



THE EAGLE



QE Collegiate Judged
'Excellent' by ISI

MISS AMY MARTIN Executive Chair of the Collegiate Board



Everyone at Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate works together to deliver a truly excellent standard of education and to create the right environment for our students to thrive.

We strive to celebrate the whole of school and estate, in as many ways as possible.

This community we are a part of is an incredibly busy and successful one and we hope that this publication brings together a snapshot of life on campus for us to celebrate it together.

MR STEVEN JANDRELL Collegiate Principal



As a Collegiate, we're extremely proud of what we do as a community. From our many academic achievements, through our wealth of co-curricular experiences, to the variety of charity events that take place, our community thrives on the excitement that resonates

throughout our environment as so many children of all ages take part in the huge variety of enriching activities. We hope that this publication will give you a flavour of life at QE in its many different guises.

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QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S JUDGED 'EXCELLENT' BY INSPECTORATE

We are delighted that the Independent Schools Inspectorate has found Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate to be 'Excellent' across all schools, praising our pupils' outstanding academic achievements and personal development. These are the Inspectorate's highest possible ratings and are a ringing endorsement of the quality of teaching delivered, extra-curricular opportunities offered, and pastoral care provided to students here at QE.

Particularly pleasing to see are the judgments that our students make excellent progress across all areas of the Collegiate, including developing higher order thinking skills; the strong personal development that is characterised by our self-confident, resilient and well-behaved pupils; and the excellent preparation this gives them for their future lives.

The College

(includes findings on Chapter House and King's Magna)

- *The quality of pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent.*
- *The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent.*
- *Pupils make excellent progress across all areas of learning throughout their time at the school.*
- *Pupils achieve much success in a wide range of sporting, cultural, academic and outdoor activities.*
- *Pupils are highly articulate and have excellent communication skills.*
- *Pupils from a very wide range of different cultures get on extremely well with each other... recognising that each pupil is unique and valuing their differences.*
- *Pupils are supportive of each other.*
- *Many pupils make an excellent contribution to the school community, through undertaking roles of responsibility."*
- *Pupils display great self-confidence, self-awareness and resilience.*
- *Pupils are keen to do well and are not afraid to have a go at new challenges or to make mistakes.*
- *Pupils' excellent attitudes to work... play a major role in their academic and extra-curricular success.*

The Faculty

- *The quality of pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent. The quality of pupil's personal development is excellent.*
- *Pupils of all ages seek to achieve to the best of their ability and make excellent academic progress.*
- *Pupils have positive attitudes to learning and are hardworking and resilient.*
- *Pupils have deep respect for their own and other cultures; they demonstrate a caring, tolerant attitude and sensitivity towards the needs of others.*
- *Behaviour is exemplary, they have a well developed sense of right and wrong, and take responsibility for their behaviour and actions.*
- *Pupils excel in a wide range of creative and physical pursuits. Imaginative and creative art is displayed throughout the school.*
- *Pupils are curious and are willing to learn new skills and are not afraid to take risks.*
- *Pupils display consistently high levels of self-esteem and self-confidence, fully in line with the school's aim.*
- *Pupils have common goals when working together across the curriculum.*
- *Pupils spoke of a happy, caring and supportive community.*

For The College

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Regulatory Compliance Inspection, ISI, February 2019

CHAPTER HOUSE EARLY YEARS JUDGED 'OUTSTANDING'

Our Early Years Foundation Stage provision in Chapter House was also assessed as 'Outstanding' in all areas.

The effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding.

- Parents have an extremely positive view of the setting. They are overwhelmingly appreciative of the care their individual children receive from the time they first join the school.
- Through comprehensive self-evaluation and ambitious plans for future development, leaders and managers strive to improve provision for care and learning to ensure the children receive an excellent start to their education.
- Procedures for safeguarding are fully adhered to across the setting. Consequently, this ensures a safe environment for the children.

The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding.

- Staff have consistently high expectations for the children in their care. They have an excellent understanding of how babies and young children learn and develop, and they support them extremely well.
- Staff know the children really well and engage with them sensitively to promote and extend their learning.
- Key workers model good behaviour, kindness and good manners. Staff engage positively with children during routine daily activities. As a result, children's social and language abilities develop strongly.
- Excellent relationships with parents enable information about the children to be exchanged seamlessly at handover times.
- Staff recognise and embrace diversity.

The personal development, behaviour and welfare of children are outstanding.

- Staff have created a secure and happy environment which enables children to be highly successful learners.
- Children are confident to take risks and seek new challenges.
- Children have extremely well-developed social skills for their age and feel emotionally secure within their setting.

- The strong key person system ensures warm relationships and close bonds with children and their families.
- Well-established routines enable children to feel safe and secure emotionally and physically.
- Children's excellent personal development at this young age ensures that they respect others.

The overall effectiveness of the Early Years provision is outstanding.

- Children receive the best possible support and care.
- Children's personal, social, and emotional development is given high priority and, as a result, is excellent.
- Each child benefits from high-quality individual time with adults who ensure that they are safe, happy and secure.
- The requirements for children's safeguarding and welfare are fully met.
- Due to the excellent care and learning experiences that the setting provides, almost all children under the age of two meet or exceed the level of development that is typical for their age.
- The outstanding outcomes for children are a result of knowledgeable and highly effective leadership and management that has established rigorous and supportive systems of monitoring, evaluation and assessment.



SPRING AND SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The **QE Young Enterprise Team Pacific** took part in the North Yorkshire County finals in York in May. The competition was a real-world experience to showcase their Page Keep product and their achievements so far.



The Page Keep product is designed to hold a book open when necessary, an innovative solution to an everyday problem. 100% recycled and recyclable acrylic with the special inter-locking design, it ensures that there's no extra waste.

Whilst narrowly missing out on moving forward to the next round, they were pleased to win the Sustainability Award as environmental awareness is one of their primary aims.

Two of our Year 13 students, **Maya Dudko** and **Derek Lee**, have been praised by the **University of York** for their creative entry into the **"Molecular Modeller of the Year" 2019** competition run by the University, for secondary school and Sixth Form students across North Yorkshire.

The duo made a crocheted model of ethyl butanoate, the ester that gives pineapple its scent. Well done to them for achieving second place in the competition!

Students in Year 1 worked hard last term to create a tile for **"The Great Garden Street Mosaic"** competition at the **Harrogate Spring Flower Show**. Using tissue paper to create beautiful depictions of flowers, it was a wonderful addition to the display. 32 schools took part in creating a tile, resulting in a fantastic mosaic wall, spelling out a gardening message for all to see.



With mosaics being a traditional craft in Yorkshire, it was lovely to see so many young people get involved. The students' work was displayed for three days and enjoyed by visitors at the show.

Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the **Race to the Line** competition this term. Students built their own rocket dragsters using the facilities in our design and technology workshops, based in Genesis.

