



6th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

School Closure

I wanted to write to you to share some information about the school's responses to recent adverse weather conditions and also its response to the subsequent localised water issues faced by Affinity Water customers.

I was very pleased that my staff demonstrated their commitment and professionalism last week to such an extent that enabled me to keep the school open during the days when it was snowing.

The decision to close a school is never taken lightly. A number of things are taken into account including the conditions on site and around the site, transport flow to and from the area and the likely staff student ratio. Last week, although all of these considerations had different conclusions on each day, however, collectively they enabled us to keep the school open. Of course on each of the three days it was parental choice to send daughters to school, as much as it was staff choice to make the journey themselves.

It has therefore been very frustrating that yesterday and today we have not been able to open the school due to local water supply issues. On such occasions, consideration is taken regarding Mains water coming into school and Tank levels, ensuring that there are adequate and appropriate supplies for drinking, washing hands, cooking and toilet requirements. Yesterday the school had no Mains supply at all. Tank levels could not be guaranteed (some tanks require specialist equipment for access).

During the course of today, water returned to some taps in the Meadway building, at low pressure. This evening we have checked all areas again. There is water flow to all taps and toilets at appropriate pressure. The school will therefore be open as usual from tomorrow, Wednesday 7th March.

I would like to take the opportunity to apologise for all the disruption caused by school closure. I am aware that family members work and that organising unplanned childcare is challenging.

Of course a number of school arrangements have had to be postponed such as Mock Examinations, Year 9 Options Interviews and the QEGSA Committee Meeting. Staff will be contacting families involved in each of these events with information on new arrangements. I am particularly mindful of the difficulties of preparing for examinations on a particular day to find they are not going ahead. This has added to our frustration this week but I am confident you will be supporting your daughters to move forward with their revision, as we will be doing when they return to school.

Tennis Coaching Programme

On a different and positive note I am very pleased to be able to announce a new partnership that the school has entered into, to offer a professional tennis coaching programme for our students after school, at weekends and during the holidays. There will be some opportunity for other family members to be involved too. Together with my letter, I am forwarding you one to all our families from Lucy Dean, the Director of LDN Tennis Ltd. Lucy is a Level 5 LTA Coach and also has a number of other accreditations. Please read Lucy's letter which contains all the information about the programme.

I am delighted to put our eight tennis courts into action for our students as an extra-curricular activity, offering professional coaching at a reduced rate. I am particularly taken with Lucy's vision of an army of QEGS tennis players.

Swimming Pool Update

The new bespoke boiler has been fitted and maintenance issues are all nearly resolved. We are now awaiting the arrival and installation of the new bespoke dehumidifier. Everything is looking hopeful for the school to resume use of the pool from the start of the Summer term. Sourcing the appropriate engineers to manufacture these items, as bespoke for our pool and waiting for their manufacture and delivery has taken considerable time. We are fortunate to have another engineer ready to fit the dehumidifier as soon as is practicable after it arrives.

Spring Music Concert

Finally, news of our Spring Music Concert. The students' performances at the end of the Autumn Term were of such quality and joy that we wanted to give them another opportunity to perform and also to give ourselves another treat in hearing them. We were originally planning a January event but all involved felt if we left it until later in the term, more pieces and students would be ready for performance. I am told the time has arrived. Well actually, the time has almost arrived. We would be delighted to see as many of you as possible here in school on the evening of Wednesday 28th March for our Spring Concert; an evening of eclectic music and song. Please look out for a letter of invitation which will arrive in due course, from our Director of Music, Mr Gideon Miller.

Yours faithfully



Violet Walker
Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that LDNTennis will from this Easter Holidays be developing a Tennis Programme for the students of Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School.

I am the Director of LDN Tennis, a Level 5 LTA Accredited Coach working in North London for the past 6 years running Club and Schools programmes. I was awarded Middlesex Coach of the Year Award 2012 and I am the LTA Women and Girls Ambassador for Middlesex. I have a team of experienced and qualified LTA coaches who will be working alongside me to deliver the tennis at Queen Elizabeth's.

We will be offering Term time coaching for all the Year Groups as well as Holiday Camps. We are offering an Early Bird Offer of 10% off all our sessions if you book in by Sunday 18th March.

We will be running other opportunities too such as competition, individual coaching, free play and tennis leader training to name a few. We will be offering coaching to non-students as well on Saturday mornings from 3 years to 18 years and also a comprehensive adult programme - so no excuses to not get on a tennis court with your daughter/s too!

To book onto the term time courses available please go to www.ldntennis.com/book-online and click on Queen Elizabeth's Girls', the Camps will be there also.

We are excited to be working at Queen Elizabeth's and will be introducing ourselves to all the girls with some taster sessions in the last week of this term (hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer by then!)

Sincerely,

Lucy Dean
Director, LDNTennis LTD



Tennis Coaching at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

Summer Term (12 weeks - 16th April to 22nd July)

We are offering group tennis coaching for all year groups at Queen Elizabeth's for the Summer Term. We will work on all the different strokes and introduce the different game situations in singles and doubles. The sessions are suitable for all standards. We will split the girls into groups depending on levels, giving them the best environment to get them playing and enjoying the game.

Year 7 - Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm

Year 8 - Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm

Year 9 - Tuesdays 4.15-5.15pm

Year 10 - Thursdays 4.15-5.15pm

Year 11 - Tuesdays 5.15-6.15pm

Years 12&13 (Sixth Form) - Thursdays 5.15-6.15pm

Pricing - *EARLY BIRD OFFER 10% OFF* £99 for the 12 week term (offer expires on 18/03, full price £110)

Holiday Camps

We offer full day (8.30am-5.30pm) and half day options, either the morning session (8.30am-1.30pm) or the afternoon session (12.30pm-5.30pm). Each day we will work on a different game situation - rallying, attacking, defending, serve & return and approaching the net. In the morning we will focus on drills and in the afternoon matchplay. There will be indoor provision in case of bad weather and toilet and changing facilities on site. Participants need to bring their own lunch and snacks.

Easter Holiday Camps

Week 1 - Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April

Week 2 - Monday 9th April to Friday 13th April

May Half Term Camps - Tuesday 29th May to Friday 1st June

Summer Holiday Camps

Week 1 - Monday 23rd July to Friday 27th July

Week 2 - Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August

Week 3 - Monday 6th August to Friday 10th August

Week 4 - Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August

Week 5 - Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August

Week 6 - Tuesday 28th August to Friday 31st August

Pricing (10% Early Bird Offer in brackets, expires on 18/03)

5x days - £234 (£210.60) or 5x half days - £117 (£105.30)

4x days - £182 (£163.80) or 4x half days - £91 (£81.90)

1x day - £52 (£46.80) or 1x half day - £26 (£23.40)

Individual Coaching

We also offer individual or shared coaching for pupils. Please email the Coaching Team directly to arrange.

Email: admin@ldntennis.co.uk

Website: www.ldntennis.com