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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 our Senior Section Head Boy Team



As we approach the end of our stint as the 2021-22 Head Boy Team, it's an apt time to reflect upon the work of all 29 of our members. We came into a year full of unknowns as to how our work would be impacted due to Covid-19. Thankfully, our work has - on the whole - been uninterrupted as the school has seen the return of staple QEGS events. Week upon week, I, deputy Head Boys and Prefects have taken great pride and enjoyment in aiding the extra-curricular activities that this school has to offer.

As a team, we were told the importance of leaving our legacy and we had a handful of core ideas we wanted to introduce. Most crucially, we wanted to ensure that there was clear co-operation with the WGHS Prefect Team as, together as a community, we continued to guarantee that the foundation reflected modern-day gender values.



Deputy Head Boy, Alexander Roe, explained in more detail how that manifested itself: "Initially attending weekly meetings with both the prefect team and the heads of both schools, we collated a list of goals to achieve by the end of the year. These included plans to improve integration across the entire foundation and increase the number of joint events held within the school. This proved challenging, being faced with varying social restrictions. However, using the new house system that was implemented, we were successful in organising a wide range of events and ideas in preparation for next year in the hope that future generations will form more friendships across the foundation and establish a greater link between the schools".

Being growing young lads, food is a key part of our life: as I'm sure you can all testify with your boy(s)! As sixth-formers, our dining arrangements were altered to ensure necessary guidelines were met, raising concerns about possible adjustments to the lunch options available. True to the school, any queries were met with real change and the whole of the Sixth Form are eternally grateful for the work of Lynne, Terry and all the catering staff. A key spokesperson for students of all ages for catering was Deputy Head Boy, George Booth: 'In our weekly meetings with the Headmaster, Dr Brookes, the subject of food was one that came up frequently. We were all in agreement that there

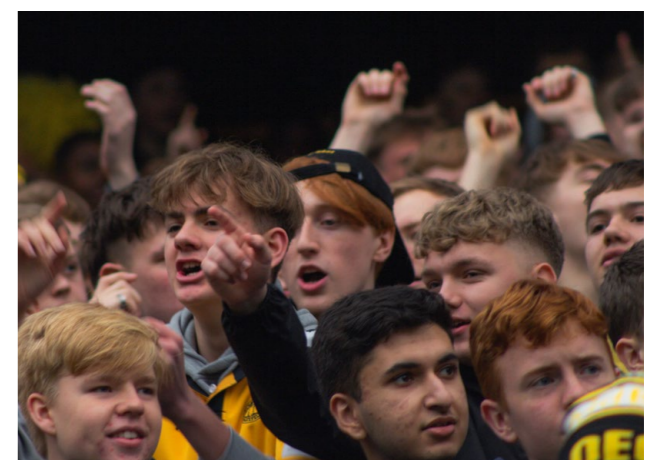
was room for improvement, not in the quality of the food, but in the options available to students. It is safe to say that action was taken instantly, and more options meant students were able to leave the lunch hall feeling much more satisfied. Now, all students have access to 2 hot meal options, and anyone with dietary requirements is sufficiently catered for. In addition, there is salad, yoghurts, fruit and desserts available to students. We were all very pleased with these improvements, and we wanted to make it clear that food was a priority. These amendments are so important for each and every student because a healthy body has a healthy mind."



Climate change is a topic all members of our team felt strongly on, and ensuring the QEGS community did their bit was high up on our agenda. As a result, we conducted a mini-investigation as to how we as a peer group could reduce our use of unsustainable resources. Leading this discussion was Deputy Head Boy, Louie Pritchard, who has helped to introduce reusable water bottles for pupils. "As aforementioned, we as a team explored various different options in regards to how we could cut back on our usage of unsustainable materials. After speaking with many of the boys in the Sixth Form, we noted the frequency that non-reusable plastic cups were being used. As a team, we sought to fix this in a way that provided boys with a sustainable alternative. The introduction of reusable water bottles eradicated the need for plastic cups, all whilst allowing students to easily get some water, a major issue prior. Along with other initiatives, I believe that we've made the school a more sustainable place and hopefully future Head Boy teams can further the work we've already done."

Finally - but by no means least - as a team, we have taken huge swathes of pride and enjoyment in being there to support the pursuits of boys in all years, be that sporting, musical or other endeavours. As Year 13's, we've seen year upon year how the camaraderie of this school helps lead to extraordinary results and after a couple of years of absence of events, as those events returned, so did the support. It is this area that all of us, including Deputy Head Boy, William Gatus, feel is arguably the most crucial trait of a great Head Boy Team: "One of the standout moments of this year was the recent trip to Twickenham. As a school and team, we ensured that the 'Black and Gold Army' were loud and proud as we supported our U15s in what was an outstanding National Cup campaign. We have also really enjoyed watching the musical talent this school has to offer in the Christmas Concerts, as well as the fantastic production of Sister Act. The quality and variety of events we have helped out at shows just how multi-faceted the school is."

As you can see, this year has been an incredibly busy, yet richly rewarding period for all members of the Head Boy Team. It's prepared us for the professional world of work through demonstrating the power of organisation, passion and a 'side before self' mentality.

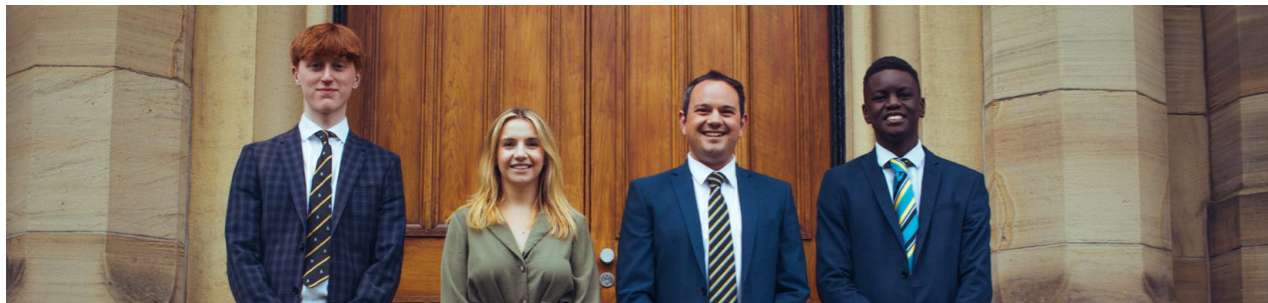




Being Head Boy has been a privilege like no other and it has been an honour to meet so many parents at various events such as the Head's Breakfasts and Open Day. I speak for all 29 of us on the team when I say that the prospect of leaving QEGS in the summer is incredibly bittersweet. Whilst it's time we embark upon the next stage of our journey, we will be losing the everyday sense of fraternity demonstrated above. Through the Old Savilians, however, that pupil to foundation link is unwavering and something we all relish. Finally, I would like to wish next year's Head Boy's Team all the very best and hope they enjoy their roles as much as we have.

