieved in their Year group

Year 3	Oscar Howell
Year 4	Rahim Ghouri
Year 5	Fraser Roebuck
Year 6	Noah Lotia

Upcoming Events

27 June	6K Orienteering at Haw Park Wood
28 June	U9 Cricket v Birkdale
29 -30 June	Y6 Production in QE Hall
30 June	Prefect Lunch
1 July	Speech Day Rehearsal
1 July	U10/ U11 Cricket v Birkdale
4 July	Speech Day (Parents Welcome, further details to be sent out)
4 July	Y6 BBQ (Parents Welcome, further details to be sent out)
5 -7 July	Y5/Y6 Midland Cricket Tour
7 July	Fun on the Fields
7 July	Foundation Charity Fayre
8 July	Term Ends 12pm



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](#).

CEYLON CRICKET ACADEMY

WITH THARINDU PERERA

HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMPS

May Half Term Camp 2022	Summer Camps 2022
30th May - 3rd June	25th - 29th July
	1st - 5th August
	8th - 12th August
	15th - 19th August
	22nd - 26th August

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
 £35 a day or £160 for the full week
 @ Wakefield Thornes Cricket Club,
 Field Lane, Wakefield, WF2 7RT

Book your place now!

For bookings - 07455 979000
ceyloncricacademy@gmail.com

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

U10's Hockey

at Wakefield are looking for new players.

Wakefield Hockey Club would like to invite you to join our U10's hockey team starting in September.

We train and play on Sunday mornings and are looking for boys in years 4 and 5 to join us.

It is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, have fun and make new friends.

Ian Meakin and Chris Sprenger (Year 5 Dads) will be managing and coaching the Team this year so we especially look forward to welcoming QEGS players.

If you are interested please contact Chris on:
 07717207554 or csprenger@highfield.co.uk

WAKEFIELD HOCKEY CLUB
 Eastmoor Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1



This half term the Year 12 and Year 10 geographers were very lucky to experience glorious weather on their field visits. The Year 12 students had a lovely day out at Flamborough Head, Bridlington and Skipsea studying coastal landforms and processes and observing the effects of coastal erosion on the Yorkshire Holderness Coast, Europe's fastest eroding coastline.

The Year 10 geographers had the perfect weather for getting their feet wet and collecting data on river landforms and processes in the headwaters of the River Derwent, Derbyshire. If only we could guarantee such great weather on all of our field visits!

Dr N Rhodes - Freeston



Year 12 Biology Field Trip

As I write this, the QEGS minibus is crossing the Menai bridge in Anglesey, North Wales, heading home from three days of field work. I can see the mountains of the mainland on one side - the sea on the other and it's a beautiful place to be.

The Y12 biologists left school on Wednesday morning and crossed the country to reach Bangor. On the way, we detoured through 5 miles of too-thin roads to stop for a walk through the foothills of Snowdonia. The Biology staff showed off their knowledge as every 5 minutes we'd stop for an invaluable life lesson on the wildlife surrounding us.

Eventually, we reached our sampling sites where we pitched up our tape measures, whipped out our quadrants and got to counting plants. Our first investigation compared the number of plants in areas of different levels of grazing by the local sheep. We collected our data, and got back on the bus.

After making our way to our accommodation, we quickly set up shop and left for a walk through a beautiful woodland where we would sample the following day,

After a night's rest, we left early in the morning for Rhosneiger to look at an example of ecological succession at the sand dunes. We carried out a transect and took soil samples as we moved further back into the dunes, testing factors such as infiltration and water retention and observing the change in species diversity.

After an hour of trekking through marram grass, we hopped into the minibus again for a quick drive to Porth Tre Castell - Cable Bay. Here our transects were recording species of seaweed present as we moved further up the shore, along with some of the molluscs and crustaceans. We compared our results to data we collected from a more sheltered location allowing us to make a conclusion on the effect of exposure to wave action. This was in preparation for our final investigation on how these same conditions affect the shell thickness of dogwhelks (a voracious seashore predator).

Returning to school, we all feel wiser, wetter and able to apply for PhD's in seaweedology.

Rob Tingle - Bentley





Science Week Poster Competition

Following the exciting activities during British Science Week, with its theme of 'Growth' pupils were invited to design a poster to depict any aspect of growth they wished, with house points on offer for the best examples. Despite a large number of entries from Cave House, who seemed particularly galvanised by the concept, it was Ayaan Sinha from Saville who scooped the top prize for his poster highlighting how human population growth is leading to extinction for other species.



Following the restart of the Medical Society at QEGS (MedSoc) after the Covid era, the Medsoc committee of Achchu Sundaram (Freeston), Maximillian Stirc (Freeston) and I lead fortnightly sessions, exploring a plethora of medical topics such as euthanasia, artificial intelligence in medicine and medical ethics, as well as sharing what we have learned about applying to specific medical schools.

The discussion-lead nature of the sessions provided a thoroughly enjoyable atmosphere for all the students to add their opinions, with the intention of deepening our knowledge of 'medical hot-topics' so we prospective medics be well-versed in the issues and breakthroughs in the ever-expanding world of medicine.

