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



Welcome to our penultimate edition for the autumn term. During the term, our students have celebrated Eid and Divali while Hanukkah starts on 2 December and Christmas is fast approaching. I mention these as the four celebrations of the main beliefs represented among our families. We are aware that there are others too and that for some of our families, there are no “belief” systems that provide specific celebrations. Particularly worthy of note, is that in our school, we respect the views of everyone and we celebrate the diversity that we are all privileged to experience.

This month the school has busied itself with assessments, Mock Examinations and Progress Evenings. Thank you for your feedback received at Progress Evenings. Feedback is important to our continual refinement of provision.

A reminder that we are looking forward to welcoming you at our Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St John the Baptist's Church, Wood Street, Barnet. It starts at 7.00pm and is welcoming of all faiths and also to those of no belief sets.



## Students commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day



Throughout November, a number of students have been working hard to produce 100 poppies to commemorate the 100th anniversary since the ending of The First World War in 1918. Students from Year 7 through to Sixth Form have contributed to making poppies in a variety of different ways from origami to crochet. Many students gave up their lunch breaks to help the Humanities Faculty with the project and they have produced some emotive displays, one of which is included above.

## Speak Out Challenge

On Thursday 22nd November 50 students took part in the first stage of the Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge through a workshop that provides training in speaking, listening and confidence building skills. The students involved were a credit to themselves, producing very passionate speeches by the end of the day. The coordinators gave very positive feedback about working with them.

Congratulations to our finalists Louise Bett, Amira Korissi, Rosheah Lewis, Brigitte Mpela, Batool Sani and Trixie Smith. The overall winner will go forward to compete in the regional finals on 24th January so we look forward to finding out who that is!

*Ms Madden; Head of Year 9*

## Sports Awards

The Sports Awards 2018 took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Arts Depot, Pentland Theatre, North Finchley.

We were all very excited to be part of the event where a professional photographer was on hand. Having achieved a series of successes throughout the year, the school was very proud to see the girls celebrated in this way.

*Ms Matty; Head of PE*

## Musical Performances at the start of Assembly

This term we have enjoyed a variety of performance pieces by students from all year groups, at the start of each assembly. This has been an enriching experience for the performers and has certainly supported their confidence. The students and staff present at each assembly have appreciated the considerable talents of our students. One Year 8 performer has kindly shared her mature thoughts on all of this and they are included here:

*I have performed in many assemblies. Many people say that performing is really nerve-racking. In my opinion it's the complete opposite. Performing gets me into a zone where, you're going onto something that you've never stepped into before, a whole new level. Yes, there may be people staring at you, but I don't look back at them, I look where I feel happy. When you get into that "zone", you don't even think about the people, you think about the music and the beautiful melody. Just as long as something flows, then you'll be fine. If you have a song you want to express and show everyone, performing it is the best way forward. By performing, you know how it feels to express yourself, to so many people. This makes me feel more calm then nervous.*

*Mr Verma; Teacher of Music*

## The Christmas Fair

We are all appreciative of the great team work that went on between the QEGSA committee and supporters and school staff, with school arrangements on the day co-ordinated by Mr Haines. It was a huge success and helped QEGSA raise over £2000 to support the school in a number of ways. Everyone who visited the Fair was full of praise for the quality of the stalls and their products and services! Certainly there was a loud buzz of excitement about the place with the hall filled with festive cheer! Wonderful to see families, friends, students and staff coming together for pleasure in support of our school. We could not ask for more. Thank you QEGSA!



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

*Josephine de La Baume*

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## 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>

### December

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- Year 7 multi-agency presentation to educate young people about the consequences of crime, not only for the offender but also for family, friends, victims and wider community

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- Christmas Carol Service at St John's Barnet. All are welcome regardless of beliefs – students, families and friends will enjoy a variety of musical and other performance pieces from our students.

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- Last day of autumn term. Term ends at 12.00pm.

### January 2019

#### Spring term starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

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- First day of spring term

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- Sixth Form Experience Day for Year 11 students

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- Year 11 Parents' Evening

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- Year 12 Politics students visit the theatre to see a production of “I'm not running”

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- Year 9 DTP and Meningitis A, C, W, Y vaccinations

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- Year 12 and Year 13 Progress Evening

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

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