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Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School In The News *ITN*



Welcome to our first Newsletter for the academic year 2018/19. The year got off to an excellent start following on from the celebrations of our students' Public Examination results in the summer. Our dedication to the learning of our students and staff has resulted in record results. Our Year 13 leavers have gone on to diverse courses of study across the UK and abroad, the majority to their first choice of establishment. Information on destinations and courses follows later in the newsletter.

– Violet Walker, Headteacher

Welcome to our New Year 7 Students and our New Year 12 students

Following on from our first day of continuing professional development for staff, we were all delighted to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts on Tuesday 4th September. Their first day was taken up with photographs for their student record, understanding our expectations, systems and processes and logistics. Finding their way across the campus and taking note of the UPstairs and DOWNstairs was a source of some amusement to those of us who have mastered the challenge of the maize! Although they are still in the Novice stage, we are confident they will be Masters very soon.



Sixth form Team Building Day

The annual team building challenge in central London gave the Year 13 students an opportunity to bond with their new fellow sixth formers on Wednesday 5th September. They travelled to London accompanied by Miss Southwell, Miss Ward and a number of fun-natured and London-savvy sixth form Tutors. The challenge is to decipher clues that identify famous London landmarks, travel to them on foot and take the most creative photograph imaginable to prove the visit. As you can see from the photograph, it was a grey day!



Prize Evening and Graduation Ceremony

This took place on Thursday 6 September in the school hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Year 11 and Year 13 students who had graduated from their Key Stage 4 and school experience, respectively. Annual prizes through bequests to the school since its foundation in 1888, were awarded to students across all year groups according to the expectations of the bequest. We were delighted to welcome back past student Jane Duncan, the Immediate Past President of RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects). Jane gave a very amusing and highly inspirational talk to the students, families and staff who gathered to celebrate the girls' achievements. Everyone particularly enjoyed the refreshments that followed, providing an opportunity for everyone to catch up and bid farewell accordingly. Canapés and drinks were ably served by our sixth form officers and contemplative music was enjoyed ahead of the event by courtesy of one of our talented musicians, Katie Tanner in Year 11.



“I am so proud to be a QE Girl”

Year 7 Student speech at Open Evening

Open Evening



This took place on Thursday 13th September. Yet again, we were overwhelmed again with the number of visitors to our school. This year we had 1600 enthusiastic members of our local communities queuing around the corner between Meadway and the High Street. They were waiting to collect tickets for one of the Headteacher's three talks and also to visit every department around the school site, all departments eagerly waiting with activities to demonstrate the wonder and awe of learning here at our school. Mrs Walker was very proud to be accompanied on the speaker's platform by our Head Girl, Chloe Njuguna, Year 13 and two of our newest students, Sara Pakoglu and Elizabeth Hanley in Year 7 who were already very complimentary about their school after only eight days of QE life! Over 600 of our students acted as guides at our Open Evening and we were delighted with the accolades they received. Feedback received on the night, and from emails and letters received afterwards all indicates that we will, once again, be oversubscribed for September 2019!



The Girls' Network

We are proud to be partnered with this inspirational organisation which believes, in resonance with our own school ethos, that no girl should have their future limited by their background, gender or parental income. Our students were delighted to be invited to take part in a professional photo shoot with David Hubert, for Stylist magazine on Saturday 16th September. The girls were praised for their talent and articulate conversation during an interview for an accompanying article. Successful women in business and industry give up their time to mentor students over a period of one year, giving opportunity to network in areas of interest for their future careers. These important relationships develop beyond school life and at the same time, help frame a vision for the girls' futures.



Work Experience Information Evening for Year 11 Families

This took place on Tuesday 25th September in the school hall. Miss Myatt who leads on Careers and Mrs Douglas who supports her, presented information for students to begin the process of identifying and securing a valuable work experience for themselves next July. Further information and every necessary support will be available as the year unfolds.

