



# Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School

*Educating Women of the Future*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term has arrived and as I am writing this, the school is very quiet, in anticipation of the arrival of our students, finally in non-uniform and mostly excited at the prospect of the coming days away from all the other routines of school too. I have been proud that our students have demonstrated their understanding that not everyone will welcome the holidays so cheerily. They have found new ways as well as tried and tested ways, to raise funds for many groups of people through local and far away charity networks. Year 9 in particular have had quite a push on this toward the end of term. You will read about some of their ideas in the Newsletter for this half term, posted on our website.

Year 11 have finished their Mock Exams. We have all been impressed with their poised conduct and support shown to each other as necessary. The Mindfulness programme with which we are engaging has supported the students to self-manage when they are in situations that need a little more courage than usual. The .b technique is most popular. The Sixth Form will be returning next year to their Mock Exams, all in preparation for them to leave school with valuable qualifications that will support them throughout life.

I am pleased to say that our IT infrastructure works are well under way and will be continuing over the break while school is closed. Staff and students are looking forward to having a reliable network without disruption to learning and teaching and the everyday support work that goes on behind the scenes every day.

Following the recent election for a Parent Trustee, I can announce that Ms Jessica Spearman, Year 9 Parent, has joined the Board of Trustees. We look forward to working with her in support of the school.

This term we launched our work as the North London Hub of the National Maths & Physics SCITT (NMAPS), a school-centred teacher training programme. Our first cohort of students have had a successful term as have our newly qualified teachers on their continuing professional development programme. For the first time we calendared a Wellbeing Day in late November; a time for students and staff to reflect on their wellbeing and perhaps to engage in activities that might actively support their wellbeing. It has proved to be a welcome opportunity for everyone. It is important to do things to support wellbeing as much as to talk about it.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all school letters are available on the School Website together with the School's News and Events Items, Twitter Feeds, the School Calendar and much more besides. Please take the time to visit the Website at <http://www.qegschool.org.uk/>

Please do check the Website regularly for information and any updates on school arrangements.

I look forward to meeting you at various events in school throughout the coming academic year. Finally, I wish you and your family well over the festive season; a time to relax and reflect and also to look forward to the coming year and the next decade.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher