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From Junior Section to Sixth Form, keeping you up to date with everything at QEGS.

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Welcome from our House Staff Leaders

Having always been a relatively competitive person, it was a joy to take on the role as Head of Bentley where I could motivate my house and develop a community that is supportive of each other and that is willing to put all into winning. The House System has created an exciting, new dynamic to school life and built a strong community that intertwines both staff and pupils across the whole school. Whether it is cheering on the sideline at Sport's Day, tasting their fine recipes at Masterchef or working as a team at one of the many academic quizzes, it has been a pleasure to see a large range of boys (and staff) of all ages interacting and supporting each other through competitions. The House System offers boys the opportunity to take on leadership roles as well as opens up elements of competition that were previously not available to them at school. I am eternally proud of the way our first cohort of House Captains have taken the role on in their stride and it is clear that they have paved the way for many more House Captains in the future.

Miss H Chatterton
Bentley House Leader

One of the first things that surprised me when I joined QEGS was the lack of a House System; having worked in a variety of schools, all with successful and long-established Houses it felt odd that a school like QEGS did not - particularly when I was told that the Junior School did! The ability to foster friendly competition between students and allow different Year Groups to support each other in events ranging from Masterchef to Badminton was something that I wanted to be part of - making sure that not only Cave but the system as a whole was a success.

I can already see that in the future we will have well established House Competitions that students will be wanting to take part in from the start of the school year, that rivalries between Houses will develop and diminish over time and that, when I leave QEGS at some point in the distant future the person taking on my role as teacher will not be surprised by a lack of House System but see the House System as just another feather in the cap of what makes QEGS a fantastic school. Bleed Green!

Mr M Affleck
Cave House Leader



As part of the administration team at QEGS I wouldn't have thought I would be able to be so involved in the House system let alone be given the opportunity to be the Head of house for Freeston. Being part of the launch of the Senior School House system has given me a great opportunity to further my skills as well as getting to grips with all the various competitions and sporting activities that the boys have been involved in for years but now all have a new identity as house competitions. I took a trip across to the junior section last week to bob my head into the junior Masterchef and it was lovely to see the boys so enthusiastic and engaged. I am hoping in the future I will get more time to go and support the Freeston boys when they are competing. The system has developed massively since September from boys not really knowing how it was going to develop to now, where house chatter can be heard on the corridors on a daily basis.

Mrs C Williams
Freeston House Leader



With the introduction and expansion of the House system here at QEGS it has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm, determination and commitment for individual houses and the appetite for more competitions to occur across the school. As a House Leader, it has been a pleasure to see the boys take control of their own House, organise themselves and bring out the competitive nature that sometimes is hard to find. Within Savile we came up with the Motto 'Acta Non Verba' meaning 'Actions not words' and this is something our house has stuck to. Led by the House Captains they have taken the House meetings and assemblies by storm and spoken publicly, in front of their peers with confidence and consciousness. Numerous boys have taken part in many competitions across the school, all in the name of their house, giving their all and representing their house/family to the best of their ability. It has been interesting seeing the different sides of boys' personalities shining through and showing how much the House system means to them. I am excited to see the House system grow and where it can be taken.

