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# WELCOME

## MISS AMY MARTIN

**Chief Executive Officer**



*Everyone at Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate works together to deliver a truly excellent standard of education and in creating 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 each term.*

## MR STEVEN JANDRELL

**Collegiate Principal**



*As a Collegiate, we are 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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## CAMP QE

Camp QE is our very own holiday camp, offering fantastic all day entertainment for our students and children in the local area. Arts and crafts, sports and other exciting activities take place Monday to Friday.

This summer we were able to offer three weeks due to popular demand! Children played tennis, made fresh fruit popsicles, played frisbee and took part in many more activities, including giant snakes and ladders, in our sports hall.

Camp QE experienced adverse weather conditions during the summer, but with great planning and leadership the children still had a great time playing basketball, badminton, laser target practice and pool parties, amongst other activities.

For children aged between 5 to 13 years old, Camp QE is open to QE students and non QE children. It has proven to be a fun and exciting multi-activity camp that is growing successfully year after year.

Dates for 2020 are:

February 17-21st

April 14-17th

May 25-29th

June 22-26th

August 17-21st / 24-28th

For further information or to make a booking please email: [campqe@qe.org](mailto:campqe@qe.org).



## IDA INTERNATIONAL CUP

August saw professional youth teams arrive at QE for the IDA International Cup tournament. This is their second ever tournament hosted on our elite sporting facilities. Manchester City, Leeds United, Sheffield United and Aldershot Town FC are just a selection of the 32 professional youth teams that competed in the tournament this year.



## QE HOSTS SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY'S PRE-SEASON TRAINING

We are pleased to have hosted the Owls' Under-23s squad on a training camp here at QE during part of the summer holidays.

The team rounded off their week with an action-packed friendly match against Greek team Olympiacos.



### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Each year, QE hosts a BBQ to welcome back Chapter House and King's Magna parents, and gives them a chance to meet the teachers and find out which class their child will be in for the new academic year. Not only is it a great opportunity for parents to catch up with teachers, but it is also a social event allowing parents to get to know each other and catch up after summer.

Students enjoyed entertainment throughout the afternoon with face painting and bouncy castles, a magician and live music.

In between all the fun, Chapter House parents were invited to see classrooms and King's Magna parents attended a meeting with their child's Head of Year.

*Date for the diary: In 2020 the BBQ will be held on Wednesday 9th September.*



### QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S PAYS TRIBUTE TO LAST TUCANO FLIGHT

Last term saw QE pay tribute to close neighbours 72 squadron, based at RAF Linton-on-Ouse, with students and staff gathering to watch the final flight of the Tucano training aircraft first flown in the 1980s.

Students and staff congregated on the sports pitches to watch this historic aircraft fly in formation for the last time. Students in King's Magna Middle School formed the number '72' on the hockey pitch, which was visible from the aircraft, whilst the rest

of the school gathered together close by to enjoy the Tucano's final performance.

Tucano aircraft entered service 30 years ago as trainer planes for pilots wanting to progress onto fast jets. To mark the retirement of the aircraft, the Tucanos powered down for the last time at RAF Linton-on-Ouse. The base will continue to host the Yorkshire Universities Air Squadron until the end of 2020 when they too will move to a new home.



# QE TURNS 107

Each October we celebrate QE's birthday, and this year our school turned 107! As is tradition with the School Birthday, our school motto *Luce Magistra* (meaning: light being the teacher) is spelled out individually by the longest standing students from Year 13. The letters are given in accordance with how long the students have served at the school, with 'L' being the longest attending pupil in Year 13, through to 'A' which is awarded to the twelfth longest standing student. Each of these students become a part of our shared QE history as they sign the boards that they are holding; the current boards in circulation date back to 1971. Students then enjoy a traditional school dinner, with a speech from an

Old Ethelburgian. During the celebration, symbolic eagles are presented to staff who have completed 7 years' service at the school. These are another reminder of our motto, and they acknowledge the importance of education. To complete the birthday celebrations, students enjoy a slice of birthday cake in silence whilst making a wish, followed by a rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*. A truly special event that brings us together as a community.



## THE STORY OF QE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

QE's Christmas Tree is a hot topic of conversation each year and every staff member, visitor and student takes a moment to admire it as they walk past. It is used as a backdrop for many of the Christmas photographs of students and staff and is a proud tradition for the estate.

Head Gardener, Mark Hayhurst's quest for the perfect Christmas tree begins way back in September, with a trip to a sustainable supplier.

When looking for the perfect tree for QE, Mark explains that the first thing he looks for is a full 360 degree tree which is approximately 50 feet high, but never lower than 48 feet. Mark says that the size of the tree has crept up in size over the last six to seven years since he has been picking them.

You're probably wondering, what happens when the farm runs out of trees? Each tree picked is immediately replaced with a newly planted tree - better for the environment, and means that the farm never runs out of their trees.

Once the enormous spruce tree has arrived at QE on a huge haulage truck and hammered into the ground, the tree takes four to five days, five people and two cherry pickers to decorate from top to bottom with around 30,000 multi-coloured lights.

Once the festive season is over for another year, the tree is removed and chipped by specialists who will recycle the remains of the tree ecologically.



### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The annual Carol Services are greatly anticipated events that bring together all students, staff and parents at QE.

The services allow the musicians across all year groups to showcase their skills and come together to create beautiful sounds in the impressive Ripon Cathedral.

After a warm welcome from Canon Barry Pyke, a member of the clergy at Ripon Cathedral, the congregation enjoyed the Processional Carol 'Once In Royal David's City' during which the advent candle was lit.

The Carol Services are one of the traditions of a QE Christmas, and are always enjoyed by all who attend.



## EXAM SUCCESS FOR COLLEGE AND FACULTY



QE celebrated another successful A Level results day in 2019 with students receiving their required results in order to accept their desired university places.

Students in the academically-focused College achieved 80% A\*/A at A Level (92% A\*/B) and 94% D\*/D in the small number of BTECs taken to enrich the A-level programmes, with a strong range of first choice places achieved at Oxford, Cambridge, and other excellent UK and worldwide universities.

Students in the Faculty, which offers a wide range of academic, creative and vocational

courses, achieved 70% A\*/A at A Level (93% A\*/B) and 82% D\*/D in Level 3 BTECs, (equivalent in UCAS university points to A\*/A at A Level). The Faculty students are also celebrating notable success with an outstanding range of first choice university places, including Economics at the University of Cambridge and Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nottingham.

### GCSE Results

Students in the College achieved 80% 7-9 or A\*/A (99% 4-9 or A\*/C) and students in the Faculty achieved 37% 7-9 or A\*/A (93% 4-9 or A\*/C) – a significant improvement of around 10% on last year's already great results.

Congratulations to you all!



