

WELCOME TO YOUR QKA SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER!

The summer is finally approaching which means next term, exams start! This term has been a busy one with a focus on the future for our Sixth Formers. We have had a career fair, subject evening, Ofsted and a few external trips along the way! Tutor time has been focused on careers, with students learning valuable skills about CV writing, budgeting and reviewing their own performance with exam results. A huge well done to you all who have kept going, now use the break to refresh!

Year 12 Geography Trip



Noswaith dda!

Our Year 12 Geography students headed to Wales this term to take part in a variety of activities and research for their studies.

The students started with a pre-dinner walk along Borth beach, before visiting Aberystwyth University for a talk by the Geography department. After exploring Aberystwyth's beach, students were well equipped to take on the human component of their field work – surveys.

A huge thank you to the Geography department for organising and to the staff that attended – Mrs Griffiths, Mr J Anderson and Mr I Anderson. It seems like you had the perfect weather for your fieldwork!



Year 11 Subject Evening

Thank you to those students who helped during Year 11 Subject Evening. It is always great to see students volunteering their time outside of school. Please know it is very much appreciated!

Dress Code Reminders

As the summer months approach, we just want to remind you of our dress code.

- No shorts or playsuits. Please remember skirts/dresses need to be knee length as a minimum.
- Professional blazers need to be worn around school.
- All students must ensure the clothes they are wearing cover their modesty. This means no exposure of shoulders, midriffs, underwear or cleavage.
- Lanyards need to be worn at all times.

The full student dress code policy can be found on our website, but please feel free to come and ask us questions if you need further information.



TDA Careers Fair

Wednesday 26th February saw our Year 12 students attend the Higher Education Fair, hosted by Thomas Deacon Academy. Four coaches of students had the chance to talk and engage with many Universities including: University of Cambridge, University of Coventry, Nottingham Trent University, Anglia Ruskin University plus representatives from Peterborough City Council and the NHS. The event was a huge success with many of our students engaging and learning about their options after Sixth Form.

A huge thank you to our well-behaved students and a big thank you to Mrs Mason for helping organise such an event. The rain did not deter us!



World Book Day

Thank you to all students and forms who contributed to our Sixth Form World Book Day quiz! There were an interesting range of answers – from Dom A telling us his father wrote ‘The Catcher on the Rye’ to many of you thinking Anne Frank’s diaries were called ‘Totally Frank’!

A huge congratulations to our winners: 13CNS!

KS5 Subject Evening

Our KS5 Subject evening was held on Thursday 20th March. We want to extend a thank you to those who attended and received valuable feedback from teachers. It was a positive evening and wonderful to meet parents.

We also had several student helpers who were paramount in the success of the evening.

Please remember to collect your envelopes if you were unable to attend – these will be with your form tutors.

	8.45-9.10	9.10-9.15	9.15-10.15	10.15-10.20	10.20-10.35	10.35-11.35	11.20-11.35	11.35-11.40	11.40-12.40	12.40-12.45	12.45-1.00	1.00-1.15	1.15-1.30	1.30-1.45	1.45-2.00	2.00-2.15	2.15-2.20	2.20-3.20
7	Tutor time	MT	Period 1	MT	Period 2	Break 2					Period 4	Lunch	Period 4					
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Please continue to follow the structure of the new school day. Remember, movement time is there for you to be prepared for your lessons – there is no excuse for being late! A friendly reminder that the school day starts at **8:45am** so please arrive before this!

Duke of Edinburgh – Miss Hodgson

There are 24 students enrolled onto the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, 7 of these are P16 students.

Reminder to all students to ensure you pay any outstanding balances before July.

Our original plan was to complete the practice and qualifier expedition section with TDA, however as TDA's expeditions are taking place during the exam period we are not able to do this. I am working hard to try and make an alternative plan, please bear with me as I do this.

As soon as I have an update, I will call a meeting to inform you all. The aim is to have the qualifier during the first week of July, so the practice expedition will take place before this.

In the meantime, please continue to complete your Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections, adding any evidence to the eDofE platform. Ideally these should be completed or near completed by July. Any questions or issues please come and speak to me in D28. Please also keep an eye on your emails, particularly after Easter.

Talking therapies
and counselling
in Peterborough
and Cambridgeshire



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



Once again, well done to those that have worked hard over the last term – your effort does not go unnoticed. Have a restful break and see you back in school on **Wednesday 23rd April!**

Revision

Now the Easter 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 the end of term, make sure you have the necessary equipment: your exercise books, any textbooks, cue cards etc. Preparation and organisation are key to successful revision patterns!

HOW TO COPE WITH A BUSY EXAM SCHEDULE

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- 1 Accept the situation
- 2 Become an optimistic realist
- 3 Prepare a good revision timetable
- 4 Schedule in some "you" time
- 5 Prioritise your sleep schedule
- 6 Eat breakfast every morning

6 LAST-MINUTE REVISION HACKS

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- 1 **EXPLAIN IT TO YOURSELF** You are more likely to remember it as you will find deeper connections.
- 2 **CHANGE YOUR LOCATION** Revise in an environment similar to your exams, i.e. in a quiet room in front of a desk.
- 3 **THINK ABOUT THE FIRST AND LAST IDEAS** Study your most challenging topics first and last.
- 4 **CLOSE YOUR EYES** A recent study of students found that this improved recall by 23%.
- 5 **READ THINGS ALOUD** Another study found that this improved recall by 12%.
- 6 **DRAWING** For simple memory tasks drawing has been shown to be more effective for recall than writing.



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