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# Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School In The News

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Interestingly, the word February is born from the Latin word Februarius. This comes from Latin februare meaning to “purify” or “expiate.” In ancient Rome, Februarius was the “Month of Purification”. Research tells me that ancient Rome would celebrate during the month with great festivities to re-establish the empire’s focus on righteous living. It is fortuitously appropriate that I am able to share a link to the school’s Behaviour for Learning Policy, recently reviewed by the school’s Governing Board. It is available on the school website at

<https://www.qegschool.org.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=21>

February is also generally identified in the northern hemisphere as marking the final month of winter. We have certainly been somewhat spoilt and surprised by sunshine and warmth during this last week of only three school weeks in February. Students and staff have been their usual busy selves.

## A Level Photography Specialist Workshops - Photo-shoot Master class



Before half term the professional photographer Michael Brosnan came in to school to run a Photo-shoot workshop for our Year 12 photographers. Michael Brosnan talked about his practice, his relationship to photography and ran a creative studio photo-shoot, embracing the spirit of experimentation and play.

The students developed their skills in light metering, exposure settings and swapped roles as the model and the photographer to create a photographic studio environment.



## Darkroom visit to Holborn Studios

Students visited the historic family owned Holborn Studios in Hoxton, where iconic names such as Kate Moss and Madonna have been photographed, to work with professional portrait photographer Bill Ling. Students worked in the darkroom to learn about traditional printing using chemicals to develop their own prints from film cameras.

Here are some of the student's comments:

“When we walked into the Holborn studios it was great to get a feel of a large working creative space with people setting up photo shoots and working together on projects.

I had never developed film before, thus during the visit I learnt lots of new techniques and tricks, such as how to put film on a roll in the dark. Seeing and doing things yourself is very useful for understanding a new process. This trip was very beneficial, and I now feel more confident when it comes to the technical side of photography. I have really enjoyed using film and I would like to continue using it within my work.”

“Once we went into the building, we were shown into two studio spaces where there was a massive white wall. The back of the studio was painted white, so that it seemed like the wall would go on forever. We were also told that people were able to bring in a car into the massive studio to photograph!”

Then we went upstairs to the dark room, where we were shown the measurements of the liquid not exposing it to light, so the film wouldn't get damaged. We then went into the room next door, where we were able to make contact sheets. During the process of making this contact sheet, the main lights had to be turned off, and only red safety lights could be used. Once the lights were off, the special paper

was exposed to light, with the original film over the paper, then the paper was put into the chemicals and then washed to fully develop the photograph.’



## My Review of Councillor Longstaff's visit



On Tuesday 5th February, a Councillor named David Longstaff, who was a former Mayor of Barnet, came to visit our school. He came to our school to see the research that we have collected from the questionnaires that we made in our PSICHE lessons and got the residents of Barnet to fill in. The aim of our research was to find out what people thought of the area and work of the council.

Once we had gathered all of the results from the questionnaires, we put our results and research into posters, PowerPoints and professional videos. We presented our work to Councillor Longstaff who was interested in our results and he seemed very impressed. After we had shown him our presentation, we asked him questions about what it is like to be a councillor. We asked questions such as 'How long have you been a councillor?', 'What made you want to become a councillor?', 'What are the good and bad things about being a councillor?' He answered all of our questions fully and in as much detail as possible. Councillor Longstaff said that he would also take many of our ideas into consideration and try to make some improvements within the Barnet area. During his talk we learnt about the services the council runs and which services are controlled by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

Overall, I think that Councillor Longstaff enjoyed our presentation and the class enjoyed talking to him.

*Lily Reynolds 8CHY*



## A Level Economics Students studying the Local Economy

We visited the High Street in Chipping Barnet to ask shop owners some questions about their stores and businesses. We also kept a record of how many vacant shops there were and the kind of shops available on the High Street. We went to shops such as a music shop, an art shop and a Bentley car showroom. We asked questions about online shopping, Brexit and future anticipations for 2019. When we visited the Bentley showroom, we found that that the flagship model was £300,000 which is more expensive than the average UK house price of £225,621. We also visited the estate agents at "Martyn Gerrard". One of them said that the housing market in Barnet is strong because many people want to move into the area due to the quality of local schools.

It was interesting to talk to many owners and employees of both chain and independent stores and understand how they currently feel about their businesses and the country's current



situation. We would recommend this activity to next year's students of Economics. We had an insightful experience rather than a textbook impression.

*Amelia Diomedes and Sophie Peerless Year 12*



*The Spires Shopping Centre, Chipping Barnet*

## Library News

Our annual visits to the local public library are about to start. On Tuesday mornings during this half term, Year 7 students will walk to the library and have the opportunity to join if not already members. The visit includes an orientation task in pairs. The visits take place during one period allocated to English.



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. In celebration of this, £1 book tokens will be given to students which they can exchange for a free book. The Library has copies of the titles which the students can select from. Alternatively, they can use them in book shops or supermarkets too in exchange from a limited selection of free books or to reduce the price of any other book.

To celebrate World Book Day there will be a competition to see *Who is behind the book?* Images will be posted inside the Library and on notice boards outside.

*Miss Aldridge, School Librarian*

## Artwork in the Community

Throughout 2019, Barnet Libraries are holding a *Year of Learning* with a variety of activities and events tied into a different theme every month. The Art Department are proud to be part of the programme working with Chipping Barnet Library in High Barnet. We have been exhibiting artwork under February's theme of 'Get Creative'. The exhibition contains portrait work in oil, acrylic and mixed media.



## WisePay App now available

The advantages of the App are that parents can store their card details. Each card will need to be stored against each bank account that you use to make online payments. This will speed up checkout and also provides a 'quick top-up' option for cashless catering. Once logged in to the App, parents do not need to log in again. The desktop and mobile version of your WisePay Service will remain; the App is an additional option.

The App is available for download now but parents/carers will require our unique 'Organisation Code' to activate the App on their mobile. The Organisation code is made available to you on WisePay at the time of launch. The Quick Guide on the next page gives you more information.



*Lebanese Food, Caterlink*

# How to Install the WisePay App

Once you have downloaded the WisePay App, you will need to register an account.

This is a simple 3 step process.



## Step 1

### Organisation Code

You will need to enter your schools Organisation Code. You can find this code under the "My Wise Account" section after you log into WisePay.



## Step 2

### Username and Password

Enter your existing WisePay Username and Password.

**!** Make sure you use the same username and password that you currently use to log into your Wise Account.



## Step 3

### Account Name

Enter the account name of the Student you wish to make a payment for.

**!** This name **MUST** match the name stored on WisePay



## All Done !

Once your registration is complete click the **"NEXT"** button to be taken your account screen.

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*"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>

### March

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- Year 7 Parents' Evening

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- Year 12 Psychology Students attend Phobias Workshop at London Zoo

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- Year 10 Geography Epping Forrest Field Trip to gain experience of fieldwork

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- Year 12 Post 18 Information Evening

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- Year 8 Parents' Evening

### April

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- Year 11 Progress Evening

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- Last day of Spring Term

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- KS4 French students visit to Nice, returning April 12

23

- First day of Summer Term

25

- Year 11 Drama Students theatre visit to see Woman in Black

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- Year 12 Biology Field Trip to Dorking, returning April 29

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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