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The Tudor Rose

Your half-termly newsletter from Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School



From the Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, I am delighted to share this celebration of the achievements, opportunities and memorable moments that have defined life at our school over the last half term. This newsletter follows on from the previous five since September 2025, which collectively, as always, document a large part of the year's chronology.

As this is my final newsletter before I retire, it is especially meaningful to look back with immense pride and gratitude on all that we have accomplished together. It has been the greatest privilege to serve this wonderful school, and I leave confident that its future is bright, guided by the same values, ambition and spirit that have made it such an exceptional place for young women to learn, grow and flourish.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many events and successes that have made this half term so special. This edition reflects the remarkable commitment, talent and resilience of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families and wider community.

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World Challenge Trek - Morocco, we're coming!

Excitement is building as our students continue preparing for their once-in-a-lifetime World Challenge expedition to Morocco in July 2026. Our Expedition Leader visited school to lead a full training session, helping the team prepare for the challenges, responsibilities and adventures ahead.

During the day, students explored the itinerary, discussed their roles within the team, tested expedition kit, unpacked essential equipment



and looked carefully at how to stay safe and well while travelling. They also began preparing for the physical challenge of a four-day trek through the Ait Bouguemez region, covering around 50km in total, as well as their community project work supporting local communities in Morocco.

The trip will be student-led, with students taking on roles such as leader of the day, budget manager and wellbeing lead, helping them develop independence, teamwork and resilience.



This promises to be a truly memorable experience: two weeks of challenge, culture, service and adventure. We are incredibly proud of the students' enthusiasm and commitment so far, and we cannot wait to see them grow through this exciting journey.

Ms Mucha-Stypik



DVS Foundation Awards Ceremony

DVS Awards by DVS Foundation, were established in 2021 to support teachers in recognising and rewarding Year 12 students for their success over the school year. The Awards aim to recognise students making significant contribution to their schools and communities. We believe the programme is particularly advantageous for Year 12 students, as it marks a pivotal transition into adulthood.

The Awards are presented at a prestigious Awards Ceremony at the end of the academic year with each winner being gifted a certificate of achievement and a £100 gift voucher.

This winners of this year are:

- Resilience - Myiesha
- Personal Growth - Yara
- Environmental Stewardship - Yasmine
- Ambition - Blessing
- Innovative Thinking - Rawan
- Kindness - Bethany
- Leadership - Xheni
- Community Impact - Roisin
- Integrity & Respect - Zahra
- Teamwork & Collaboration - Caitlin

Sixth Form Team



Year 5 Inter Sports Afternoon

On Friday 19th June the Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders hosted an Inter Schools Sports afternoon with the Year 5 students from Foulds and Underhill Primary schools. Despite the hot weather the Year 5s had a fantastic time taking part in football, tennis, rounders and kick rounders.



Mrs Doel

DofE 2025/26: We Survived — In Style!

A huge congratulations to all of our DofE girls, who completed their expedition with determination, humour and an impressive amount of style. The weather was dramatic, the rucksacks were heavy, and some students quickly discovered that DofE is, in fact, not a spa weekend — but they kept going, supported each other and showed real resilience throughout.



Across the expedition, the girls walked, navigated, camped, cooked, carried kit and worked brilliantly as teams. They also learnt some very important life lessons: waterproofs are not optional, “Are we nearly there?” is not a navigation strategy, and snacks are definitely emotional support.

A special shout-out goes to the group described as *****“Efficiency personified”*****: Leonie, Shafia in spirit, Tia, Thube, Evie, Ava and Lucie. They were ready to set off with the

sunrise, cooked, cleaned, camped and packed before anyone had even finished giving instructions. Truly inspirational levels of organisation!

We must also mention Eleanor, who deserves a special award for bringing traditional pyjama elegance to the campsite. DofE fashion may never be the same again.



What impressed us most WAS NOT that the students found it easy, but that they kept going when it was hard. We are incredibly proud of every single girl who took part.

Congratulations to all — you survived, and you did it brilliantly.

Ms Mucha-Stypik



Mathematics beyond the classroom

This term has been another exciting one for the Mathematics Department, with a range of enrichment opportunities designed to inspire students and demonstrate the relevance of mathematics beyond the classroom.