Mr S Cooke
Savile House Leader

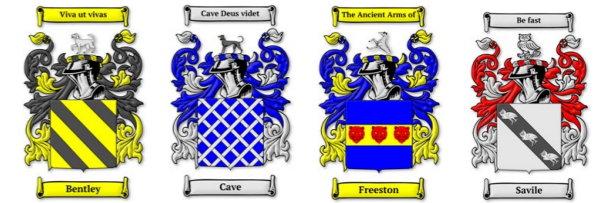


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House Matters

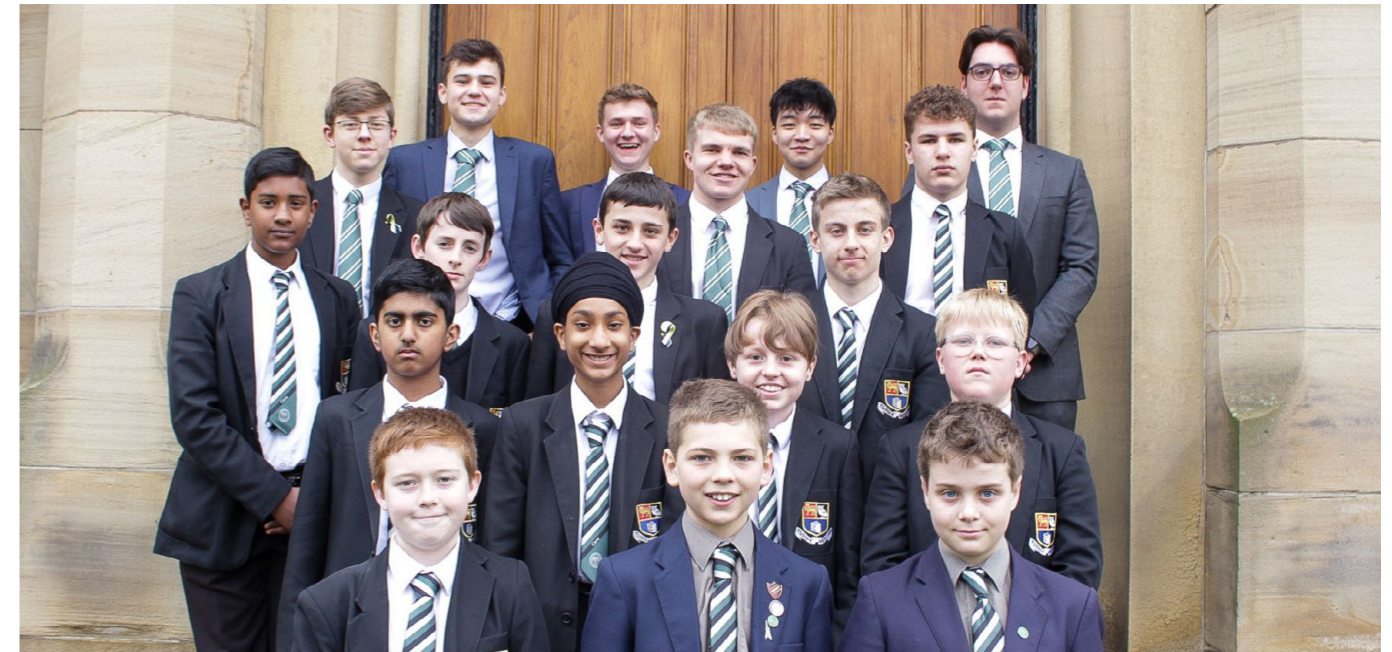


What an honour it has been to be a house captain this half term. I can still remember my excitement when I received the email informing me that I was to be a house captain. It has been such a great half term, in particular I enjoyed the aspect of organising teams for inter house competitions and managing the Bentley year 7 sports teams. Additionally I found it brilliant to have the opportunity to present and feature in House Assemblies. Finally I really like the new house ties and feel they commend and reward all the hard work and dedication from me and my fellow House Captain Sam Ilsley. In summary it has been an amazing experience and I would wholeheartedly recommend it too everyone aspiring to be a house captain.

Joshua Timmons
Year 7 House Captain - Bentley

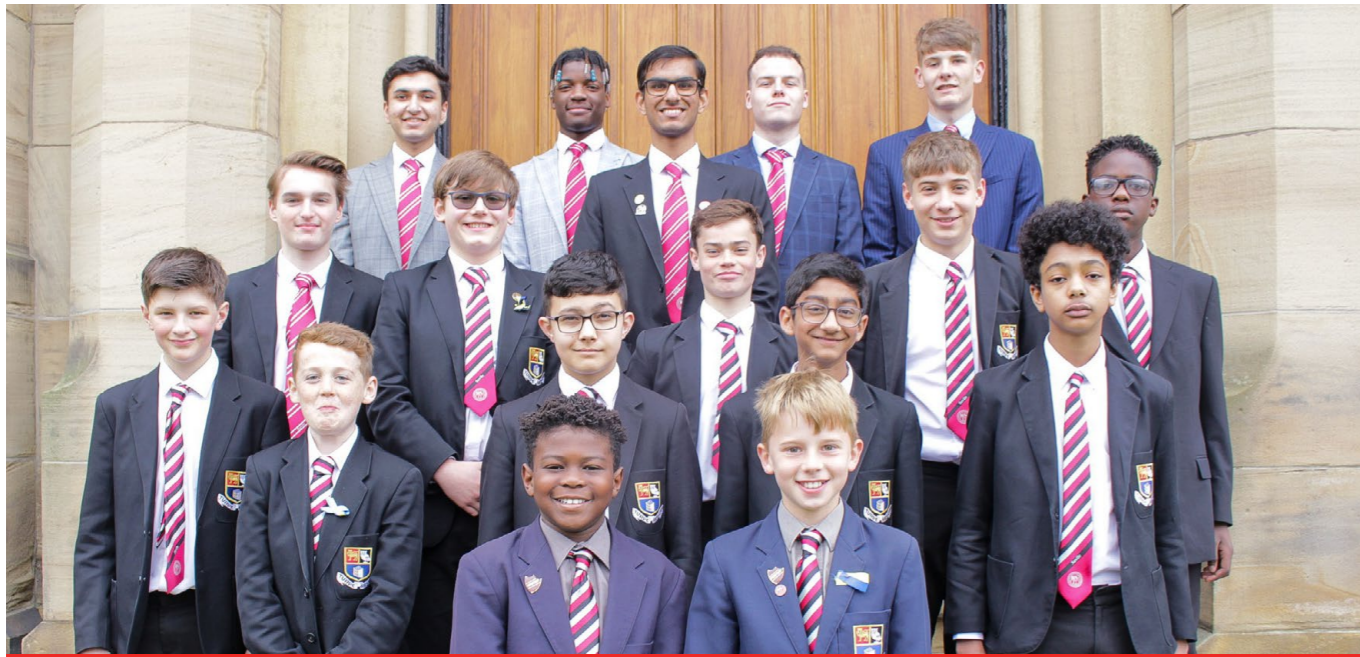
In my time as a house captain, my experiences have been great. Being a house captain gives you a sense of pride and responsibility and gives you many opportunities to do interesting things. It can help you with all skills, especially leadership ones. It is very fun and if you are thinking about applying, I would definitely recommend it. It's an experience that shouldn't be frowned upon.

James Rawson
Year 9 House Captain - Bentley



To be a house captain of my year for Cave is an honour and since the start of the year, I have been able to enjoy getting myself and others involved in house competitions such as quizzes and sporting events. I have really enjoyed doing this and I believe that the house system has been a great addition to Senior School. I went to Junior School and there it flourished and so I think that it was inevitable that it was going to be re-added to the higher part of the school. Overall, I think that becoming house captain of year 9 Cave is a great honour and to be given the opportunities I have been given shows how good the house system is.

Ben Rose
Year 9 House Captain - Cave



For me, being a house captain entails more than just the leadership that most people associate with the role. Sure, you have to lead by example and encourage your peers to participate in the house events (of which there have been many!), but the skills I have developed because of this role have been far more wide-ranging. Of these, one of the most important has been my increase in confidence and ability to work more effectively with others. From delivering house assemblies - not only to my Year Group but to the whole house - to organising teams for the competitions, there have been many new challenges for me to face. However, with the vast network of support present in each house, not least in the form of house leaders and vice-captains (a special mention to Esa Butt, who has been an invaluable asset for me this year), I feel that these challenges have been effectively overcome. And although this year has been focused on laying the foundations of the house system, which is still quite a novel concept for the Senior School, I am really looking forward to the exciting opportunities that lay ahead, not only for the remainder of this year but next year as well.