Saifullah Khalid (Savile)

Royal Society of Biology Challenges

In the last couple of months, students in Biology have been taking part in a range of Royal Society of Biology challenges. Our Year 9 and 10 students recently took part in the Biology Challenge which included 2 online papers assessing their knowledge of the key stage 3 and 4 national curricula. Our Year 12 and 13 students recently took part in the British Biology Olympiad which included 2 online papers assessing their knowledge of A level Biology. These challenges are designed to engage and stretch students of all abilities by offering them a range of problems to solve. The key aim is that students enjoy taking part and are encouraged to do more Biology!

Results:

Biology Challenge - 41 000 students from 550 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. In QEGS we had 20 boys take part and out of those 15 gained a certificate. Massive congratulations to Haider Ali who got Silver which puts them in the top 15% of entrants! The other boys who certificated are:

Bronze (top 30%): Euan Hart, Chester Lomas and William Cox

Highly Commended (top 45%): Guy Bailey, Yu He, Billy Child, Oscar Smith, Daniel Robinson, Oliver Hobbs and Benedict Tetteh

Commended (top 60%): Thomas Rose, Daniel Bjelk, Christopher Barnett and Aryan Patel

British Biology Olympiad - Over 10 000 students from more than 700 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. Massive congratulations to Ben Rose who got gold which puts him in the 5% of all entrants! The other boys who certificated are:

Silver (top 15%): Timothy Rhodes and Robert Tingle

Bronze (top 30%): Akshayan Sundaram and Saifullah Khalid

Highly Commended (top 45%): Maximilian Stirc, Alexander Bostwick, Luke Ducker and Brian Amunugama


Commended (top 60%): Balram Bhardwaj, Theo Marsden and Jack Harwood



We hope that the success of these boys encourages them to explore biology further, and inspires others to take part in future challenges. Look out for future information on the various challenges we hope to run next year.

Mr D Higgins - Bentley

Periodic Table of the Elements



Chemistry Olympiad Success

The following boys were successful in the Chemistry Olympiad.

The boys had trained for it during QED time and as year 12 students were a year under age. They still all achieved Silver or Bronze certificates, a very commendable result.

They are: Rohan Mathew, Saifullah Khalid, Robert Tingle, William Sharp, Jihan Ha, Ben Rose, and Tim Rhodes.

Farewell to our Trainee Teachers...

During my time at QEGS I have learned a huge amount and developed so much confidence as a teacher and a form tutor, which is testament to the excellent mentoring I have received. My host teachers have been extremely supportive and helpful, and I cannot thank them enough. A special thanks goes to all members of the Chemistry Department where I have spent the most time teaching. Mrs Taylor has taught me all about the practical experiments available for each year group and general workings of the School, whilst Dr Shearer and Mr Lambert have coached me through how to deliver the curriculum at each Key Stage. Thank you to Miss Loftus and Mr Pesterfield for all their help and advice, and for trusting me to deliver their Physics and Biology lessons outside of my subject specialism. Thank you to Mrs Smith for teaching me how to run a form group, and play a more pastoral role within the school which is something I will need to undertake on my own in my new position. Thank you to Miss Chatterton and Mr Beresford for help with professional development which will be really useful during my ECT years.



Every member of staff has been so friendly and welcoming and I am very sad to be leaving now that I feel I know everyone so well. A final thank you goes to all the wonderful pupils at QEGs, who have been a pleasure to teach over the last few months and who have made me smile every day. Good luck with everything to come in your bright futures!

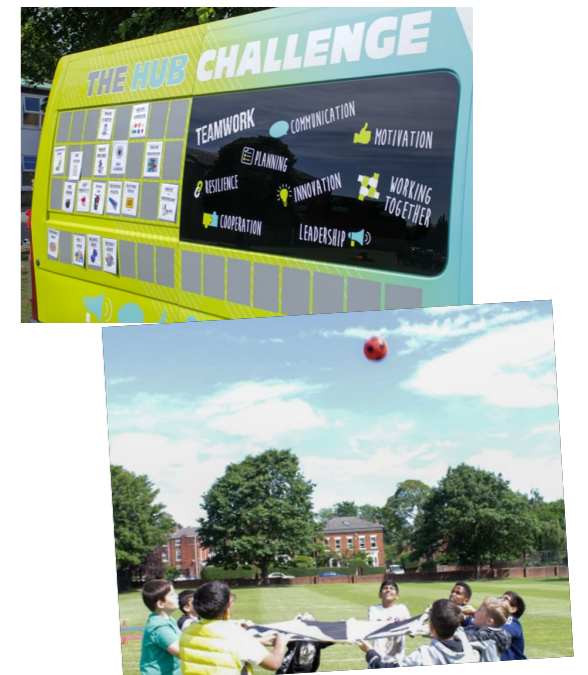
Best wishes,
Flora Thorp-Greenwood

Year 7 Transition Day

On Tuesday 21st June, QEGS Senior Section held the 'New Y7 Transition Day'. The boys had an extremely busy day getting to know each other and their form tutors. The first challenge of the day was to take part in some team building activities led by an external company called 'WISE UP'. These activities helped the boys settle in and get to know their peers as well as developing essential skills that will help them progress into Year 7.

