

QE GIRL



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Summer 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





YEAR 11 PROM

by Rose Jenner

The Y11 Queen Elizabeth Girls' School PROM 2017 was held at The Shire London which was decorated and catered impeccably. Everyone was dressed to impress including all the teachers - particularly "The Man in Red!"

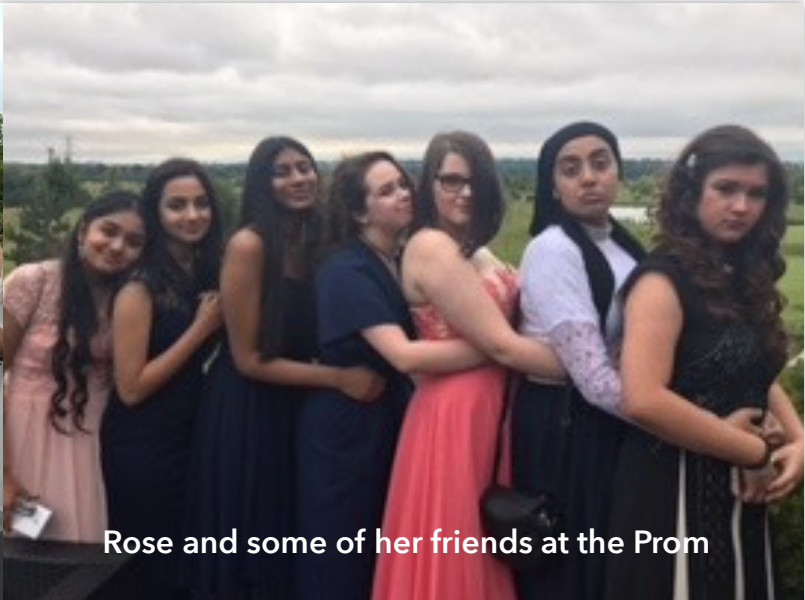
The whole evening consisted of dancing, photos and heartfelt goodbyes to the people who have helped us through the last five years together.

The event was secured by competent and caring people who said "it was the best Prom they have ever supported".

I can honestly say I had an amazing time and think it was a great way for everyone to relax after the stress of GCSE exams.



Dressed up and ready to go



Rose and some of her friends at the Prom



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS



What a haul of medals at the Barnet Athletics Championships! Two **GOLD** medals in the 200m and 800 metres; a **SILVER** in the hurdles and even more to celebrate with **BRONZE** in 1500m, 800m, high jump, long jump, triple jump and shot put.



ARE YOU READY
TO VOTE?



Hi Guys,
it's Zara!
Today we are
discussing 'Why I think that
the voting age restriction should
be lowered to 16'.

Ok, so I understand that maybe some 16 year olds are irresponsible or untrustworthy but we cannot speak for all of them. I mean, if you can legally fight for your country or get married, why aren't you allowed to make your own choices about who to vote for?

Young people have to follow the law but are not allowed to be part of making it. If they are allowed to vote it would give us responsibility and experience in the real world. It gives us a chance for our voice to be heard and express it to whichever party we favour.

It also shows that the government/country can trust us to make the 'right' choice/ our own choice. It gives us some independence as we would be in control of our own vote and who to vote for.

Let's take Brexit as an example. Most of the 'out' votes were chosen by the elderly, however in all fairness, they will not live out to see the consequences of their vote. Hence why we should let the younger community take a vote as well, as it will affect us indefinitely.

That's why I think that the voting age restriction should be lowered and I hope you think so too. Zara is out!

Zara Joseph 8MEA



POLITICAL BUBBLES

Hey QE, ever wondered why you can't vote? I sure have. Just think about it, it's not our parents' future the vote is affecting, it's ours.

For example, in our school election the majority of students voted for Labour as they are the best choice to make out of a bunch of bad ones, plus Labour said they would pay for all our college tuition fees, so that's a bonus! However, under 18s aren't allowed to vote as people believe we are not 'mature' enough - but most of us are. Also not all adults are 'mature' so what's the problem with us being allowed to vote. I mean, why can't we vote for our own future?
Cheryl Neves 9PPL



Ah voting, the joy of exercising your right to decide who leads the country. Yet we can't do this until we are 18. Personally, I believe we should be able to vote at the age of 16. We can get married, work, pay tax and even have children legally at 16 - but we can't vote. Voting is one of the most important tasks in our society and giving us that right two years earlier might help people to care a bit more about politics. In Austria the voting age was lowered and it led to a rise in levels of interest in politics and citizenship. In Scotland 16 year olds can already vote in local elections and for the Scottish Parliament. Why can't we in England at least have the same rights as the 16 year olds of Scotland? Politicians always say, 'young people are our future' and 'they must be taught to make decisions'. Well, at 16 we've been taught, so it's time for our decisions to really count.



