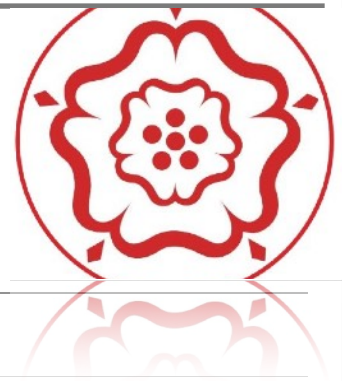


QE GIRL



Of the pupils by the pupils and for the pupils

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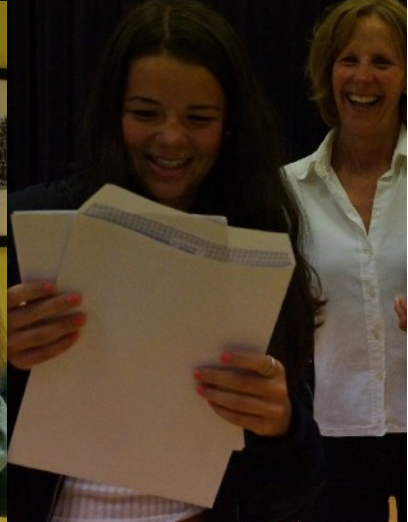
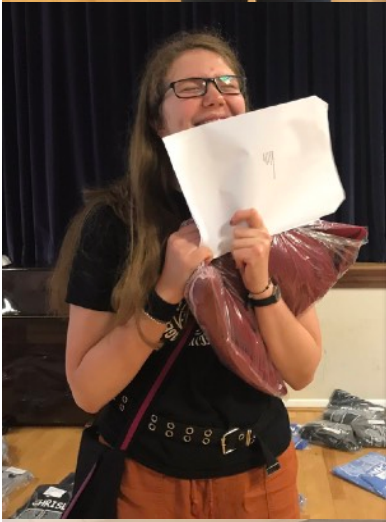
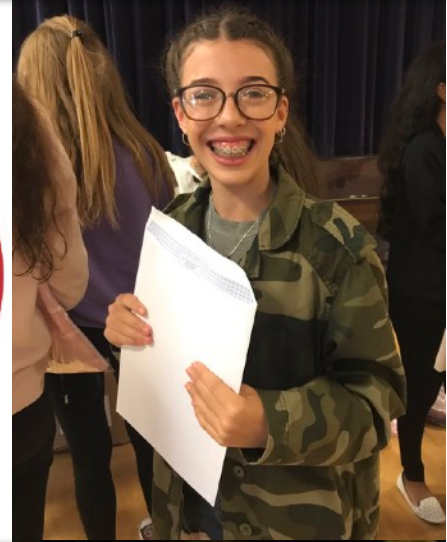
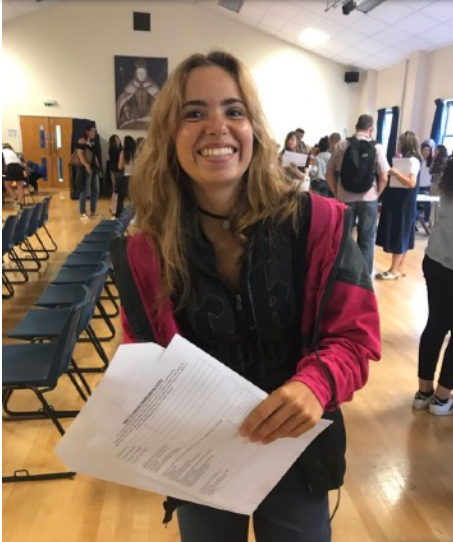
This magazine is written by QE Girls for QE Girls. In it you'll find every type of item - from photo-journalism, news and serious opinion pieces to funny quizzes & satirical cartoons.

Our aim is to tell you something new, show you what a brilliant school we go to, and make you laugh. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Journalism Club is open to everyone - so do come along to the Media Room on Tuesdays after school.



QE GIRLS' RESULTS



“PHENOMENAL”!