We are delighted to feature just a few successes of individual students below:

- Grace C (A\*, A\*, A\*, A, A) was one of only 8 students that attained an A\* in Statistics in the country.
- Ruth N achieved A\*/As in music, mathematics and French which meant she could accept her place at University of Edinburgh to study French and Arabic.
- Well done to Bethany M who achieved the grades of AAA in her A levels which meant she could take up her offer from University of Nottingham to study Veterinary Medicine.
- Congratulations to Jing Z, who achieved the grades required to take up her offer to study Economics at University of Cambridge. Her English level in IELTS also improved to a level 7.0 which is exceptional!

## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

### QE NAMED TOP PERFORMING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

QE's College and Faculty have been named first and fifth respectively in the independent secondary schools list for the North of England, by Parent Power - The Sunday Times Schools Guide 2020.

The guide identifies the 2,000 highest-achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their recent examination results.

Steven Jandrell, Principal, said of the news: "We are delighted with our students' results this year and that both of our schools are ranked in the top five schools in the North of England. We are particularly pleased with our performance at A Level, as these results

ensure that our students have the opportunity to go on to many of the top universities in the UK.

Of course, examination results are only part of the story. The vast range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities available to our students is also crucial to their growing independence and initiative, in our culturally rich environment. The skills students develop in areas such as leadership, teamwork and decision making are equally important in taking them forward to successful careers and fulfilling lives.



### CHAPTER HOUSE NAMED AS FINALIST IN NATIONAL AWARDS

In October, Chapter House gained recognition as a Finalist in the prestigious Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2019.

The Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year award recognises schools that 'offer an outstandingly rich experience for their students'.

The awards celebrate the success stories of schools and their students across the independent education sector in the UK. Showcasing the excellence of the educational experience available to students of all backgrounds, they recognise the varied and imaginative ways in which independent schools prepare young people for their future lives.

Karen Kilkeny, Head of Chapter House welcomed the news, saying: "We are delighted to be amongst the Finalists for this award. Our excellent staff,

together with our wonderful parents and students, ensure Chapter House is the most supportive learning environment it can be for every child.

We are collectively focused on developing the skills and knowledge our students need to thrive, so that every one of them can achieve their full potential, whatever their talents and abilities. Most of all, we pride ourselves on our students becoming happy, confident and resilient members of the Collegiate and local community."



### QE CELEBRATES SPORTS AND WELLBEING AWARDS DOUBLE

We are celebrating after being shortlisted in two categories for the prestigious TES Independent School Awards 2020.

The Collegiate has been shortlisted in the Sport category, for demonstrating a commitment to excellence and participation in school sport, and promoting health, wellbeing and exercise with students.

We are committed to promoting healthy lifestyle choices within our specifically developed curricular and co-curricular opportunities. QE students develop their levels of responsibility, resilience and leadership through sports participation and are always challenged to achieve at the highest level.

Being shortlisted recognised the experienced and dedicated team of 30 sports staff and coaches at QE, catering to all abilities and encouraging students to engage with the many and varied opportunities on offer, such as: archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, cheerleading, cricket, cycling, dance, fencing, fitness, football, gymnastics, hockey, martial arts, netball, rounders, rugby, spinning, swimming, table tennis, tennis, trampolining, volleyball and wrestling.

The Collegiate's THRIVE@QE programme has also been shortlisted for the Wellbeing Initiative Of The Year category, which highlights initiatives aimed at improving mental health amongst students.

A key aspect of the Pastoral Care provision at QE, THRIVE@QE has been recognised as an innovative programme. Consisting of a range of sessions, activities and workshops, it all serves to help us promote and support the wellbeing of our students. The programme is delivered from our purpose-built centralised Pastoral Care area, which offers a comfortable and welcoming space, open seven days a week, where students can receive support or take time-out.

Steven Jandrell, Principal, said of the news: "All of our students are encouraged to be active and understand the benefits of healthy pursuits, such as sport and exercise, to their wellbeing. Participation is key and we are very proud of the level of commitment we inspire across all areas."

TES editor Ann Mroz said: "The independent schools in this country are truly exceptional. And those that have earned a place on the TES Independent School Awards shortlist are a cut above the rest.

"We received an unparalleled number of entries this year, all of which were first rate. The schools that have been shortlisted should be proud - it's a remarkable achievement".

The TES Independent School Awards winners are expected to be announced in February 2020.



# QUALITY MARK AWARDED TO CHAPTER HOUSE EARLY YEARS

Chapter House has been given a prestigious Quality Mark Award for our Early Years provision, by the national programme The Quality Mark.

To achieve the award, Chapter House underwent an assessment, against the 10 'Elements' of the Quality Mark framework. These cover key aspects of the school's improvement approach, including: a whole setting strategy and planning to improve young children's abilities and achievements; setting appropriately high expectations for young children's development; a commitment to improving the skills of all practitioners; a balanced use of child-initiated and adult guided play-based learning; and partnership working between families, practitioners and professionals in supporting young children's learning development.

The award comes just a year after the school gained the Primary Quality Mark Award for English and Mathematics and the Silver Primary Science Quality Mark, which celebrates excellence in good practice and commitment to continuous improvement in these subjects, as the 'bedrock of a good education'. Working with local authorities, schools, local

communities and other organisations in using the Quality Mark process, the national body continues to support those who lead and work in Early Years to undertake effective self-evaluation and continuous improvement which drives better outcomes for children, their families and society.

Karen Kilkenny, Head of Chapter House said: "I am incredibly proud of our pupils and the Early Years staff, in particular Mrs Pilley, the Early Years Senior teacher, who supported staff in achieving this Quality Mark. It is a reflection of the supportive, creative and fun learning environment that we collectively provide for each child, encouraging their curiosity into a lifelong love of learning that will mean they can achieve their potential at each stage of their educational journey."

Chapter House Early Years was judged as Outstanding by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2019.



### QE STUDENTS ATTEND WORLD SCHOLARS TOURNAMENT AT YALE UNIVERSITY

Chloe K Year 11, and Praew K Year 10 competed in the prestigious World Scholars Cup competition and made it through to the final stage, the Tournament of the Champions, which took place in November 2019 at Yale University in Connecticut.

With three stages to the competition, it is a great achievement that Chloe and Praew reached the final stage, an achievement that all their teachers are proud of. They each had to study the six subjects prior to the competition; Literacy, Art and Music, Science, Social Studies, History and a specialist area, which this year was 'Unsolved Mysteries'. Both girls took part in different activities individually and in teams and went back to school with seven medals between them.

As a result of the competition, not only have the girls made friends with each other, but they have experienced new challenges and in an interview said that they realised that "we have similarities with people from different backgrounds and cultures" and that "the world is big and you need to get out and experience it".

Praew added that she enjoys being a student at QE because she feels challenged and enjoys the different opportunities that are offered to students, whilst Chloe enjoys the facilities the

best and particularly enjoys trampolining.

Whilst both girls are not sure what they wish to do after their A Levels, Chloe is confident that she will choose to study at a British university in the future.



### STUDENT SUCCESS AT BRITISH SHOWJUMPING FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Ellis J on his achievements at the British Showjumping Festival in September, coming second place in the Arena UK 95cm GP final!

British Showjumping has classes to cater for all levels of ability whether you simply want to compete occasionally at weekends over a 70cm course or on the global stage. They manage more than 3,000 shows each year providing a safe, structured and progressive environment for people to enjoy the sport within.



### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-bullying week was buzzing with activities this year, to help increase a sense of teamwork throughout the school and enhance the anti-bullying community across the Collegiate.

From Chapter House to Sixth Form, all students were invited to write an anonymous compliment to their peers which was then delivered to them over a number of weeks to show that anti-bullying and kindness isn't just for the one week, it is something we uphold everyday.

The theme for the week was 'stronger together' and students were invited to design a jigsaw piece showing their personalities and hobbies to fit together as part of a bigger puzzle to demonstrate that although we are different we can all fit together to be a part of something bigger.

Assemblies throughout the week were welcomed by a group of Year 7 singers, passionately singing about the support we can give to each other. They were joined by our Anti-Bullying Council who not only helped to present the assembly but also delivered a very practical workshop to our Year 9 students on how to become an upstanding citizen.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In Food for Thought last term, part of our THRIVE@QE programme, we covered Harvest festival traditions, packaging, blind tastings, Bonfire Night foods, evaluating a recipe and preparing a Christmas advert. We have had an enthusiastic group of students who have contributed to discussions, creative posters, tastings and research in their own time. They have shared family recipes and even brought traditional dishes in for us all to try. These lively yet informative sessions allow everybody to fully engage and make new friends. We look forward to welcoming new faces this term and have lots of exciting ideas to bring to the table.



### KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB

In Kitchen Garden Club, students have been learning how to manage the welfare of the chickens; making sure that their home is clean and dry, topping up the food and water and checking their feathers for mites.

They can now do a complete chicken hutch clean and refresh in an incredibly short period of time! Very impressive. The biggest excitement occurs when we find some eggs... at which point Mrs Dale

magics them into some cakes to enjoy the following morning break! When the chickens behave well during their mite check they are rewarded with some bites of tasty banana which they love. As the leaves have been falling from the trees, we have also been clearing windfall so that it doesn't get too boggy in the chickens' patch.

We have also been clearing out some of the old vegetable patch boxes, mixing the soil with used coffee grounds that we have picked up from a local Starbucks in order to improve the quality of the soil. We have sown some wildflower seeds into the patches that we have improved in the hope of encouraging some more insect life into the garden.



### MINDFULNESS THROUGH ART

Mindfulness Through Art sessions are focused on the power of calming, colourful creativity. The opportunity to shift focus onto a calming activity is proving to be very popular and effective, not just at QE but worldwide!

Unlike standard images you see in colouring books, we use images that are modern and appealing to students both young and old; wild animals, cartoons, fantasy worlds. With no requirement for any 'arty skills', anybody can enjoy taking part.

Some of our students enjoy the activity silently, whilst others like to chat. All students embrace being in the moment, in a peaceful environment.

*"It helps calm you down when you are upset"* - Lexi S

*"This helps relieve my feelings and get over stress"* - Lexi T

*"Very therapeutic"* - Reyan G



### SPIRITUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

The whole student body came together for mindfulness activities during their form time, for Spirituality Week this year. Academic departments also focused activities also focused on various aspects of spirituality; from developing their own values and beliefs to

forming opinions on the wonders of the world. The school joined together at the end of the week to reflect on the theme, discussing topics of light and dark and taking part in a two minute silence for their own spirituality; it has been a real whole school celebration!



# KEVIN OLDERSHAW - HEAD OF COLLEGE - GIVES HIS THOUGHTS AND ADVICE THIS EXAM SEASON



**At QE we have high expectations of our students and encourage them to aspire to reach their goals.**

This is balanced with strong support throughout their time with us, to build their independence, responsibility

and resilience – all valuable skills for any student to succeed.

Academically, the regular and detailed marking and feedback, and time for students to engage with this, is vital for their academic development, and the experience of regular testing and examinations such as all students sitting AS examinations in Year 12 in preparation for the full A Level in Year 13, is proven in getting the best results.

**The advice we give to students as they approach their exams is to start early.**

It is never too early to prepare for examinations and the sooner they begin to study the more likely they are to do well. Having said that, every bit of revision done, no matter how close to the exams, can be valuable so we encourage students not to waste time or procrastinate. Setting a clear revision timetable and then making sure it is stuck to, is the key to success. This has to be realistic though. Planning to study all day, every day for the weeks leading up to the exams won't help anyone's mental or physical health. There needs to be plenty of time to relax and de-stress built into each week.

We encourage our students to continue to take part in the many activities we have on offer here at QE – to go to the gym, make use of the other sports facilities, use the music practice rooms or attend drama activities in the King's Theatre. We tell students not to stop doing extra-curricular clubs just because they have exams looming! Taking time out of a revision schedule will help them to refocus and boost concentration when they come back to it.

As students are preparing for the summer exam season, revision structures are put in place to support their preparations.

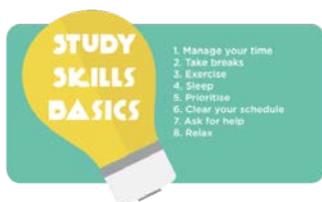
Students in examination years can make the most of dedicated study spaces, such as one of our libraries or sixth form study rooms, at all times of year but, in the approach to the examinations, we also provide additional supervised areas of the school to give a range of study options for students. Year 11 and 13 students are given study leave in the main examination period, and all students are given dedicated revision time immediately prior to an exam. Throughout the year, but particularly in the examination period, students are encouraged to access online revision tools such as MyMaths, Educake and BBC Bitesize – all helping to develop their independent learning skills.

**Extracurricular clubs and activities are put on to support students at this time.**

Throughout the year, students can access subject clinics, running at lunch times and after school. Students are issued with timetables for these clinics and they are clearly displayed in department areas. During the examination period, these clinics become more focused on examination techniques or particular skills required by students to help them achieve highly.

In the immediate period prior to an examination, subject teachers offer additional support, running clinics and additional lessons to give those 'last-minute' preparations to all QE students. These can also take the form of small group tutorials, with teachers or support staff able to provide a bespoke lesson on specific areas of challenge for students.

## Study skills & exam stress



Learn study skills and useful tips and techniques to help you cope with exams.

Different students learn and revise in a variety of different ways.

There are many ways for students to revise and what works well for one person will not work for another. Throughout the Collegiate, students receive specific lessons on revision skills and techniques, to suit their needs. These are delivered in tutor time but also as specific study skills days for an entire year group. Within the Faculty, students can access our Faculty Mentor team. They spend time each week with a small number of students working on developing their study skills, though all students are able to drop in for advice and support. In the College, students in Year 11 have weekly study skills lessons with directed learning on topics and in subjects of greatest challenge.