**Edward Marsh - Bentley
Head Boy**

House Matters



Recently it has been all go in the House system at QEGS. The house captains enjoyed the opening of the new 'House Hub' which is a new colourful study area where both boys and staff can organise events. The Hub offers an incentive to any boys who might think about getting involved in the house system in the new school year. The captains have also received their colourful new ties which resemble the classic QEGS tie with a colourful twist reflecting their house. In my opinion the Bentley tie is outstanding from the rest although there may be a slight bit of bias involved in that decision.

Given the fact the house system was only introduced at the start of this year I would say the progress we have made is impressive however, I believe it is still only the start. We now have the foundations to build the house system into the heart of QEGS. There are many exciting events to look forward to throughout the rest of the year and I can't wait to see who will take second place in these events after Bentley undoubtedly wins them all.

**Will Gillespie
Head of Bentley House**



With us now past half way through the school year the housing system is in full swing, with many inter house competitions taking place throughout all years from football to Minecraft and very recently mathematics. The wide variety of tasks has allowed all members of Cave to get involved and play to their strengths or maybe even step out of their comfort zone. I would personally like to congratulate all Cave boys for their outstanding resilience and hard work in obtaining merits throughout the year with Cave often leading by example. Keep up the good work!

Finally, I'd like to talk about what my role as Head of House for Cave has involved and the recent changes implemented. Throughout this year I have had to make difficult decisions from picking members for teams, getting involved in competitions and supporting those involved, including cross country, history and the entrepreneur dragons den style contest. Behind the scenes, I have been able to work with my deputy head of house, Patrick, as well as Mr Affleck and Mr Stiff, to ensure that we listened to students' opinions on the housing system and implement changes and desired events such as inter house football. As of recently, the House Captains in all years have been allocated ties with a unique design and colour scheme displaying their role and house within the school. This allows students to recognise their House Captains easier if any boys have any queries on house matters.

Another recent innovation has been the renovation of the House Office with it having a whole new look from comfy sofas to work spaces and a large table for house meetings. I have enjoyed my time as Head of House and look forward to the future of the housing system throughout the years as it evolves and becomes a core part of the school. I believe the housing system will further sculpt QEGS boys into better individuals, providing numerous opportunities to develop key skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork etc which will no doubt be valuable throughout the rest of their lives.

**Andrew McWilliams
Head of Cave House**



Considering that this school year was the first year of the house system at the senior school, I believe the house system has been a resounding success. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing Freeston as the student Head of House, whether it was through involvement in quizzes, house competitions or assemblies. It has been nice to see the house system develop term by term. For example, over the past few months, the house hub has undergone a great refurbishment. The new hub is an exciting and attractive place, and importantly, there are now a lot of new blue chairs and posters, which was

undoubtedly the best addition! Also, the house leaders have recently been presented with customised house ties, something that should help other students identify the house leaders, as well as symbolising the significance of achieving the position. In the future, I hope that the house system will continue down the path it is currently heading, and continue to develop into something which greatly enhances school life, whether this is through the popular lunchtime quizzes, or the creation of new and engaging house competitions.

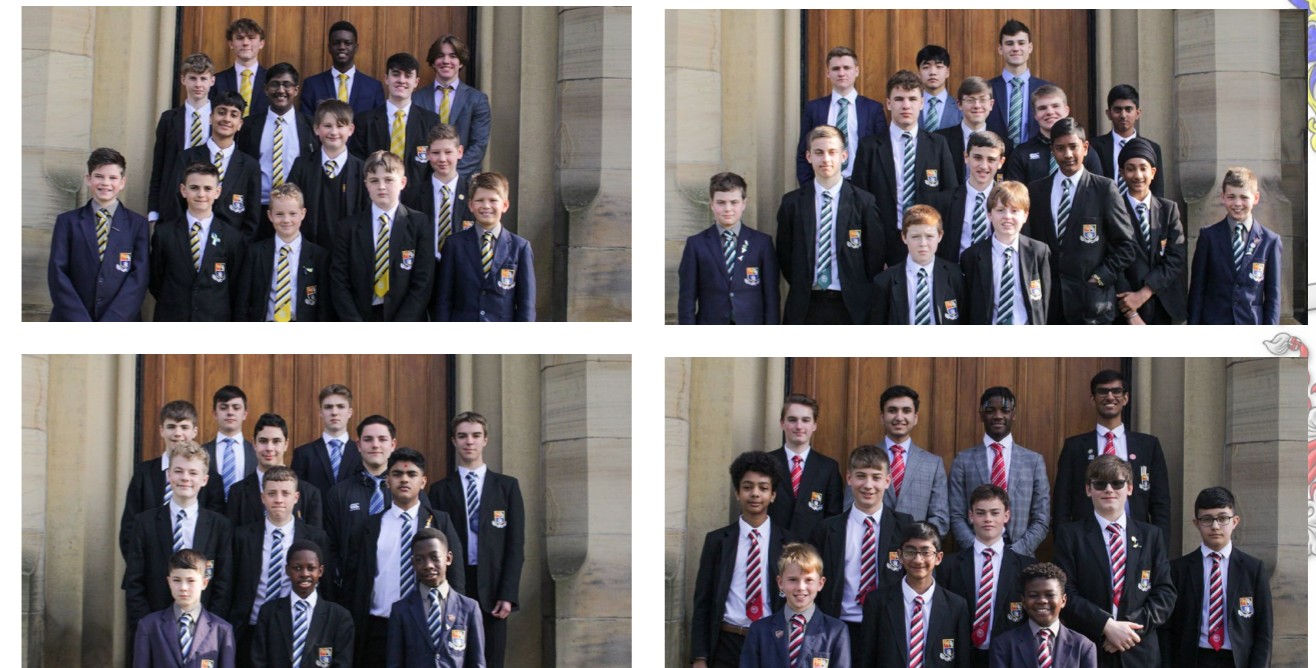
Joe Lister
Head of Freeston House 



This year has been exciting and challenging to say the least, however I am proud to say that I'm the Head of Savile. I love how everyone throughout the whole school gets involved in activities like the house quizzes which helps the younger students create friendships with the older boys and have someone there to aspire to. As the years progress and the school's house system gets more refined I would like to see a rewards system for the boys who participate the most throughout the year. From past experiences this could be a house trophy that would have your name engraved on it to leave a piece of you behind in the history of Savile. I would also like to see traditions developed that can be passed down which will help to build a family throughout the house and old Savs talking about their experiences as house captains, their own traditions and memories created.