The boys experienced the school routine and took part in some lunchtime activities which were led by the Y10 boys and senior prefects. There was table tennis, pancake making, garden games and much more!

After lunch a taster lesson was delivered to each form and then the boys got the opportunity to spend time with their form tutor and ask lots of questions. The boys had a fantastic day and really engaged with everything on offer. We look forward to welcoming your sons back into the senior school in September.



Mrs S Roberts - Cave



After I recently passed my second Dan Black Belt grading in April in Nottingham, this would be my first competition.

On the 14th of May, I competed in the National Youth Karate Championships in Liverpool. Out of the 87 competitors, I managed to win 1st place in the Boys' Kata event. Many karate world champions were at the competition and many famous international karate judges were spectating and refereeing my events. My instructors and parents have helped me win many successful achievements. I am thrilled to have won so many competitions. This is one of my best achievements.



Mayon - Bentley

In My Own Words...

With Sam



A couple of weeks ago I took part (voluntarily!) in a 3 Yorkshire peaks walk. My family decided to do something to honour Brian Maher as we knew him well. I really wanted to give it a try because I like that feeling of not really knowing if I can do something, and then achieving it.

Anyway, it was amazing. We kept our morale high, kept the games going (eye spy, world cup of everything, step counting etc) and maintained a positive attitude throughout. We smashed those little scrambles on the top of some of the peaks and had time for selfies before we even got there! We bumped into Dr Rhodes on Whernside which was a surprise! Altogether we tackled 25 miles, did almost 70,000 steps, with over 1600 metres of ascent (equivalent to 450 staircases!)

So far, we have raised just short of £200.

Sam Walker - Freeston



Show Racism the Red Card Workshop

Show racism the red card is a charity which reaches out to young people about racism. It explains the perspectives of others and how banter and jokes can be perceived as very serious. Year 8 were all involved with discussions about how people could be misunderstood and how you can rephrase things when talking to improve relationships. This has certainly helped Year 8 be more aware and helped them reach out to others about racism and created a vital dialogue across the year group to help support each other and challenge racism.

Teddy Dawson - Freeston



By Jihan Ha

In celebration of the first (and possibly last!) Platinum Jubilee in the history of the country, QEGS arranged a day of exciting activities, taking place at the Games field. Friday 10th June saw the entirety of QEGS Junior and Senior school marching down to the events, joined by members of the Intermediate Jazz Group, led by Mr Lewis, which performed heartily throughout the afternoon on the Pavilion balcony.



The House System has been heavily involved in charity events and fundraisers throughout the year, and this was present at the Jubilee events in the form of a charity Cake Sale, which proved wildly successful and popular with students and teachers alike. The number of home-baked creations was impressive, including a giant yellow cake with "BENTLEY" written on it in bold lettering. Although it felt traitorous to do so as a Cave, I did buy a slice when nobody was watching.



The House System added playful competition, ranging from a ferocious football tournament to Pin the Crown on the Queen. The range of activities, proposed by representative Heads of Houses in each year, reflected the varied talent of QEGS as a community, with boys enjoying both sporting and trivial activities. There was an atmosphere of overwhelming positivity, and it was amazing to see the smiles on all the boys' faces getting stuck in. Some popular stands included Hang Tough, the Basketball Shootout, Splat the Captains and, with queues snaking out at any given time, the Ice Cream van.

Through the past year, I have been honoured to be a Head of House for Cave (the best house), and it has been exciting and rewarding to see boys of all ages getting so involved with all the extracurricular activities the House System has to offer. It continues to encourage development of crucial skills for everyone involved, from teamwork and enthusiasm in the younger years to management and leadership for the older boys.



The Junior Section Jubilee party went very well and there was lots of excitement in the air. Some stalls, like the splat the captain, had an endless queue where lots of boys wanted to drench us. It was an amazing day and seeing all of their excited faces running to the stalls made my day.

The Senior Section went just as well. It was not quite as warm but we all enjoyed persuading Mr Pottage to be the victim on the 'splat the captain' chair, it was hilarious as one of the boys got him slap bang in the face. One of the other popular ones was the penalty shootout. That was great fun as I was the goalkeeper. They barely scored any, obviously!

**Seb Patel - Y7 House Captain
Freeston**



The Jubilee celebrations created a wonderful opportunity to welcome back and provide an occasion to host an afternoon tea for local senior citizens. It was well attended and very much enjoyed by all. They were entertained with superb poetry readings, delightful tunes played by Mr Dean and Ben Greenwood entertained with excellent background music which created a lovely ambience for the afternoon. The ladies and gentlemen who attended had a delightful time and very much appreciated being welcomed back to QEGS. Thank you to all who helped with the event and special thanks go to Luke Ducker, Jihan Ha, Ben Rose, Connor Singleton and Dan McCourt for being both serving and chatting with our guests.

