

QE GIRL



Of the pupils, by the pupils & for the pupils

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COMMEMORATION DAY EDITION

This magazine is written by QE Girls for QE Girls. In it you'll find every type of item: from serious opinion pieces to photo-journalism, 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; do come along to the Media Room on Tuesday lunchtimes. Or just send your story to rhanley2.302@lgflmail.org

Grand Designs

She was once a student here at QE Girls, now she holds the most prestigious position in British Architecture; Jane Duncan is the President of the Royal Academy of British Architects. She came back to QEGS as guest of honour for Commemoration Day.



"I knew I wanted to be an architect at the age of 13. I remember an art lesson outside in the grounds at QE Girls where everyone else was sketching flowers in pots and I just wanted to sketch the buildings."

"No-one from QE Girls had ever become an architect before me, but I didn't let it put me off. I went to some architects' studios at University College London and from the moment I walked in I knew this was where I wanted to be."

"Studying architecture is the most wonderful experience. You learn about design, maths, and art but most importantly you learn how

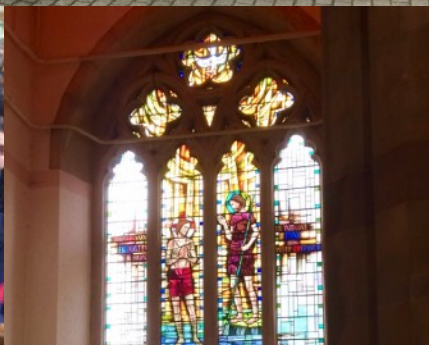
to talk to different people....and at the end of it all you get to make people's dreams come true. You can actually walk in to the building you created and think - I did this."

"Only 20 per cent of architects in the UK are women so there's still a long way to go but I'm proud to say I have my own practice where 70 per cent of us are women."

"Where did my confidence, creativity and enthusiasm come from? Well, a lot of it came from being here at QE Girls. Don't let anyone tell you what to do with your life. Follow your heart. I'd like to thank this school for all that I am. So thank you QE"



Jane Duncan with some Commemoration Day Prize Winners

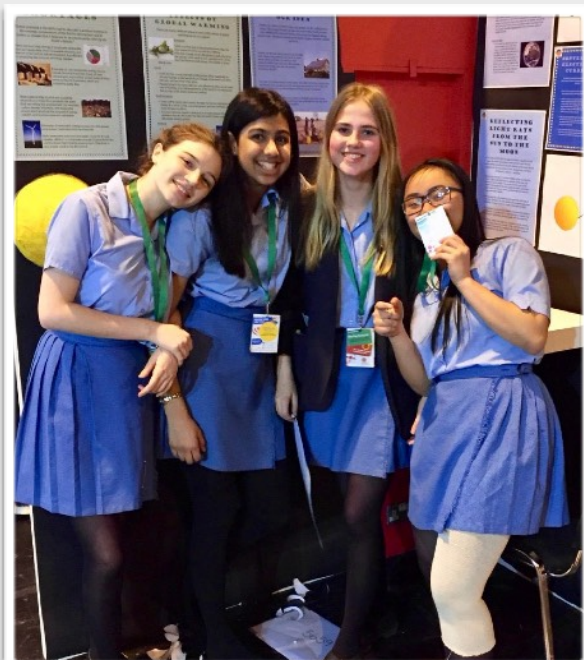


COMMEMORATION DAY CHURCH SERVICE



Big Bang Competition QE Girls explode on to the scene

QE Girls love Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - the so called STEM subjects. For the first time ever, the school entered teams in the prestigious BIG BANG science competition. Eight teams got through to the national finals and won the teamwork award...



In January we decided to take part in the "Big Bang" Science competition. This is a competition with thousands of entries from schools across the country. Students are invited to form groups to work towards solving a 21st century challenge of their choice.

Our school entered an incredible number of teams in the competition. We were thrilled to discover that eight groups, which is more than half our entries, were awarded a place in the prestigious two day finals.

We took the train to Birmingham. Once there we checked into our hotel and then immediately went back to the NEC to prepare our posters, models and presentations. Overnight, we rehearsed and polished our performances until they were perfect. We also tried to calm our nerves as we were really excited.

Wednesday morning was hectic as this was the main day of judging.

We had to present our projects to the judges who were each looking at different aspects, for example, the teamwork element, or the science which underpinned the project.