By Hanan Sheekhuna and Ama
Nkansha Year 10

According to official figures our school is the best wholly non-selective girls' school in the country. We interviewed Mrs Walker about the education system and found out a little bit more about her life. Let's get started!!

What do you think about our school's GCSE results this year?

“They were phenomenal! We have amazing students and staff who contributed to these exceptional results”

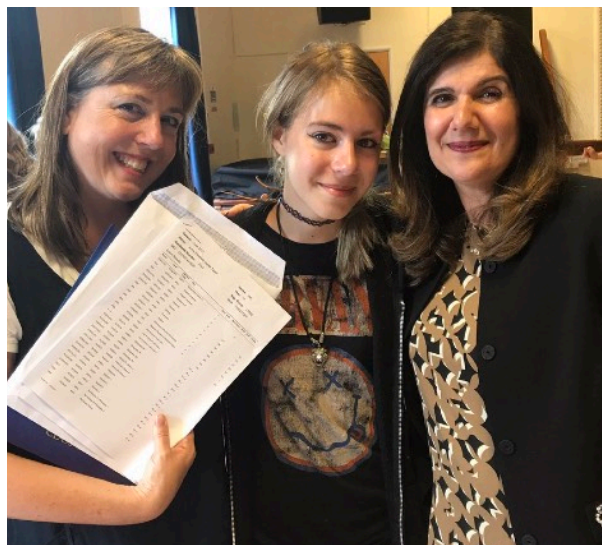
What do you think of the new grading system?

“Well, it's not really a new system but the specification has slightly changed. When I was at school, we had letters at A-levels and numbers at O-levels however the number 1 was the highest grade and 9 was the lowest grade.”

Do you think the new grading system will put pressure on year 11?

“I don't like using the word pressure as it's not helpful for the year 11s. The year 11s need to be confident in their ability and embracing of the fact that everyone does exams. Of course, all students would be anxious and this is not a bad thing because I believe that a little anxiety will motivate you.”

What's your advice for students who want to aim 8s and 9s?



“All students should aim for grade 8s and 9s! Working hard, listening to the teachers and making sure you understand is important.”

Which University did you go to and what did you study?

“I studied at University College London and did a degree in psychology. I then went on to do my masters at Brunel University”

Why did you come back to this school?

“I came back because there was a vacancy for a headteacher and it felt right to come back to the school I attended.”

What is your best childhood memory?

“There's too many to choose from but I always love Christmas and any family events!”

Which books can you read over and over again without ever getting tired?

“My favourite childhood book is the Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger and a favourite adult book is Birds without Wings by Louis de Bernieres.”

The Vet with the Pets Factor



Questions by Sienna Sui

Jemima Lane was a student here at QE Girls. She gained excellent GCSE results before sitting A levels. She then took a year out before winning a place to read Veterinary Science at Cambridge University. She now works as a vet in Essex and recently appeared on a BBC TV programme about animals.

How was your time at Q.E?

My time at QE was great! I have so many fond memories and my friends and I still reminisce today. I particularly remember the trips we went on, making cakes for Commemoration Day (I made ours every year...), lots of time doing music, form and lunch times with friends, and of course the lessons, I can still remember certain lessons and assignments to this day!

Did you have a favourite teacher?

It's very hard to choose, they were all so excellent and passionate which you don't necessarily appreciate at the time. I'd probably have to say my music teachers Miss



Horne and Miss Tierny – the music department was a bit like my second home!

What made you become a vet?

It's probably the answer that everyone gives but I've just always loved animals! But importantly I have also always had a real interest in science, I love learning how everything works and figuring stuff out.

What was your form letter?

P – we didn't use our form tutors names back then just had strange system of l, m, n p, q, r,s so we were always stuck in the middle when the year was split!

How hard did you have to study to become a vet?



It wasn't a walk in the park that's for sure. I had to do lots of work experience and get good exam results before even getting to university, then I had to study for six years doing even more work placements in my holidays. But I absolutely cherish my time at university and would love to go back and do it all again! Plus once you get to A level you get to focus on the subjects that really interest you which makes lessons much more enticing. The only downside is that I've had to clean up more than my fair share of animal muck in the past few years!

Favourite animal?