Toby Calvert
Head of Savile House 

New House Ties



Big Fat Quizzes

On the back of superbly fun and fiercely contested Big Fat Quizzes in both the geographical and historical fields, it was now time to bring out the scientific heavyweights. With well populated teams of both staff and boys from Y6 to 13 for each of the 4 Houses, the questions ranged from the atomic level to the wide expanses of space... as well as the now obligatory picture round which is always fairly deceiving. After 9 rounds of intense scientific rigour, and a couple of the more comical variety, Freeston came out on top in both the staff and boy competitions to firmly crown themselves as worthy winners of this cycle's event. Much to the dismay of the Savile staff team who see themselves eager to top the leader board at the end of the year. In order to do so they will need to prove themselves in both Languages and Mathematics in the coming weeks, both of which are already scheduled on the now regular Week B completion rota of the House completions. Well done to all that have competed and keep up the competition, these events have been great fun to both organise and be a part of. Keep checking the Firefly page for more events and speak to your House Captains...they are easily recognised as the ones in very nice, new shiny ties!

Dr S Clark – Bentley
House Systems Manager

Junior Section News

The sun is shining, it feels like spring and there have been many activities to celebrate in recent weeks. The JS Science Week was a huge success and you can read about the various events and activities in detail below. One of the highlights for me was the visit of KL Falconry who, fittingly, brought some owls into the Owl's Den and shared some very interesting information about our feathered friends. One of the visitors, a Scops owl, looked uncannily like the owl on the QEGS crest and was commented on by many of the boys.

Science Week provided the opportunity for the QEGS and WGHS Junior Sections to come together and watch the 'Science Magic Shows' and the two schools took part in

The BIG, FAT QUIZ



another joint event the following Saturday - the UK Chess Challenge. Well done to Eisa Mohamed (U9) and Oliver Rose (U11) who were the champions on the day.

Three days later, we hosted the HMC Chess competition, welcoming 6 schools and 112 players for a day of highly competitive chess and enjoyable interaction. QEGS entered 2 x U9 teams and 4 x U11 teams and gave a very good showing. Worthy of particular note were Pranav Nair and Danny Le who both won all 6 of their matches, achieving a 100% record. The U9 A and B teams finished 5th and 7th respectively, with the U11 A team narrowly missing out on being crowned champions by just half a point - a very impressive effort.

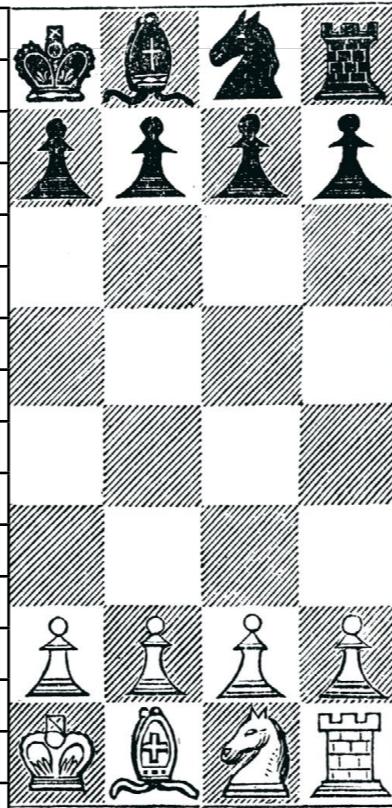


U9 Competition

School	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Position
Yarm	4	6	10	13	16	19	1
RGS Newcastle A	3	7	10	11	14.5	17	2
RGS Newcastle B	2	6	7	10	11	14	3
St Peter's A	3	5	6.5	9.5	10	13	4
RGS Newcastle D	2	5	5	8.5	9.5	12.5	5
QEGS A	1	3.5	6	8	11	12.5	6
QEGS B	3	3	6	7	11	12	7
Bronte House	1	4.5	7	8	10.5	11.5	8
RGS Newcastle C	1	2.5	3.5	6	10	11	9
Dame Allan's	2	2	5	7	8.5	9.5	10
RGS Newcastle E	2	3	4.5	6	6	9	11
St Peter's B	0	0.5	1.5	2	2	3	12

U11 Competition

School	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Position
RGS Newcastle A	4	8	12	16	17	21	1
QEGS A	3	7	10	14	17	20.5	2
QEGS B	4	8	12	12	13	15.5	3
RGS Newcastle B	2.5	5	8	8	10	14	4
RGS Newcastle C	0	1	5	7	10	14	5
Yarm B	4	4	4	5	9	13	6
Yarm A	2	3.5	5.5	7.5	9	12.5	7
GSAL A	2	5	6	8	12	12	8
RGS Newcastle D	1.5	2.5	6	8	11.5	12	9
QEGS C	1	4	6.5	8.5	10.5	12	10
Dame Allan's	4	4	4	7	11	11	11
St Peter's A	4	4	5.5	7.5	7.5	10.5	12
QEGS D	0	3	3.5	6.5	9	9	13
St Peter's B	0	1	3	6	6	7	14
GSAL B	0	3.5	3.5	4.5	6	6	15
Bronte House	0	0.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	4	16



There was, of course, the fantastic trip to Twickenham last Wednesday in support of the U15s and it was wonderful to see the through-school support from pupils, staff and parents. The Junior boys were superb on the day and I hope it is an experience that lasts long in the memory and serves as an inspiration to many.



At the end of a busy week came the QEGS invitational cross country event and the Rothwell Music Festival, both of which featured superb QEGS performances. The QEGS JS team won the U10 and U11 sections of the cross country event and the JS Choir delivered an outstanding performance to bring home the Rodillian Shield, receiving noteworthy praise from the judges. In the individual categories, Luke White in Y5 scooped the U12 prize for open violin solo - an excellent achievement.