Grace Hanley 8MEA



Sienna Siu, 9MNA thinks about QE Girls' election result and compares it with the national outcome of the General Election.

We may not be old enough to take part in the General Election - but QE Girls were certainly keen to make their mark in the school's very own ballot.

Miss Piper, who organized this school election was impressed with our maturity.. "Q.E Girls are incredible. They demonstrated for the second time, they take a general election seriously."

The turnout was good (year 9 was particularly engaged). After the poll ended we emptied out the ballot boxes and 5 of us set about counting the papers. We soon knew from sorting out the votes into separate piles that there was a clear winner: Labour had a total of 75 per cent of our votes.

So why was the real result of the election a hung parliament when QE Girls



voted so clearly in one direction?

According to national data young people vote differently from older people. Young people tend to vote Labour, old people vote Conservative.

I cross-referenced the General Election data, with our school results. You Gov (which analyses election results) described the stark contrast in age groups:

"Amongst first time voters (those aged 18 and 19), Labour was forty seven percentage points ahead. Amongst those aged over 70, the Conservatives had a lead of fifty percentage points"

What is more, if you are female you are slightly more likely to vote Labour, and if you have a degree it makes it even more likely again.

The simple fact is, even though young people turned out to vote, they were still outnumbered by the huge amount of old people going to the polls.

So why is Labour so popular with the young? I think Labour's policies are more appealing. One of their policies is to build a new national educational service, with more money for schools and a return to free university education, which would benefit the younger generation.

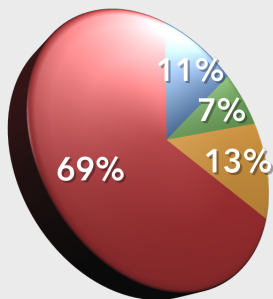
We still have a long way to go before we can officially register our opinions in a general election. But what we must do in the meantime is continue to find out what each party stands for so we can make the right choices when the time comes.

QEGS VOTES

QE Girls were asked to cast their votes in June's school election.

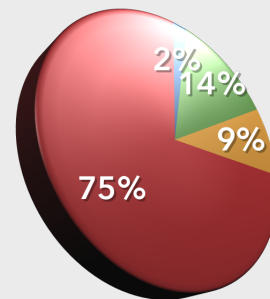
Here are the results...

● Conservative ● Green
● Lib Dem ● Labour



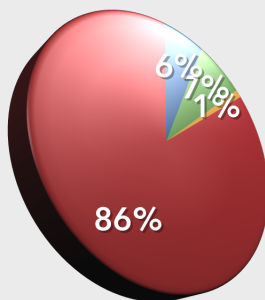
Year 7

● Conservative ● Green
● Lib Dem ● Labour



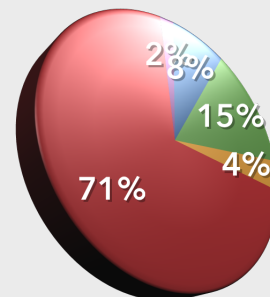
Year 8

● Conservative ● Green
● Lib Dem ● Labour



Year 9

● Conservative ● Green
● Lib Dem ● Labour
● UKIP



Year 10

PERSPECTIVES

Politics & current affairs through the eyes of QE Girls



*Jessica Adu-Wiafe 9PPL
has been looking at events
in Nigeria, West Africa.*



Nigeria, a country located in the western part of Africa, shares borders with Benin, Cameroon and Niger. Nigeria is also known for being one of the largest oil producers in Africa and the 13th largest producer of oil in the world with daily production reaching about 1.9 million barrels. It is also home to some famous celebrities including Fela & Femi Kuti (musicians), Anthony Joshua (champion boxer) Tinnie Tempah (rapper) and Wizkid. (musician).

However, since 2002, the country has been terrorized by 'Boko Haram' which translates as 'Western Education is a Sin'. The group, founded in 2002 by Mohammed Yusuf, is an Islamic extremist group based in north-eastern Nigeria, also

active in Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon. The group has had alleged links to Al-Qaeda, but said their alliance is with Islamic State.

The group Boko Haram continued to terrorize the country by carrying out suicide bomb attacks, car bomb attacks, killing innocent citizens and most importantly, the kidnapping of 276 school girls from Chibok in the north east of the country.

The Nigerian government promised to find the girls and bring them safely to their families. The whole world was on Nigeria's side, people including Michelle Obama, Malala Yousafzai, Trey Song, Ellen DeGeneres, Cara Delavigne, P Diddy and many more held up a

"# Bring Our Girls" sign to support Nigeria and start a campaign to bring back the young girls.