Another hard one, I've always loved the ocean and swimming so it would have to be a sea creature – maybe a dolphin as they're so intelligent, but top would have to be an otter, I could watch them all day and they always seem to be having fun!

What was your favourite thing in Q.E?

Definitely the friends I made, I had so much fun during those few years, and

they're still my best friends today over ten years later.

Were there any embarrassing moments that you could share with us?

I can't actually think of any, either that means there weren't any or I've blanked them out!

Did you want to become a vet when you were young?

I actually wanted to be a Dalmatian when I was very young... but then when I realised that wasn't likely to happen I decided to treat them instead and decided to become a vet.



If you want to see former Q.E girl Femima in action then take a look at the Pets Factor (Series 2 Episode 6 on BBC iplayer) to see her operating on a pug dog called Rocky.

ROOM 101

A QEGS teacher is
given the opportunity
to rid the world of their
pet hates

By Dilan Guzeller

*He's calm and
controlled at all times
and you never really
know what he's
thinking, so we decided
Mr Eedan would be the
perfect contributor to
Room 101.*



Here's what he said:

"What annoys me most is people who waste time. I have a very mathematical mind: if you count how many hours you might get in your lifetime it's not very much at all. You spend a third of your life

just sleeping and another third studying or working. That is why it is important that you value the time you have.

So people who waste time annoy me most because they don't realise they could be using that time do something good for themselves, and use every opportunity to enjoy what they do"

OK Sir, I get it - I will stop talking in your lessons from now on. I agree that people who waste time should go in Room 101.

Myths & Legends Club

Sophie Nethercoat and Alice Palmer 7JPR

This term we began a new QE club. The Myths and Legends Club met for the first time and ten year 7s had a lot of fun learning and making things about fire festivals.

Everyone made clove candles and decorated bundles of sticks which we bound together with ribbons. We had loads of fun with glitter and sparkles and really had a great time.. Meet in room 210 on Fridays after school.



Mock Trial

By Priya Lad 8EMO



Have you ever wondered what it is like to be in a court? Well, now a few girls from QE are going to one. Next spring there is a magistrate's court mock trial which the school

has entered. The students in year 8 and 9 have recently written an application to take part in the competition.

The competition is a re-enactment of a trial, with the participants acting out the roles in court. Currently practice is at Tuesday lunch and



Thursday after school. Only certain people got through and are prepping for the day.

I am lucky enough to of been chosen as a defence witness, and I will be there on the day.

The case is about a man called Sam Fenton who was seen carrying a bladed article in a public place.

There will be more information and progress on the next edition in **2018**.

Bonjour Boulogne!

MFL Trip: France 2017



The Great Debate

By Hanan Sheekhuna Year 10



*During the first week of returning from our first half term, a practice debate was held on Thursday lunchtime for years 9-13. We had to argue in pairs whether you are **FOR** or **AGAINST** the eradication of the death penalty in the U.S.*



We were told which side to argue for, whether we agreed or disagreed. Debating doesn't mean you have to believe in the views of the side you're arguing for, you have to put aside your personal views when you debate and compartmentalise them, because this is what allows you to remain rational.

FOR

During the debate those who argued **FOR** mainly reasoned that the punishment prevented future murders; it provided a measure of closure for the victim and their families; it would protect the public from society's worst criminals, and of course criminals should pay for their actions like the famous saying goes, "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"

The death penalty is legal in more than 30 US states, but has come under more scrutiny recently.

AGAINST

Those who argued **AGAINST** the penalty law stated that there is no credible evidence suggesting that the sentence acts as a deterrence, in fact places without the death penalty have a lower murder rate than states that do practice the penalty.

It was also argued to be a violation of the two most fundamental human rights-the right to live & the right that no one should be subject to torture. One of the most significant points argued was that all criminal justice systems are vulnerable to discrimination and error, and reversing the sentence is impossible.

Young Athletics Competition

Zara Joseph 9NHI

On the 8th November, 9NHI took part in adjudicating an athletics competition. This event was held for years 5&6 from schools all across Barnet.

Overall there were 12 schools and many different activities such as relays/races (track events), long jump and even chest push.