By providing students with a clear toolkit of methods available to them they are able to make informed and practiced decisions on what will prove the most successful for their study preferences.

One of the most valuable methods of revising and preparing for examinations is to use practice papers.

The application of knowledge and understanding is a real challenge and a higher order skill that is required to access the higher grades. We always encourage students to use techniques such as flash cards to check their knowledge, or use mind maps to understand the links between different aspects of the course, and even writing and rewriting notes to log things in the short term memory, but the use of practice papers and then subsequent use of mark schemes is invaluable for helping students to ensure their learning can be applied to what is required in the examination.



IF YOU ARE FEELING UNDER PRESSURE OR STRESSED, TALK TO SOMEONE.

OUR THRIVE@QE INITIATIVE OFFERS PASTORAL SUPPORT TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT ATTENDING SESSIONS ON EXAM STRESS CAN BE REALLY VALUABLE FOR SOME STUDENTS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

### YUSEF KARSH INSPIRED PHOTOGRAPHY WORK BY BTEC STUDENTS

These are two fantastic images, photographed and processed by two of our BTEC Art and Design students. They were set the task to respond to the photographer Yusef Karsh and set up a studio space with all the equipment available, find participating models and even use Photoshop to enhance the images a little more.



### GHOST NIGHT AT QE

October marks QE's birthday, and just prior to this, the annual Ghost Night production takes place. This unique event is inspired by the history of our founder, Queen Ethelburga, and her death. This year, staff and students created an immersive 'Escape Room' type challenge. By participating in such activities, both performers and audience experience something that is unique to QE. Just one of many memories that later in life, our students can look back on and treasure. Incredible work from all involved and some outstanding pictures captured.

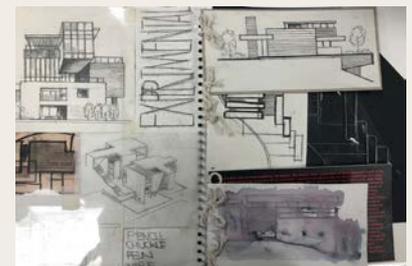
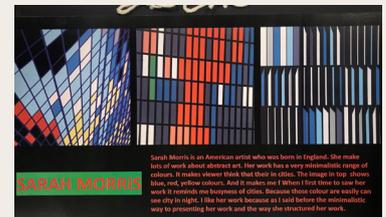


## CREATIVE ARTS SUPERCURRICULAR

Creative Arts are pleased to be part of the QE Super Curricular and enrichment programmes. Here is some of the work from our fashion year groups.

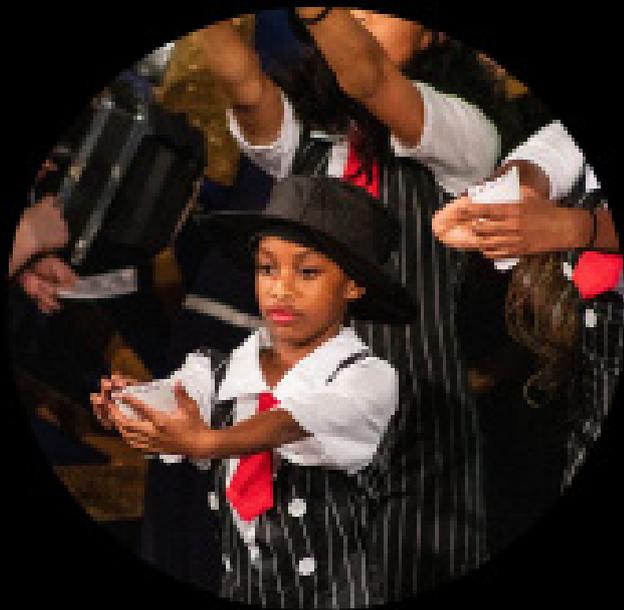


YEAR 11 GCSE ART student June L is challenging the boundaries of art by using physical and digital manipulation to develop his ideas based on Architecture!



# CHICAGO! GALLERY

Our whole school production of the Broadway smash hit musical Chicago! was a huge success last term. Well done to all involved!





## PRINCIPAL'S LECTURE PROGRAMME

The aim of the Principal's Lecture Programme is to provide a wide reaching, informative and engaging series of public lectures which offer suitable academic stretch and breadth across many areas of the curriculum and general interest.

Commencing at 3pm, there will be a talk from each lecturer followed by a question and answer session. This is open to students, parents and the public which makes it a real community event.

### DR JACLYN BELL 22ND MARCH 2020

'Becoming an Astronaut' Dr Jaclyn Bell has a keen interest in all STEM subjects and is a proud graduate and Honorary Fellow of the University of Liverpool. In 2011 she graduated with an MSc in Mathematical Sciences, followed by a PhD in Theoretical Particle Physics. In 2017 Jackie took part in a BBC science production called Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?.



Join Jackie as she talks about her unique experience, the fears she faced along the way and the steps you too can take to prepare for a career in space.

### ALEX RAWLINGS 26TH APRIL 2020

Alex was born and raised in London. He discovered his passion for languages while on holiday in Greece one summer when he was 8, and since then has not been able to stop. He was named Britain's Most Multilingual Student in a nationwide competition run by Harper Collins in 2012 after being tested for fluency in 11 languages.

He published his first book How To Speak Any Language Fluently in 2017, and his second book From Amourette to Žal: Bizarre and Beautiful Words from Europe in 2018. He now lives in Barcelona, where he works with Learnlife, a new type of school for the future, and also is a freelance journalist and writer.

Alex's lecture will focus on illuminating a series of fun, stimulating and effective methods to help anyone learn languages faster. Crucial listening for anyone currently studying a language or interested in foreign travel.



### BOBBY SEAGULL 17TH MAY 2020



Bobby Seagull is a school maths teacher, doctoral student at Cambridge (researching maths anxiety), an author (The Life-changing Magic of Numbers), television presenter (Monkman and Seagull's Genius Guide to Great Britain). He

also contributes regular puzzles to Radio 4, writes a column for the Financial Times and even finds time to watch his favourite - West Ham - football team lose.

Bobby comments: "I've always loved maths but I had no idea it would play such a big part in my life and lead to such diverse and amazing career choices"

The lecture will be about the unexpected, surprising, creative and satisfying possibilities that studying maths can open up. Across multiple industries and disciplines, maths can be a point of entry that not everyone thinks of, but more people should consider, as a truly enabling and exciting way to forging a career.

### QE STUDENT IN TOP 20 AT DENG CAMP

Congratulations to Elijah W who finished Deng Camp ranked #18 in the UK and was selected for the prestigious All Star Game. Elijah is attending QE on a basketball scholarship and has had success after success during his time at QE.