At the time of writing, the Inter House Music semi-finals are about to get underway with over 160 entries being submitted this year - I am very much looking forward to the school being filled with music and good luck to all of the pupils involved.

Mr R Thompson - Cave
Director of Junior Section

Honestly, we are not cold! 🥶

[Right] U11s 7s Squad after finishing playing a tournament hosted by Warwick School!

The boys performed well throughout the day, Zac Hildyard was presented as one of the 'Player of the Day' trophies for his performances on the pitch. Well done boys and thank you to parents for their support.

Mr J Tiffany - Freeston



U9 Hockey Teams in action against Cundall Manor.

For many boys involved this was their first ever game of hockey!



Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

The Year 4 boys are in for a treat next week when they will receive a visit from an Ancient Egyptian! We are all taking part in a half-day workshop where we will explore the ancient technique of embalming a body and hold a funeral service for a wealthy Egyptian!

We will also hear some interesting stories of the journey to the underworld.

Keep a lookout on our social media for pictures throughout the day!



Science Week Review 2022

From the 7th to the 11th of March QEGS Junior Section had an action-packed Science Week. A week before the national science week commenced we had trips, visitors, competitions, shows and so much more to inspire our young scientists of the future. Here are a few of the highlights from the boys in years 3 to 6.

Monday - Assembly

On Monday this week, Ms Bracewell came over from the Senior school to show us some science experiments. We learned about static electricity and current electricity and how even the biggest lightning bolts are actually static electricity which means still electricity. We learned about Ultra Violet, which are shorter wavelengths and therefore are not visible to the naked eye. It can be used for killing bacteria. Ms Bracewell lit a small fire and put it out and we had to guess what she had used to put it out. A lot of us thought that it was nitrogen because nitrogen is so cold but it was carbon dioxide. There are three things required to create a fire. Fuel, Oxygen and heat so if we put carbon dioxide on a fire it goes out because it doesn't have enough oxygen, this is what is in fire extinguishers.



Oliver R - Cave

Mums and Sons Science

The Mums and Sons was really fun. It was hosted in the chemistry lab in the senior school. When we went into the lab there were lots of fascinating machines and chemicals. We had to complete a forensic investigation. Using science to solve a crime. There were two parts, to use chemicals to see a certain part of a chemical on each suspect's shoes and match it to the chemicals used in the crime. Then you had to use ink that each of the suspects were using at the time of the crime, put it in water and see what colour the ink will be after chromatography and match it to the ink used in the scene of the crime. In the end it was the chauffeur that did the crime. We had refreshments (I really liked the jam tarts,) we all had fun and learned something new.

Aurav V - Savile



Tuesday - Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre

The National Space Centre is a space museum that has lots of amazing things. There is one part that has a life size rocket and you have to go up 144 steps to go up there or just go up in the glass lift. The space centre has the Soyuz made by the USSR. The best part for me was the film. It was like a cinema and it felt like you were in space.



Isaac - Bentley



Wednesday

Mrs Roddy organised Dr Matt Pritchard (a science magician) to surprise us with amazing tricks and illusions. The thing I liked about it was that he explained how he did all of his tricks, Matt made sure all the things he did we are all able to remake and experiment on at home. The best trick was when he balanced a can on the water bottle.

Ayooluwa - Freeston



Thursday - Year 4 Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday saw the whole of year 4 visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. On a cold but sunny day we explored the park, met lots of different animals and had a great workshop about habitats where we were able to meet some creepy creatures, including hissing cockroaches, snakes and giant snails. We also looked at the bones of some of the animals that live in the park. We had a windy picnic lunch and were able to spend some pocket money in the park shop before setting off back to school.



Friday - KL Falconry and the amazing Kira

I think Kira did a brilliant job at entertaining us and she had some super owls. Kira showed us 3 owls. The 1st one was called Fred and was an ambush hunter which means they swoop down and grab their prey but their prey must be small enough to eat in one gulp. The 2nd owl had two very long eyebrows and had a little moustache for feeling what was in front of him. The 3rd owl was a barn owl called Tilly, she was the oldest and the first owl Kira got in her flock.

Rohail - Freeston



Key Dates

23 Mar	ReFactory Assembly
24 Mar	IH Music. Y3/Y4 am Y5/Y6 pm
25 Mar	IH Bake Off
28 Mar	Eco Monitors Assembly
28 Mar	6K Outdoor Education
29 Mar	IH Bake Off
29 Mar	GSAL Cross Country Relays at GSAL (Parents welcome)
29 Mar	General Knowledge Championship Heats
30 Mar	4D Forest School
30 Mar	IH Swimming Y5/Y6
3 Mar	IH Swimming Y3/Y4
1 Apr	Queen's Cup - House Rugby (Parents welcome)
6 Apr	3R Forest School
9 May	6R Outdoor Education



Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 18th March

1st	Cave - 379
2nd	Freeston - 369
3rd	Savile - 352
4th	Bentley - 317

Most House Points achieved in their Year group

Year 2	Joseph C
Year 3	Rohail M
Year 4	Caleb A
Year 5	Rafferty W
Year 6	Ethan L



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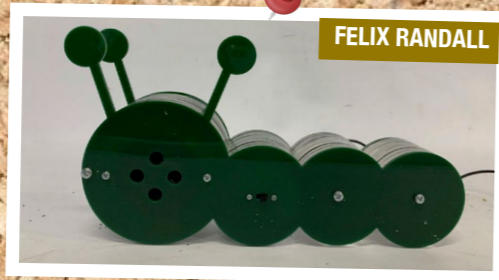



Senior Section News

In February, Year 9 Design & Technology students finished their Speaker System projects. Students had been given the opportunity to design and make a small portable speaker, using the wide range of manufacturing processes available in the department.



WILLIAM D'ARCY



FELIX RANDALL



THOMAS CREWE



AHMED ALI



GUY BAILEY



HARRY GILLESPIE



JACK ILSLEY



CHARLIE NEWTON



TOM HUTCHINSON



JOSEPH GROVES



EUAN HART

Rotary Club Technology Tournament



In early March the Design and Technology Departments from QEGS and WGHS entered the Rotary Club Technology Tournament. The day runs as a STEM challenge, where students work in mixed teams of four to design and build a solution to the task set by the organisers. This year's task was to move a piece of "radioactive waste" from one area to another, using a mechanical system. All students had a fantastic day and produced a series of excellent solutions.