Sixth Form Welcome Evening

This took place on Thursday 27th September in the school hall. It was an opportunity for families to meet and hear from the Head of Sixth Form and her Deputy, something about the timeline of events for Year 12 students over the next two years, to hear about their curriculum, systems and expectations and progression information. Mr Jones, Deputy Head who works with the sixth form team, shared some detail of this year's outstanding Public Examination results. Mrs Walker welcomed families to the school and at the end of the evening hosted a Q&A session. Mrs Walker will be offering these sessions at all year group information evenings throughout the year – an opportunity to ask her any questions related to your daughter's education at the school. Also on hand at this sixth form event was one of the Trustees of the Governing Body. It is hoped that a Board of Trustees representative might be available at all of Mrs Walker's Q&A sessions.

Destinations and Courses for Year 13, 2018

<u>Course</u>	<u>Institution Name</u>
Accounting and Finance	University of Hertfordshire
Adult Nursing	City University London
Art Foundation	Central St Martins
Art Foundation	Kensington and Chelsea College
Astrophysics	University of Hertfordshire
Biology	University of Sussex
Chemistry with Pharmacology	University of Birmingham
Child Nursing	City University London

Civil Engineering	Newcastle University
Dance Performance	Middlesex University London
Engineering	Coventry University
English	University of Bristol
English and Media	London Metropolitan University
English Literature	University of Warwick
Filmmaking	London Metropolitan University
Foundation Built Environment	Oxford Brookes University
History	University College London
History	University of Liverpool
History and Sociology	University of Manchester
Law	University of Edinburgh
Law	University of Hertfordshire
Law	University of Law
Law	University of Southampton
Law and Sociology	University of Warwick
Make-Up for Media and Performance	Arts University Bournemouth
Mathematics	University of Hertfordshire
Mathematics	University of Nottingham
Mechanical Engineering	University of Sussex
Medical Biochemistry	University of Leicester
Medicine	Sofia University, Bulgaria
Music	Royal Holloway University of London
Pharmacy	King's College London
Pharmacy	University of Reading
Pharmacy with Foundation	University of Reading
Philosophy	Birkbeck, University of London
Physiotherapy	Brunel University London

Politics and International Relations	University of Bristol
Politics, Philosophy and Law	University of Warwick
Product Design	Middlesex University London
Psychology	Aberystwyth University
Psychology	Oxford Brookes University
Psychology	University of Westminster
Social Anthropology	University of Kent University
Sociology	Bath Spa University
Sociology	Sheffield Hallam University
Sociology	University of Brighton
Sport and Exercise Science	Oxford Brookes University
Veterinary Medicine	University of Surrey
Zoology	University of Sussex

***“You can really only enjoy
life when you're extremely
busy.”***

Josephine de La Baume

Dates for Your Diary

For further details of all events, please visit our website and use the following link to the school calendar pages:

<https://www.qegschool.org.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=6&viewid=1>

October

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- Half Day Closure for students
- Year 8 & 9 Information Evening for Families followed by Headteacher Q&A session

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- Year 12 Photography students' visit to The Photographer's Gallery

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- Year 11 Drama Students' visit to the Chickenshed Theatre
- Year 7 Assessment without Levels and Tutor Meet Evening for Families followed by Headteacher Q&A session

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- Year 12 Create your Future visit to the ExCel

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- Year 10 Information Evening for Families followed by Headteacher Q&A session
- Sixth Form Drama students' visit to The Park Theatre
- Sixth Form English Literature students' visit to the Emmanuel Centre to hear academics discuss Drama and Poetry pre-1900 pieces related to their exam specification

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- Half term Holiday Week

November

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- Sixth Form Open Evening

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- Half Day Closure for students

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- Year 11 Progress Evening

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- Year 12 Parents Evening

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- Year 11 English Literature students visit to the Barbican Theatre

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- Year 13 Parents Evening

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- Year 12 students visit the Arts Depot

The school calendar, news and events items, letters from school, statutory policies, curriculum, governance, exam performance data, inspection reports and other information, the school and the sixth form prospectus are all available on the school website www.qegschool.org.uk

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