Arsh Gupta
Year 11 House Captain - Savile

This year has been an excellent year to embrace many opportunities within school life post pandemic due to the introduction to the house system. This has enhanced our education and broadened our horizons. Over this journey, I have met new people and made new friends as being house captain has allowed me to get to know people who have similar interests. Over this past year, I have been able to get involved with many new challenges from baking to sport, quizzes and even more - there is something for everyone to 'get stuck' into. I have thoroughly enjoyed being House captain this year as it showed me that life at QEGS is more than just the home of outstanding education but also the place of happiness and extracurricular life. It has given me a great deal of responsibility allowing me to become even more engaged within school activities while also helping me to grow as a person with confidence. As well as getting some special ties to award us for our roles as house captain, we have held assemblies through the weeks, given advice to our house members and most importantly supported our house to victory. With these opportunities and the light-hearted encouragement I am certainly happy to be made in QEGS.

Ayan Sinha
Year 8 House Captain - Savile



As head of Freeston I have had a lot of things to do and whenever I need help I can always rely on my friend Isaac, deputy head of house. Some of these things are the house assemblies on Friday week B. They are always fun to run. In these assemblies we go over the upcoming competitions and also what competitions other people want to do. If you want to sign up you have to be very organised. One of the hardest things I have been asked to do is the interhouse clash royale competition because of how many questions I have been asked, however I did get some help from the staff and my fellow house captains.

Seb Patel
Year 7 House Captain - Freeston

I was thrilled to be chosen as vice-house captain for Freeston and it has provided me with valuable experiences such as confidence with public speaking at assembly which has boosted my self-esteem, and organisational skills such as compiling teams in collaboration with the house captain for inter house sports including floorball (which Freeston won!).

Further areas for focus and development of my role are improving skills in placing people in a team that they feel comfortable in as well as putting together a strong team that can work well as a whole rather than relying on a single individual to score the winning goals or tries.

I'm keen to promote Freeston in any quizzes or competitions so spend part of my time encouraging participation in other school activities - I try to convince everyone to have a go! My current ambition is to organise an inter house Warhammer tournament.

Isaac Lotia
Year 7 House Vice Captain - Freeston

Junior Section News



An interview with the Junior Section Head Boy

My name is Ethan Langstaff, I am in 6K and I am also the Bentley House Captain. I joined this school in Mulberry House so I have been here for a long while. I love Football and cricket and I have another interesting talent...I can shake my eyeballs!

My main duties as Head Boy are helping with assemblies, helping Mr Thompson and Dr Brookes and being kind to everyone in this school. As Head Boy I will most remember the time when myself and the Prefects met with Dr Brookes in his office and had a can of pop and some biscuits. This was a thank you from Dr Brookes for the things we do in the school.

My favourite things about QEGS are: having a huge amount of different activities to do, the amount of opportunities across the school and, of course, the pupils and the staff in the school.

My Grandad was my biggest source of inspiration as he was kind, funny and a huge Leeds United Fan! My most cherished memory was when I was Tazoo in the Year 4 play and gave Flowers and Wine to Mrs Gray.

Ethan - Bentley - Head Boy

An interview with the Junior Section Deputy Head Boy

My name is Zane Noor. I am in 6R and I'm in the house of fantastic, fabulous Freestons! I joined the school in Mulberry House at the age of 3 so I have been here a little while. Outside of school I like drawing, singing, gaming and playing football. At the age of 6 I was scouted by Huddersfield FC and later by Sheffield United.

As a Deputy Head Boy my duties include: helping out the teachers whenever possible, making sure our classrooms are tidy, showing visitors around the school and holding doors for other pupils and teachers.

My favourite moment of being Deputy Head Boy is when I received my badge. It was a huge achievement for me as I always worked towards becoming having this level of responsibility one day.

I love QEGS as it has given me the opportunity to be able to stay active. We play many different types of sports and come together as one brilliant team.

My greatest Inspiration in life would be my parents and the teachers at QEGS. I always got told to be kind, be thankful and to be the best version of yourself. Keeping that in mind I've always tried my best to help others and treat others how I would like to be treated.

My most cherished moment of Junior School was winning the Queen's Cup (Inter-house rugby). It was a great moment as the Queen herself presented the trophy back in 1992. It was an afternoon I will never forget.

Zane - Freeston - Deputy Head Boy



Owls

Owls is the place to be every night! We think Owls is the place to be because with kind and trusted adults, amazing food and awesome activities your son is good to go! The special Miss O'Malley, Mr Pearson Jnr and Mr Graham all help and support us.

At Owls we have a wide range of activities such as jenga, darts, computer time, 4-in-a-row and many sports. Our favourites are jenga, bowling, football, champ, dodgeball and board games. We guarantee you will have a great time at this wonderful place.

QEGS boys should come to the spectacular Owls as we have great food, including: cake, sausage rolls, doughnuts, crisps, fruit and more fantastic treats. We also go outside and play in the summer.

Comfort, fun and lovely people is what we have and what you will enjoy if you come to Owls.

By Olly Gill (Savile), Jay Worby (Savile), George Varley (Bentley) and Arthur Celliers (Savile).

White Shirts

We will always be grateful for any white shirts that have been grown out of to be donated to the JS Office. These come in handy if any boys have been forgetful on our white shirt days!

JS Office

Inter House Chess

This was a superb competition with over 80 players taking part from across Y2-Y6. After three hard-fought rounds, Savile emerged victorious and Teshomi was presented with the House Chess Trophy for 2022. This event concluded a busy term of House competitions in the Junior Section with more to come in the summer term.

Thank you to all of the staff and pupils involved.

R Thompson - Cave



Hockey Heroes – a fun introduction to hockey

Wakefield Hockey Club are running another of the successful “come and try” Hockey Heroes programme designed for 5 to 8 year olds – starting on 4th May.