Ms N Allen - Cave



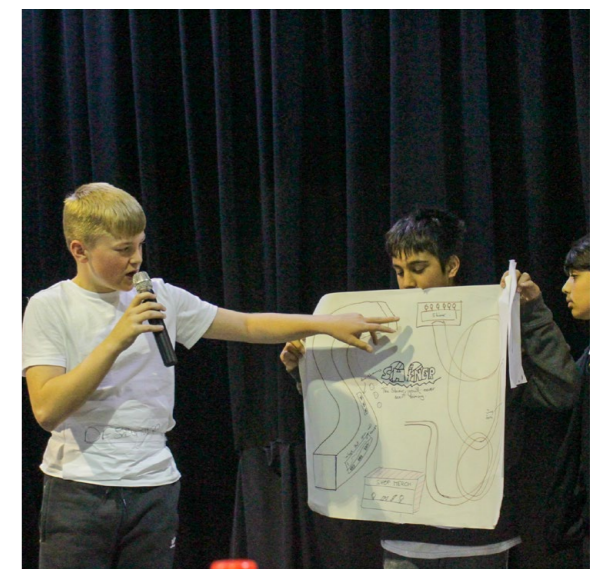
National Careers Challenge

A massive congratulations to our budding Year 10 Year 8 recently took part in The National Careers Challenge 2022; the UK's largest careers and enterprise competition for secondary schools aimed at building skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, creativity, adaptability and motivation. The challenge, set in partnership with Thorpe Park, was to design a brand-new ride with an immersive queue experience. Starting by creating a design concept and back story for their ride, boys then had to consider how they would brand their new ride and market it to their chosen target customer. They were then tasked to design the associated merchandise to be sold in the Thorpe Park gift shop, before creating an advert and finally pitching their ideas to the judging panel. It was a highly enjoyable day where boys were encouraged out of their comfort zone with many commenting on their self-confidence that they felt had grown over the course of the day.

The judges were impressed by all teams and judging the presentations was a tough job! We are pleased to announce that the two teams crowned winners were 'Darwin's Book of Terror' comprised of Harry Langley, Teddy Dawson, Dylan Stanley, Joseph Watford and Noah Tordoff, and 'Lost at Sea' comprised of Angelo Martins, Junaid Ali-bret, Dexter Bevon, Benjamin Smith and Haroon Choudary. The teams are now busy preparing to compete against other teams from across the UK for the chance to be crowned The National Careers Challenge champions for 2022 at the prestigious event held this year, at Birmingham's International Convention Centre where the teams will have the opportunity to present again, in front of a panel of industry experts.

Well done boys, and good luck!

**Mrs C Mackay - Bentley
Enterprise Coordinator**



Art, Photography and Design and Technology Exhibition

Last week the school reception was transformed into a celebration of all things creative, through the Design and Technology, Art, and Photography end of year exhibition. On display was a collection of Key Stage 4 and 5 product design, engineering, fine art and photography that displayed the very best of creative education here at QEGS. Over the course of this year the students have produced some sensational work that shows an incredibly high level of talent, creativity and enthusiasm, which has been a pleasure to display to the wider school community. A special mention goes to our GCSE and A Level students, who have worked hard all year on their NEA projects as the culmination of their journey through the department. It has been a pleasure to help these boys develop into such excellent designers, artists and photographers and we hope younger students will be inspired to follow in their footsteps.

#MadeInQEGS

Mr Everett (Savile) and Mrs Caines (Freston)

Artist of the Week



Chris is this week's artist of the week for this stunning lino print. His balance of contrast is perfect and the care and precision of his cutting is very impressive. Well done, Chris!

Mrs M Caines - Freston

Y7 Visits Yorkshire Sculpture Park

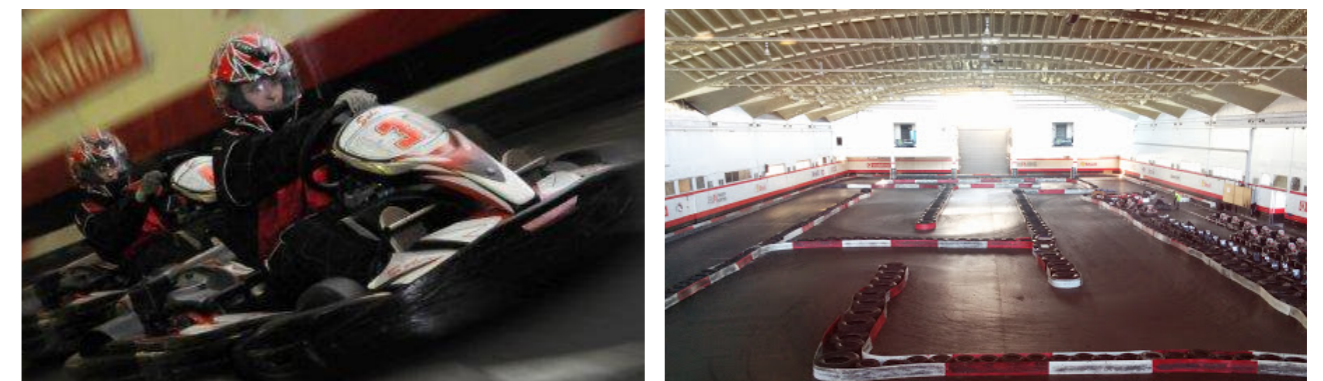
Most people would shy away from the idea of visiting a Sculpture Park. Walking around for ages while looking at stuff doesn't sound exciting, but I was blown away when I returned after forgetting how I'd found it. The way each sculpture had a unique activity to go with it made the whole trip devoid of dull moments.