The prestigious camp was set up by Luol Deng, a British professional basketball player who played for Minnesota Timberwolves of the National Basketball Association. He is a two-time NBA All-Star and was named to the NBA All-Defensive Second Team in 2012.



In July we welcomed QE Basketball's newest addition, England international Latrell D.

The senior basketball team have had some great experience playing academies across the country already this year, including the Durham Wildcats, Sheffield Swarm and Myerscough College Academy. They head into 2020 at the top of both the ABL and National league for the first time, with our U16s in second position in the National League Conference. Congratulations on a great first term to all involved!

Elijah W (U18s) and Latrell D (U16s) also competed in the tri-nations tournament for England over Christmas, with Teilo K also representing Wales in the tournament (U18s).



### NEW COACH FOR HOCKEY

This year sees new coach, Mal Alexander, lead QE's hockey teams.

Mal Alexander is a former journalist turned full time hockey professional, with national league playing experience and coaching expertise that ranges from 4 year old beginners to both junior and senior internationals.

Mal has coached in the National Premier League at Reading HC (men) and Slough HC (ladies) and is currently Head Coach for both the men's and ladies 1st team at Wakefield HC (both National League teams).

Mal has also been Head Coach at one of the England Hockey Performance Centres and a lead coach at Futures Cup for the past 6 years.

The ISA Hockey Tournament was hard fought last term, with our 1st team coming a very respectable 3rd and our 2nd team in 6th place – well done all!

Our Year 5, 6 and 7 girls have also had some great experience playing at Leeds Hockey Club this season. Our Year 6 Hockey team finished 3rd in the In2Hockey Tournament last term also - a great placing!

## TEAM QE SPORTS UPDATE

### NETBALL

Our teams played in the Sisters n Sport National Cup competition for all age groups, with our U19s, U16s & U12s progressing far in the competition, especially our U19s who are set to reach the quarter finals of the North competition.

We have played some competitive matches against university teams this year already during our pre-season, with great performances from the girls against Leicester University, Leeds University and York University

Our teams showed their best in the ISA Netball North Tournament last term, hosted at QE with the U16s finishing runners up. The U16s will then compete in the ISA National tournament later this year

The SMILE Independent National Schools Cup run for the U19s came to an end after a good win against Birkenhead school but losing out to St Bedes College from Manchester in a prolific game that demonstrated an elite standard of play by both teams.

In the National Schools Competition, our U19s won the area and county rounds and they are off to the Regionals

this coming term! Our U16s also won the Harrogate and Craven area round for the first time and progressed to the North Yorkshire county round, finishing 3rd and narrowly missing out on a place at regionals.

Our Senior netball captain Alice C represented Scotland U21s in the Netball Europe competition last term. Amy B was selected for Loughborough Lightning and National Performance League (NPL) U19 squad and Olivia S for the U17 North East squad. Lasasha B, Ellie B, Sophia H, Georgia M, Abishre L and Linsey M have all been selected for North Yorkshire netball and have taken their first step onto the England netball performance programme pathway at U13 and U15 level.



Amy J, QE's first female cricket scholar, is now training with the Yorkshire Ladies' Development Squad.

Luke S has been selected for Yorkshire U19s, Tom W has been selected for Yorkshire U13s and Josh T has been selected for Yorkshire U11s. A number of our juniors, Josh T, Freddie L and Adam S have been invited to train on the Pathway to Excellence Scheme with Yorkshire also – congratulations all!

### ATHLETICS

Kerry B, Max F-B, Edward L, Josh D and Amelia B qualified and represented North Yorkshire Schools Athletics Association last July, with great individual performances. Edward L successfully represented Yorkshire at the UK County Athletic Union and Senior England Athletic Championships in Manchester in the Summer, with Yorkshire coming out on top! Congratulations also to Josh D for coming 4th in the British Cross Country Challenge U20s at Cardiff in October. Congratulations to Isabel D who became the North Yorkshire Champion in the U13 Girls Shot Put last term!

### CRICKET

Harry C has joined the sixth form as a cricket scholar and has been invited to train with the Durham Academy and hopes to play regularly for them during the coming summer.

Finlay B has been awarded an Academy Scholarship with Yorkshire YCCC and has been selected for England U19s, North of England U17s, Yorkshire Academy and Yorkshire U17s. He will be in South Africa during February half term with the Yorkshire Academy for a two week tour.

Jonathan P, Dan C, Matthew A and Will H are now working with Durham Academy. Dan C, Jonny P, Darren L attended Adelaide Cricket Academy in the Summer.

Rhys D and Clarke D were nominated by Yorkshire to train on the ECB North programme and represented the North of England later in the summer. Rhys D has now moved from Yorkshire and he, too, has joined Durham Academy and has been training with them during the winter.

# TEAM QE SPORTS UPDATE

## FOOTBALL

We have played fixtures against three professional clubs so far this season- Leeds United Academy, Bradford City Academy and Doncaster Rovers Academy - which has given our students a fantastic learning experience.



Our teams have also enjoyed some challenging competition against university teams already this year, including York University and Durham University.



It was great to welcome former 1st team football captain and ISFA football representative Matthew Coleman back at QE last term. Matthew is currently studying accountancy in the USA on a football scholarship.

Ex-International and professional goalkeeper Michael Ingham, continues to pass on his knowledge and experience to our QE goalkeepers, with weekly coaching sessions.

Year 13 student Kian J has represented Doncaster Rovers U23s and U18s this season, as well as representing the ISFA U18 National team in fixtures against Australia and Wales Colleges, alongside his academic work at QE. Year 12 student John M represented the ISFA U17 National team in their fixture against Sheffield United Academy, as well as playing for semi-professional club Mickleover



Sports. Senior Football students Ashley H, Harrison B, Louis J and Tom T have all represented North Yorkshire U18s this season.

The 1st team have enjoyed regular competitive fixtures in the English Colleges Football Association Cat 1 Premier League this season. They will face Shrewsbury School in the semi-final of the Boodles ISFA National Cup, after defeating current holders Royal Russell and Bradfield College in the last 16 and Quarter Final respectively. They have also qualified the last 16 of the English Schools Football Association U18 Trophy. Our 2nd team reached the last 16 of the English Schools Football U18 B Team Cup.

King's Magna students Freddie F, Josh T, Tyrese T, Alex G, Freddie L, Sam H-S continue to represent York City Football Club Academy.

Girls' football continues to develop, with the senior girls enjoying regular training sessions, and some competitive fixtures for the Year 7 and 9 girls have already taken place.



## RUGBY

Our U9 and U10 teams took part in the ISA 7s tournament at Bedford in November, with great performances.

Ryan C, Zeno C and Lucas W have been selected for Yorkshire U16s county matches against Cheshire, Lancashire and Durham. Jonty M has also been selected for Yorkshire academy in the matches against Northampton and Newcastle Falcons.

Our 1st team are now preparing for the Rosslyn Park National School 7s in March with tournaments in Leicester, Worksop and the North of England 7s tournament – good luck all.

## BOARDING UPDATE

### ABBEY HOUSE REFURBISHMENT

I am pleased to inform you that stage one of Abbey Chambers refurbishment is finished and the first students have taken up residence at the start of this half term.

When we first began planning the refurbishment, students gave me consistent feedback: 'Please make it homely'. I set my Estates team this very challenge, and my goodness have they excelled themselves once again!

Our student bedrooms have been transformed to homely study bedrooms, with the old bunk beds taken out, and single beds put in their place. There is much more storage for clothing and belongings, along with a noticeboard by each bed for pictures and posters, to make the space personal. The all new en-suite bathrooms have a shower cubicle within them instead of a wet room (so no more wet socks!). Low level lighting options have also been included to create a cosy atmosphere.

Responding to other points made by our students, we have installed a new air-conditioning system with individual temperature controls in each room so that students have control over their living environment. Brand new windows have been fitted throughout the building too.

You may notice from the photos that there is an absence of a TV in each bedroom, allow me to explain. Having

received feedback from students, parents and staff that a much stronger emphasis on a central common room for all would be appreciated, we decided to trial the removal of TVs from bedrooms in Oak and Willow house this year. It appears to have been hugely popular and truly helped to bring the family of students within the building together into a close knit community, which of course is what we are all about here at QE.

Student rooms have therefore been designed to become more about being a personal space, to relax and study in, with common rooms and snugs designed as areas for socialising with friends. We have also found that the removal of TVs in bedrooms means a better quality of sleep for our students, which in turn supports their wellbeing.

I can hear you asking whether the common room and snugs are worth leaving your room for... well, all I can say is YES! Our newly created 'snugs' are smaller, more cosy rooms on each floor where you can watch TV, play games and generally catch up with friends.

They all have smart TVs for the ever popular movie nights, along with electronic gaming devices including a Sony Playstation and Xbox.

The common room is one larger central hub for the vertical boarding house and this is where our Estates team have truly enjoyed bringing their creativity into play. There is a high-quality, well-equipped and



A personal space to relax and study in



More storage for clothing and belongings

## BOARDING UPDATE

welcoming kitchen, with plenty of tables and chairs. An area with comfy sofas and another Smart TV make it easy to grab a drink and catch up on the shows of the day together. A craft table bursting with supplies will be a welcome addition by our creative students, and staff are already planning activities to put this to the test! Last but not least, we have created an area with café-style booths lit in an array of neon, where students can gather.

We feel that this is now a place with plenty of flexible space for the many different activities our students are involved in, as part of our boarding community. My hope is that it's the home from home that our students envisaged (and a bit more besides)!

So, who's moving in? Watson House will be moving into the new accommodation at the start of term, so as to keep any disruption to a minimum. The Estates team

will then move onto stages two and three, which we are aiming to complete for the start of September 2020.

I am already looking forward to my invite to tea and toast in the New Year to be able to hear what our students think of their new style rooms!

May I take this opportunity to thank our students and staff for their patience during the refurbishment.

If you have any boarding questions at all regarding the move, please email [lowercollegiateboarding@qe.org](mailto:lowercollegiateboarding@qe.org) for the attention of Lauren Blakeley and/or Tracy Holt.

If you have any other feedback, you are welcome to get in touch with me directly on [amy@qe.org](mailto:amy@qe.org).

**Amy Martin**  
Chief Executive Officer



A central hub to socialise



A high quality well equipped kitchen



A living space to relax in



One of our cosy new snugs

## TRIPS UPDATE

### STUDENTS WOWED BY BLACKPOOL'S CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

In October, students visited the seaside resort of Blackpool in order to experience the famous Christmas Illuminations event. Blackpool attracts millions of visitors even in the winter due to the spectacular illuminations which light up over six miles of the coastline.

Students experienced the 380ft Blackpool Tower Eye, where they stood on the glass viewing platform to see panoramic views of North West England.

Students also visited the famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom which features on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing and dates back to 1894 with its unique sprung dancefloor and spectacular architecture.

Finally, students were taken on a six-mile bus journey so they could view the illuminations one last time before heading back to school.

### STUDENTS ENJOY FESTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF BATH

December saw students visiting Bath for their residential trip to the city. They visited Bath Abbey to discover some of the city's history and experience its breathtaking architecture.

Highlights also included taking part in carol singing and learning about the history and spirit of Christmas.

Exploring the bustling Christmas markets was an enjoyable experience, giving students the opportunity to buy crafted home-made gifts and festive delights.

The students had the opportunity to also learn about Jane Austen's fascinating life and how her famous novels came about.

This vibrant city has been a fantastic location for our students who have had a thoroughly memorable experience!



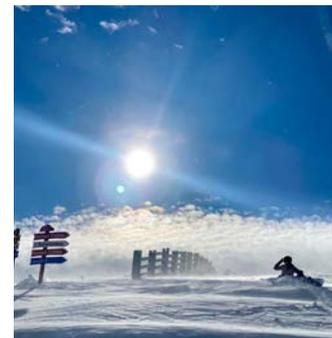
### QE COMPETES AT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS SKI & SNOWBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Les Deux Alpes, France

In December, students from QE took part in this new, unique trip aimed at technical, confident and fast skiers and snowboarders.

Students were selected to represent QE against other independent schools and participated in three days of expert race training and two days of competition.

There were races for each age category in giant slalom, individual slalom, team parallel slalom and night parallel slalom.

Highlights of the trip included meeting Jamie Barrow, a GB snowboarder and Guinness World Record holder. Students had a fantastic time competing in the several skiing and snowboarding events and enjoyed the good weather!



## ENRICHMENT DAY TRIP

14th June 2020 - Whitby by Steam Train - Year 3 to 10 - Starting from Pickering and making its way to the seaside resort of Whitby via Goathland (Harry Potter's Hogsmead Station), this trip will prove to be a magical, hauntingly fantastic trip, finishing off with traditional fish and chips with a beautiful seaside view before boarding the train back to Pickering.