It is an 8 week programme - designed by and delivered on behalf of England Hockey. We are running it on a Wednesday at 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Wakefield Sports Club, Eastmoor Road WF1 3RR on one of our all weather pitches.

Starting on 4th May, the 8 week programme costs £40 if booked on for the first time – and the children get a personalised T-shirt, 2 sticks, a ball and stickers – and more stickers as they complete the course each week and gain hockey and character powers! There are reductions for repeat bookings....

And if your children come to love hockey, Wakefield Hockey Club have a thriving Junior Section which runs on a Sunday morning – so they can move seamlessly into that, if they like the sport. Many children from QEGS do this and enjoy great coaching and play competitively at a high level.



Please visit:
<https://play.englandhockey.co.uk/hockeyheroes>
to find out more and to book on to this course.

Any questions to Chris Randall –
email: cjrandall1@btinternet.com
or text/phone 07815479245.



The MasterChef competition is an **optional** inter-house competition for **Year 6 only**.

The theme of this year's competition is **'Eco Foods'**. This means I'd like the boys to consider the packaging that the food comes in, the distance it's had to travel to the plate, so ideally the use of seasonal local foods in their meal. If in any doubt please ask me or email me at the address given below.

You need to design/choose a **savoury main course to serve one person**.

You will need to

- make sure you can **safely & independently cook** this meal.
- make sure it can be cooked within **one hour (ideally 45mins)**.
- know about the approximate **nutritional value** of your meal (which is the protein source etc).

Entries:

Entries require the following information:-

- + **a recipe (ingredients and method)**
- + **reasons** why you chose this meal for the theme **'Eco Foods'**.
- + **Any nutritional information** about your meal.

Each entry will earn the individual 10 house points.

You can hand in your entries **on paper** or share them from your **google drive** with me (mbspawforth@wgsf.net). You can email your entries but file size can be a problem so sharing it is better.

Please make sure your entry has on it your **name, form and House**.
The closing date for entries will be Monday 2nd May 2022.

There will be **three boys from each House** chosen. These boys will be required to provide their own ingredients and cook their savoury dish and present it to the school judges in their House heat. The winner from each House heat will go on to the final, cooking the same dish to compete for the title of QEGS Junior MasterChef.

The final will be judged by Dr Brookes and Mr Thompson.

Good luck and let's get cooking!
Mrs Spawforth - Bentley



Did you know - if you lined up the plastic bottles thrown away each year, they would circle our planet 4 times?



We are going green here in QEGS Junior Section! Having signed up to SchoolCycled - an initiative that recycles waste plastic bottle tops into play equipment and furniture, boys in KS3-6 are experiencing the importance of recycling and sustainability by partaking in an exciting House Competition aimed at collecting as many waste plastic bottle tops as they can! Each House has their own dedicated collection station the contents of which will be collected, weighed in and exchanged for Earth Tokens whereby the winning House will decide what 100% recycled product for the school to trade their tokens for. As part of the competition, boys have also been challenged to design a poster that raises awareness of the importance of recycling and encourages others to get involved in collecting the waste plastic bottle tops.

Mrs C.Mackay - Bentley
Enterprise Coordinator

Inter House and Queen's Cup Rugby

Freeston were awarded the Queen's Cup this year for winning the Y6 Inter House Rugby Competition.

Dr Brookes presented the trophy to Ayo Fasae, the Freeston Rugby Captain.

In the overall competition, Bentley lifted the Inter House Cup. Ethan Langstaff as House Captain was presented with the trophy by Dr Brookes.

It was a fantastic afternoon of rugby in which all boys in the JS participated. Thank you to all players, parents and staff for making this such a success.

Mr J Tiffany - Freeston



Junior Section Housepoints

Housepoints for w/e 1st April 2022

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| 1st | Freeston - 226 |
| 2nd | Cave - 212 |
| 3rd | Bentley - 201 |
| 4th | Savile - 194 |

Most House Points achieved in the Year group

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| Year 2 | Albie Kitson |
| Year 3 | George Fearnley |
| Year 4 | Ameer Hamza |
| Year 5 | Luke White |
| Year 6 | Luke Gallagher |

Key Dates

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| 8 Apr | Charity Day |
| 25 Apr | INSET DAY |
| 26 Apr | Term Starts |
| 27 Apr | 4C Forest School |
| 29 Apr | Cricket v GSAL U10AB @ QEGS (Parents Welcome) |
| 29 Apr | Cricket v GSAL U11AB @ GSAL (Parents Welcome) |
| 2 May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| 2 - 6 May | Book Fair (Parents Welcome to attend) |
| 3 May | Eid |
| 3 May | Cricket v GSAL U9AB @ GSAL (Parents Welcome to attend) |
| 4 May | House Assembly |
| 4 May | 3R Forest School |
| 6 May | HMC Swimming @ John Charles |
| 9 May | 6R Kayaking at Leeds Sailing Centre |
| 11 May | 4D Forest Schools |
| 12 May | Y6 Residential trip, parental drop in JS Hall (Parents Welcome) |
| 12 May | Y5 Trip to Armley Mills |
| 13 May | Cricket v St Peters U10 AB @ QEGS 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome) |
| 13 May | Cricket v St Peters U11 AB @ St Peters 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome) |
| 16 - 20 May | Assessment Week |
| 16 May | 5D Mountain Biking on site |
| 18 May | 3P Forest School |
| 20 May | Wharfedale Music Festival |
| 20 May | Cricket v Bradford Grammar School U10AB @ BGS 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome) |
| 20 May | Cricket v Bradford Grammar School U11AB @ QEGS 1.30pm start (Parents Welcome) |
| 23 - 25 May | Y6 Bushcraft Residential |
| 24 May | Y3 York Residential Parental drop in session, JS Hall (Parents Welcome) |
| 25 May | 4C Forest School |
| 27 May | Grandparents Afternoon (Further details to be sent out) |
| 27 May | Break up for Half Term |



Senior Section News

Bonjour! ¡Hola! Hallo!