Furthermore, no two visits will be the same since the park is constantly getting new sculptures (by old or new artists) and giving away the much older residents to other parks like theirs.

The staff were something else. The staff at the refreshments shop were so kind, helpful and teeming with energy and the guide was one of the best I've had in a long time.



The race for the fastest driver 2022 was a very thrilling contest with Ollie Strang and Mr R Everett having an intense battle at the front of the field. Ollie came out on top and set the fastest time of the race with a 40.2-second lap. He was closely followed by Wilf Dilly and Dan Mckenning. Kaleb Peeters and Theo Martin both brought up the rear but did extremely well to say that this was their first experience in a go-kart. In the other half of the draw Mr D T Benn was the fastest but he wasn't quick enough to retain his title so Mr Everett has the bragging rights in the staff room for 2022.



All the students returned to school with a much better grasp of the key concepts associated with this project: Speed and Torque, Weight and Downforce, Aerodynamics and Stability, Friction and Traction.

Yr8 Students who qualified for the trip:
Wilf Dilly, Aston Ineson, Theo Martin, Dan Mckenning, Lucas Milburn, Aran Pannu, Kaleb Peeters, Ayan Sinha, Samuel Story, Oliver Strang, Kirikaran Subaskaran, Joseph Watford, Reuben Thwaites.

Joseph Watford 8MPR
Freston



Hi! My name is Mr Mohammed, I am a Design Technology trainee who has been teaching here at QEGS since January. Unfortunately, this week marks the end of my training and placement. I have had an amazing experience working alongside some of the most supportive staff within and outside of my department. They have helped me to establish myself as a professional teacher and develop skills to empower the young minds of our new generation.

Enriching students to create critical thinking mindsets to problem solve effectively has been evident through the new innovative projects being taught. From the moment students start in Year 7 they are exposed to the limitless end design technology has to creativity and innovation, shaping the future engineers, architects and designers.

The extra activities that QEGS has available to the boys is remarkable where students have exceptional opportunities to ensure they reach their full potential wherever their strength lies. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your son/s and build relationships where they have allowed me to feel valued to have taught them.

To conclude, it would be difficult for me to mention all the good things that this school has brought to me and provides for their students in this short message. I appreciate everything that QEGS has done for me as an individual, DT Teacher and as a member of this community. The sense of pride I have gained from the moment I entered shall forever be embraced and valued for the future to come. Kind, helpful and teeming with energy and the guidance was one of the best I've had in a long time.

Mr M Afzal



Dog Training

It is perhaps the favourite part of the year for Mrs Ramsden and myself when we get to welcome our four-legged friends to the school for QED dog training. This ranges from basic behaviour tips to dog agility and flyball, and we are eternally grateful to the professional trainer, Sheridan Murphy who offers us his expertise in all matters canine. We have had a lovely group of students who have enjoyed the opportunity to bond with their dogs on a Wednesday afternoon; even my two - Ned and Naughty Frank - have managed to behave themselves despite the temptation of tennis balls, softballs and frisbees offering serious temptation as other QEDs take

take place in the vicinity. In the final QED of the session, we are anticipating competition for the 'top dog and handler' spot with prizes to be won (now everyone knows I don't have a competitive bone in my body - but this year I think it is in the bag!) Good luck to all competitors....

Mrs C Palin – Freeston



Congratulations Ayan

Huge congratulations to Ayan Sinha in Year 8, for winning the northeast regional final of the national Performing Shakespeare competition, which was held at Durham High School for Girls. Ayan performed Hamlet's 'To be or not to be?' soliloquy and was chosen by the judges - one of whom was a professional actor - to perform in the Grand Final at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London today.

Well done, Ayan, and best of luck for the final!



Message from Mrs Ramsden, Head of KS3 Section

As we approach the long summer holidays, some of you will be worried about your son's use of technology. Good advice is to talk openly with your children about these concerns and agree on what is a reasonable amount of screen time. Make sure that you know what they are going on and who with, using parental controls to limit their accessibility to the net.

Now is also a good time to find out about any new features being launched by the tech companies. For example, did you know that Instagram is currently rolling out within the UK:

- + The ability to see how much time your child spends on Instagram
- + Awareness of who your child is following and who is following your child
- + Notification if/when your child reports someone and the type of report that was made
- + The ability to set specific times when you can limit your child's screen time?



The features are all enabled by clicking on Family Centre. N.B. Information about Family Centre isn't immediately obvious; it's at the top of the page in small font.