In 2017, the government started to negotiate with Boko Haram to bring back the girls. Fortunately some girls were brought back, but sadly not all of them. Some of the girls were said to have been killed by the group and used for suicide missions. Some boys were also kidnapped and trained to be child soldiers.

The released victims gave testimonies of how they were married to soldiers and forced to have children.. Some people were killed. Sadly it's not over yet - the government is still trying to bring back the girls and destroy the existence of Boko Haram.

What Katie-Ann did Next

by Abigail Hudson
9LPS



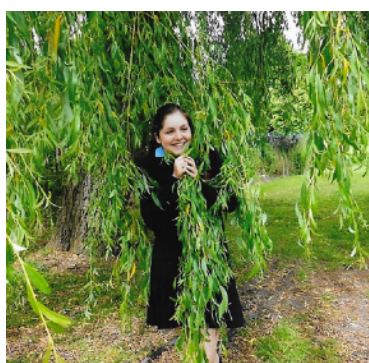
*Ever wonder
what will happen
to us once we leave
this school?*

*I interviewed my big sister who is
a former QE Girl about what she
did after A levels.*

My sister Katie-Ann Hudson used to go to our school. She conquered GCSEs and A-levels and now she goes to Chelsea School of Art, a great university for artists to grow their talent.

Q: When you were in Year 7 did you ever think you would be where you would be now?

A: No, I had no idea. I always liked the idea of becoming an artist. I never thought that I would start to think of taking art up as a profession.



Katie-Ann at Chelsea School of Art

Q: Did you have any other life ambitions other than art?

A: I don't really know. As I got older in the school, I started to realise what I wanted to be when I was older. I never had set ideas of who I would become when I first joined this school.

Q: How did you feel when leaving the school and realising that now it's up to you?

A: Overall, I felt alright. GCSEs and A-levels helped me to become the artist I am today. I was confident that I would end up going to a university which helps me unlock my full potential.

Q: Where do you see yourself in the future?

A: Well, I am going to be at my university for a bit longer, I don't really know where it would take me. But I hope that my life in the future would be good.

My sister is hard-working student - she always has been. She thanks the school for helping her become the artist she is today. We are all very proud of the work she's doing.



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Congratulations to Grace Bryceland for being placed third in the London BMX Championships

QE Girls solve problems posed by Rolls Royce. Future Engineers?



The QE Guild Commemoration Lunch - generations of students and staff meet up to celebrate



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Career Choice



People may say being a police officer is the worst job ever but I think its one of the best.

Being a police officer isn't about just arresting people or telling people off, it's also about communicating with different types of people, from different backgrounds. You face different challenges everyday rather than sitting at a desk in a suit or formal clothing. Also, if you pass your advanced driver tests, you get to drive at full speed during emergencies - seriously, who doesn't want to do that?

I was inspired to become a Police Officer by TV Shows like "Cops Uk", "Police Interceptors". Everytime I see a police officer I think in my head, 'yeah that's going to be me soon'. I will work hard to pass my exams and can't wait to serve as a police officer.

by Jessica Adu-Wiafe 9PPL

ROOM 101

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

I spoke to Ms Piper (RE) about which pet hate she would like to put in the dreaded room 101. She chose;

"People in cars, who don't use their indicators".

As a motorcyclist she relies on indicators from cars to stop serious injuries from being committed. She also hates people who have indicators but do not know how to use them;

"I find it incredibly annoying how people won't use their indicators properly and also how some drivers get very defensive and rude when you talk to them about using their indicators properly".

We all agree how people not using their indicators can lead to danger for anyone on the road. Don't worry Ms Piper we are with you at every turn - indicating all the way.

This pet hate shall be locked away in Room 101!

By Abigail Hudson 9LPS











QE GIRLS' ART EXHIBITION

We Read 4 Barnet 2017

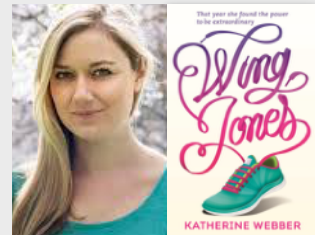
By Sienna Siu 9MNA and Charlotte Hubbucks 9PMA

Charlotte says;

“Over the course of the last six months, 23 members of Book Club (which meets on a Monday WK1 form time) were tasked with writing two reviews and reading seven books that were on the shortlist for We Read (an initiative to help students to explore their love of reading). The months of preparation were for an event which took place on the 30th June at QE boys.

At 9.00, we walked to QE Boys to meet some of the authors. Half of us watched author of “Wing Jones”, Katherine Webber’s, presentation, while the other half saw Lisa Williamson, author of “All about Mia” and “The Art of being Normal”.