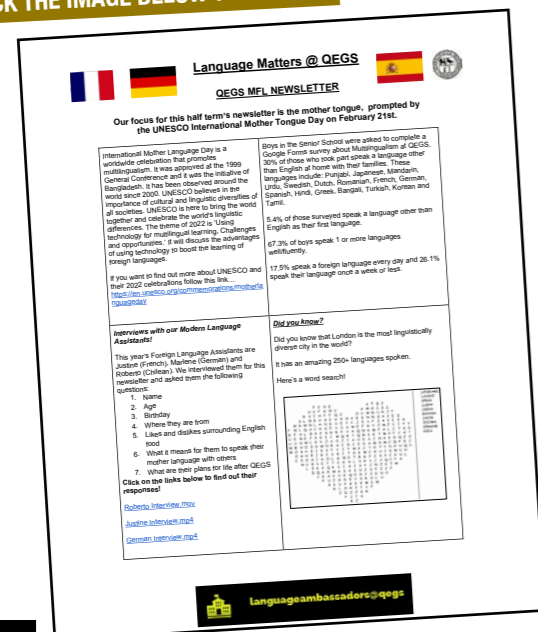
Welcome to the latest entry from the Modern Foreign Languages team here at QEGS. The spring term has seen a number of developments in the MFL department and have been spearheaded by our fabulous students and Language Ambassadors. Notable events included a multilingual poetry competition, a House MFL quiz, the latest edition of our Languages Matters @ QEGS newsletter and a new and exciting international link being forged with a school in Chile!

Why not click on the relevant links below to find out more about each of the above? You could even have a go at The Big, Fat Language and Culture Quiz!

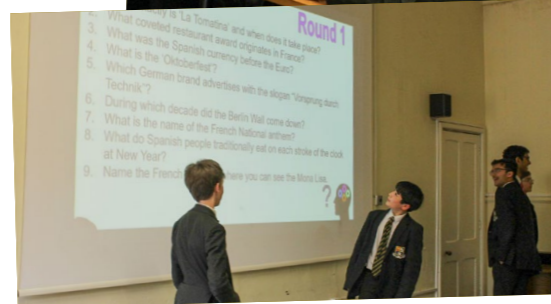
MEET OUR MULTILINGUAL POETS



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The BIG, FAT QUIZ



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WATCH OUR INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY ASSEMBLY



A special thanks this term goes to our Language Ambassadors and a huge congratulations to our now published authors from the Senior and Junior Section who entered the Multilingualism Poetry Competition.

Mr B Konopinski - Freeston
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Intermediate Swing Band Performs at JS Assembly

On Friday 25th March Intermediate Swing Band were invited to play in a junior assembly. I was excited to play in the assembly since the pieces are really enjoyable to play and it was nostalgic to be back at the junior school. First, we played Rock Around the Clock which definitely woke everyone up on a Friday morning! Second, we played the Michael Jackson classic Billie Jean which everyone seemed to enjoy. Next, we played Tequila which was great for getting the whole audience involved! Finally, we finished with the Mission Impossible theme which was my personal favourite. We Hope that it will have inspired some of the Year 6 boys to want to join us when they move up in the Foundation.



George Garside - Cave



Thank you...

Thank you to all the parents who donated money towards the non-uniform day which was held on the 25th March - £526 was raised in support of the humanitarian aid work that the Red Cross is undertaking, the boys are enjoying a second non-uniform today - please donate between £1 - £5 in aid of comic relief.

Natalie Allen - Cave
QEGS Charity Co-ordinator

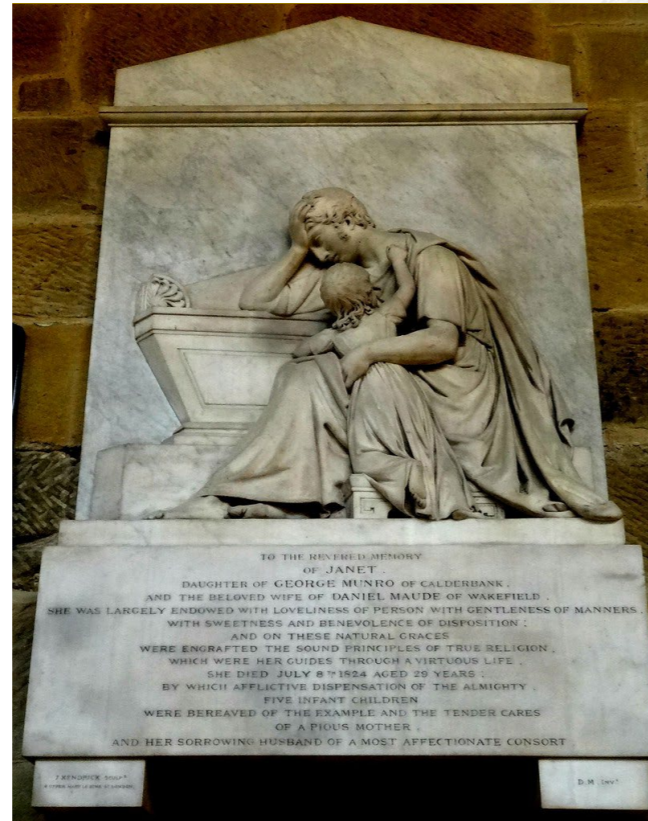
Classics Department Update

A couple of weeks ago, the Year 10 Classical Civilisation class set off on the first post-pandemic trip from the Classics Department. It was only as far as Wakefield Cathedral but it was an important and symbolic moment in many ways. Our theme was Memorials and Monuments, as we have been studying Greek and Roman examples of this as part of the GCSE course. In the Cathedral there are all sorts of memorials, mostly in honour of the great and the good, and we looked at how these compared with Classical predecessors, noting artistic style, what we choose to commemorate, and what values we hold dear. It was interesting to note how the Pilkington family, erstwhile owners of the now demolished Chevet Hall, chose to use Latin on a grandiose monument, and how Janet Maude, beloved wife and mother of five, has an image pretty similar to one in the Classics coursebook on her memorial.