Mr R Everett - Savile

Arkwright Scholarship Application

When the opportunity to apply for an Arkwright Engineering scholarship came up at my A Level information evening, I immediately applied. I knew an Arkwright scholarship would be invaluable for shaping my future career and providing engineering opportunities and information. The application process involved a detailed questionnaire on my engineering interests, possible areas I might specialise in and an engineering project I had undertaken recently - my GCSE NEA project. Upon completion of this application, I would soon be informed of an aptitude examination that would take place in school. This is to evaluate your design and engineering skills upon being given a variety of prompts. There are two questions in the exam: the first with 3 prompts and for which you would produce 3 designs that showed variation and innovation; the second for 1 detailed design. I felt nervous, but generally pleased with how I did, but a week ago I was not only contacted to inform me that I had progressed to the interview stage but also that both of my questions were to be used as exemplar answers on the Arkwright website, out of only 6 chosen each year. This was wonderful news, and a standard to live up to as I start preparing for my interview. No matter the outcome, I am excited at the opportunity and look forward to where it might take me.

Tim Spawforth - Bentley

Artist of the Week



This week's artist of the week is Ibrahim Khan, who has produced a series of experimental studies looking at 'drawing for sculpture', natural forms and the work of Peter Randall page.

Well done, Ibrahim - excellent use of line, tone and form.

Mrs M Caines - Freeston

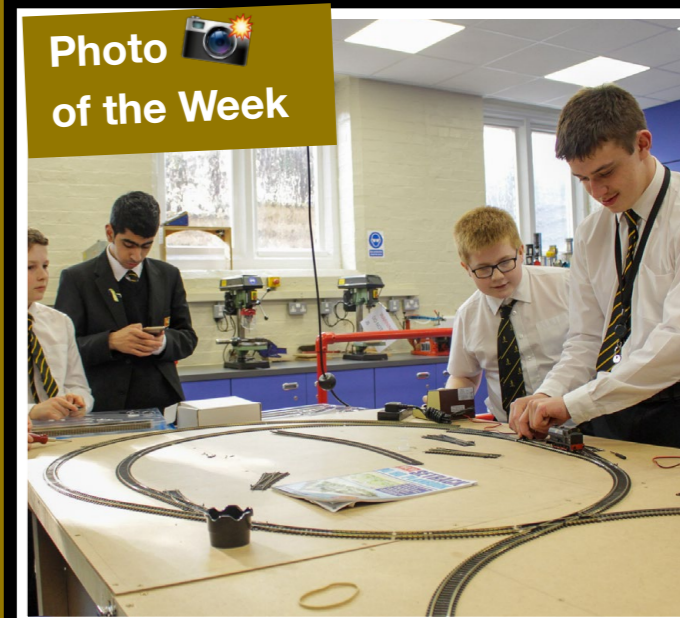


Photo of the Week

ARTiculation Regional FINAL

On 15th March, our Year 12 A-Level art students attended the ARTiculation regional finals at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. Our own, internal heat took place on 9th February, judged by Mrs Eggleston. All students delivered a 10 minute presentation on an art work, artefact or piece of architecture of their choice. We were very impressed with the standard, and it was a difficult decision for Mrs Eggleston to make, but first, second and third positions were awarded to Hannah Sutton, Niall Haigh and Tom Bramley.

The ARTiculation Prize is the Roche Court Educational Trust's annual national arts public speaking competition for young people aged between 16 and 19. The competition was initially established as a means of showcasing how the visual arts can be interpreted and shared with a wide audience. Since its inception, the ARTiculation prize has become increasingly recognised and respected for the role it plays, not only in art history education, but in the art of public speaking itself.

Niall and Hannah both delivered excellent presentations at the Regional final. The adjudicator, Irene Aristizabal, stated how fantastic it was to hear of Niall's connections to the Angel of the North, and thanked him for taking the audience from local histories to the universal identities of the North. She congratulated Niall for sharing how the sculpture had been appropriated and used for different interventions.

Irene Aristizabal praised Hannah for drawing those connections between science and art and for engaging the audience from the very beginning. She congratulated Hannah for questioning how we look at the work and how we look at the world in general, describing her presentation as 'calm and clearly delivered'.

Our students faced some strong competition from Ampleforth College, Jesmond Park Academy,



Laing ART Gallery, Manchester High School for Girls, Newcastle Sixth Form College and St Peter's York.

We were delighted when Irene Aristizabal announced Hannah Sutton as the overall winner of the Regional Final. The whole school was supporting Hannah as she took the presentation down to the Grand Final at the National Gallery, London, on Wednesday, 23rd March.

Hannah delivered her presentation with confidence and presence at the ARTiculation competition Final.

She was praised for her sophisticated and intelligent perspective on ways of perceiving art, and for encouraging the audience to view the world around us in a new light. The standard was exceptionally high and, although Hannah didn't win the competition, her presentation was outstanding.

Mrs Caines, who was on hand to support Hannah at the event, said: "It has been a privilege to watch Hannah grow in confidence from the first pre-internal heat practice run to delivering at the Grand Final yesterday. However, the highlight of Hannah's day was seeing the Monet paintings in person, at the National Gallery!"

Mrs M Caines - Freeston



Music Department Update

Fifteen of our finest musicians in the senior section entertained a very appreciative audience on Friday 18th March in the first 'Rush-hour Recital' to take place in two years. The atmosphere in the Entrance Hall resembled what I imagined to be an old fashioned Victorian concert, with performers mixed up with friends and family and the only thing missing being a roaring fire! Performances ranged from traditional solos to small ensembles across a wide range of genres - classical, rock, jazz and free composition. Thanks to all who took part and those who supported.

A week later, our training orchestra, senior orchestra and brass band travelled to Rothwell to take part in the town's annual Competitive Music Festival. With performances of Purcell's Rigadon the traditional New French Tune and an arrangement of Zombie Nation by Kernkraft 400, the training orchestra was awarded a special commendation by the adjudicator.



The senior orchestra won their class and was awarded a distinction with a wonderful, broad ranging programme: Malcolm Arnold's Overture from his Little Suite, the theme from Blue Planet, a very catchy arrangement of Treasure by Bruno Mars and a transcription of Die Fledermaus by Strauss. Meanwhile, the brass band also won their class with well controlled renditions of March of the Cobblers, Georgia on My Mind, Guaglione and Alan Fernie's excellent Prismatic Light. Both Davey Webster (euphonium) and Eleanor Bowen (trumpet) were given special mentions by the adjudicator for the quality of their playing.