We then had some time to explore the science fair and to speak to some of the representatives from companies and universities such as GSK, Rolls Royce and Warwick University. We learned a lot about aeronautical engineering and biochemistry.



The day ended with a big award ceremony, where all the finalists gathered to find out the winner of each category. We all received medals and one of our groups, Solar Savers, won the RAF's teamwork award which was a fantastic achievement for us, especially as it was the first time our school had



entered the competition.

Overall, the experience was amazing and very educational. We hope to be able to repeat it in the near future.

Akua Asare and Anna Camplani
Year10

The full version of this article is available at qegschool.org.uk

Field Trip to Newhaven Geography Department





SCHOOL COUNCIL OPENS ITS DOORS

By Maya Bantoo 7CRY

Do you have a voice?
Would you like to make
a change? If so, you've
now got a chance to
come to school
council's meetings, to
give feedback and
opinions that we'll take
on board to help the
school community.

This is open to all years!
And will be held during
lunchtime the first
Friday of every month
in Room 221.

ROOM 101

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

For this
edition of
Room 101
we
decided to
interview
Miss
Richards,
who
teaches
English.



Miss
Richards
said that
she would
like to put spitting in Room 101 because "it's really
disgusting and horrible."

"When I see people spitting on the street it's
terrible and it makes the place look nasty!"

Urgh! We think that spitting should definitely be
sent to Room 101. Lets chuck it in and slam the
door shut and hope that it is never seen, or trodden
in, again.

By the way, Miss Richards was once a QE Girl
herself. When she attended QEGS, her Year 7 form
room was in Room 101. She and her classmates
used to joke that they were sent there to be
banished!

By Maya 7CRY and Amelia 7CRY

PERSPECTIVES

Politics & current affairs through the eyes of QE Girls

By Humairaa Patel
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10AVA

Brexit & the Generation Gap

When Brexit happened what was obvious was the split between old and young. Everyone knows that while this vote was supposed to be in the interest of the country, it was mostly in the interest of the elderly; the majority of UK's young people were completely against it.

The vote to leave the European Union has obviously been one in which adults have taken full charge. Young people's voices and concerns have been absent; as is the case in a vast number of decisions. We have been brought up in



a society where the government and MPs only pretend to have our best interests at heart. But with the election results, it's hard to understand how many people could really trust Boris Johnson and Michael Gove. For the youth, this referendum has been more than devastating.

Just before leaving the EU, the pound had already decreased in value. Several financial organisations warned that Brexit could lead to economic problems which could mean many harsh impacts on the younger generation.

If Brexit prompts a recession, research shows that graduates entering the

pool at this time will earn less than those who enter during a booming economy. A study surveying the 75 top UK graduate employers revealed that 49% of employers were likely to lower their intake of graduates from Britain after leaving the EU. As a result, it is clear that the younger generation will be the ones to suffer due to the decisions made by elders.

On the other hand, Brexit supporters claim that leaving the EU will make it easier for UK citizens to find jobs in their home country. Is that correct?

This would only happen if Brexit leads to economic growth, yet analysts have

predicted that it will most likely prompt a recession.

Young Brits will suffer heavily from salary reductions and unemployment, amongst numerous other pains.

Another challenge for British youth would be travelling. The desire of young people to explore and experience new cultures and traditions would be dampened by visas, which are currently not required, and inevitably the need for extra paperwork would make travelling more expensive. As well as that, the ability to travel freely within Europe would be taken away; therefore decreasing the number of young people journeying across EU countries.

These restrictions, once again, limit the magnitude of opportunities for young people that we were once entitled to as part of the EU.

The level of diversity and multiculturalism brought by being a member of the EU led to an open minded generation. The Office for National Statistics estimates that in 2014, 3 million people in the UK were from countries now in the European Union. Brexit does not inspire social cohesion. Brexit highlights the split between European nationals and could create tension between teenagers. This could potentially lead to the growth of an anti-social generation.

Young people glance at the future with open and cooperative minds, which includes the unity of being part of the EU. The vote of the elders has affected the youth more than it will ever affect its own generation.

This referendum has demonstrated large self-interest. Many of this lucky older generation were able to take advantage of free higher education, secure employment and affordable house prices. Be that as it may, it is young people like you and me who now face a future without these advantages.