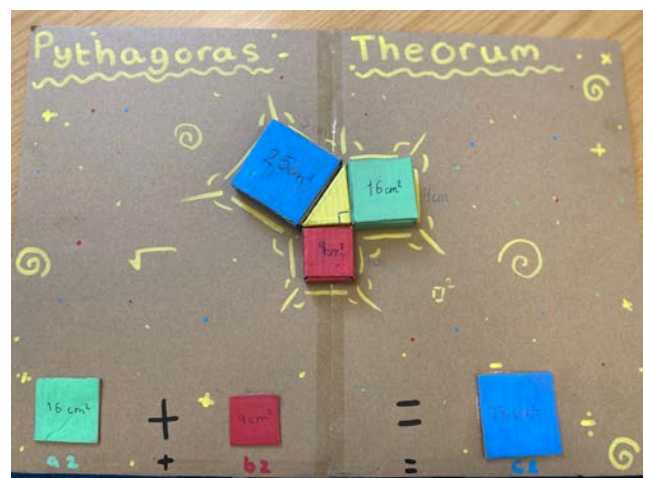
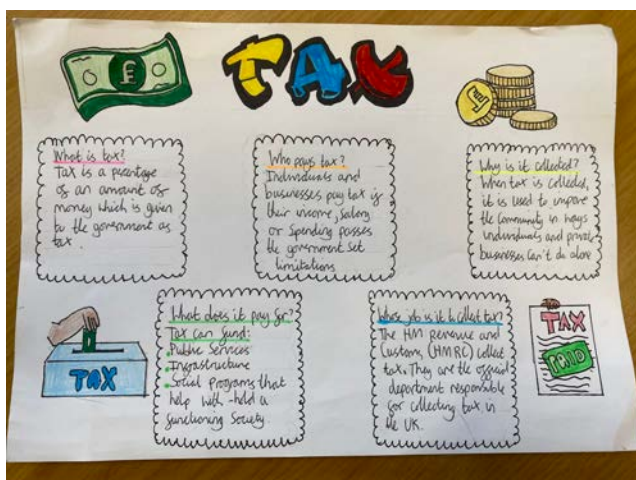
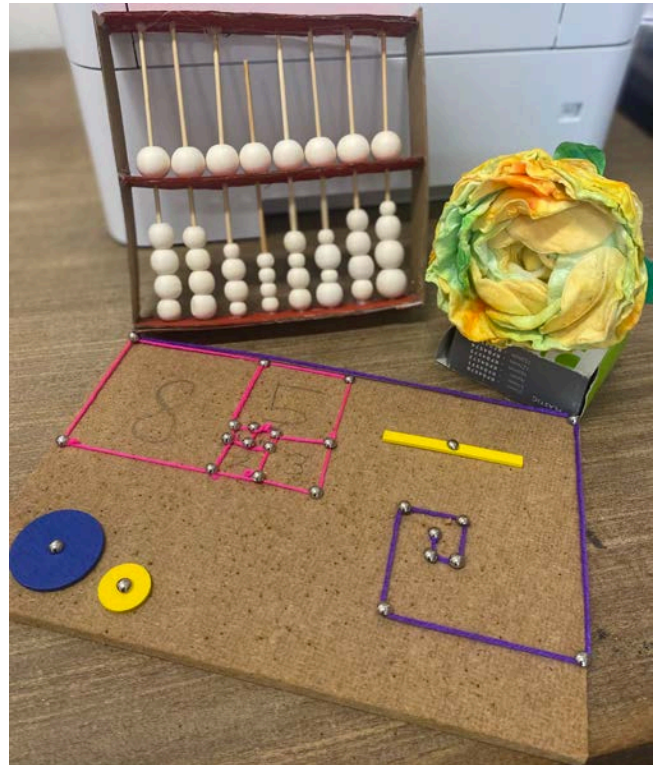
Year 9 students welcomed professional Quantity Surveyors, who shared insights into their careers and demonstrated how mathematical skills underpin decision-making within the construction industry. The session encouraged students to see the real-world value of mathematics and highlighted the wide variety of career pathways available to those with strong mathematical skills.

Selected Year 10 and Year 12 mathematicians had the opportunity to attend an engaging lecture at Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School exploring the mathematics behind The Simpsons. The thought-provoking talk challenged students to think differently about mathematics and revealed the surprising ways mathematical ideas appear in popular culture.

Students across KS3 and KS4 took part in Tax Facts lessons, linking classroom mathematics to everyday life. The sessions introduced key financial concepts such as taxation and payslips, helping to develop financial literacy while reinforcing the practical importance of mathematics beyond school.

As the academic year draws to a close, students are also completing their Mathematics Projects, researching influential mathematicians whose discoveries have shaped the mathematical world and continue to influence society today.

Mrs Khodabacus



Headteacher's Award Breakfast

A Grand Slam Achievement!

In recognition of their exceptional dedication and hard work throughout the term, the following students were invited to a special breakfast with Mrs Walker.

Not only have these students shown incredible dedication this term, but they also earned the highest achievement points with zero behavior points across the entire academic year. To celebrate, they enjoyed a delightful, Wimbledon-themed breakfast together.