Students were introduced to design and aerodynamic concepts before building their model racing cars to particular specifications. The completed vehicles,



powered by rockets attached to the back, raced along a 20 metre track. Kevin Stannard MBE, came to **QE** to oversee the rocket powered cars race to the line.

Whilst Year 7 took part in the **Race to the Line** competition, Year 6 took part in the **Fly to the Line** competition and spent time preparing for this by testing their custom-built gliders in class.

Both competitions are part of the initiative to engage students with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in a more practical way, making these subjects more enjoyable for students.



NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL

We are pleased to announce the new Head Boy and Girl for the Collegiate. Tom Tweddle and Alicia Moyo will be excellent leaders of the Prefect Team and we wish them both the best of luck in their new roles.

The calibre of applicants was strong this year and students in Years 10 and 12 were challenged throughout the recruitment process. We are confident that we have a strong team for the new academic year.

May we take this opportunity to thank the Year 13 Prefects who have served our community with commitment, integrity and humility this year. Well done to you all.

The King's Magna Head Boy and Girl have also been chosen. Congratulations Timofey Shestopalov and Rio-Sienna Goodings!

The **QE Options Convention** is an annual event that takes place in February each year. The convention provides Year 9 and 11 students an opportunity to discuss subject choices in Years 10 and 12.

Students and parents/guardians were able to meet with staff and students to talk about their choices and see what the students currently taking GCSEs and A Levels have been working on.



SPRING AND SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

As part of the **British Science Association Science Week**, in March, students took part in a range of science-related activities.

These included some of our Sixth Form helping King's Magna to dissect fish to identify the impact of plastics, a range of exciting science experiments, and taking part in an inter-school quiz. There were also trips to Sheffield Hallam University, for a STEM innovation day, and to Leeds University for a "Future Medics" day. Students enjoyed stretching and challenging themselves in this diverse and ever-important area.



Students across QE's College and Faculty were able to speak in person to the **Glion Institute of Higher Education**, the **Université de Lausanne**, the **New York Film Academy**, the **Rotterdam Business School** and the **American International School of Medicine**, among many others, at our international universities event held on campus. The event offered a useful opportunity to help students plan for the future and gain valuable advice from the university representatives direct.

The focus this term at QE has very much been on planning ahead, as part of our **QE Futures programme**.

WORLD BOOK DAY

QE celebrated World Book Day in creative ways this year, with activities such as a treasure hunt in Armorial library for our King's Magna students.

Teachers came together in a short film to detail their favourite books with students; to share their personal reasons for choosing the books and inspire students with a wide ranging choice of texts.



Students also visited the Lit-tree (aptly named!) Dickens Suite to add their favourite books to the display.

'As You Like It' interactive storytelling sessions were delivered by the incredible Artful Playground in the King's Theatre, a fun and engaging experience for our students.

PREFECTS TRAINED AND READY

The new Prefect Team are getting ready to take on their roles and this term they have enjoyed some great team building sessions, alongside learning some valuable presentation skills.

Former BBC and ITV news reader, Carolyn Hodgson, visited QE and put the Prefects through their paces with lessons in using body language, eye contact and tone to make a strong first impression.



We look forward to working with them closely over the coming year. Well done to you all!

CHAPTER HOUSE COMPETITION

Well done to the Chapter House children who participated in this year's house music and drama competition in April. The event that took place in

Monarch's Hall in Chapter House was a great success and really showcased the passion and talent that lies within our students. Congratulations to the winning house, Lyminge!



Sky Blue Theatre Company visited QE in March to give some insightful workshops on a variety of Shakespeare texts.



Year 11 literature students had interactive workshops focusing on key passages from their set GCSE literature text, *Macbeth*, to reinforce their understanding of Shakespeare's craft before their final examinations. Year 10 also worked on an exciting introduction to *Macbeth* to complement their study of the text. Years 6 to 9 took part in workshops in the King's Theatre on the classic plays 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth' that they have been studying in class.

SPORTS DAY

Some wonderful teamwork and determination were on display at the CH and KM sports days this year - everyone excelled themselves. Thank you to all of the staff and students who helped and well done to the winning houses: Eoforwic won for Chapter House and Cantwara won for King's Magna!



OUTREACH NEWS

Chapter House had a wonderful time hosting our Outreach Community Football Tournament for local primary schools in April, as part of QE's community outreach programme. Huntington Primary Academy, Kirby Hill Church of England Primary School, Great Ouseburn Community Primary School and Coppice Valley Primary School joined us for this fun sporting spectacular. All visiting students and our Chapter House teams worked exceptionally hard and we would like to thank our Year 9 Prefects and the senior football team for their support in the running of the tournament. Well done to all involved!

In May, students in Years 10 and 11 visited **Hambleton Grange Care Home** in Thirsk, chatting to the residents and enjoying afternoon tea, as part of our community outreach programme. Loneliness in the elderly is evidenced to negatively impact their physical and mental health, and socialising with people of all ages is proven to help them feel part of a community.



We would like to thank the residents and staff at Hambleton Grange Care Home for having us and we look forward to visiting again soon.

Students in Year 8 have been supporting the charity **PhysioNet** this spring, helping to collate and load shipment containers with physiotherapy and mobility equipment, which has been donated to the charity by the NHS, Social Service Departments & Local Education Authorities.

The shipments the students supported were destined for a spinal injuries unit in Fiji and the Satya Special School in India. Thank you to everyone at local charity PhysioNet for welcoming QE into this meaningful initiative and to our students who continue to give up their Saturday mornings to assist with this important work.

QE welcomed students from Great Ouseburn Community Primary School, Kirby Hill Church of England Primary School & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in February, to participate in our Netball Tournament with our Year 5 and 6 students.

We would like to thank all the students involved, in particular our Prefects who supported the running of the afternoon.

In April, we welcomed guests from a local **Contact the Elderly** group in conjunction with Knaresborough Rotary Club. Our guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea served in Armorial Hall by our very professional student front of house team. Guests also participated in a quiz and listened to captivating piano and vocal pieces performed by QE students.

We would like to thank our guests for visiting and the students involved for giving up their time for this excellent cause.

Students from QE were invited to Ripon Cathedral in February to prepare the venue for its spectacular annual **Candlemas** event.

Students in Years 3 to 11 came together to chalk designs onto the Cathedral floor and then lay out candles in preparation for the service, during which the venue was illuminated by thousands of candles. Students then stayed to attend the public Candlemas Festival Eucharist and Candlelit Procession Service where they saw their wonderful designs lit. Students very much enjoyed being involved in the event and we hope to return next year.



The **QE Choir Festival**, held in May, was another joyful singing celebration, bringing together local primary schools and the Boroughbridge Community Choir (BCC) with our own wonderful King's Magna and Chapter House Choirs. We were very excited to be hosting the event and thank the BCC and Tockwith Church of England Primary Academy.