Another 'top tip' is to find out more about how to take charge of any purchases made through gaming consoles/apps.

Here's how to set it up some of the most popular devices:

Xbox One

+ Create 2 accounts (one for your child and the second for you, the parent). The parent account is the primary account on the system which handles and has access to the parental controls. It also has the ability to approve any requests for things to be purchased e.g. skins for Fortnite.

+ Set up a Passkey. Go to the Systems menu, then follow the pathway settings/account/sign-in, security and passkey. Select 'change my sign-in', scroll right to 'customise' then 'ask for my passkey to make purchases'.

+ You can also remove your payment card details from the system once it's set up and running. This is recommended.

+ Important: Don't give your children your Login details or Passkey

Nintendo Switch

+ Sign in to your parent or guardian Nintendo Account

+ Click Family Group

+ Create new account for the child

+ Link their account with yours

+ Set the Nintendo Account as supervised

+ Select each setting that you want to adjust – restrict spending in Nintendo eShop – check the box to disable purchases and automatic renewal options on Nintendo eShop for Nintendo Switch AND the official Nintendo website

+ Don't forget to click SAVE.

PS4

We'd suggest taking a similar approach to that of Xbox One:

+ Create 2 accounts and link the child account to the adults account. The account which you create will be linked to your own email address.

+ Set a spending limit on the child's account – when you create the account the monthly spending limit is set to zero. If you do want your child to be able to make purchases from the PlayStation store you can set a monthly spending limit. Important to remember that funds **DO NOT rollover**. Your child can only spend funds already in the adult account wallet. If the wallet does not have sufficient funds, your credit/debit card will not be charged, even if the monthly spending limit should allow the purchase.

+ Important. Again, don't give your children your Login details to your adult account.

iPhone/iPad

Apple have got better in recent times with the roll out of screen-time tools. These give users more control and awareness on the time that they are spending using their device and what they are accessing. Along with these controls has come better parental controls. With many children using iPhones, iPods and iPads it's important to ensure you limit the chances of any unexpected charges.

+ Activate screen-time on the device

+ Set up a separate Parent passcode

+ Go to Content and Privacy Restrictions, activate 'content and privacy', go to iTunes and App Store Purchases and set to 'don't allow'.

Google Play Store Purchases

Android devices and tablets are very popular and on most of these devices the user will be accessing the Google Play Store to download apps and games. It's a good idea to follow these simple steps to prevent accidental purchases.

+ Open the Google Play Store on your device.

+ Tap the hamburger menu (the three lines) on the left side of the search bar.

+ Scroll down to Settings.

+ Select the 'Require Authentication for Purchases' option. Ensure the first option, indicating all purchases, is selected.

+ Click Save.

I hope these suggestions are helpful.

Have a great summer!

Mrs L Ramsden - Cave

QEGS Athletics Update

As we reach the penultimate weeks of the Athletics season we would like to congratulate all of the pupils who have participated in this year's events. This is our first summer post COVID and it has been challenging to get back to our best, with many pupils having never done any athletics unlike previous years. However, we feel we are in a good place from having this developmental season with a lot of boys having their first taste of traditional athletics events.

In the ESAA Track and Field Cup, we narrowly missed out on progressing to the regional finals. However, the experience and being back in competitions has ignited a passion amongst our younger athletes which is pleasing. The Intermediate boys' team (U15) was made up of Y9 athletes and they came third place scoring 303 points in total, a fantastic achievement. The Junior boys' team (U13) scored 315 points and placed second in our event.

During the Wakefield Trials events, we had some excellent individual performances resulting in some pupils being selected to compete for Wakefield in the West Yorkshire Schools Championships. A perfect athletics weather forecast was given and the QEGS athletes all performed really well on the day, well done on their achievements and selection.

Junior Boys

William Hunter 100m
Daniel Akintolu Long Jump



Intermediate Boys

Sam Mackenzie 100m
Myles Lyster Shot
Alexander Shepherd Javelin

Senior Boys

Jude McCann 100m
Alexander Bostwick 200m

Whilst we are on individual awards for Athletics, a massive well done to Thomas Gains who won a long distance event at the Penistone Charity Gala, beating over 200 fellow runners to claim victory on the day.



The next events to conclude the season are the Y7 Wakefield League and the Wakefield Schools Championships. The Y7 events are a great opportunity for the younger athletes to compete and build on their learning so far in preparation for the following year. The Wakefield Schools Championships is a great event to round off the Track and Field season with a team from each year group ranging from Y7 to Y10.

We are hoping to continue our strong relationship with Wakefield Harriers Athletics Club based at Thornes Park Stadium and we encourage any pupils to get involved in the open event advertised below.



WAKEFIELD DISTRICT HARRIERS & A.C.

JOHN MATTHEWS and MIKE SWAIN JUMPS & THROWS OPEN MEETING - Saturday, 2nd July 2022

AT THORNES PARK STADIUM, HORBURY RD, WAKEFIELD WF2 8TY

U11 Boys Long Jump, Shot, High Jump.
U13 Boys Long Jump, Shot, Discus, High Jump.
U15 Boys Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump.
U17 Men Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump.
Jnr/Snr Men Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump.