This continuity from the Classical World has also been found back in the classroom, with much work done on building English vocabulary from its Latin roots across the age range of classes. This has been enhanced with input from our trainee Classics teacher, Ms. Williams, formerly a lawyer, who has brought her experience with legal terms to lessons, explaining ideas such as “post hoc, propter hoc” and “mens rea”, as well as what exactly a “vexatious litigant” is! We are grateful for what she has brought to the Department over the last term, and wish her well as she moves on to her final placement.

As we look forward to the exam season, we wish our candidates well, especially at the upper end of the school, but also in years 7 - 10, and hope that they get what they want, as well as what they deserve (and hope that that is the same thing!)

This will be my last contribution to the newsletter as Head of Classics, as I move to part-time working next year. I thank my colleagues for their support and their patience over the years!



I have served as a teacher at QEGS for sixteen years, as a parent for seven, and seven years as a pupil. I wish my successor as much happiness as I have enjoyed here, and look forward to reading his e-bulletin notes in due course. I started this report with reference to monuments and memorials, and I hope that the Classics Department which I now bequeath to Mr. Ellard will be, as Horace said a “monumentum aere perennius”.

Mr D Dean - Cave

I want to sincerely thank Mr Dean for all his advice and support during my training placement at QEGS over this Easter term. I am so grateful for all the teaching opportunities he has given me, particularly the GCSE Greek classes. In fact, I have massively enjoyed every aspect of my time here, from the enthusiastic year 7 boys learning the difference between the subject and object, through to the more sophisticated year 10 boys looking at the difference between the active and passive voices and the year 12 pupils considering Oedipus' responsibility for his own fate. The variety of intellectual activities within the QEGS' classics classroom under Mr Dean's leadership, including the recent visit to Wakefield Cathedral, will ensure the enduring popularity of classics in the school. Indeed, my experience over the last few weeks has reaffirmed for me the merits of my subject. Thank you so much!

Ms C Williams - Trainee Classics teacher

Radcliffe Scholar Visit to the Holocaust Museum

Last Friday the Radcliffe Scholars from Year 7, 8 & 9 went on a visit to Huddersfield University, specifically to go to the Holocaust Museum. This was initially organised for 2 years ago but for obvious reasons we have been unable to go.

It was the first school trip for many of the boys and they were very much looking forward to the experience. Although we were unable to speak to a Holocaust survivor, there were plenty of other things to see and do as the excellent staff led the boys through 2 workshops and a guided tour of the museum. The boys studied the use of propaganda and the media on the German population by the Nazis, as well as humanising the Holocaust, looking at the roles of German civilians during this period.

I thought the Holocaust Museum was amazing it was very interesting and all the staff there were friendly and happy to answer any questions we had. In the classroom there I enjoyed the fact we could get involved in the activities and talk about our views. The museum itself was very informative it spread light on the tragedy that is the Holocaust in a new light. There were videos about the Holocaust by some survivors which were very interesting to watch. It told you a lot of things you might not have known like the involvement of big brands like BMW and Hugo Boss who helps the Nazis and used Jewish labour in the Holocaust. The museum is located in the Huddersfield University and we were lucky enough to get a look around which was very cool. Overall, I really enjoyed the learning experience and would love to go again some time.

Jack Norvelle - Bentley

The Holocaust Museum at Huddersfield University is a comprehensive learning experience. The exhibits are full of information and the videos from survivors are fascinating and enlightening. Furthermore, the knowledge-finding activities were interesting and encouraged taking some time to read the exhibits. My favourite part was watching a 10-minute information video that told the story of the Holocaust in amazing detail. My only criticism is that there was not enough time to look through all the info boards.

Kaleb Peeters - Cave



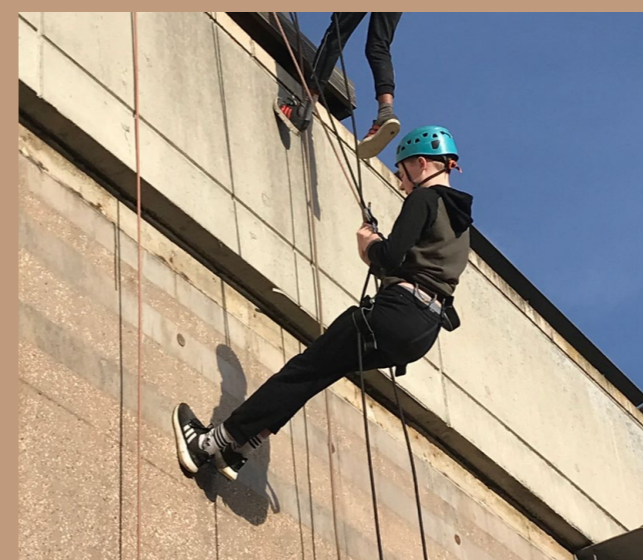
Year 8 Residential

Year 8 had their first residential in senior school after having a full year inside the grand gates of QEGS. Even Though COVID had restricted many of the outside school opportunities which are normally integrated within QEGS life - the much awaited residential did not fail to fulfil the high expectations of the pupils and teachers. The school knew that this was the best way to show what QEGS can offer Year 8 beyond the classroom. With many disruptions through their first 2 years of QEGS living through the pandemic, this was a great opportunity to recharge their batteries before going back to normal school life once again.