ANTI-BULLYING COUNCIL TRAINING DAY

At QE we work hard to ensure that there is a strong anti-bullying culture throughout all schools. We feel that this is vitally important for student wellbeing. Members of the Anti-Bullying Council enjoyed training at Manor Academy School in February, gaining the Diana Award. The charity, set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, encourages change in attitudes and behaviours for young people by young people. The Council members returned to school with great ideas to help promote our anti-bullying culture further.



E-SAFETY

The online world is constantly growing and evolving and keeping up can be a challenge at times. #DITTO is a free magazine that aims to help schools and parents keep up to date with risks, issues, advice and guidance in relation to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology.

A new edition of the magazine is released every six weeks and January's publication is available on the Pastoral section of the website now (qe.org).



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a time when women of all ages are encouraged to get together, share inspirational stories, take part in the traditional giving of gifts and reflect on what women have achieved and continue to strive for. Men also participate in the day, showing their respect for the women in their lives, with the giving of flowers, a long held tradition.

Students at QE were invited to pastoral to have a cup of tea and chat and take part in a lucky dip, with prizes ranging from charms with inspirational words, Muggles vouchers, chocolates and beauty gifts. Everyone was encouraged to write their own message and place it on a charm tree. Girls from Rowling house produced their own piece of art encompassing what International Women's Day means to them.

In the afternoon, staff and students braved the rain and handed out daffodils to the girls returning from school to the boarding houses. These gestures throughout the day were appreciated by many, it was lovely to see so many happy faces, both students and staff alike.



THRIVE@QE

Our THRIVE@QE programme promotes and supports emotional health and wellbeing, and aims to help students to build resilience and the ability to overcome difficulties through a range of support sessions, workshops, activities and events. The Pastoral Office is situated in the new Bronte building and you can find out further information on our approach in the pastoral care section of the qe.org website.

CHARITY ROUND-UP

This year has seen the Charity Committee as busy as ever, with in excess of £16 000 for 23 different charities already raised. We have a hardworking group of 40 students who have organised events, run tuckshops and raised both awareness of our charities and as much money as possible for them!

Some of the highlights of this work include; collecting, wrapping and sending a staggering 110 shoeboxes to the Rotary Shoebox Appeal, helping underprivileged families in Eastern Europe. Students also took great care and attention in wrapping and selling roses on Valentine's Day, raising a whopping £1500. £1000 of the money raised was donated to the Little Princess Trust while £500 went to a local charity called Freddie's fight.

We have successfully paid for a group of homeless children in York to have a fun day out at Alton Towers as well as raising £1300 for The Akhirah Team. This money will pay for urgently needed medical equipment and food to be taken and distributed in The Gambia in the summer. One of our students, Marwah Aitsham, will be accompanying her father on this visit and personally distributing the goods we have supplied.

This year has seen us support a wide range of charities and the students have really risen to the challenge of raising funds.

PEER MENTORS

Our Year 12 Peer Mentors completed their last training session in April. They have all worked incredibly hard this year, regularly attending duties to give their mentees help with examination preparation, as well as additional guidance with routines in the boarding houses. They have continued to provide a fantastic support network for our students across the Collegiate and have really progressed throughout the year.



EQUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

Equality Awareness Week is a termly event and the purpose is to celebrate diversity and promote equality across school. By holding various debates throughout the week, students are encouraged to explore different points of view and opinions on a variety of subjects, during their scheduled lessons and in form time.

Last term we welcomed Keegan Hirst to QE with Year 9 and 10 students hearing about his experiences within the LGBT community. Students also had the opportunity to work with the ME2 Inclusive Dance Company and learned about visual impairment, British Sign Language and the Scope charity for disability equality.

RACE FOR LIFE

We are proud to announce that the students taking part in this year's Race for Life, as part of QE's annual Cancer Awareness Week, raised over £3,000 in total for Cancer Research UK!

In addition to the money raised for Cancer Research UK, over £800 was raised for three-year-old Freddie from Thirsk who is fighting for his life after being diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma in September last year.

Fundraising has been taking place across North Yorkshire in order to raise money so Freddie can travel to America for a vaccine, which will reduce Freddie's chance of having a relapse.



Race for Life 2019

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

KING'S THEATRE

The King's Theatre is the hub of performing arts at Queen Ethelburga's; a full scale professional venue with a seating capacity of over 300.

Beyond the curriculum, students attend weekly drama, back stage and music activities, the latter ranging from a traditional orchestra, to the school of rock and an iPad band. We stage three full scale productions each year; Hairspray, Annie, Lord of the Flies, Les Miserable and The Phantom of the Opera are just some of our recent productions. The 2018/19 season consisted of Disney's 'Beauty & the Beast', Tom Stoppard's 'Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead' and an original adaptation of 'Alice'.

In addition to all of this, we are delighted to welcome a range of professional touring theatre productions to the King's Theatre throughout the year. A flavour of some recent work includes, 'Beyond the Barricade', 'The Snow Queen', 'The Turn of the Screw', 'Closer' and 'The Swing Commanders'.



KING'S ACADEMY

The King's Academy for Performing Arts is a Saturday drama school. It is open to QE students and also to children from the local community, aged between 6 and 18. Saturday workshops are highly practical and are taught by industry professionals.

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the Creative Arts Department now have their very own darkroom after it was officially opened at the beginning of May. This will give photography students the opportunity to hone their skills and learn how to develop their own photos for photography projects.

We're happy to announce a new Sunday dance class timetable. Miss Knox has designed the classes to build technique and skill during the months that students are not training for their Gym and Dance displays. The classes are open to all ages, day and boarding students, and will take place in the dance studio in Genesis. The classes will start at 1.15pm every Sunday during term time and will feature guest student choreographers who have been part of the Gym and Dance displays for many years.

A big congratulations to Anna, Alex and Georgia who were successfully selected for the prestigious Centre for Advanced Training Scheme at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance. They had several auditions to get to the final and had to compete against hundreds of students from across the country. We're wishing them the best of luck and hope that they thoroughly enjoy taking part in the scheme.