[Editor's note: other views are available.](#)

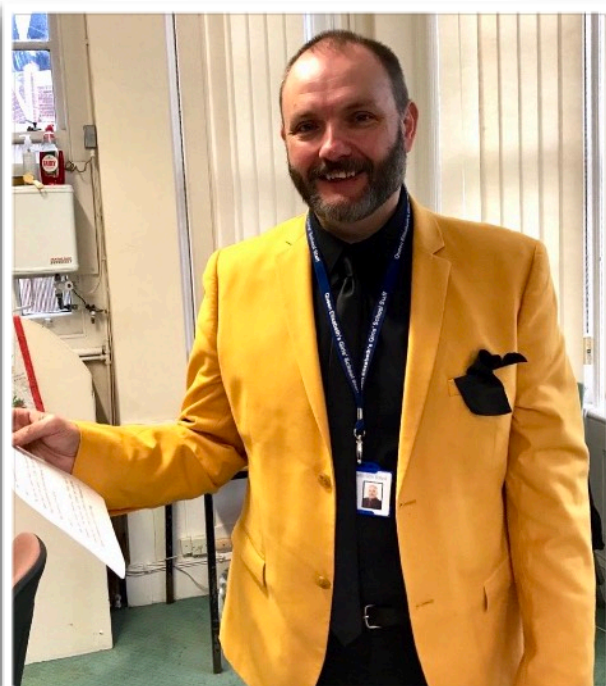


Sharp Dressed Man

By Grace Hanley 8MEA



*So what is Mr Haines wearing today?
His passion for fashion makes him easy to spot around the school.
He has a unique style and can rock any outfit. Red suit? Tick. Canary yellow jacket? Tick. If anyone can style it out Mr Haines can.*



Q: When did you first start dressing to impress?

I've been enjoying fashion for a long time. My parents were very into their clothes and looking smart and fashionable, so it's sort of in my blood.

Q: What are the advantages of your distinctive colourful style?

I suppose it helps to start a conversation, it gives people something to talk about, which is very useful to me as I'm actually quite shy.

Q: What do you think other people think about your outfits?

Here at school I think people appreciate a bit of individuality and I hope it brightens people's days. I like to think that, in my own way, I am spreading a little bit of joy. As I say, the students seem to like my style. Mind you, sometimes I think the general public aren't quite sure what to think... quite often, if I'm wearing a particularly colourful outfit, I will easily get a seat on the bus but that does come in handy at times!

Q: I notice you stick to the rules of a professional dress code - shirt, jacket and tie. Is it difficult to adhere to those rules?

No, I always like to dress appropriately. If, for example, there is a parents' evening, or a day when I have more formal meetings, then I will tone it down.

Q: What inspires your choice of outfits?

All sort of things. I suppose the main thing is the link between creativity and science. I follow trends, read fashion magazines (GQ, Vogue) and I follow blogs such as 'Street Style'.

Q: Where do you buy your clothes?

All sorts of places...from Primark to high end fashion houses. At the end of the day I don't look at the label, if I like it I like it and that's it.

Q: How do you decide what to wear?

I choose my outfits a week in advance. So I plan it all out carefully.

Q: I see you beautifully coordinated a yellow jacket with the hood on your academic gown on Commemoration Day, (see picture) do you always coordinate your clothes?

It makes me feel uncomfortable if things aren't coordinated.



I like matching things, it would look odd if I didn't.

Q: Do you have a favourite outfit?

It changes all the time. At the moment I suppose its my bright red suit and lace shirts.

Q: How many shirts do you own?

About 300. I never wear the same shirt twice in a school year.

Q: How many suits do you have?

Roughly 80 but there's another on the way.

Q:How many pairs of shoes do you have?

Approximately 20 pairs of shoes and 200 pairs of trainers.

Q: That's a lot of clothes.

Yes. I have a massive wardrobe and a small room where I keep my shoes and jackets. I like to have ensembles (things that go together) and to plan in advance and save specific outfits for specific occasions.

Q: What do you wear when you're not in school?

I like to wear hooded tops, jeans, bomber jackets and trainers.

Q: Is there any item of clothing you'd really like to have?

I really want a pair of grey Kickers, but they don't do them. But I do have Adidas bear trainers by Jeremy Scott, which I love!