9NHI made sure that all scores were counted and there was no cheating.

We are very grateful that we have been part of such a great experience as it has helped to improve many of our life skills such as confidence and communication skills.

We ended up giving our half-day up for the event which was actually quite refreshing to know our time was spent wisely instead of staring at our phones.

Overall it was a wonderful day



LAMDA

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts

By Abigail Hudson and Charlotte Hubbucks

LAMDA is an amazing club to go to. It helps you with your speaking skills and also helps you gain confidence in acting.

LAMDA also gives an exciting opportunity to do different grades, which you earn by doing different exams. These exams help you to gain UCAS points which contribute to your C.V. for universities, colleges and future jobs.

For exams in LAMDA, you could choose whether to memorise a poem and perform it, or perform a duologue or a group performance.

LAMDA is a great place to go if you love drama or even if you just want to gain some confidence, make new friends or work on your speaking skills. It's a fun way to spend your lunchtime and definitely beats sitting outside in the cold and rain!

I would say that anyone should give LAMDA a go, as it is very helpful if you're planning to follow a career in drama, or even if you just like being around people and having fun.

Peter Pan

In rehearsals for this
year's play
with
Ama
Nkansa
Year 10



Every year at QE, we hold the annual school production which provides opportunities for a number of talented actors, singers and amazing dancers to play major roles in the school play. This year's production is based on a



Disney favourite: Peter Pan.

The girls have been working hard after school to practice and perfect the production so they can showcase it to parents and carers next year in February. I have been able to get an exclusive interview from Pearl Thomas-Bocking who plays Peter Pan! Here's what she has to

say about the rehearsals so far:

"It's going really well and I quite like the cast and it's very fun!"

As well as this, the two-main directors, Miss Ford and Mr Wilkinson, are hilarious and help provide a comfortable and friendly environment for the girls to work in.

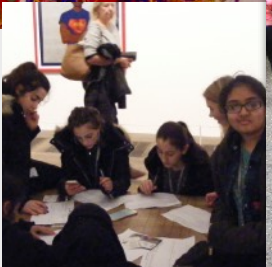
The talented and excellent actors are aiming for a fantastic production which promises to be even better than our previous production of 'The Sound of Music'.

We can't wait to see it performed next year.



History Girls

As part of Black History Month students in year 12 and year 13 visited the Tate Modern, Soul of a Nation, Art in the Age of Black Power exhibition.



“...it expresses the emotions experienced by black people in America during the civil rights movement and allows us to understand it from their perspective” Anna Taylor



“...discrimination is still apparent in the 21st century” Esra Bastug

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Harani Thayanantharajah Year 8



*Miss Mujay is
8EMO's form tutor.
She teaches
business studies
and computing and
did a presentation on Black
History Month for the school.*

Q: Do you think it's important to spread awareness about Black History Month?

Yes, I do believe that awareness of Black History Month needs to be raised and shared across the UK.

Q: What is Black History Month about?



Black History Month is a celebration of people of Black, African or Caribbean heritage to UK Society over the past 50 or more years.

Q: What was it like moving to England

I'm a British citizen of a Nigerian descent/heritage. I was born in South London and grew up in Nigeria where I attended primary and secondary school.

I moved to the UK as it was my mother's wish that my siblings and I receive an English education, as she herself had done, in order to become a barrister and a solicitor in the 1970s. Within my first few weeks I was on Oxford Street and I remember thinking I have never seen so many people in my life.

Q: Have you ever been judged because of your skin colour?

The only negative encounter I have experienced in 20 years of living in the UK was when an elderly lady, a stranger, approached me and said "Go back to your country."





Journalism Club

By Grace Hanley and Zara Joesph
9NHI

Have you ever thought about coming to journalism club? Well now is the time to join.

Grab your pen, notebook and your creativity and come down to room 214 on a Tuesday after school to explore the wonders of writing.

We have our own BBC journalist conducting the club. Here you can expand your love of writing and get your views out to the rest of QEGS. We welcome all different styles of writing, and all points of view.

Next term we are hoping to put together some two minute video reports as part of BBC School Report.