STRICTLY GYM AND DANCE

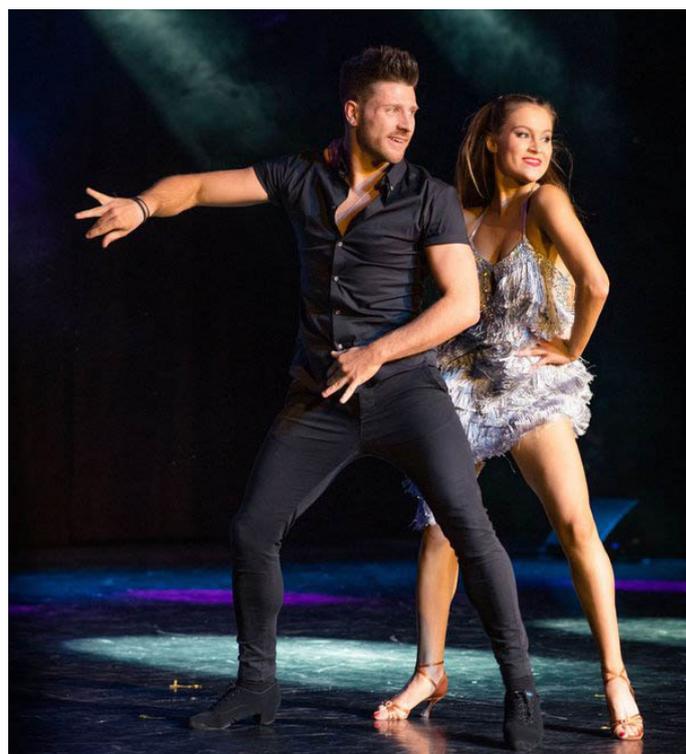
Strictly Come Dancing professional dancer, Amy Dowden, and her dance partner and fiancé, Ben Jones, led a special dance workshop at Queen Ethelburga's this term. Focusing on jive dancing, the two hour workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by more than 50 participants from QE and from local cheerleading squad, Yorkshire Martyrs.

A highlight of QE's Spring Open Day programme was a full run-through of the new routine.

The current British National Champions in Latin American Dance then led a terrific Saturday evening performance of the newly-learnt jive routine to an audience of over 500 at QE's 10th Annual Gym and Dance Display. Celebrity dancer, Ben, also partnered Sixth Form student and previous Russian Ballroom Champion, Ekaterina Solomeina, in a stand-out ballroom dance.

The Strictly stars finished the evening with a wonderful headline performance and a sought-after meet and greet to provide a truly successful end to the three day spectacular, which marked the 10 year anniversary of gymnastics and dance at QE and featured students of all ages performing a wide array of gymnastics and dance styles including contemporary, Latin, street and lyrical.

The celebrity couple are following a whole host of Strictly dancers in leading specialist dance workshops and performances at QE. Previous guest workshops have been run by Kevin and Karen Clifton, Dianne Buswell and Gorka Marquez with Kristina Rihanoff and Robin Windsor leading the first ever, one-off session back in 2014, to 80 students. Growing every year, Gym and Dance was created to provide students with the opportunity to be expressive, creative and simply be themselves.



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The QE whole school production this year was our own adaptation of Beauty and the Beast. Students were spectacular throughout.



WHAT PEOPLE SAID...

"It was fantastic, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The quality of singing and acting was excellent yet again; confident performances which shone through from everyone on the stage. Well done also to the orchestra who played beautifully throughout with what is always restricted space." Miss Martin, Executive Chair of the Collegiate Board.

"We just wanted to say a huge thank you for letting us come and watch the show. We really enjoyed it, it's amazing to see such talent. In awe of the students... singing, acting and performing is never anything I was ever any good at and just love watching students do it and be so brave. Huge congratulations" Sports Coach

"I loved the show! Slick, well-acted, entertaining, enjoyable – just brilliant and an excellent night out! What a lot of hard work you've put in which was rewarded by such an amazing show. Well done everyone!" Mr Box, Teacher of Music.

NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE
PRODUCING.....

CHICAGO

QE CHOIR AT YORK COMMUNITY CHOIR FESTIVAL

In March, QE's School Choir took part in the fourth annual York Community Choir Festival at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre.

This community event offers music from classic and traditional, to jazz and 80's pop - all sung in different styles by choirs from York and North and East Yorkshire.

Singing alongside QE students were the Dishforth Military Wives Choir and the Spirit of Harmony barbershop ensemble. They sang a twenty-five minute set of various and exciting choral music and the evening was enjoyed by all.

QE Choir comprises of students from Years 9-13.



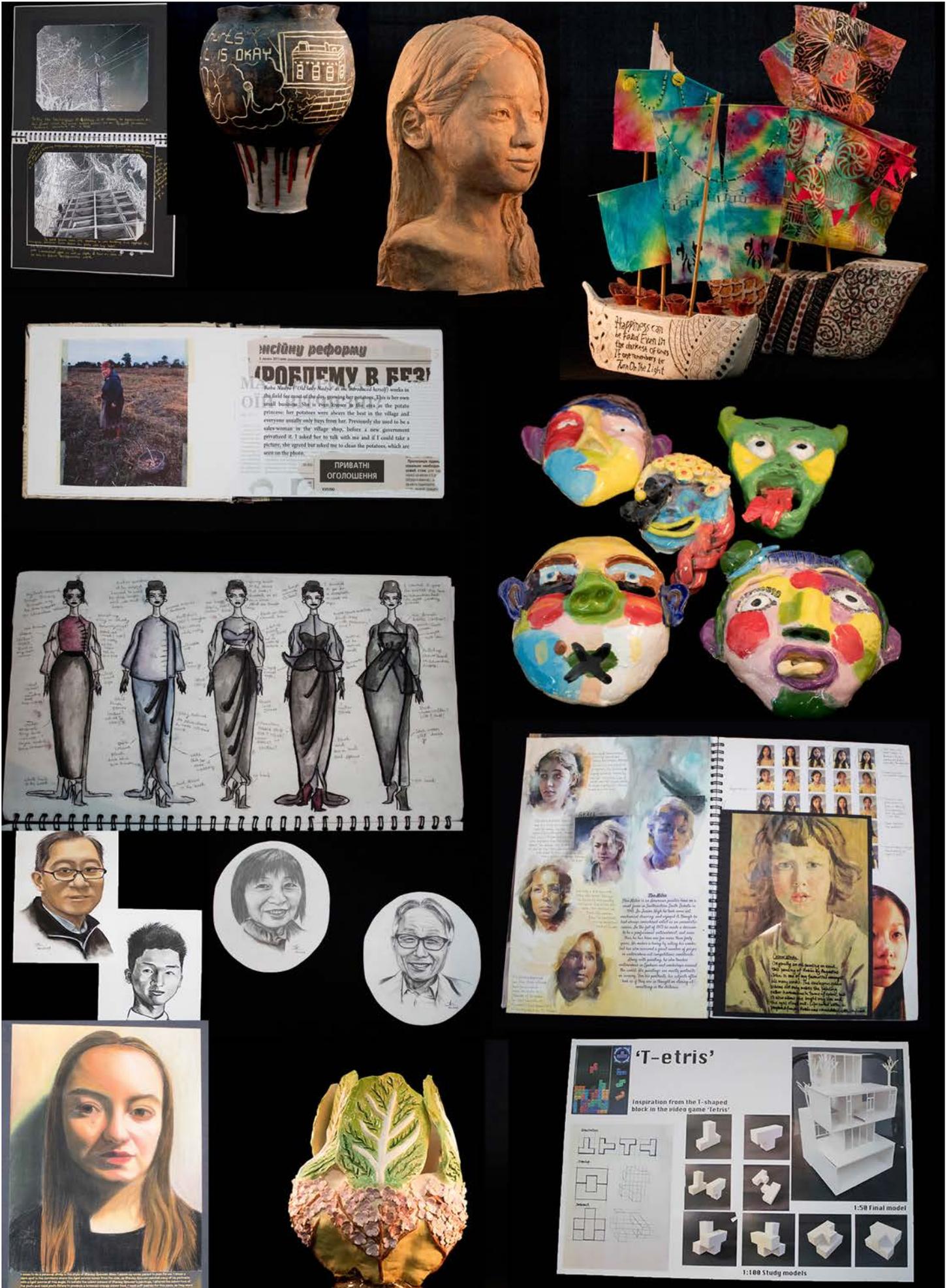
QE SENIOR PRODUCTION

The QE Senior Production was a clever interpretation of Shakespeare's Hamlet from the point of view of two minor characters: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.

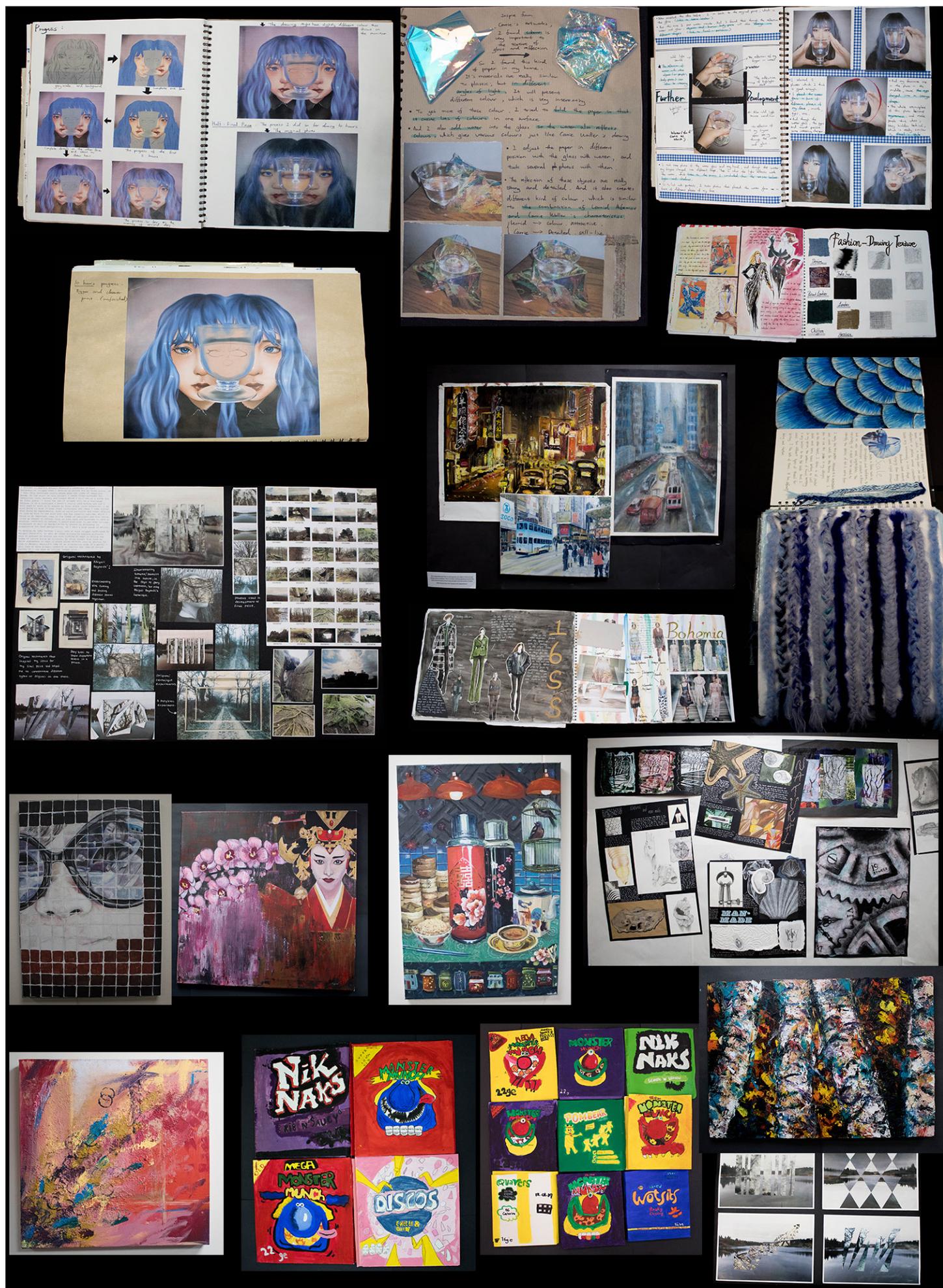
The Laurel-and-Hardy-like pair are totally incidental to the action of Hamlet, subject to the whims of the King Claudius – who gets them to betray Hamlet – and then tricked by Hamlet into delivering a letter that condemns them to death. Tom Stoppard's breakthrough play turns Hamlet on its head by giving these two the main roles and reducing all of Shakespeare's major characters (including Hamlet) to minor roles.

Written around and in-between the lines of Shakespeare's play, Stoppard brilliantly takes the main concerns of contemporary theatre, the inevitability of death, the breakdown in communication and feeling – and inserts them into the text of a much earlier play.

QE ART GALLERY: A COLLECTION OF



WORKS BY OUR TALENTED ART STUDENTS



TRIPS UPDATE

RESIDENTIALS

Year 5 had a fabulous time on their residential trip at High Adventure in the Yorkshire Dales in May. The children really challenged themselves to the limit. From climbing to canoeing and raft building to archery, the students experienced many fun activities which we're sure will further encourage them to live an active, healthy lifestyle.

The Year 6 trip to Peter Gordon Lawrence (PGL) residential in May at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire was a huge success and students had the most fantastic time. With kayaking, high adventure sports and evening entertainment the students came back to school excited to tell everyone about their recent adventures. The residential was an opportunity for the students to bond whilst doing something that challenges them and involves team work. Not only did they get to spend more time outside, they also had the chance to spend time together in an exciting and fun environment; helping to strengthen existing friendships and make new ones.



ELEPHANT CONSERVATION PROJECT

In February, students arrived in Chiang Mai after a long journey, and were fascinated by the temples that they visited within the city. They enjoyed their evening meal in the city before heading to the Elephant Nature Park.

During a private tour around the Elephant Nature Park at sunrise on their second day of the trip, the students were delighted to have met over 20 of the 85 elephants in the park. The students helped to clear the elephants' leftovers from lunch before having the park's famous hot pot dinner followed by an evening of celebration with local villagers.

Unloading watermelons from the trucks to ensure that food is readily available for elephants was a good start to the third day on the trip. The students danced and cheered as they made a human chain to pass the entire truckload of watermelons to the elephants' feeding stations. Later on in the day, the students had an opportunity to take prepared fruit to hand feed the elephants, which was an amazing experience for everyone.

Clearing the elephants' eating and sleeping areas is an essential job on the nature park and the students were keen to give a helping hand. In good spirits, they built up their appetite in readiness for a vegan lunch on site. Once they had had their lunch, they strolled along the riverside to help weed the vegetable gardens where organic produce is grown.



The 2019/20 Enrichment Trips Brochure is out now. For more information email the team at trips@qe.org.

TRIPS UPDATE

CHAPTER HOUSE & KING'S MAGNA SKI TRIP

Following a quick flight across the Alps to Milan, Chapter House and King's Magna students arrived at the ski resort of Aprica in Northern Italy.

After collecting their skis, boot, poles and helmets, they spent a fun packed afternoon on the ice-skating rink, before returning to the hotel for an early night in preparation for their first day on the slopes.

Day 1 on the slopes provided the students with glorious sunshine and perfect skiing conditions; blue skies and glistening white snow! They enjoyed specialist tuition from the



Italian Ski School for 5 hours each day, where they were given guidance on how to improve their skiing skills and techniques on the slopes.

The next few days would see the students becoming increasingly familiar with their mountainside surroundings and significant progress was made by all. The beginner group progressed to increasingly challenging runs, as did the intermediates, who improved their overall skiing style and confidence. The advanced skiers enjoyed challenging each other in slalom ski races before completing the Magnolta - a steep and challenging black run!

The final afternoon saw all the students being presented with certificates and ski school medals - a fitting tribute to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments over the course of the week.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Every year students take part in working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Whether it be for Bronze, Silver or Gold, the students choose activities to take part in for their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections of the Award. They are also required to undertake essential expedition training, a practice expedition and finally their qualifying expedition.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Training weekend took place at Middlesmoor (Yorkshire Dales) in March 2019.

During the weekend, students completed a first aid course with St John's Ambulance before travelling to their campsite to pitch tents and cook their evening meal. Students woke up to a rainy Sunday morning to pack up their kit and depart on a training walk with their leaders. They were taught key mapwork, navigation and orienteering skills. Unfortunately, the day suddenly turned very cold and had to be cut short when gale force winds and blizzard conditions prevented the groups from continuing.

The Practice Expedition took place in March and was based on the North York Moors. Silver and Gold participants undertook a three or four day practice expedition that they had planned themselves. They walked approximately 20km per day, carrying all of their own food and kit, setting up their own camps and cooking their own meals.

The Qualifying Expedition took place in April, and saw 36 Silver and 8 Gold participants venture up to the Yorkshire Dales

to complete their qualifying expeditions.

After an initial scare - snow & freezing temperatures forecasted for the duration of the expedition - students were treated to fantastic sunny and dry expedition weather. Students walked on average 20 km per day, travelling in their groups and navigating their way between campsites. Other than a few minor navigation errors, students fared excellently, making it into camp in good time.

Upon arrival, students set up camp each night and cooked all of their own food, before having a long rest! An exhausted, but elated group of students returned to QE having successfully completed their Qualifying Expedition.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

QE's own Combined Cadet Force (CCF), brings together an Army Section (Yorkshire Regiment) and an RAF section. Choosing to be part of the CCF offers students the chance to develop real life skills that will help them achieve success in life and in the workplace. They learn leadership skills, how to handle responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and discipline through military-themed activities. Training is exciting and challenging, it places great emphasis on self-reliance and responsibility. From First Aid, to weapons handling and camping trips in the great outdoors, our Force combine fun activities with working through the basic procedures. We also have a big yearly trip overseas to either Cyprus or Gibraltar for around 1-2 weeks, where we learn more military skills, go kayaking, swimming, exploring the place and having lots of fun.

PASSING OFF THE SQUARE PARADE

Passing Off The Square is a CCF tradition where our new recruits are given their cap badges - making them truly a part of us. This year was particularly exciting for the RAF section. We welcomed five new cadets, as well as awarding badges to our existing cadets, showing their progression through the basic, and more advanced training. Two cadets also received promotions, Gareth Hawkswell to Lance Corporal, and Amelia Wigglesworth to Corporal, alongside a promotion in the Army section for Abi Smith-Dodsworth to Corporal. It was an enjoyable experience and a welcome opportunity to celebrate the successes of all those in our section.



DEFENCE SCHOOL OF TRANSPORT

In February, the CCF went to the Defence School of Transport at Leconfield. When we arrived, we were met by the head of the camp and were briefed about the day's activities, and then split into groups. The first activities on the agenda were clay pigeon shooting and paintballing. For clay pigeon shooting we were given ear defenders, glasses and a shooting jacket and we

were shown how to handle the weapon both when we were shooting and when we were not. Next up was paintballing where we were given a paintball gun and were told to run and shoot all the targets until we ran out of paint bullets. After paintballing, we had a look around military vehicles, which included operating a military crane. After lunch, we went into the forest to take part in multiple activities such as observations skills and communications tasks. The final activity of the day was to drive around the site in open terrain military vehicles.

WINTER WARMER

The Winter Warmer trip was highly enjoyable. We have been on the trip before but this was the first time some of us had taken part in First Aid. The First Aid course was really interesting and a good experience. It was highly educational and a lot of fun at the same time. It helped to develop friendships with other cadets, and the new cadets came away feeling more like part of the squadron.

As a squadron we are really keen to go back again in the future because there are a lot of opportunities to take part in different activities.

EXERCISE FIRST STEP

In April, the CCF joined staff on the Exercise First Step at Laver Banks training area in Ripon. The basic Army Proficiency Certificate cadets received instruction in camouflage and concealment from Corporal instructors from Infantry Training Centre Catterick. They also learned about cooking operational ration pack meals and basha building. The senior cadets took part in an air rifle shoot in the morning and in the afternoon a map and compass exercise. All cadets who took part in this exercise felt that they gained invaluable experience by attending.



RUGBY

This season we have seen a number of our students play representative rugby.

Yorkshire Carnegie U18s:

Oren Loftus, Tom Nicholson, James Malcolmson, and Ciaran Bartlett.

Yorkshire Carnegie U17s:

Xander McConville

Yorkshire U18s:

Louis Mullen and Reece Dixon

Yorkshire U17s:

Morgan Mirzaali and Ben Thornton

Yorkshire U16s:

Cameron Murphy, Jonty Mainey, and Archie Bennett

Independent Schools Lambs:

Joseph Sawdon

A huge well done to all involved.



Congratulations to QE U12 Sevens for finishing as runners up at Leicester Grammar Sevens, winning four matches out of five.

Well done to our 1st Sevens team for winning four out of five matches, finishing third place overall and for the outstanding effort at the Leicester Grammar Sevens Tournament. Image: 1st Sevens Leicester Grammar Sevens.

QE U16 Sevens Squad had a great afternoon of practice and learning in March at the Leicester Grammar Sevens, winning three and losing three in preparation of the National School Sevens.