Aries: March 21 - April 19

Don't hold back and listen to Elsa, let it go! Amazing ideas will help you with life's journey. Families always stick together so tell them about your emotions. Spending time with your loved ones can be just the thing.

Taurus: April 20 - May 21

Happiness and anxious feelings are flowing around you. Happiness because something you have done but anxious as to what's coming next. But to guide you will be a revelation to achieve that big step in life. It won't hurt you to experience something new for a change. Stepping in to the unknown will cure your anxiety.

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Not only will you influence others to do the best they can and helping them along the way. Your intelligence and wisdom will guide you through the advice you give them. Helping others in need is a friend indeed.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Get in touch with your creative streak. This month will find those answers to the questions you may have. A revelation is about to come with creative skills as well. This month will shine a light about what your future will be like. Just don't ignore it!



SEARCHING THE STARS

Your mystic hosts Abigail Hudson 9LPS and Sienna Siu 9MN gaze into the future...what do they see?

Try to focus on who you want to be.

Leo: July 23 - August 22

Complicated things are rustling around your brain. You're at a crossroads with your feelings and you don't know what's the right path for you to take. Sometimes the best thing for you is to let out your emotion. Time for a fresh start and to tackle those emotions confronting your fears and building your courage. Just like a lion.

Virgo: August 23 - Sept 22

We sense great happiness for you! Although you've been feeling troubled lately, this is your chance to put your

worries behind you and to focus on the future. Power and greatness is flowing through you. You make others around you happy. Leave your past for the future.

Libra: September 23 - October 22

Maybe your lucky day is finally coming? Although you've been down lately with certain arguments but no need to worry because relaxation is what you need. Whether it's hanging out with others or getting out of the house, just enjoy life at its best. Shine like summer!

Scorpio: October 23 - Nov 21

A fresh start to wipe your slate clean. Although some people may have been critical about you, sweep away the negative emotions. It's time to feel more secure and feel proud to be who you are.

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

Pleasure and excitement are coming your way! Make way for excitement and amazing events but take time to relax. Don't tire yourself too much but try new things.

Capricorn: Dec 22 January 19

The time for learning is now. This will set an example for those who need your guidance. Something will make you change your perspective. Changing your angle is the best way to grow.

Aquarius: Jan 20 - February 18

Slow is the way to go. Your great ideas will help inspire others to get in touch with their creative side. Making sure you're comfortable with what you're doing since people do look to you for guidance. Get inspired.

Pisces: Feb 19 - March 20

An important choice is coming up for you. Something will reveal to you about your future or shining the light on yourself catching your full attention. Be wary of all the choices coming up.

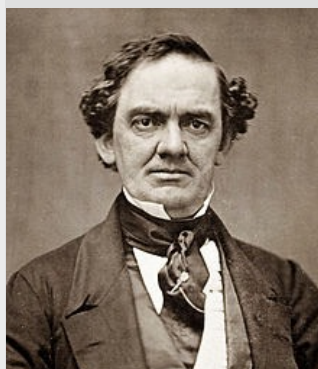
THE BARNUM EFFECT

Zara Joseph 8MEA



Hi guys its Zara! Today we are talking about the Barnum effect.

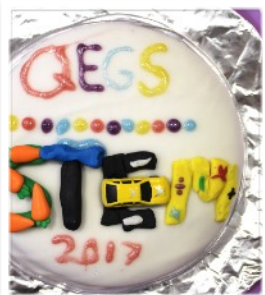
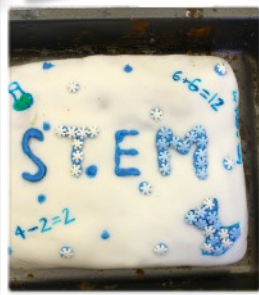
Have you ever scrolled through your Instagram feed and seen a horoscope post and thought 'hey this is just like me'? Well, that is exactly what the Barnum Effect is about: it is when an individual believes that a general personality description applies to them specifically.



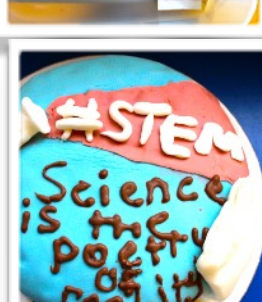
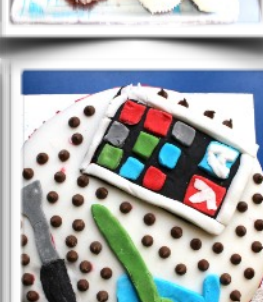
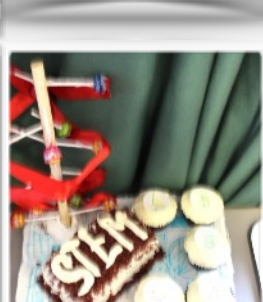
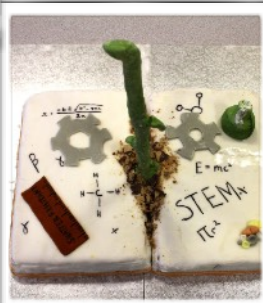
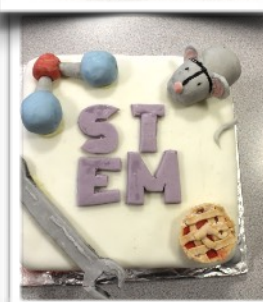
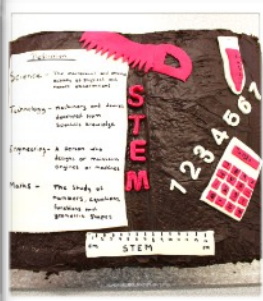
It's named after the American circus owner, showman and hoaxer P.T. Barnum, who is said to have come up with the phrase 'there's a sucker born every minute'. (He didn't actually say it, but that's a different story).

It is saying that believing something such as a palm reading, makes you gullible. Palm readers and horoscope writers convince you that their description of you is unique, however it is not, as no one can decipher what is going to happen in the future. It also creates a false sense about who you are and makes you genuinely believe what they are saying about you. This effect primarily works by using positive statements as those are the ones people are most likely to believe.

So next time you see a horoscope remember the Barnum Effect and how you can be easily fooled. Alright that's it from me folks...Zara is out!



QEGS BAKE OFF





A Slice of the Action

By Sienna Siu 9MNA

On the 11th of May 2017, the school was overwhelmed with an astonishing number of cakes celebrating the school's 129th anniversary. The theme was STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and every cake had a unique twist.

From a climbing bean "stem" to counting numbers and not to mention the words STEM falling out of a school bag - there were endless numbers of entries that showed STEM in unique ways.

I respect all the dedicated bakers for giving their time to bake these delicious cakes. They out did themselves this year, changing my perspective of how I see STEM.

The overall winner of the cake competition, Isobel Nethercoat from 9MNA, I asked her a few questions;

Firstly, how did you get the idea of the cake?

"I looked on the internet and came across a picture of the STEM and then I thought of the idea of a blue schoolbag."

Why do you enter the cake competition every year?

Coming up with the ideas is really fun and making the cake is amazing.

You've entered the cake competition every year but what was your favourite cake idea?

Probably the rocket one in year 8 because i saw a picture of someone making a bottle in to a rocket and that's where I got my idea to make a cake in a shape of a rocket.

How long did it take you?

Two nights .The first night I made the cake and cut it to the shape. And the second night, I used food colouring to decorate the bag and the decorations. I won't forget cleaning the splatters of food colouring everywhere!



Will you do the cake competition next year?

It depends on studies and time. I wasn't sure that I was going to do it this but the form was depending on me to make the cake, since i've done it for the past two years, I couldn't let them down.

If you could say something to girls who want to do this next year, what would be your advice?

Find something that inspires you and have fun making it.

SPORTS NEWS



Our Swimming team won bronze in their first ever swimming gala



Our under 13 football team at Tottenham Hotspur



Year 8 and year 9 netball teams participated in Barnet Netball Tournaments

Victoria Bishop-Laggett secured a place on the U15 Middlesex Women's Hockey Team



Lidia Kyriacou and Pearl Thomas-Bocking were two of only six people from Barnet to win a space to participate in the London Mini Marathon.

Isobel (9GWD) won a silver medal in the 300m U15 Herts County Championships





COMMEMORATION DAY PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

THE ABBOTT PRIZE For outstanding academic achievement;

Charlotte Matthews - Outstanding progress in PE, Geography and RS. Cristina Cerdan - Outstanding effort and progress in Media Studies. Alice Waters Mooney - Outstanding progress in Spanish. Ellie Fiaca - Outstanding effort and progress in Religious Studies.