By Deborah AkwaJi
8EMO

Journalism club is a club to help with our newspaper, QE Girl. Any year can join. You can suggest any ideas you feel will help with the newspaper.

We do stuff like cartoons, sports news and much more, any topic you think people will be interested in - just say so and you can do it!





Door Lock a cartoon by Mathilda Schulz 9NHI



The Play That Goes Wrong

Review by Chloe Goes 11HRS

On Tuesday the 7th of November, Year 11's GCSE Drama students went to the Duchess Theatre to watch the humorous play within a play; The Play That Goes Wrong.

Throughout the play we were in hysterics over the actors failing to perform the play successfully. My favourite



part, in particular, was when a character called Charles kept bursting through a door with a gun at the wrong time - especially since he was meant to be dead.

It was an evening of laughter and we cannot wait to write about it for our mocks.

On Trend

What was hot in 2017



By Harani
Thayanantharajah
8EMO

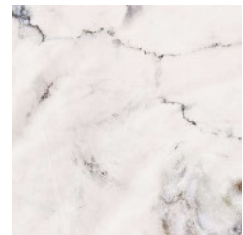
At QE Girls we are always on the cutting edge of style. We know what's in and out of fashion and we are across all the latest fads and trends. Here's some that have been popular in 2017

Slime's been trending for quite a while as it is so



much fun to play with. It is satisfying to make and a number of youtubers sites sprang up showing people how to make the best mixtures

Another trend this year has been gymnastics. Scrolling through Instagram, you'll find many people with gym accounts. Gymnastics is a really awesome skill and people showing their agility and flexibility is fascinating



Recently marble designs became a really popular trend for phone cases.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

By Samia Mohamed and Mina Ali, Year 10

Teenagers. What comes to mind when you hear this? Antisocial? Social media addicts? Moody? Lazy? Loud? Well, what if I told you these heedless havoc-causing creatures are able to alter their lives by giving up their time to help out their communities, join clubs and gaining new skills to assist in establishing a better, brighter future for themselves. And thanks to the PE department more of us at QE are joining than ever before.

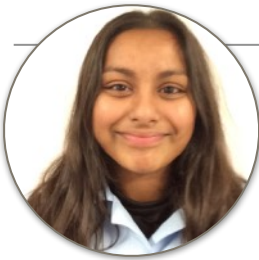
The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised programme which helps to develop young people (14 to 24-year-olds) for life and work. The numbers speak for themselves: 93% of participants feel that the DofE has helped them to work in a team and 84% feel that they have become a more responsible person. We're looking forward to taking on the challenge and will report back in the coming weeks.



D of E presentation

The Fast & the Furious

By Zara Joseph 9NHI



Our school is currently debating whether to revive the sport of Lacrosse as an extra curriculum club. It would join a number of schools which already play Lacrosse competitively.

The aim of the game is to get the ball in the goal (much like football). However, to do that you have to throw the ball using a metal rod with a net attached to it. It's



thought Lacrosse originated about 900 year ago with the Native Americans.

The game was originally made to toughen up young boys for war. It was then established in Canada in the 17th Century. Lacrosse is said to be the fastest sport played on two feet.

All you need is hand-eye co-ordination, to learn the rules and to practice and you're there!



Spanish Theatre Trip

Nuestras chicas son puro drama en el teatro Cervantes. La Golondrina

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The Write Stuff

The author Katherine Webber joined Year 7 to speak about her book "Wing Jones" and the world of writing and publishing.