This April, the senior rugby team once again took part in the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens competition. Finishing runners up, the event was a great experience for a young team which will be back next year better and stronger than ever.

NETBALL

April saw some inspiring teamwork by the U9a and U9b girls' netball teams at the ISA Netball Tournament. Outstanding footwork, team work and overall great play saw them recording two wins during the tournament which was hosted at QE. Their hard work has seen improvements in individual performances and team spirit this term. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and support the girls throughout the tournament.



The U13a netball team had a fantastic day at the ISA National Netball tournament which took place here at QE in May. Starting strong within the group stages, the girls won five out of the six games against Finborough School, St Michaels, Thorpe Hall, St Andrews and Princethorpe; losing one match against Kew House School. We are all very proud of the girls' accomplishments and progress this year. A big well done to Ruci Nacolawa, Georgia Moyo, Sophia Hill, Birchya Gurung, Rubina Rana Magar, Tegan Bell, Marianne Dresca, Miman Thapa, Lucy Blunstone and Ceylon de Silva.

Our Senior teams have banked a host of tournament achievements this season, as Sister in Sport semi-finalists, county winners, area winners, regional runners up, ISA runners up and AOC semi finalists.

Four of our students have seen some impressive personal achievements of their own this year, with Erin Peters playing for Ireland in the U19 Netball Europe Championship, Alice Currie becoming a London Pulse NPL Player, Laura Goff becoming a Leeds Rhinos Performance Pathway Player and Savannah Henry becoming a Loughborough Lightning Pathway Player. Congratulations ladies!

CRICKET NEWS

The 1st XI have an exciting fixture programme which includes games against Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Durham, Yorkshire Ladies and the MCC. They were also entered in the HMC National T20 competition with games against Pocklington School and Worksop College.

Lower down the school our U12s and U15s were entered in county cup competitions in addition to a fixture list which includes local schools and clubs.

During the winter we have had ten boys who have been involved on the pathways programme at YCCC. At senior level, Finlay Bean has been awarded an Academy Scholarship with Yorkshire CCC and Jonathan Pears, Dan Cooke and Matthew Adamson have been working with Durham Academy at the Riverside Stadium.

Rhys Ditta and Clarke Doughney have been nominated by Yorkshire to train on the ECB North programme with the possibility of representing the North of England later in the summer. Amy Jobling, the school's first female cricket scholar, is also training with the Yorkshire Ladies' Development Squad.

In April, we welcomed representatives of the Darren Lehmann Cricket Academy based in Adelaide to the school. It is hoped that the senior players may take up this option when they leave school later in the year.



SWIMMING NEWS

QE swimming is continuing to strengthen its competitive profile and our performance in local fixtures has been positive. The senior swim team were deserved winners of the ISA Regional Swimming Championships this year, building on their first ever win at ISA Regionals in 2017.

QE senior boys have also competed in the ESSA (English Schools Swimming Association) and were overall winners of both the 4 x 50metre Freestyle and the 4 x 50metre Medley Relay events.

Well done to all of the QE swim team!

FOOTBALL

Independent Schools Northern Eight-A-Side Tournament

We are incredibly proud to say that our senior footballers have won the Independent Schools Northern eight-a-side tournament this year.

QE entered the tournament for the second time after being losing semi-finalists to eventual winners Repton in 2018. The boys performed fantastically well and thoroughly deserved to claim our first trophy in this prestigious tournament. We look forward to defending our title in 2020.

Our senior teams also managed to get to the ISFA National 6s semi-final and the ISFA National Cup quarter-final, with impressive performances all around.

Congratulations to those students who have made some fantastic personal achievements this year. Also, Year 13 student, Luke Quinn received his U18 ISA football cap, after his performance against the Welsh Schools Football Association which took place at Shrewsbury School in February. Luke Hemmingway and Kian Johnson represented the ISFA U17 National Team v Scotland which was hosted by QE. Kian Johnson is now training with Doncaster Rovers F.C 1st team and U23s, Tom Tweddle, Dan Ingoldsby and Lucas Abusin are now part of the North Yorkshire County Squad. Matt Coleman and Jack Downes have secured prestigious university scholarships in the USA, starting next year.



Girls' Area Tournament

In March, we saw an awesome afternoon of football by the U13 Girls' football team, as they took part in the Area tournament. We came away ecstatic with our success as we won 5; drew 1, lost 3.

QE took 3rd place overall. Congratulations to the team for all their hard work this season.



The QE Royals cheerleading squad won their school category and placed 3rd in the Level 1 Junior Division at the ICE Street, Cheer and Dance Extravaganza – their first ever competition - congratulations!



ATHLETICS NEWS

Our athletics students have built on their competition presence and success this year with 19 QE students getting to the ISA finals and two students winning track events at ISE North. Four students went on to represent their counties at the annual English Schools Athletic Association tournament and Josh Dickinson, Alice Miller, Charlie Welsh, Sophia Hill, Kaejean Ferguson and Cian Winter performed brilliantly in the ISA cross country race.

Chapter House students also competed in the ISA cross country races in February. The event saw Year 5 students Sophie Limbu and Archie Butterworth qualify for the ISA Nationals, a fantastic achievement.

BASKETBALL

Our senior teams have enjoyed a huge amount of success this season, finishing in the top eight teams in the country in the ABL and winners of the ISA tournament. We were also placed in the top 16 for all clubs in England and achieved 3rd place in the Northern Premier division with QE York Knights.

Individuals in our QE teams are celebrating their own personal achievements also. Teilo Kelly has been selected for the Wales U18 Basketball first team and will travel with them to play in Portugal this summer. Tommy Skelton has been named the ABL North Most Improved Player, a prestigious title voted by coaches. Elijah Walsh has been selected to play on the best travel team in Florida this summer – CP25 Elite. Jedaiah Alexander and Joe Barrett have been signed to play for Masters Academy in Orlando next season!

ROUNDERS

Congratulations to the U13b rounders team who in May won a closely contested game against Outwood Academy. The success was down to the hard work of all team members, with Ruci Nacolawa being named player of the match. The following day the U13a rounders team finished 3rd in the Rounders England Independent School Series (REISS) tournament at the Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL). With matches against



GSAL and Kings Macclesfield, it was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to play against tough opposition and we are delighted by the result.

FENCING

We would like to congratulate four of our students who were all placed in the recent Yorkshire Youth Championship BYC Qualifier for Fencing. In Foil, Kelvin Leung received Gold, with Nicholas Chan and Kevin Kan receiving Bronze. In the Epee Section, Maksim Veprev received Silver. They have shown real commitment in practicing and refining their skills during weekly Fencing activities.