On Thursday the 17th of March, Year 8 headed off on their adventure to Kingswood with many activities coming their way. We were kindly greeted From abseiling, orienteering and ziplining to the challenge of Jacob's ladder the whole year was provided with a wide range of activities to make sure that every moment counted. Afterwards when everyone was comfortable within their dorms, it became a fun lively experience away from our homes and time with our friends. But the meals added onto this already spectacular residence, as every meal which was served was a new adventure for our taste buds as a variety was prepared including chicken fillets, hotdogs, a full English breakfast and even more - making us more than ready and energised to accomplish the activities ahead. All of the team pushed themselves to their limits with the challenging activities which came their way but they couldn't have done it without the teamwork which circulated the encouraging group.

It was remarkable for Year 8 to have their first residential with their teachers and friends at QEGS. After a tiring, wearisome and fatiguing 2 years this residential was most well-deserved. Many thanks to Mrs Roberts for organising the trip which we all utterly enjoyed and can't wait to see many more of these fantastic trips which she will hold in the future.

Mrs S Roberts - Cave



U18's Rosslyn Park and Sedbergh



By Mr H Graham



Two weeks ago was one of the most rugby orientated weeks of my life and I loved every second of it! It started off on a Monday driving down to London where we would be competing at Rosslyn Park 7's. This involved 192 schools around the UK, showcasing some of the best rugby talent at U18's level.

Tuesday was game day and it started off with a 21-19 win against RGS Guildford with some amazing defensive work to hold out for the last two minutes on our own line. We came out of that game on a high and pumped up for the next match against Worth School. We came away with another win, 24-12, meaning we were to face off against local rivals, Hymers, to progress to the next round. Unfortunately, our 7's career was cut short with a last ditch Hymers try in the final 2 minutes where we lost 12-7.

Although we didn't get to play on the next day, the experience was thrilling and one to remember for the rest of our lives.

Fortunately, just two days later, we travelled up to Sedbergh to compete in their Super 10's tournament. This involved some of the best rugby schools in the UK like Kirkham and Brighton, who have been in the School National Cup finals many times. We travelled on Saturday and Sedbergh hosted a formal evening event where we would sit down with all the coaches and players.

The rugby started off on Sunday in the warm weather where we faced the well known Hampton School. With determination and a lot of hard work from our lads, we managed to overturn them and come away with a 14-12 victory.

Our next game was against the incredibly strong hosts, who sadly were just too fast for us. To finish off the day we faced Dulwich college, another well known team, and we played some of the best rugby of the season so far.

That victory meant we progressed into the top 8 of the competition which did not seem likely from how the season had gone so far. This meant we had nothing to lose and for myself and the other year 13s, our final three games of our school rugby career.

Monday started off against Kirkham Grammar who had got to the final of the National Cup this season. We knew they would be a strong team but in the first 8 minutes we flew at them and didn't let them leave their half at all. Unfortunately, as the game progressed, our enthusiasm dropped and we let them slip through.

From that great performance in the first half, we were pumped and ready to play Ipswich. Yet again we left nothing in the changing rooms and played the best rugby of the tournament, topping the Dulwich game. However, we found ourselves on the wrong end of some close decisions, losing the match by two points.

Our final game was against Barnard Castle which was quite an emotional game as Mr Wolfenden decided to finish off with all the year 13's playing together. It was a great send off for what has been the best four years of my life, playing rugby at QEGS.

Good luck to all the rugby teams next season!

Hugo Calvert - Savile

U16's Rosslyn Park



The first game vs St Mary's was an immaculate QEGS win 34-5, with great tries from the whole team, especially Will Evans. In our second game we won a closely fought contest vs RGS Guildford 26-12, which was a very close game up until the end. Our final group game vs Clayesmore saw another victory, however it was only by a single point where we won the game 15-14 with only 20 seconds left on the clock. Our final game of the day was the first qualifying game which saw a great QEGS win, 17-5. A special mention must go to Harry Bowser for a late chip and chase try after some great defence.

This meant that we qualified for the second day, which in itself is a great achievement but we were hungry to make an impact. Unfortunately, we were unable to continue our winning run, losing two close matches against Rugby School and Sedbergh respectively, showing we were able to muck in with the best schools around.

The overall experience was great as well as the rugby there were also many other things you could do, including, meeting Sam Waburton and Alex Dombandt. It was also a great experience to have time to watch the u18s on the main pitch, this really inspired us for our own games as we wanted to end up on that pitch at the end.

Will Heath - Freeston



U14's Rosslyn Park

The U14 Rosslyn Park tournament was a good outing for us as we could display our ability in the biggest rugby schools 7s tournament in the world. The members of staff taking us down to London were Mr Lewis and Mr Masterson. After the five and a half hour journey down, we arrived at the hotel. Rooms were decided and we went up to settle in and get ready for the night ahead. For our evening meal, we ate at Siracusa, an Italian restaurant that was a brisk walk from the hotel. Everyone enjoyed their meal and they headed back to the hotel for a good night's sleep before the day ahead.

After waking up and having a quick breakfast, we were on our way to Rosslyn Park. We got there slightly earlier than the opposing teams because we watched the QEGS U16 squad in their first knockout game of the day against Rugby School. Unfortunately, Rugby won by a couple of points.

It was then time for our first game of the tournament against Gordon's School. We defeated our Woking opposition, winning comfortably 24-7. Two hours later, our next opponent was St Anselm's College. We triumphed against them, winning 40-7. This was easily our best performance of the tournament as we dismantled them from the start.

Our last game was a group decider against another southern school, Hampton College, who had also won their opening two games. They started well by scoring first, which was followed by a QEGS try. This pattern carried on until halftime. The score was 14-12 at the break in favour of Hampton. Unfortunately for us though, our Rosslyn Park run came to an end as we were beaten 28-19. They progressed through onto the elimination round. For us though, disappointment was the main feeling in the camp as we felt, as a team, that we could have achieved a lot more from this competition.

Overall though, Rosslyn Park was a great experience for the whole team. It made us closer to each other as a group of mates and hopefully, we can go back in two years' time and bring some silverware home to Wakefield.