The Junior Section choir also entered the festival. They took first place in their category and won the Rodillian Shield with their performances of Sun Arise by Mark and Helen Johnson, and Adiemus by Karl Jenkins. They gained a distinction for their performance from the adjudicator (who also commented that she would happily pay good money to see them!).

Congratulations to all of the performers!

**Mr C Lewis - Savile
& Mr A Renshaw - Freeston**

Y7 Boys E-Meet an Inspirational Author

On Tuesday 15 March, our Y7s were treated to a livestream talk by the fantasy author, Taran Matharu. Hosted by Book Trust, Taran spoke about his experience with writing, how he develops his story ideas, and how WattPad gave him an audience and led to him becoming a published author.

Taran told us about how having a writing group helped him with his writing. Because writing is such a solitary activity, having other writers to talk to and share work with was the best thing for him. Getting constructive criticism from other writers helped him to see his own work more objectively, and reading the work of others encouraged and inspired him.



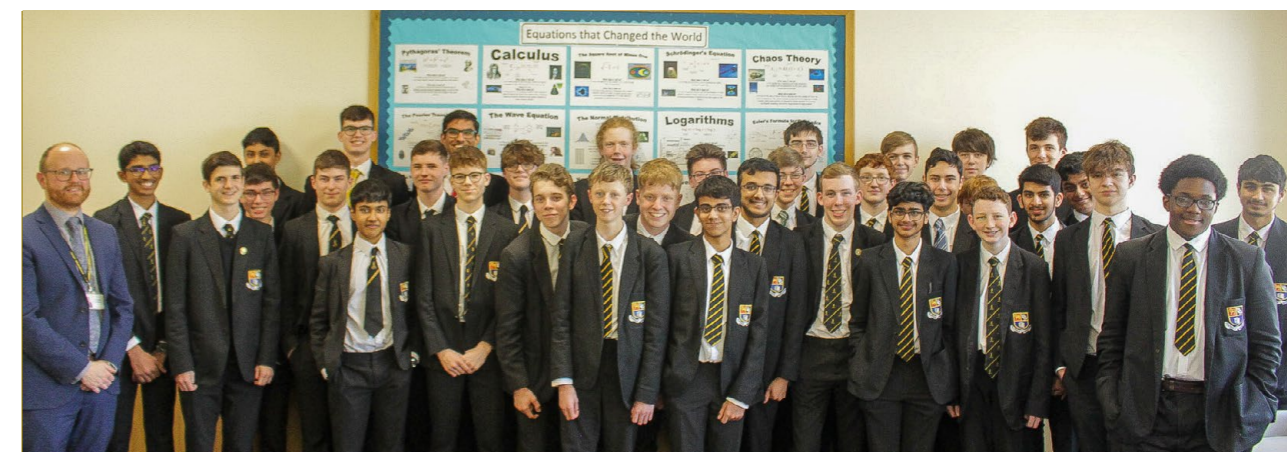
Some of the boys were already fans - due to my exuberant reviews of The Novice, which may or may not have included bouncing around and shouting about how good the book is - and many did ask for his books before and after the event.

Inspired by Taran's accounts of several successful teenage authors, a handful of boys are now interested in working together in their own WattPad Writers' Group - watch this space for more details!

Ms L Bauman-Milner - Cave



Year 11 Further Maths 2022



What is better than taking a GCSE in Mathematics? Yes, that is correct... taking TWO! I am so proud that these students have taken up the challenge of studying Further Maths in Year 11.

To the boys' credit they have coped well with the more advanced concepts and both myself and Mr Grattrick have enjoyed delivering lessons to such a keen audience. I'm sure some solid groundwork for A Level Maths is being put in place and we are all looking forward to a bumper crop of Maths qualifications this summer.

Mr T Becker - Freeston

From the Boys...

“ I have decided to study Further Maths as a challenge. I have been a good mathematician for most of my student career, and Further Maths just felt like a natural extension of that. The fact it fits so well around the standard GCSE course is a great bonus. ”

Janik Peeters - Cave

“ I really like the fact that Further Maths builds on the content covered in regular GCSE Maths, whilst also introducing new concepts like matrices etc. This provides a nice challenge and variation from the Maths syllabus. Furthermore, given the synoptic nature of the subject, links can be made between different topics and units, making it much easier to see some of the more practical applications of this particular course. ”

Arsh Gupta - Savile

“ Any profession requires an understanding of some mathematical area(s). This one fundamental reason why further maths is vital for anyone. From my point of view, I am looking to study medicine in the future and there is a strong mathematical component involved with both the biological and chemical aspects of the scientific world. This is why further maths is so helpful for me; I am already exposing myself to more challenging questions. ”

Aditya Krishnan - Freeston

“ I recommend it to those who only feel like they are not overwhelmed by the other subjects already - and that want to develop their logical and mathematical skills for the future. ”

Jed Umoh - Savile

“ Do not be afraid to rise to the challenge, whether it be in terms of content, workload or stress; it is always worth the effort and there is rarely a downside to applying your full attention to learning. ”

Roman Tempest - Freeston



QEGS U15s Winners of the Yorkshire Cup



Our U15 Hockey team were in fine form in Friday's tournament, going unbeaten all day! The boys successfully qualified from a very difficult group with a 5-0 victory over Scarborough College and draws against Birkdale, Hall Cross and Ashville College. In the Quarter Final, they saw off Ashville after penalty flicks before defeating Silicoates 1-0 in the Semi Final. They then played a tight game against Hill House School in the Final, which once again went to flicks. The boys kept their nerve to win the flicks thus being crowned Yorkshire Champions!

Hockey First XI Season Review



The First XI Hockey team enjoyed a season of progression and improvement this year reaching the last 16 of the Boys Schools U18 Tier 2 Championship. Our season started with a close game against Hall Cross Academy with the Doncaster side running out 3-2 winners. We had to wait a month and a half for the next fixture but this gave the team time to work on our game during training. We took the opportunity against Egglecliffe School, coming out as 4-1 victors, thanks to two goals from Connor Singleton, with George Booth and Robert Tingle grabbing one each.

A fortnight later, Scarborough College travelled to Wakefield and QEGS were victorious by two goals to one - with Tom Coulthard getting himself a brace. An indoor tournament followed the day after, a great day of hockey with QEGS playing some flowing stuff but it wasn't quite enough to make it to the National round. Our first away day of the season came after the Christmas Holiday and saw us travel south to Sheffield to face Birkdale School who were a good, but youthful, opponent.