## RESIDENTIAL TRIPS COMING UP THIS TERM...

East Coast Explorer - New York City & Washington DC, USA  
February half-term, Year 7 - 13

Ski the Milky Way! Sestriere, Italy  
February half-term, Year 4 - 11

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions, North Yorkshire  
March - May, Year 10 - 13

CCF Exercise Ares Challenge - Cyprus  
Easter, Year 8 - 13

Castles of the North - Northumberland, UK  
25th - 26th April, Year 6 - 13

Outdoor Education Trip - Lincoln, UK  
13th - 15th May, Year 6

Outdoor Education Trip - Skipton, UK  
13th - 15th May, Year 5

Summer Sights - London, UK  
15th - 17th May, Year 3 - 13

Community Project Zambia - Lower Zambezi  
June/July, Year 7 - 12

## COMMUNITY PROJECT ZAMBIA

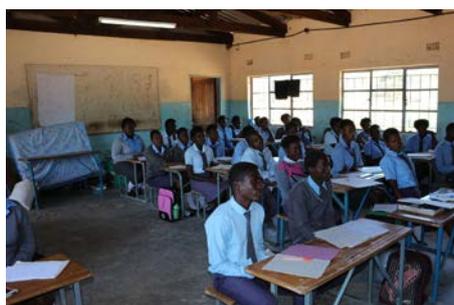
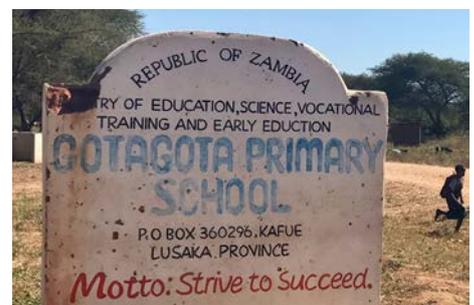
Be a part of something bigger than yourself!

Contribute to Community Project Zambia from right here at QE - donate clothes, sports kit or help fundraise and make classroom resources for Gota Gota School.

For those who can, join us as we return to Gota Gota School where we will complete maintenance

projects, teach sports and learn alongside the children in Zambia. Last year our trip was described as "beautiful, enriching and unforgettable!" by one of our attending students. It was also shortlisted for the School Travel Awards.

Join us this summer to make a real difference - the parent portal is now OPEN for sign ups!



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QE's own Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is made up of an Army Section (Yorkshire Regiment) and an RAF Section.

Being part of the CCF gives students the chance to develop real life leadership and team-building skills that help them achieve success in all areas of their education and later life.

Training is exciting and challenging, it places great emphasis on teamwork, self-reliance and responsibility. From learning life skills like first aid and orienteering to taking part in camping trips in the great outdoors, our CCF offers fun, friendship and adventure.

Here are some of the exciting trips and activities we have been involved in so far this year:

## SUMMER CAMP – NESSCLIFFE, SHROPSHIRE

In June cadets and adult staff travelled to Shropshire to take part in a weeklong annual summer camp - 'Exercise Yorkshire Warrior 19'.

During the week QE's cadets were competing against CCF contingencies from all over the country in a range of activities. These included shooting, military and combat skills, climbing, kayaking and caving. An exciting 24-hour exercise tested the cadets on their fieldcraft and self-reliance skills.

The camp culminated in all the CCF contingents battling against each other in a tug of war competition and a naval gun run. At the end of the week all our cadets' hard work and determination paid off as we were crowned 'Best Contingent on Camp'.



## RAF LOSSIEMOUTH

During October half term three RAF cadets attended RAF Lossiemouth, Scotland to see first-hand what an active station is like as a Regular and Reservist.

They experienced a number of roles within the camp including the Mountain Rescue Team and the Royal Auxiliary Regiment where they were able to get hands on with the equipment. The highlight of the week was the visit to 1 (Fighter) Typhoon Squadron, responsible for Quick Reaction Alerts to unidentified aircraft entering UK airspace.

All cadets were complimented throughout the week on their turnout and the high level of skill they brought to camp. Special praise went to Lcpl Gareth Hawkswell for his role in commanding a Foot Drill competition at the end of the week in front of the Station Warrant Officer. A huge congratulations to all for a very enjoyable camp with plenty of friends made.



## REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Pilot Officer Amy Cox organised a Remembrance Parade on Monday 11th November involving all cadets as well as children from the Brownies and Rainbows. Padre Gareth Evans lead the service and Cadet Hannah Wardman gave a reading. Wreaths were laid by Steven Jandrell, Major Steve Emerson and the Brownies.

The senior cadets impressed with their drill skills and it was a great opportunity for forty new recruits to be introduced to their first military parade. The event was a great success and was very well attended by members of the school community.



## EARLY AMERICAN SUCCESS FOR FORMER QE FOOTBALL SCHOLAR



Jack Downes, a former QE student and football scholar (Class of 2019), had a taste of success in America with his new football team, Trinity Men's Soccer. A win against the University of the Incarnate Word Athletics in August was a great pre-season success for Jack and the whole team.

Jack started school with us in September 2017 to take his A Levels and has achieved so much in such a short time.

We were delighted to be able to talk to Jack before he left QE about how he found out about the scholarships and what he had to do to get to where he is now.

How did you first hear about the opportunity and what was the application process?

*"I first heard about the scholarships at a presentation by Future Elite Sports. After the presentation I was inspired to do my own research and I quickly realised that it was something that I wanted to apply for. I signed up to an agency who has links to all the different colleges in America and as part of the application process I had to make a video of my football highlights as well as take the SAT test which is the exam that American*

*students take to get into colleges there."*

Do you play for any specific clubs whilst you're there?

*"I will start as a freshman...that's what they call their first years there, and you eventually work your way into the different divisions which helps you to get recognised by various clubs. College football is really big in America so there is huge competition between all of the different Colleges."*

What do you look forward to most?

*"I think that they will have excellent facilities, like QE, the gym, pitches and everything else. I am also looking forward to developing more as a player and experiencing a different way of living."*

How has QE helped you to get on to this programme?

*"Training every day, playing in the Colleges' League and Independent Schools' National Team has helped me to develop as a player. I have been able to create my highlights video using QE's facilities with the football pitches and the gym which has been helpful."*

What is your biggest achievement during your time at QE?

*"Last year I represented the Independent Schools National Team which was a huge achievement for me."*

What is your end goal? Would you like to stay in America after college, or do you think you'll come back to the UK to continue your football career here?

*"I am not entirely sure right now but there is a chance to get drafted into the Major League Soccer after college. If that doesn't happen then I would like to work in the sports and fitness industry."*



LEFT:  
JACK DOWNES  
PLAYING AGAINST  
SHEFFIELD  
WEDNESDAY U18S AT  
QE LAST TERM

### OE ENTREPRENEUR SPEAKS AT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Each year we celebrate QE's birthday with a meal and a speech by an Old Ethelburgian. This year the speech was delivered by Josh Schofield. It was a pleasure to have Josh back with us to celebrate the School Birthday, telling us about his time at QE and about what he is doing now.

This year Josh has set up his own business called PGC1-Coaching; an online coaching company specialising in endurance running training. He provides monthly training plans for athletes of all levels. In addition he also provides nutritional support and analysis for athletes and people aiming to improve their health.

Josh continues to compete himself alongside supporting his own athletes from PGC1-Coaching, he is now running as a Senior Man in the current cross country season.