Oliver Whyte - Savile
Will Hunter - Savile

U13's Caldicott 10's



On Saturday 26th March the under 13 rugby team travelled down to Caldicott Preparatory School to take part in the inaugural U13 National Tens Festival. The boys spent the Saturday night in the boarding house, socialising with the other teams over dinner, playing football on the fields and an overly competitive table tennis tournament.

After a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning the team prepared for the festival, knowing they would be competing against the very best U13 sides in the

country. After going down to a very strong Pinewood side in the first fixture of the day, the team rallied and produced victories over Warwick School, RSH High Wycombe and Moulshford School to finish third in their group. This set up a 5th place playoff match against Taunton School, where the boys put out their best performance of the day to dispatch them with a comfortable 20-0 win.



This is a fantastic achievement for all the boys involved and a great finish to a fantastic season. The future is very bright indeed for QEGS rugby. Many thanks to Caldicott Prep for such excellent Hospitality over the course of the weekend.

Mr R Everett - Savile

In celebration of our U15 XV's outstanding achievement of reaching the National Schools Cup Final at Twickenham, the players and coaches were invited to a special breakfast and presentation with the Head. Here are some of the highlights...



Spotlight On: Old Savilians

Music has always played an important part in my life for as long as I can remember. I know it sounds clichéd, but it's true! I started having piano lessons when I was five years old from a lady called Mary Saunders who noticed I had some kind of talent. When I joined QEGS, my love for music grew; I had the opportunity to Youth Concert (in addition to the fantastic Christmas and Summer concerts run by David Waters, another inspiration!). QEGS also introduced new areas of music to me; I started learning the saxophone and I played in the Swing Band, started a saxophone quartet group and much more. I studied Music at A-Level and then went on to Durham to read Music.

I knew I wanted to work in the music industry somewhere and to start with, I was like a rabbit in the headlights, I had no idea where to begin or what avenue to go down; performance is tricky and unbelievably competitive, music publishing, working at a record label, all these thoughts were going round in my mind. However, I landed myself an internship at a company called Albion Media in London, a PR firm specialising in classical music and the performing arts. I worked there part-time whilst studying my MMus at Royal Holloway. I also worked for a company called Articulate Music; a live agency who organises bands to play at weddings and social events globally. Two days after completing my master's degree, I was offered a job to work at Sony Classical and this opened up a whole new world for me and was a key stepping-stone to where I am today. I spent a year at the company which was an eye-opener; I had no idea the amount of work or departments invested into a label: marketing, legal, finance, A&R (artists and repertoire), commercial, international etc. The year I spent at Sony allowed me to ask questions and pick-up and learn on the job quickly.

A year after joining Sony, I was offered my dream job – to work in the commercial team at Decca Records. Decca has a long standing history and proud heritage (we celebrated 90 years in 2019 and past artists include David Bowie, The Rolling Stones) as well as being the foremost and #1 classical label in the world. Decca is also a part of Universal Music (the world leader in music-based entertainment). I started my job as Commercial Co-ordinator and I'm now Commercial Manager – working with DSPs (Digital Service Providers such as Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon, Deezer, YouTube) on campaigns and developing our artists' digital and streaming audience. I'm very lucky to be working with some of the greatest classical, neo-classical and classical-crossover artists of our time; Andrea Bocelli, Ludovico Einaudi, Katherine Jenkins, Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Ólafur Arnalds, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Hans Zimmer, Max Richter, Lang Lang – working closely with them on recordings, and selling and creating campaigns with partners.

I'm very lucky to be working in an industry I love which happens to be a passion of mine. My advice to anyone would be to try different things and not to be scared if you are unsure of what area you want to go down; doing something you enjoy goes a long way and, if you work hard, can take you to places you never thought you'd go!

Eliot McGuire - OS 2011



Key Dates

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| 8 Apr | Break up @ 4pm & Non-uniform Day | 23-26 May | KS3 assessment |
| 9-16th Apr | Ski Trip to Val Thorens | 27 May | Y8 Enterprise Day |
| 10-13 Apr | DofE Training (1) @ Dalesbridge | 27 May | Trips Day - Y7,9,10 |
| 13-16 Apr | DofE Training (2) @ Dalesbridge | 27 May | Break up at 4 |
| 25 Apr | INSET | 6 June | School opens |
| 26 Apr | Summer term starts | 10 June | Jubilee Lunch |
| 27 April | Y13 Business Revision session (2) | 20 Jun | Snr Citizens Jubilee Tea party |
| 28 April | U15 hockey team @ Rustico | 20 Jun | New Parents' Evening |
| 2 May | May Day - school closed | 21 Jun | Transition Day (Y6 pupils) |
| 4 May | Last session of QED 4 | 23 Jun | Poetry Promenade |
| 4 - 5 May | Summer Concert (7-9.30pm) | 24 Jun | Final external exam day scheduled |
| 6 May | Y13 May Ball @ Royal Armouries | 27 Jun | Y12 Parents' Evening (online) |
| 6-7 May | DofE bronze assessment | 28 Jun | Lunchtime recital @ Cathedral |
| 10 May | Y11 Study Leave begins at 4pm | 1 -2 Jul | Y6-8 Bushcraft Residential (tbc) |
| 11 May | QED 5 begins | 3-6 Jul | DofE silver assessment |
| 12 May | Intermediate (Y9+10) Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc | 5-9 Jul | Music Tour to Jersey |
| 13 May | Y13 study leave begins at 12pm | 5 Jul | Trips Day (tbc) |
| 13 May | Junior and Senior Music Competition/Concert (7-8.30) tbc | 6 Ju | House Finale (inc sports' day) |
| 18-27 May | Y10/12 assessments | 6-10 Jul | Angling Society residential |
| | | 7 Jul | Y8 HPV (2) |
| | | 8 Jul | Break up @ 12 |