

WELCOME TO YOUR QKA SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER!

As I settle into my new role as Sixth Form Centre Supervisor, I would like to run through a couple of things as reminders for you all. These reminders will be sent out frequently, just so we maintain consistently in our study environment. Please remember if you need any assistance to your studies, I am here to help!

I would like to thank those that have introduced themselves and have shown patience as I learn names and faces. This truly is a big sixth form and I will try to do my best as time progresses! As well as this, I have been impressed with how many of you have prepared for your exams, it is wonderful to see your positive mindsets! We have also had some great feedback about those who helped with Year 9 Parents evening – a huge thank you for volunteering your time!

Miss Kitchen



Here in the Sixth Form Centre, we would like to keep you updated with news, dates and information to keep you up to date with the significant things. Please read this newsletter - some of the information may be important!

Career's spotlight

Post 16 Intensive Careers Advice and Guidance Adviser: **Mrs Anne Mason**

My role is to support Post 16 students in their choices after the 6th form. I can help you with 1:1 advice on choosing your next steps whether that is University, Apprenticeship Pathway or Employment. I aim to see every student during their time at QKA and I will be starting to see all year 12 shortly, but anyone is welcome to contact me for a careers chat.

Anne.mason@qka.education.

I will arrange trips to universities, conventions, taster days, H.E Fair and you will benefit from visiting speakers and workshops on 'applying to university', personal statements, student finance, CV etc So, keep an eye on your emails to take part in these opportunities. You can find me on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday in the Sixth Form area downstairs.

Key reminders

- Please be reminded that your reply slips for the TDA Higher Education Fair must be received by **Friday 14th February**. Please see your tutors if you require a form. The return box is located at the Sixth Form Entrance. The trip is on Wednesday **26th February**.
- This is the last week of exams before half term - please be reminded that you need to be downstairs by **8:45am for morning exams** and **1:15pm for afternoon exams**. Your personal belongings should go into your locker or Mr Anderson's office.

As the first Spring Term draws to a close, there a few things that need repeating just to make sure we all understand the environment we work in:

- **Litter is increasing** – please make sure you use the bins provided in the room. Recently, tables have left in terrible states – let’s be responsible and take care of our surroundings.
- **Plugging in devices** – please note you cannot charge your devices in the centre – your plugs are not tested to be compatible and therefore cannot be used. Please adhere to the notices around the room.
- **Uniform** – Lanyards must be worn at all times. Blazers must be worn before you leave the centre – these are non-negotiables. Jeans are not permitted (unless black), cargo/joggers/tracksuits are not to be worn, and skirts need to be knee length. Please visit the Uniform Policy if you need clarification on this.
- Please make sure you **sign in** to every period!
- Finally, the **study centre is to be used for study** – please make sure you are completing necessary work. Absent teachers email work to Miss Kitchen and students so I am aware what you should be doing. Failure to complete set work or use your time in the centre for studying will result in behaviour logs.

Role Models and Rewards

We want to celebrate the achievements of our students, starting with ‘Role Models’ once again. Those students who work incredibly hard throughout school and dedicate themselves to their studies have the chance of being recognised as a Sixth form Role Model. Who knows, there may be a free hot drinks and yummy treats involved!

University Accommodation

This year student accommodation appears to have crept forward, and many universities are starting to invite students to book already.

You can only do this once you have chosen your ‘firm’ choice for university – this in turn can only happen once you have received all 5 responses (or withdrawn from any you no longer want) – if you need help with this please pop and see us.

Once this has happened you will be directed to book accommodation – before doing this it would be worth checking on the student finance (we’ll all apply officially together in April) website how much you are likely to have - [Student finance calculator - GOV.UK](#) and then choose accordingly.

These are big life decisions so please do reach out for support with the central office and your tutors!

WEEK	22	23	24	25	25	26
Year Group / Date	24/02/2025	03/03/2025	10/03/2025	17/03/2025	24/03/2025	31/03/2025
Tutor Focus	Online resilience	Risks, personal safety and drugs	Risk, personal safety and drugs	Financial skills	Life skills	Life skills
12	'Aim Group' into tutor time – theatre		Early Years: Bishops Grossteste	Geography: Field Trip / Aberystwyth University		
Tutor Focus	Online resilience	Career journey	Career journey	Financial survival skills	Financial survival skills	Life skills
13 / 14	Emily Partridge ARU Peterborough for Degree Apprenticeships Intro/trop in					STUDENT FINANCE OPENS
Assembly theme	Ramadan	World Book Day			International Day of Happiness	Revision and how to do it
All	EPQ Presentations	Early Years: London Childcare Expo	YOUTH COUNCIL / MAKE YOUR MARK	Student Council Meeting	Mental Health Summit	EPQ Deadline
Weekly Sessions	Sixth Form Mentors	ARU – Master Classes per Level 3 subject in school	Academic and Motivational Mentoring from Brian Ennis ('Take Your Place') for referred post 16 students.	MOOC completion	St John Ambulance	

Please keep an eye on your emails to keep up to date with events, timetables and work requests! We often use email to communicate so please make sure you have access to these – especially whilst in school!

Centre 33 are here to listen and to help support young people up to the age of 25 living across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with mental health, caring responsibilities, housing, sexual health and more. They know that sometimes talking to somebody who is not your parent, friend or family member in a confidential and non-judgemental setting can help you to manage the worries and stresses of everyday life better. All of their support is free and confidential*.

◆ Text/whatsapp 07514 783745

◆ email: hello@centre33.org.uk



If you are struggling or unsure, you can use the following email addresses to gain advice to help your further:

sixthform@qka.education

contactsafeguarding@qka.education



Revision

Now the break is here, it's time to focus on resting however, revision needs to be consistent! Why not plan a timetable of revision to help balance your studies?

Before half-term, make sure you have the necessary equipment: your exercise book, any textbooks, cue cards etc. Preparation and organisation are key to successful revision patterns!

- Is your coursework up to date?
- Have you completed/submitted drafts of your NEAs?
- Have you caught up with classes you have missed due to exams/illness/placement?

Talking therapies and counselling in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire



"My therapist was very easy to open up to. They had a very calming manner and gave plenty of room and encouragement for self-reflection. I always felt listened to and comfortable to speak openly. I really can not speak highly enough of my therapist, our sessions were a very positive and useful experience and I truly think that I am in a better place now mentally because of the work that they have done with me."

"I found the whole experience very useful and helpful in understanding the way that I have been feeling as well as helping me to move forward. Everyone that I have spoken throughout the process has been extremely professional, friendly, understanding and polite."

We have collated a group of resources for those taking GCSE Maths and English. For Maths, we have past papers for all 3 papers and English, both Language papers. If you would like access to these plus extra resources made, please email: Michelle.Kitchen@qka.education.

We will happily send over anything to help with your exams!

Once again, well done to those that have worked hard over the last half term – your effort does not go unnoticed. Have a restful break and see you back in school on **Monday 24th February 2025!**



We only have 36 school days before exams start!

36 SCHOOL DAYS!



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