HOCKEY

Boys' hockey

This year saw QE build the first senior boys hockey 1st XI in the school's history. They quickly made an impression in the league as Regional Indoor Hockey Finalists! Notable personal achievements for members of the team include Alex Sheldon playing for Harrogate Men's 1s, winning their league and achieving promotion to the North Premier League for 2019-2020. Alex is also a member of the Yorkshire Performance Centre U17 squad and was invited to participate in DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellence). Chris Kwan has also joined a hockey club in Hong Kong.

Girls' hockey

The senior girls hockey 1st XI team capped off an impressive season as Regional Indoor Hockey Finalists. On an individual note, Imogen Emmott is playing with Leeds Ladies 1s in National League, achieving promotion to National Division 1 North.



During March and April, QE's U16s football team played friendly matches against Leeds United 16s Youth Academy Team, Sheffield Wednesday's U17s and Bradford City U18s.

All three matches had a great atmosphere and spectators included prospective students, parents as well as current students and parents. Each player worked incredibly hard and it was a valuable experience for QE's U16s 1st team.

The three matches were a brilliant opportunity for QE students to test themselves against aspiring professional footballers, and with a draw against Bradford City U18s after a challenging game, winning against Leeds United U16s and Sheffield Wednesday U17s was just an added bonus.



FOOTBALL SCHOLAR WILL MONTEIRO TALKS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE AT QE SO FAR.

From the moment I began my sports scholarship, I knew this was going to be an amazing opportunity to develop my footballing and sporting ability alongside an opportunity to develop my academic ability.

At this moment, the sports scholarship is going great. From a personal point of view my sporting development has seen me improve my footballing skills, my understanding of the footballing game, and the facilities in the school have allowed me to improve physically as well.

I have met some amazing new friends and sporting colleagues from all backgrounds and together we have become a really good team, winning games against academy sides and the highlight of all of this was winning the ISFA 8's competition.

In terms of my academic development, I am really enjoying working in smaller classes than I previously experienced and the facilities which I am learning in have allowed me to excel academically at my chosen subjects.

In terms of moving forward, I am being supported by great sporting staff and teachers at QE. I am determined that next season the football team will continue to improve and there is a real possibility that we can win either the league, a cup competition or both. I have a desire to see myself personally improve again at playing up front and physically improve as well. While doing this, I also want to improve academically so I am then able to give myself the best opportunity to go to university which I see myself doing when I leave QE.

There is no doubt that coming to QE has improved my football ability and knowledge but has also improved my academic ability as well.



FOOTBALL SCHOLAR EWAN GRAY, CLASS OF 2018

“The QE experience is not something you find easily, it has a perfect balance of high standard academics and high standard sport. This is exactly what I was looking for after being released by York City Football Club.

I chose A Levels in maths, economics and physics. Although the lessons were challenging, they were always interesting, and I thoroughly enjoyed going to them.

I had many amazing experiences whilst at QE, one of these was the ISFA 6's tournament down in London, at the start of my second year at QE. We travelled down on the Saturday, stayed over, then played the 6-a-side tournament on the Sunday. It was a great weekend to get to know the new lads in the team. The standard of football was very high, and the different style was hard to get used to, however we adjusted quickly, and we were unlucky to be knocked out by Shrewsbury in the quarter-finals. The weekend was a great start to the season.

At the end of my second year we went to visit Manchester City's facilities. We were taken on a tour of the training campus, then played a game against a college with links to City. After our game, we went to see Man City v Brighton. This was a great opportunity and allowed us to see how the top-level players train.

Another personal highlight for me at QE was my time with the ISFA team. I played all over the country, against



various academy and representational teams. My biggest highlight was the England v Scotland Independent Schools game that I played in. This was one of the proudest moments in my life so far.

Finally, the game that stands out most to me in my time at QE was against Bradford City U18s. We played them under the floodlights on the first team pitch. Going into the game we were not expected to come away with anything, as they are a professional club. We conceded in the first five minutes, and Bradford had another ruled out for offside just minutes later. However, after we stopped giving them too much, we began to dominate. We scored one before half time. Then went on to control the second half and came out 5-2 winners.

The highlight of every day at QE was the Performance Sport sessions. At the start, the intensity and standard demanded from us was probably higher than I was

used to, even coming from a pro setup at York. However, it did not take long to adjust. The high demands that the coaches had of us, and that we had of each other, is what led to such huge improvements for me personally on the pitch. This, combined with the specialist coaching sessions and the personalised strength training that we were given, were very beneficial to strength and speed on the pitch.

*“I matured
as a person
and became
much more
independent”*

The standard of coaching at QE is brilliant and I learned a lot about the tactical and positioning side of the game. The one thing that stands out for me, about the coaching from my time there, is how much they care about your development. Everyone is there to improve you as a footballer and as an individual.

Having all of our games filmed enabled me to collect game footage to send to coaches in America. This helped massively in getting a scholarship to go study and play out in the States. The standard of football at QE prepared me for this step up. I would also not be mature enough to take the opportunity if it wasn't for living away from home for two years at QE. It is hard to put into words how grateful I am for the opportunity I had to play and study at QE. It was a fantastic two years that has hugely developed me as a footballer, a student and a person. I would re-do my two years there in a heartbeat.

Overall, deciding to go to QE was the best decision I have ever made in my life; I would not be where I am today if it was not for everyone at QE.”

OLD ETHELBURGIANS

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April once again saw our annual OE Vs QE sports event, where teams competed against each other for the winner's cup. The event had a brilliant turn out both in players and spectators which meant a great atmosphere for the competing teams. We are always looking to make this event bigger and better each year and would invite those students leaving QE this year, in addition to past and current parents, to join us for the next OE Vs QE event in April 2020.



A big QE congratulations to four of our Old Ethelburgians; Ben Whyte, Adam Leetham, Harry Butler and Eddie Brown, who represented Yorkshire in May in the U20 Rugby County Championships Final.

Scoring 52-5 against the old enemy, Lancashire, the boys won the Jason Leonard County Cup and Ben Whyte topped the day off nicely by scoring under the sticks.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

5th - 23rd August - Camp QE

15th August - A Level Results Day

22nd August - GCSE Results Day

2nd - 4th September - Student Induction

4th September - Chapter House/ King's Magna BBQ

7th & 8th September - Closed Weekend

19th October - OE Reunion

21st - 25th October - School Birthday

22nd-23rd October - Nursery - Y5 Parents Meeting

25th October - Y6 - Y13 Parents' Meeting (Boarders Only)

18th November - Y6 - Y13 Parents' Meeting (Day students)

4th December - Yr13 Christmas Dinner

5th December - QE Carol Service , Ripon

5th December - KS4 Christmas Dinner

6th December - CH Christmas Lunch

9th December - Carols around the Tree followed by King's Magna Christmas Dinner

10th December - Yr12 Christmas Dinner

12th December - Chapter House and King's Magna Carol Service , Ripon

YEAR 13 PREFECT PHOTOSHOOT OUTTAKES

The QE Marketing team had a lot of fun with some of our Year 13 Prefects in our recent March photoshoot!



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