QEGS took an early lead through Connor Singleton, followed by two quick goals from Charlie Fisher and Louis Brierley. The home side clawed back two goals before half time making it 3-2. After the break, a goal from Tom Love and James McKinley-Smith, a Year 11 on his first team debut, scored a brace. Birkdale put one more away before the final whistle but it wasn't enough for them as we decisively won 6-3. A week later, we battled against Yarm School who were a very well organised and fit side. This helped them put eight past us but not without reply as Charlie Fisher managed to get himself a goal in the midst of Yarm's attacks. The Yarm fixture marked the end of our friendlies and the start of the competitive, cup fixtures.

We entered the Boys Schools U18 Tier 2 Championship and, fortunately, had a bye in the first round. A home fixture against Ampleforth College signalled the start of our cup campaign. It was a very tight game and we went into the break 0-0. A goal after half time for the visitors came not as a surprise but a disappointment to us. However, this spurred the team on to score two, first from Connor Singleton and Charlie Fisher, this season's top goal scorer, finished the job and we were able to manage the game for the last 10 minutes to progress into the next round. In the third round we were drawn against Bradford Grammar School at home, again. A team very similar to ours who liked to play on the counter and had a strong defensive shape. Going into the break at 1-1 we felt the game was there to be won but two quick goals following the half by Bradford put our plans on hold. The leaders of the team stood up to the challenge and we pulled it back to 3-2 heading into the final 5 minutes.

A good run by Connor Singleton, from just over the halfway line, ended with the ball in the bottom corner of Bradford's goal to tie the game. Penalty Flicks were needed to decide who would advance into the last 16 of the cup. Patrick Harwood saved the first Bradford flick in superb fashion. Thankfully, Charlie Fisher (already the scorer of two goals in regular time) and Louis Brierley slotted their flicks away smartly. This was enough, along with another save from Patrick, to see QEGS advance into the last 16!

Following a month break from fixtures due to half term and Year 13 mocks, the team travelled across the Pennines to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys to face a well drilled side who had a few very skilled players who were just too strong for us on the day and ran out 7-0 victors. As this marked the end of our cup run, we wished Altrincham well for the next rounds as they were deserving winners. The season had some great performances and across the board the whole team can be very pleased with the season and be especially proud of the improvement we showed. We'd also like to thank Mr Leask, Mr Berry and Mr Jones for their fantastic coaching and their, mostly, good umpiring this season. To reach the last 16 of a National Cup is a great achievement and we, the captaincy group, are very proud of the team, well done everyone!

Alexander Roe (Cave), Robert Tingle (Bentley) & Connor Singleton (Bentley)



Wellington College beat valiant QEGS to lift the U15s National Schools Cup



By Mr H Graham



QEGS Wakefield Under-15s fell at the last hurdle to lose 31-8 to Wellington College in the National School's Cup Final at Twickenham.

Large crowds, a fantastic atmosphere and all at the home of English rugby - as far as finals go, for any rugby player aged 15 and under, this is the pinnacle.

The build up for the match started well away from the capital, as QEGS supporters converged at 6:30am to embark on the four hour coach journey down to Twickenham Stadium. Despite the early start, there was a buzz in the air.



By the time kick-off came around, QEGS had pulled together their biggest ever crowd for a national final, comprising both current and former students, parents and staff - the west stand was packed with black and gold!



In the pouring rain Wellington College got the game underway. A couple of strong early carries from QEGS seemed to settle any potential big stage nerves but were eventually penalised for over playing deep in their own half as Wellington won an early penalty. Opting not to take the kickable penalty goal, they instead chose to kick to the corner. From the resulting line-out, the sizeable Wellington forwards stayed patient before powering over from short range to open the try scoring.

QEGS responded well though, eventually working their way up the field where they won a penalty in Wellington's half. Opting to kick for goal, it was Will Hunter, shifted inside a position after usual fly-half and captain, Lance Barker was ruled out of the final with concussion, who was given the goal kicking duties. A great strike brought QEGS three points and a roar from the on-looking crowd. With only six minutes on the clock, the final was in full swing.



It looked like the scoreboard wasn't going to be troubled again in the first half as the wet conditions began to play its part on both teams' handling. However, minutes before the break, Wellington went over again. Having applied serious pressure to the QEGS line, their patience eventually paid off as they were able to work multiple phases before scoring through their towering second-row.

In the second half, both sides landed a try each. Wellington's came from some great play from their number 14 to dive in in the corner before QEGS responded to keep themselves in the tie. A penalty kick to the corner led to a lineout on the Wellington 5m line. A feature throughout the season, QEGS were once again able to set their driving maul and muscle themselves over through semi-final try scorer, Rufus Helm.

Any chance of a comeback was then snuffed out as Wellington's power and size began to take its toll on a tiring QEGS defence and despite a colossal effort to keep them at bay, Wellington scored a succession of unanswered tries to just take the match out of QEGS' reach.

The final score finishing QEGS 8 - 31 Wellington College.



Although they fell short on the day, this Under-15 squad has delivered an absolutely outstanding season. They can be proud of being the second best team in the country, a title that can't be contested having beaten Sedbergh, St Peter's York, Warwick and Ipswich school on their way to the final - arguably the toughest cup run the school has ever faced.

Hold your heads up high boys, it's been a monumental effort from everyone involved.

We should finish this piece with one final thank you to everyone who has provided support for the boys throughout the season. Parents and guardians, staff, coaches and the pupils, you have all contributed massively to the team's success and we hope you have enjoyed the journey with them.

This time it wasn't to be, but one thing you can say about this school... we will definitely be back!



Twickenham - Through the Players' Eyes

After a final game's session before our journey down to Twickenham, there was a good feeling within the group about what lay ahead. Mr Wolfenden put out a QEGS badge on the back of the bus and it brought a real 'team' togetherness to the whole squad - although such a small detail, it made a real difference.

Despite what you'd probably expect, the group was in a pretty relaxed mood on the evening before the match. We knew the challenge that Wellington would pose having watched them in the semi-final but we enjoyed being the underdog. The semi-final was our first trip away with school in a long time, particularly as a rugby squad, so we were a lot more excitable in the hotel than we were for the final as it was no longer a 'new' environment to us.