U11 Girls Long Jump, Shot, High Jump.
U13 Girls Long Jump, Shot, Discus, High Jump.
U15 Girls Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump.
U17 Ladies Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump.
Jnr/Snr Ladies Long Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, High Jump, Triple Jump.

POLE VAULT AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS IF ENOUGH ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED

Entry limited to 3 events for U11s to U17s – Ages as at 31 August 2022
Jnr/Snr Men/Ladies - Ages as at 31 December 2022.

3 trials in each event U11-U17, 4 for Jnr&Snr Men & Ladies

ENTRY FEES – £5 for 1 event, £10 for 2 events, £12 for 3 events.

On line entries to www.race-results.co.uk

Postal entries: A.Brown C/O Thornes Park Stadium, Horbury Road, Wakefield, WF2 8TY

Closing Date – Monday 27th June 2022

Cheques or P/O made payable to Wakefield District Harriers & AC

THE JOHN MATTHEWS & MIKE SWAIN JUMPS & THROWS OPEN MEETING

Surname Forename

Male/Female Date of Birth Age Group

Address and Post Code

EA Reg No.(NOT REQUIRED FOR U11s)

Club Phone No.

Events

Declaration: I agree to abide by UK Athletics Rules and accept that the event organizers will not be held responsible for any loss, illness or injury resulting from the event.

Signature (Parent/Guardian to sign if under 18)

QEGS Cricket Update



The QEGS Cricket season is well underway with all squads enjoying the return to a mixed menu of Cricket.

All teams are participating in a variety of formats, from traditional Saturday 'block fixtures', timed, limited overs, T20, Super 8s and 6s Cricket.

Recent highlights have included the U12 6s and Super 8s, in which the young QEGS squad reached the semi finals of both competitions (squad pictured below). The 1st XI also managed to bat out a draw against the MCC last Wednesday - top performances came from Joshua Hen Boisen 56 runs, Joshua Riding 3 wickets and Charlie Dissanayaka 4 wickets.



U12 Cricket Squad at the St Peters Super 8s

We're also delighted to congratulate players across all Senior Section age groups who have been selected in their respective county age groups: George Booth (Yr13), Alex Cree (Yr12), Joshua Hen Boisen (Yr11), Daniel Marshall (Yr10), Oliver Whyte (Yr9), Joseph Hayes (Yr8) & Oscar Child's (Yr7).

Link to full details:

<https://yorkshireccc.com/news/view/9979/u12-u15-phase-one-county-age-group-squads-announced>

QEGS Tennis Update

QEGS' Tennis teams have had a great season so far following missing out on a couple of years of fixtures due to the pandemic. Over 30 different boys have represented the School across the U13 and U15 age group and all have done the School proud.

Our U15 As need to beat or draw with Roundhay School in their final fixture of Division One to make it through the West Yorkshire round of the National Schools Championships after beating GSAL 8-4. They also attended an invitational tournament at Bradford Grammar School where they performed well against the top Schools in the North of England, beating Pocklington, drawing with Manchester GS and St. Peter's and narrowly losing against GSAL in their final game, before beating them in the league the next day.



The 15 Bs have battled hard all season with 12 different boys filling the 4 spaces in the team, the majority of whom were playing their first ever competitive fixture. After battling hard against a very strong Bradford GS A team, an excellent performance particularly in the singles saw them beat GSAL 10-2. They now have 1 fixture remaining against Ackworth A where they will be looking to take another victory to give them a chance of making the next round of Tier 2.



Our 13 A team kicked off their season with an invitational trip to Yarm, where they finished 3rd overall out of 10 teams from across the North of England. In the National Schools West Yorkshire League, they convincingly beat GSAL 10-2 and if they beat or draw with Roundhay in their final league fixture they will make it through to the next round of the National Schools Competition along with the U15s. To round off their season they also have an invitational tournament at Bradford GS, where they will be able to pit themselves against the strongest Schools in the North.



Our U13 Bs has been made up of our Y7s who have developed incredibly well throughout the course of the season. After a defeat against Bradford GS A team in their first game they battled hard in a tournament in Yarm, picking up a couple of great victories against some strong schools and learning a lot from some defeats. They then had an epic battle with GSAL which went to a championship tie-breaker decider where the lads kept their cool to win 10-7. They now just have Ackworth School to come where they'll be looking to get another win on the board.



To round off the season all 4 teams will be playing a fixture against the Girls' School on the last week of term, which will be a great way for them all to end their season. Lots more to come from them next season!

Mr D Berry - Savile

Prefect Team Process 2022-23

Being a 6th Former at QEGS is a great honour and we look for these fine young men to be the role models that younger boys can look up to and aspire to be like. While the responsibility is one all of our 6th form seem to embrace it is the roles of prefect, deputy head boys, head of house and head boy at QEGS which represent the pinnacle of both honour and responsibility.