### OE REUNION 2019

This year's Old Ethelburgian reunion was a real success, with cocktails, canapes, and a casino, OEs, staff and current prefects thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Over sixty OEs in attendance were given tours by our sixth form prefects. The OEs were also treated to a sneak preview from the school's production of Chicago. As well as fantastic up close tricks from magician Jordan O'Grady, the guests were entertained by local band Twin Set & Pearls, and all enjoyed playing on the casino tables.

The person with the most money at the end of the evening won a bottle of Champagne. Josh L and Tom W won big on the night and won the coveted prize!



## SUVA MA'ASI SIGNS DEAL WITH CORNISH PIRATES RUGBY TEAM

Ex QE student Suva Ma'asi has signed a deal with Cornish Pirates. The rugby player has been part of Northampton and Yorkshire Carnegie's academies and follows in his father's footsteps, Viliami Ma'asi, who was a hooker for The Cornish Pirates and Tonga.

The Cornish Pirates Director of Rugby, Chris Stirling, said of signing Suva "In the process of converting from a midfield back into a hooker, Suva is someone who has all the attributes. With an excellent work ethic and character, he ticks the boxes and is an outstanding young man."



## STUDYING FOR A PHD IN SWEDEN

Sophie O'Kane, a science enthusiast and Old Ethelburgian left QE some five years ago but her education did not stop there.

Now studying for a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience in Sweden, she uses virtual reality and perceptual illusions to give participants the experience that they own an entire artificial body.

Sophie's research requires her to apply neuro-imaging techniques to investigate how the brain builds this percept toward advance neuro-prosthetics, as well as knowledge in both health and disease.

Sophie told us that "For me, the very best thing about scientific research is that, once you have analysed the data, you know something that no one else in the whole world knows.

There is so much we don't know, especially perhaps in psychology and neuroscience, both clinical and cognitive. It is a very exciting time to be a part of it."

Old Ethelburgian and current QE staff member, Mr Mason, is a PE teacher and pastoral coordinator who enjoys the great team spirit that comes with working at QE as well as sharing best practise with his colleagues.

After spending his school life at QE, Mr Mason attended Leeds Trinity University where he studied sports development and physical education.

Even after leaving QE and returning as a member of staff, Mr Mason continues to develop his skills by learning from the staff and students that he works with.



## TEACHING PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN BARCELONA



Megan (top row, 4th from right) with her QE hockey team.

23 year-old Megan Lashbrook, class of 2012, attended QE from year 7 to year 13. After completing her sixth form studies, Megan studied Physical Education BA(Hons) at Leeds Beckett University followed by a PGCE. She was swiftly employed by the British School of Barcelona and is thriving in what is now her second year of teaching there.

"I couldn't have got this far without the help of the PE department at QE, they were always so supportive and ensured that I did my best during my GCSEs and BTECs" says Megan. Some of Megan's favourite memories of QE are the impressive Christmas tree, PE lessons and representing the school in many sports including netball, hockey, athletics and rounders.



Thursday 6th February 2020

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With distinctive dance routines, full costume changes, live vocals with harmonies and a chance to meet and greet the act, it's a throwback 90's night not to be missed.

Watch the show trailer at: [www.pinktributes.co.uk](http://www.pinktributes.co.uk)

For tickets and information, visit:  
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## QE'S 11TH ANNUAL GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY

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# THE PILLOWMAN

BY MARTIN MCDONAGH

DIRECTED BY JONATHAN NEAVES

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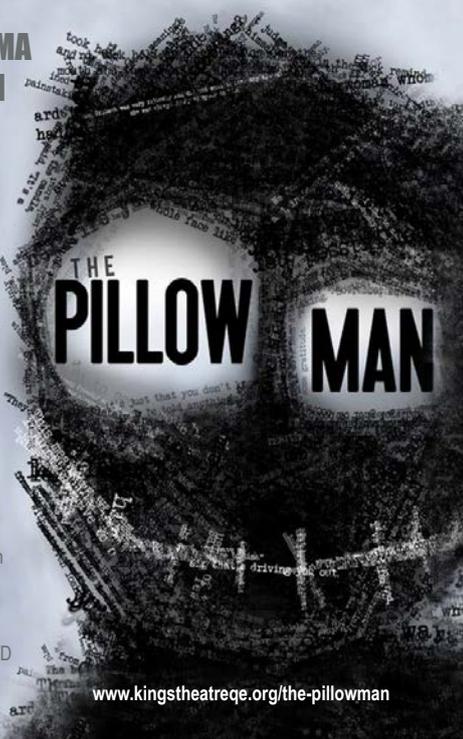
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**THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2020 AT 7.30 PM**  
**TICKETS £18 / £12 / £9**

Performing to thousands of fans worldwide and making history by being the first Elvis tribute artist to perform at the New Wembley Stadium to over 50,000 people, Rob brings you a brand new high octane show. All costumes, instruments and stage setting is authentically recreated to give the feel and energy of a live Elvis concert.

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Can the Power of Storytelling Save a Young Queen?  
Featuring Students from King's Magna

**Arabian Nights**  
A New, Musical Adaptation

Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7 PM

**TICKETS**  
£6 / £3

In King Shahrayar's palace, the new queen, Shahrazad, is to be put to death like many brides before her, but luckily she has the one gift that can save her - the gift of storytelling. So, with a mischievous imagination and a silver tongue, Queen Shahrazad paints a dazzling array of stories, characters and strange, magical worlds populated by singing trees, giant beasts and crafty thieves.

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## UPCOMING EVENT LISTING

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020 –  
Choral Speaking Competition, King's Theatre

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020 - Chapter  
House Open Morning

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2020 – End of  
Half Term

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST  
FEBRUARY 2020 - Camp QE

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2020 – Back  
to School

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2020 – Year 11  
Social

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2020 –  
King's Magna Social and Little Grimm Tales  
Family Show, King's Theatre

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020 – Spice  
Girls Experience, King's Theatre

THURSDAY 26TH – SATURDAY 28TH  
MARCH 2020 – The Pillowman (Senior  
School Production), King's Theatre

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2020 – The  
Big Bard Bout Student Competition, King's  
Theatre

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2020 – End of Spring  
Term

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2020 – Back to  
School for Summer Term

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2020 - Chapter  
House Open Morning

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2020 – OE vs.  
QE

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2020 - Whole  
School Open Day

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020 – Bank Holiday

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2020 – Justin  
Moorhouse Comedian, King's Theatre

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020 – Mr Stink by  
David Walliams, Open Air Theatre

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2020 – Sports  
Dinner

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2020 – End of Half  
Term

MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2020 – Back to  
School

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2020 – A Vision of  
Elvis Tribute Act, King's Theatre

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2020 – End of  
Year Student Party

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2020 – Leavers  
Service and Drinks Reception

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2020 – Speech  
Day, Leavers Ball at York Racecourse and End  
of School Year

SUNDAY 21ST – SATURDAY 27TH JUNE  
2020 – The Wizard of Oz, Open Air Theatre

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR  
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