On the morning of the game you could tell the squad was full of mixed emotions, whether that was excitement, nerves or focus. The next couple of hours were absolutely fantastic and an absolutely unforgettable experience. Firstly, walking between the black and gold tunnel outside of the stadium after our warm-up was something we'd never experienced before - hundreds of people all chanting our name - it was absolutely electric. That was followed by running out of the tunnel onto the Twickenham pitch in front of the massive QEGS crowd. That feeling was absolutely insane.

The match, of course, didn't go to plan and there was a real feeling of regret and disappointment, simply because we knew we hadn't played to our full potential. The changing room afterwards was dead silent, broken by the sound of tears of hurt - it was actually quite uncomfortable - we were all absolutely gutted. Eventually though, we did come to terms with what had happened and actually saw what we did as a real achievement and we were really proud that we'd got to the final given the teams we had beaten. There is certainly unfinished business there.

The bus journey back was actually quite fun, without putting a finger on as to why. Maybe because we are a bunch of close-knit friends and we appreciated what we'd achieved.

The whole experience was capped off on our return to the gamesfield where all our parents and guardians were packed upstairs in the pavilion. They greeted us with a rapturous applause and initially it was quite embarrassing as we didn't feel we deserved such an ovation as we'd lost the game.

However, we were reminded once again of what we had achieved and this certainly was a fitting end to an unforgettable season.



The objective and overriding aim of Careers INsight Week 2022 is twofold. It is to provide students and parents from across the Foundation with an insight into particular careers that the students may have aspirations of entering, with a particular focus on the likely entry routes, requirements and requisite skills. In other words careers that are very much “within their sights”.

Furthermore, given the breadth of talent and achievements of former students it is an opportunity to showcase their career journeys to date and to take advantage of their availability. For example, those who are located in London were happy to participate whereas their attendance at an “in person” careers convention could not be expected. The same applies to the speakers based overseas.

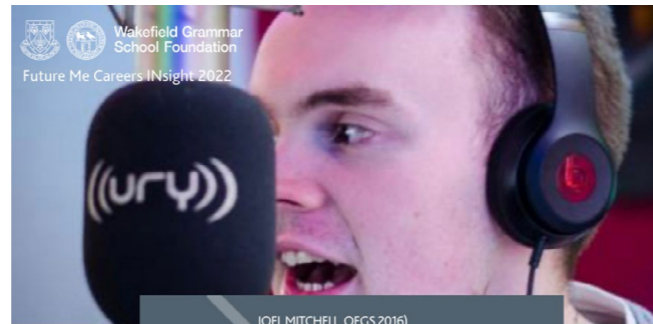
It is hoped that the new format of the event will appeal to all the key stakeholders and inspire, enthuse and motivate the current students into becoming what they want to be in the years ahead.

Meet some of this year's guests...



MATT SMITH (QEGS 2008)
VETERINARY SURGEON & CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Healthcare



JOEL MITCHELL (QEGS 2016)
RADIO PRESENTER

Creative, Communications & Media



JONATHAN LEWIS (QEGS 2003)
PARTNER & CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Finance, Software & Data

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Deputy Head WGHS

Spotlight On: Old Savilians

I studied and gained a BA(Hons) Criminology and Law. It was not just an academic experience or social experience as I joined the student union. Within my role, I created, lead a team, and managed a community project. The successful aims and objectives were to break down barriers, integrate into the community and offer a positive image between the local community and the student population.

I believed when I finished university that I still needed skills before applying for careers in the field I studied, as there are many. Therefore, I ventured to Hong Kong. I was responsible for teaching English to non-native students aged 2-11 years old with a focus on learning through play and preparing older students for exams in English.

After a year, I decided to return home. I worked initially in First Direct bank until starting an apprenticeship with the Home Office. During the apprenticeship, I was able to apply for a permanent position. I have since 2017 progressed and had 3 promotions, with experience acting into a more senior position. My roles have changed but included 24/7 operational to now more strategic, business management, data and project management systems and processes. The next step I am working on, 'more exams' but also to continue my pathway up the 'corporate ladder'.

I have good memories of QEGS, my favourites are the two expeditions, Borneo, and Peru. These opportunities gave me the confidence, growth in maturity as a person, whilst also learning about different cultures and traditions. I also enjoyed the Wednesday afternoon's volunteering at Highfields School.

Although I was not part of the hockey team, I was involved as a technical official and umpire within England Hockey for many years.

I have been lucky throughout QEGS, University and now my career to have great mentors.

James Lawson OS 2011



Key Dates

26-28 Mar	Sedbergh 10s	13 May	Y13 study leave begins at 12pm
26-27 Mar	U13s Caldicott Tournament	13 May	Junior and Senior Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc
29 Mar	Y8 Parents' Evening (online)	18-27 May	Y10/12 assessments
31 Mar	Y11 parents @ Head's breakfast	23-27 May	KS3 assessment
2 Apr	Sports' Association Spring Ball	27 May	Y8 Enterprise Day
5 Apr	Whole School Photograph	27 May	Trips Day - KS3
5 Apr	Y13 Parents' Evening (online)	27 May	Break up at 4
6 Apr	Y13 Business Revision Tutorial (1)	6 June	School opens
8 Apr	Break up @ 4pm & Non-uniform Day	10 June	Jubilee Lunch
9-16th Apr	Ski Trip to Val Thorens	20 Jun	Snr Citizens Jubilee Tea party
10-13 Apr	DofE Training @ Dalesbridge	20 Jun	New Parents' Evening
13-16 Apr	DofE Training (2) @ Dalesbridge	21 Jun	Transition Day
25 Apr	INSET	23 Jun	Poetry Promenade
26 Apr	Summer term starts	24 Jun	Final external exam day scheduled
2 May	May Day - school closed	27 Jun	Y12 Parents' Evening (online)
4 May	Last session of QED 4	28 Jun	Lunchtime recital @ Cathedral
4 - 5 May	Summer Concert (7-9.30pm)	1 -2 Jul	Y6-8 Bushcraft Residential (tbc)
6 May	Y13 May Ball @ Royal Armouries	3-6 Jul	DofE silver assessment
6-7 May	DofE bronze assessment	5-9 Jul	Music Tour to Jersey
10 May	Y11 Study Leave begins at 4pm	5 Jul	QEGS Charity Afternoon (tbc)
11 May	QED 5 begins	6 Ju	House Finale (inc sports' day)
12 May	Intermediate (Y9+10) Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc	6-10 Jul	Angling Society residential (tbc)
		7 Jul	Y8 HPV (2)
		8 Jul	Break up @ 12