The roles are discussed in the Spring Term and Year 12 are given the opportunity to speak to the outgoing prefect team and staff about what it entails. If they feel they would like to apply, Year 12 write a letter to the Headmaster, stating which role they would like to take on and outlining their vision for how they would carry it out. Those students who applied were then entered into a staff and pupil vote. The data from this was then presented to the headmaster, who drew up a shortlist of candidates for the position of head boy or deputy head boy.

These candidates were then interviewed by Dr Brookes, Mr Palin and Mr Jones and invited to share their experiences of the school and outline their vision of how they could help younger boys and make the school a better place. The standard of interviews (and letters) this year was absolutely outstanding and speaking personally, it was incredibly inspiring to hear these fine young men talk about how they themselves had been inspired by previous generations of Savilians and this was now their time to pass on the torch of decency, dedication and care to the younger boys.

Of course, there can only be one head boy, 4 deputies, 4 heads of house and so many prefects, but it remains the case that the example that all the older boys set really creates the right tone around school. This was born out in our recent inspection where one of the key things which impressed the inspectors was the quality of our 6th Form and what excellent role models they all are. It is a real strength of the school and something which the Prefect Team is crucial to maintaining. We have no doubt that the new team will not only maintain, but further enhance our pupil leadership provision.

Senior Prefect Team



Head Boy

2022-23



Deputy Head Boys



Heads of House



Prefects



Mr J Jones - Freeston
Head of Year 12

Photo of the Week



Thank you to our Head Boy, Luke, and Deputy Head Boy, Connor, for delivering such an insightful assembly for our Year 8 students about the ways that they can come together to support the LGBTQ+ community **#PrideMonth2022**



Spotlight On: Old Savilians

After a fantastic time in Sixth form at QEGS and moving on to study History at the University of Nottingham, I very quickly found myself at a loss in what career path I would pursue. I applied for some typical graduate jobs with large companies, and the usual BIG 4 consulting firms (EY, Deloitte, PWC, KPMG). I failed in many of these. These are excellent companies that do offer great progression and stability; but they are not for everyone. I ended up applying on target jobs to a few recruitment firms in London, and decided that perhaps a bigger change was needed to meet new people and place myself outside of my comfort zone. Being a northerner growing up on a farm in Yorkshire, maybe I needed a big change and I ended up being offered a job with a small start-up recruitment company that specialised in placing energy professionals such as engineers and Project Managers into America/ Canada. I learnt how to sell and how to win new business. Importantly it felt like I was making a difference, and despite the role being sales based, people are grateful when you can match them to the perfect job, leading to a happy customer and happy client.

I now work in a different recruitment company and have been here for 5 years now, and can honestly say the time has gone so quickly. I now place finance and IT consultants into a wide range of businesses across all sectors. The day to day involves speaking to customers on the phone, or meeting them in person, learning about their challenges and then going out to find someone who can fill that gap, which involves mapping the market, shortlisting, meeting more people and guiding them down the recruitment journey until they join that company.

At GCSE level and Sixth form my view of getting a job was always daunting. Looking back, I had no idea how rewarding and fun work could be. Our team culture means we celebrate small wins every Thursday, and every few months we are given the opportunity to go on incentive lunches and events such as the races, or boat trips. We also have holiday incentives abroad to Spain and Portugal which are great fun. Many graduates that joined the company at the same time have gone on to do exciting things, they have progressed to managing teams and gone on to offices in the US and Europe.



It was ok not knowing what I wanted to do in the way of a career. Many people are set on becoming doctors, lawyers...etc, and it can be frustrating not knowing where your passion lies. It is ok to fall into something and learn what you do or don't enjoy. Having an open mind, trying your best, and taking a chance at stepping outside of your comfort zone, is often more than enough.

Philip Jacques



Key Dates

24 Jun	Final external exam day scheduled
24 Jun	Y13 Leavers' Lunch
25 Jun	House cricket 9a.m-1p.m.
28 Jun	Y9 Harlow Carr Photography visit
28 Jun	U13 cricket @ Barnard Castle
28 Jun	Lunchtime recital @ Cathedral
28 Jun	U13/15 tennis v Ackworth
28 Jun	Poetry Promenade
29 Jun	Oxford University Open Day
29 Jun	Athletics - Wakefield League - (Y7)
30 Jun	Y12 cricket @ Bradford 6s
30 Jun	Radcliffe Scholar visit to Etihad Stadium
30 Jun	Medicine in Action - online event
1 Jul	Y10 Geography visit
1 Jul	1st XI cricket @ St Peters
3-6 Jul	DofE silver assessment
4 Jul	U13s/U15s tennis @ Roundhay
5-9 Jul	Music Tour to Jersey
6 Jul	Sports Day
6-10 Jul	Angling Society residential
7 Jul	Y8 HPV (2)
7 Jul	Y12 Design Trip to London
7 Jul	Cambridge Open Day
7 Jul	National Enterprise Finals in Birmingham
8 Jul	Break up @ 12
25-28 Jul	DofE training
20-26 Aug	Spanish Watersports trip