Both engaging and fun to watch, Katherine Webber’s personality put us all in a good mood for the first book signing. She talked us through the process of getting a book published. She motivated us by talking about her experience of rejection, and how she got back on her feet and wrote her fantastic book “Wing Jones”.



At the first signing, we all had the opportunity to bring books for the authors to sign and ask them questions about their next book or how they thought the day was going.

Sienna says;

I got the chance to see Non Pratt, the author of Remix. A book about two teenage girls, who goes to a music festival for the first time.

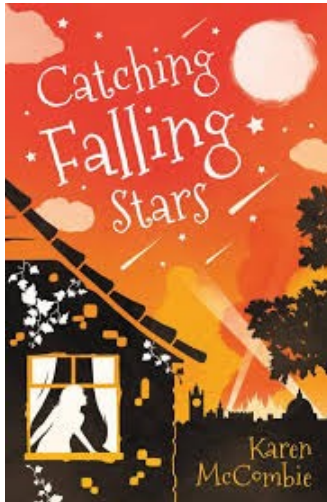


I thought that she would be quite strict but she was like talking to another teenager. She kept me engaged from the very start. Also my favourite part was when we got to ask her “anything” and there were some very varied questions from different schools.

Then we had a quiz on the books that we read and a poster competition about reading.

Finally there was a prize ceremony for people’s reviews on the different books. I was one of the lucky people to actually get a prize for my review on “Wing Jones” by Katherine Webber.

Overall, this event was interesting and everyone enjoyed the day. We loved reading the books and we can’t wait for the new list of books to read. If we could go again, we definitely would.



Catching Falling Stars

Book
review by
Charlotte
Hubbuck
9PMA



Recently, I've enjoyed reading historical fiction books, mainly about evacuees and the lives of ordinary people.

So, *Catching Falling Stars*, by Karen McCombie is the perfect book. When I first started reading, I wasn't sure if I would enjoy it or not, however, the more I read, the more hooked I became.

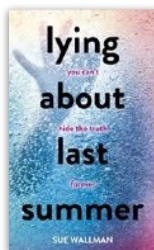
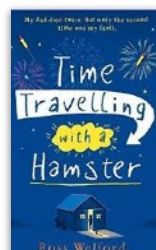
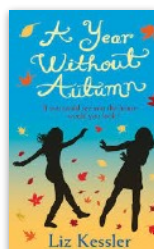
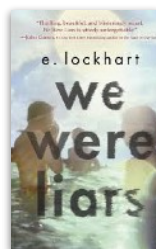
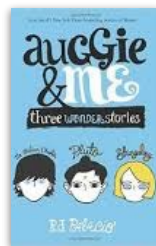
With its clear, easy to read style and captivating storyline, it's definitely a promising summer read.

Centred on Glory and her little brother Rich, it accurately portrays life as an evacuee in a small village and really makes you wonder what it would be like to be sent away from your home.

The story mixes up love and family, mystery and intrigue and it's great to see the characters develop as you delve into the chapters

I definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants an easy but uplifting and exciting read for the summer.

And here are some other books I recommend;



WORK HARD

by Charlotte Hubbuck

1. Make sure you are in a calm comfortable environment with limited distractions
2. Write down only the most important things and if you are using flashcards, make you only write down short, sharp notes.
3. Make sure you remember to breathe deeply before you go into an exam
4. Take care to take regular 5 minute breaks
5. Make sure you use a range of different revision tactics to keep an open mind-set.

PLAY HARD

by Sienna Siu

1. Go on a 8-hour movie marathon. (TV or films).
2. Learn a new hairstyle and show it off when you get back from school
3. Watch a sunrise or a sunset from your bedroom.
4. Try the bean boozled challenge. Warning: Only if you're prepared to lose all sensation in your mouth.
5. Do a mini fashion show with your friends.



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SUMMER JOKES by Abigail Hudson 9LPS

*The summer holidays are just around the corner!
So I thought it would be nice to put a smile on your face
when you walk out of those gates for another year.*

What's brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? A coconut on holiday! What do you call a snowman in July? A puddle What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day? I'm Bacon! What did the ocean say to the shore? Nothing it just waved Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish What do you call a penguin in the desert? Lost Where does a ship go when it's sick? To the DOCK! Where do ants go for a holiday? For ants. What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day? Croak-o-cola. What does the sun drink out of? SUN glasses! Which race is never run? A swimming race. Where did the sheep go on a holiday? The Baa-hamas! Why are gulls named seagulls? If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels! What did the beach say as the tide came in? Long time no sea. Why do golfers carry an extra pair of socks? In case they get a hole in one. Which letter is the coolest? Iced T.