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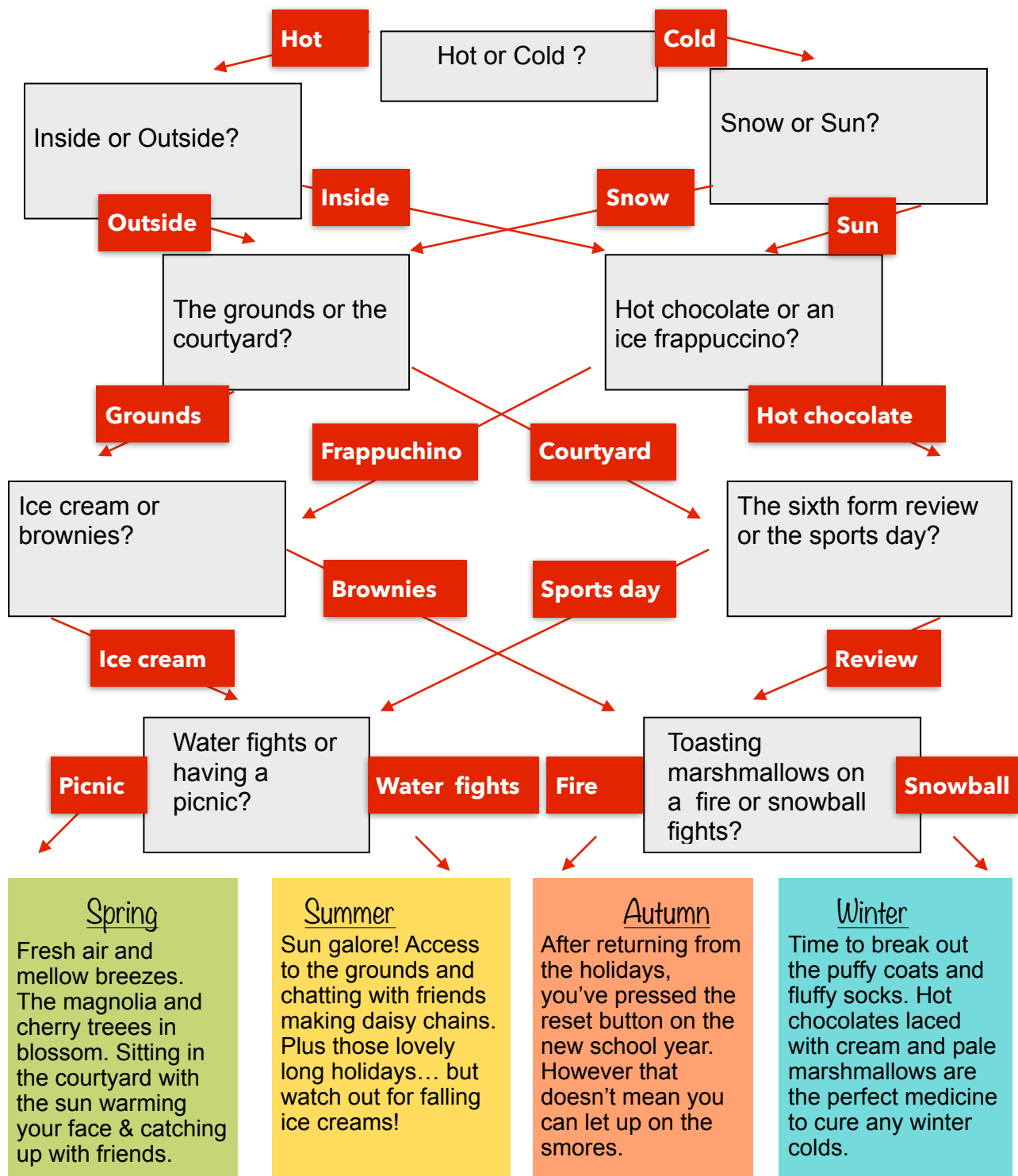




Which season are you?

A flow chart by Sienna Siu 10MNA

As winter rolls around, we're bringing out our mittens wishing that the sun would come back again. The memories of kicking piles of leaves, lying in the grounds or making daisy chains seem so distant. This flowchart will help you decide if you're a winter, autumn, spring or summer girl.



Book Review

by Charlotte Hubbucks 10PMA

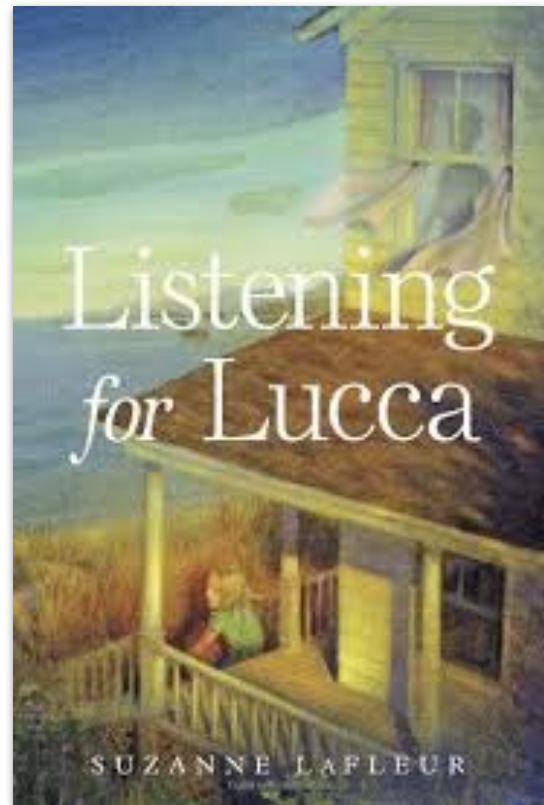


I recently read the book “Listening for Lucca” by Suzanne Lefleur, and I absolutely loved it. It mixed together

mystery, history and family and left me hooked till the last page. Unlike some books, it was difficult to solve the mystery, rather than knowing what was coming a couple of chapters into the story. It left me guessing what would happen the whole way through and guessing how Siena and Lucca’s story would end.

The story is about a quiet and misunderstood teen, Siena, whose younger brother Lucca is mute and has been for over a year. Siena’s family move to an old house on the New England coast in Maine, a house which has appeared in several of her dreams. She hopes that this will help unlock her brother’s voice and discover the mystery of why she sees flashes of people from the past.

My favourite thing about the book is the way it travels back in time to give you a glimpse of what life was like for the secondary characters who were alive



during World War Two. It leaves you guessing and speculating what will happen to Sarah and the chapters in which the time period changes don’t give too much away, so that you will not discover the secrets before the end. I also like the way that Sarah’s life mirrors Siena’s in a way that makes you wonder if both characters’ stories will end the same.

I would recommend “Listening for Lucca” because of its ability to capture the audience with its enticing way of making the story shift from one time period to another and the captivating storyline which promises a satisfying ending. A great book to curl up on the sofa with over Christmas.

Book Review

Danielle DeCoteau
8EMO



Gone, written by Michael Grant, is a book for independent readers who can handle gruesome behaviour and scary outcomes. I enjoyed reading the series and found the first of the six (Gone) the funniest. This book is



written in third person, so the author is telling the story, but always keeps you engaged and updated to make you feel as if you are actually experiencing these events. Throughout the series the story follows the characters on life-changing events that will leave them scarred for

life; showing how much we rely on our parents without even realising it.

I would recommend this book to readers with a strong stomach and can handle a lot of murder and death. It is also a good accelerated reader book with 20 questions and over 130,000 words to gain.

The next of the series is Hunger, a real thriller that will leave you grimacing from the first chapter.

Other books written by Michael Grant are BZRK and (the most recent) Monster.



Charity Cake Sale

Congratulations to Sixth Form students Jennifer, Rachel, Aminah and Fatima for raising £131.79 for Chikdren in Need by carrying out a cake sale. @QEGSBarnet

The next QEGSA quiz is on

23rd March 2018

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ALL WELCOME



QEGSA recently raised more than 600 pounds with a quiz night in High Barnet. Huge thanks to the event organisers and to everyone who helped to put together such an enjoyable evening.

You can try out a couple of questions below on your parents/carers. In each case the answer is the surname of the person named Elizabeth/Liz/Betty. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

- 1) British-born actress, married 8 times; star of 'Cleopatra'.**
- 2) Famous for wearing a dress held together with safety pins; star of Bedazzled & Austin Powers.**
- 3) Fred and Wilma Flintstone, Barney and Betty...**
- 4) Current reigning monarch of the United Kingdom.**
- 5) 1930s cartoon character with a round face and wavy dark hair.**

How did they do? Why not ask your parents/carers to get a team together (or let us sort out a team for them) for our next quiz evening.

1 Taylor 2 Hurley 3 Rubble 4 Windsor 5 Boop