Huge congratulations to:

- Year 7 - Mei, Maria and Asya
- Year 8 - Scarlett, Elif and Lucia
- Year 9 - Zuri, Tanisha and Evie
- Year 10 - Daniella, Sedem and Maryam



Year 7 Wings of Hope Junior Programme

This half term, our Year 7 students embarked on their exciting Wings of Hope Junior journey. We had seven incredibly dedicated teams step up to the challenge, brainstorming and carrying out creative fundraising activities to raise vital funds for students in Chennai, India, and Malawi, Africa.

From delicious home-baked cakes, cookies, and refreshing lemonade, to handmade bookmarks and beautifully crocheted items, each group organized and ran their own stalls with fantastic enthusiasm.

Thanks to their hard work and your wonderful support, the teams raised a brilliant grand total of £343.36!

A massive well done to Aanya, Alexksandra, Amira, Angel, Arina, Banan, Casey, Celestine, Chisom, Chloe, Clara, Elissa, Elsa, Francesca, Gabrielle, Hawraa, Koutney, Lexi, Leannie, Maria, Meela, Mya, Nathania, Precious, Saki, Sophia-Louise, Sonia, Scarlett, Shrutika, Tabertha, Trinity, Yu-Zhen, Zurie and Zurie.

Mrs Campbell



Wings of Hope Achievement Awards 2025/26

A Historic Win at the WOHA 2025/26 Grand Finals!

The WOHA 2025/26 Grand Finals took place on Saturday, 27th June 2026, at the London Business School, marking the culmination of months of entrepreneurial projects, fundraising initiatives, and community action led by student teams from across the UK. The ceremony also marked an exciting milestone with the presentation of the first-ever WOHA Junior award.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School was named the inaugural WOHA Junior winner! This prestigious award recognizes our students' outstanding fundraising project, creativity, and teamwork throughout the programme. To make this achievement even more special, we are officially the first school to ever win this award in this newly launched programme!

The award was proudly accepted on behalf of the school by Mrs Campbell and Mrs Doel. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the students who participated in this project, you have made an incredible impact in supporting disadvantaged children around the world on their journey towards a better education.



Mrs Campbell and Mrs Doel

Maths in the Simpsons at QE Boys School

Recently we attended a fun and engaging maths talk based on the Simpsons. The session explored how maths is used in the popular TV show, revealing hidden mathematical puzzles, patterns and jokes that many viewers never notice. We were fascinated to discover how concepts such as geometry, probability and the number theory can appear in everyday entertainment. Overall, the talk was both educational and entertaining, helping to show that maths can be creative, exciting, and relevant to the world around us. It was a fantastic experience that inspired us to look at maths in a new way!

Yasmine Year 12

Athletics Meet at Stone X Stadium

Several students from Year 7-10 participated in the annual Athletics league held at the Stone X Stadium. This was an exciting experience as the atmosphere was great and a very positive one, especially for the runners who got the crowd cheering for them as they came through the finish line.

The students took part in the Long Jump, Javelin, Shot Put, and various running events such as the 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m and 1500m as well as the relays.

Some students achieved their Personal Best in the following events:

- Long Jump - Elinor Year 8,
- Javelin - Tierna Year 10
- Shot put - Irini Year 10

The following students also won their respective races:

- 100m - Zara Year 7
- 300m - Isabel F-D Year 8
- 800m - Isabella H Year 8
- Relays: Year 8 and Year 7 won their relay races in front of a big cheering crowd!

The Year 10s also had a chance to use their experience as part of their GCSE assessment.

Mrs McDermott

Sports Day

On Monday 6 July, Stone X Stadium was again the venue for our Sports Day.

On what was an exceptionally hot day, students completed a range of events across track and field, as well as the traditional Year 7 chant-off. Students even sang "happy birthday" to Mrs Walker at what was her final Sports Day as headteacher!

Despite the heat, students left speaking highly of the fun they had. We look forward to returning to the venue next year.



The Super Curriculum

Super curricular activities take the subjects studied in the classroom beyond that which the teacher has taught and set as home learning. For example, students may go into more depth on something they picked up in the classroom, or learn about a new topic altogether. These activities are in a range of forms:

- Reading articles and books
- Watching videos online
- Downloading podcasts
- Attending lectures
- Visiting museums
- Entering academic competitions

Engaging in super curricular activities will help students develop a love for their favourite subjects.

All students can now access the super curriculum for the new academic year, and may want to make a start on these over the summer holidays.



- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 7
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 8
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 9
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 10
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 11
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 12
- Super Curriculum Overview: Year 13

Please note, these documents are only accessible while logged on with a QEGS account, so students will need to log into their school account to do so.

Mr Robson

Thank a Teacher!

Would you like to thank a member of staff at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School? You can do so via this link:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

Barnet Council Childcare Survey

Please see the message from the local authority below. Please be aware that this is only applicable for families that have children that are aged 14 or below in their household.

Have your say on school-aged childcare in Barnet

Barnet Council is inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey about childcare for school-aged children, including holiday provision.

This information has been requested by the Department for Education and will help the Council plan and improve childcare services for local families.

[Parent/ Carer School Aged Childcare Sufficiency Survey - Fill out form](#)

Deadline: Friday 31 July 2026

Dates for your diary

- School Terms, Holidays and Inset Days 2026 / 2027
 - Autumn Term 2026
 - First Half Thursday 3 September 2026 - Friday 16 October 2026
 - Half Term Monday 19 October 2026 - Friday 30 October 2026
 - Second Half Monday 2 November 2026 - Friday 18 December 2026
 - Spring Term 2027
 - First Half Tuesday 5 January 2027 - Friday 12 February 2027
 - Half Term Monday 15 February 2027 - Friday 19 February 2027
 - Second Half Monday 22 February 2027 - Wednesday 24 March 2027

- Summer Term 2027
 - First Half Thursday 8 April 2027 - Friday 28 May 2027
 - Half Term Monday 31 May 2027 - Friday 4 June 2027
 - Second Half Monday 7 June 2027 - Friday 23 July 2027
- Inset Days 2026/2027 – Full day school closures:
 - Tuesday 1 September 2026
 - Wednesday 2 September 2026
 - Monday 4 January 2027

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| • Celebration of Excellence Evening | Wednesday 9 September 2026 |
| • Year 10 Information Evening | Tuesday 15 September 2026 |
| • Year 12 Information Evening (online) | Wednesday 16 September 2026 |
| • Year 11 Information Evening | Tuesday 22 September 2026 |
| • Year 7 Information Evening | Thursday 24 September 2026 |
| • Open Evening (Whole School; 1pm school finish) | Monday 5 October 2026 |
| • Open Evening (Sixth Form) | Wednesday 14 October 2026 |
| • Year 13 Parents' Evening (online) | Tuesday 3 November 2026 |
| • Year 12 Parents' Evening (online) | Wednesday 18 November 2026 |
| • Year 7 Parents' Evening (in person; 1pm school finish) | Wednesday 25 November 2026 |
| • Year 11 Parents' Evening (online; 1pm school finish) | Wednesday 13 January 2027 |
| • Year 9 Parents' Evening (in person; 1pm school finish) | Thursday 28 January 2027 |
| • Year 8 Parents' Evening (in person; 1pm school finish) | Wednesday 24 February 2027 |
| • Post-18 Information Evening (online) | Tuesday 16 March 2027 |
| • Year 10 Parents' Evening (online; 1pm school finish) | Tuesday 23 March 2027 |

We look forward to welcoming back all students on Thursday 3 September 2026, after a good summer break, at the following times:

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| • Year 7 | 8:40am | - met by tutors by the school gate |
| • Year 8 | 10:00am | - met by tutors in form rooms |
| • Year 9 | 10:30am | - met by tutors in form rooms |
| • Year 10 | 11:20am | - met by tutors in form rooms |
| • Year 11 | 11:20am | - met by tutors in form rooms |
| • Year 12 | 9:00am | - welcome in sixth form common room |
| • Year 13 | 9:00am | - welcome in sixth form common room |

On Thursday 3 September, Year 7 students will depart at 3:00pm. All other students will depart at 3:15pm.

Friday 4 September will be a normal school day (8:40am - 3:15pm) for all students.

LinkedIn



Please follow us on LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/20659538>

Useful Support Lines

If you or your child needs support with their mental health over the holidays the following organisations are here to help:

Childline is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> telephone 0800 1111

Samaritans provide free confidential emotional support at any time either by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org

Kooth is an online platform that has information and support for young people on how to manage their mental health <https://www.kooth.com/>

Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258. Only available in mainland UK website <https://giveusashout.org/>

NHS Mental health services are free on the NHS.

To get **urgent medical help**, use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online. Only available in mainland UK.

For **life-threatening emergencies**, call 999 for an ambulance

Safer Schools for learners experiencing any form of abuse. It also provides a contact point for reporting burglaries, vandalism and other incidents that impact on efforts to ensure safe schools. The Call Centre's telephone number is 0800 45 46 47.

CEOP is here to help children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards you or another child or young person online (such as sexual chat, or being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable); you can report it here.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

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