THE HARNETT PRIZE For outstanding academic achievement;

Lucy Mungai - Outstanding effort and progress in Psychology and Business Studies. Emma Wilby - Outstanding effort and progress in Mathematics. Noor Elgergawi - Outstanding effort and progress in Mathematics and Biology. Paris Harrison - Outstanding effort and progress in Sociology.

THE EVANS BEQUEST For consistent hard work and maintaining high standards;

Hodan Mohamed - For outstanding commitment in A level Media Studies. Anna Banks - Consistently extending her understanding in Psychology. Madeleine Thomas - For superb progress in Product Design. Maryam Soroya - For dedication in Geography.

THE HEADTEACHER'S PRIZE FOR ONE YEAR SIXTH FORM COURSE Rimu Akther

THE DE BOCK PORTER PRIZE Alanna Burton - For supporting the school.

THE J.OWEN GIFT Ashtynne Watts - For acting as the school's charity representative.

THE D.E. PRATT GIFT Emily De Guzman. For leading school council.

THE O'NEILL PRIZE For Textiles Ava Brolan - For creativity and dedication.

THE ALAN HOMES PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY Anannya Dayaparan - Outstanding work.

THE FREDA BALAAM BEQUEST To Head Girl Samantha Felton - For her leadership.

GOVERNORS' PRIZE FOR MATHS Gabriella Kyriacou - For excellence.

AMI SANGANEE MEMORIAL PRIZE (assistance to other students) Nikita Sullivan

JENNY MORGAN TROPHY for PE Ciara Daly - For commitment and excellence.

THE SIOBHAN REIDY AWARD FOR ART Nicole Warnakulasuriya - Outstanding work.

HEADTEACHER PRIZES Service to the school community.

Year 7 Jyll-Katie Egyepong - For her full commitment to wider school life. Year 8 Sophie Bingham - For outstanding contributions and commitment. Year 9 Louisa Kyprianou - For leadership skills.

MR BURTON HUMANITIES PRIZES

History, Jessica Liotti - Jessica has shown outstanding dedication. Geography, Mme Yimbo - For her understanding of Geographic concepts. Religious Studies, Nadia Ziad - she is a philosopher at heart.

URSULA GUNNERY PUPIL PROGRESS PRIZES;

Holly Travi - For excelling since coming to school. Mia Taylor - For being an excellent independent learner. Nomvelo Moyo - For developing and strengthening her communication skills. Shubaneami Harichandra - For commitment to her studies. Emily-Rose Markovic - For exceptional progress in Art, Design and Technology. Priscilla Busigwa - For consistently outstanding contributions. Sukeshi Shah - For consistently outstanding effort in all subjects. Maria Najeeb - Maria has shown excellent progress in all subjects. Saamiya Rehman - For exceptional effort and determination across her subjects

THE WILF LIPMAN PRIZE for outstanding effort & personal progress

Rebecca Moore - For exceptional resilience. Rose Jenner - For making excellent progress throughout y11.

THE WILKINSON TROPHY FOR MUSIC Katie Tanner - For outstanding musical contributions.

PEPI FERGUSSON PRIZE FOR PROGRESS IN ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Lavinia Martinelli - For outstanding progress.

THE HAZEL BLOCK AWARD FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING Afshaan Fareed-Birtill

THE NINA AND MORTON FRIEDMAN PRIZE FOR POLITICS Ella McGahon

CYNTHIA COHEN PRIZE FOR STUDENT VOICE Danielle Bradford



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Year 8 students won the "Stations of the Future" award in a STEM competition at the University of Westminster. Well done to Louise Bett, Charlotte Lloyd Hallett, Eve Bonfield, Julia Piotrowicz, Saz Barzanji, and Katie Moule Bettell.



A team of students from 7EMO represented QE Girls at the Barnet Book Fair.
Well done to Ella, Erin, Evie, Pryia and Danielle.



The English Department wants you to enter a competition called "The Write Stuff". It's a short story competition aimed at girls aged 11-16. We're asking you to write a short, fictional story with a central theme of 'family'. It should run to a maximum of 1000 words, not including the title, and be submitted by Friday the 7th of July by noon.

<http://www.barbarataylorbradford.co.uk/thewritestuff/about-the-competition/>