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Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School In The News

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Welcome to our May Newsletter. Our written Public Examinations are underway and our students are rising to the challenge. On Friday 18th May we enjoyed the Year 13 Leavers assembly and yesterday on Thursday 23rd May, after the English Literature Paper, we held our usual farewell assembly to our Year 11 students as they started their study leave. Of course all our staff have scheduled revision classes throughout the exam period but we understand that for some students, there is merit in independent study at home. On Monday 13th May, Barnet Museum had kindly invited me to speak to the Historical Society in Barnet. I was pleased to give a talk as part of their afternoon lecture programme, on the history of our school and its place in the community. It was a lovely opportunity to meet members of the Barnet community who were pleased to learn about our school's history and its development.

Sunshine lifts everyone's mood so as I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer term break, long may the sun continue to shine!

Art



Art students in Years 9 and 10 have been spending Saturday mornings at Westminster and Middlesex Universities participating in animation and art and design programmes. Attending the National Saturday Clubs has given them the chance to meet exceptional artists and practitioners, learn new skills and find out more about further education and rewarding careers.

(Van Gogh painting Almond Blossom Blue on left).

The National Saturday Club along with the Art Department, would like to invite you to the annual Summer Show presenting the exhilarating work of the next generation of creative thinkers and innovators, at Somerset House, 8–16 June 2019. The invitation follows.

**NATIONAL
SATURDAY CLUB
SUMMER SHOW**

The exhibition is open 8–16 June
10am–6pm
Late opening (11am–6pm)
Wednesday–Friday
Free entry

Embankment Galleries
Somerset House
Victoria Embankment
London
WC2R 1LA

Another invitation to families and friends



A Level and GCSE Fine Art
& Design and Technology Exhibition

Tuesday 18th June 2019

5pm to 7pm

EN5 5RR

We look forward to welcoming you to our Private View evening.

Commemoration day



This month on Friday 10th May, we celebrated the founding in 1888 of our school. Years 7 and 8 along with representatives of all other years and sixth form officers, processed with their tutors and senior staff, from school, along the High Street, to St John the Baptist Church in Barnet. This follows the route of the original and now traditional walk to the service. We were delighted to be joined by the Deputy Lieutenant, the Queen's representative in Barnet, Martin Russell, the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Reuben Thompstone, Chairman of the Endowment Fund for the schools of Queen Elizabeth the First in Barnet, Martyn Bradish and Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, Neil Enright. The service was conducted by the Rector of the church Father Chris Ferris.

Professional Guest Soprano, and Vocal Director of the Baroque group, Vivaldi's Women, Ms Penelope Martin-Smith inspired our students and delighted ears with a piece from Handel. Ms Martin-Smith, a former pupil of our school with several maternal links to it, praised the vocal performance of Akua Nkansah. She described Akua's performance as poised and controlled. Akua has learned to sing with her own church's choir.



In his address, the Rector spoke about students not allowing themselves to be demotivated or negatively influenced by the false images of social media. Father Chris urged our students to celebrate their achievements and their uniqueness. The address was current and inspiring.

Everybody who took part in the service made it a special occasion.

The Guild Lunch



The annual celebration of the school's founding includes a Saturday in May, this year the 18th May, when the school and grounds are open to past students and staff to re-live memories and look at the Archive, held in the Library by The Guild Archivist, Mrs Vivienne Bell. (*Uniform worn until the mid 1970s on the left*).

The Guild (student and staff alumnae) hosted their traditional four course lunch in our *transformed for the day* school canteen. Ages of visitors ranged from 24 to 91; all enjoying each other's company.



*"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>

May

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- **Half Term Week**

June

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- **First day of last half term**

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- Comedy performance Theatre visit

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- Year 8 History visit to National Army Museum 9.00am to 3.15pm

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- Year 7 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- Year 8 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- Years 9 and 10 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- Year 7 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- New Year 7 Parents' Evening

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- Year 8 Theatre Visit to the musical Wicked
- Year 8 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- Half Day Closure for Staff Continuing Professional Development Programme 12.20pm
- Years 9 and 10 Athletics Event 3.30pm to 7.00pm

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- Sports Day Event on school grounds

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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