



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

There's no doubt that it's been another challenging year at QKA, but I'm thrilled with how well our students, parents, staff and wider community have come together to achieve great things.

This term, we have been awarded a Silver Pearson National Teaching Award and had success at the 2021 TES School Awards. On top of this, we had a visit from the Minister of State at the Department for Education who came to witness first-hand the great progress we have been making. All this would not have been possible without your unending and ongoing support, and I couldn't be more grateful.

Across the academy, we have also seen some excellent work from our students including a mental health workshop and a 'Crime Scene to Courtroom' investigation. A number of our students also completed a trip of a lifetime sailing the South Coast!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, well deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing you in back in September.



Silver Pearson National Teaching Award

In June, we were delighted to be awarded the Silver Pearson National Teaching Award in the 'Award for Impact through Partnership' category!

The Pearson National Teaching Awards, known as the 'Oscars' of the teaching profession, were established in 1998 by David, Lord Puttnam CBE, as a means of recognising and celebrating excellence in education.

We were commended for our 'Roma - Narrowing the Gap' team in school who are responsible for supporting our local Gypsy-Roma community, as well as collaborating with other organisations locally, nationally and internationally to share good practice and raise awareness.

Our Roma team do an incredible job of raising aspirations for young Roma individuals in our community and the award is testament to all the hard work they've put in!





Tall Ships Youth Trust

This term, a number of our students set out on a trip of a lifetime sailing the South Coast!

From Portsmouth to Yarmouth, they sailed in rainy weather, bright sunshine and everything in between.

Our students took part in lots of different skills including putting up and down the sails, steering the boat, preparing supper for the crew, climbing the mast, knot tying, and even learning the sailing lingo!

We want to say a massive thank you to Tall Ships Youth Trust and Cross Keys Homes for making this incredible trip possible!



2021 TES School Awards

It's been a fantastic term at QKA and we were also thrilled and excited to win the 'English Teacher or Team of the Year' award in the TES School Awards 2021!

The TES Awards are an opportunity for schools across the UK to be recognised for the exceptional commitment and quality of their teachers, staff and teams, who are improving the personal and academic experiences of their students.

We were highly praised for transforming our English department and constantly reflecting and developing the curriculum to help all students develop skills in comprehension, writing and analysis.

What's more, we were also shortlisted in the 'Creative School of the Year' category but just missed out!

A massive well done to our English Subject Lead, Michelle Stratton for all her hard work and dedication!





MP Nick Gibb Visit

Earlier this year, we were visited by the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State at the Department for Education!

He came with MP for Peterborough, Paul Bristow, Service Director of Education, Jonathan Lewis, and Chief Executive of TDET, Julie Taylor, to witness first-hand the significant improvements that we've made since we joined TDET in 2017.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for our staff and students to show off the high-quality teaching, learning and support that makes our academy such an inclusive centre of educational excellence. Well done QKA!



Mother Tongue Other Tongue Success

We also saw success in a multilingual poetry competition after Oscar and Reagan in Year 8 both took home first place in this year's Mother Tongue Other Tongue!

The Mother Tongue part of the competition requires children who do not have English as a first language, or who speak a different language at home, to share a lullaby, poem or song from their Mother Tongue. They then write a short piece in English to explain the poem's significance to them.

The Other Tongue part of the competition encourages children learning another language in school to use that language creatively to write a poem.

Oscar and Reagan emerged victorious and won in the Other Tongue part of the competition. Oscar chose to write about cherry trees and Reagan chose to write about his life and future plans. Both poems were celebrated for their creativity, language, and imagination. Well done Oscar and Reagan!





Breaking the Silence: A Mental Health Workshop

We were so proud of our Student Leadership Team this term who launched Breaking the Silence: A Mental Health Workshop!

Our Post-16 students were joined by guest speakers, Lucy Connor, a psychodynamic business, leadership and performance coach, and Emma Lannigan, a professional marketing consultant and mental health campaigner.

The event was incredibly inspirational and aimed to encourage healthy discussion around mental health and wellbeing. Well done to Tamzyn, Vesta, Erika and Hafsa who helped organise it!



'Crime Scene to Courtroom' Workshop

Our Year 12 criminology students had a fantastic time this term at a 'Crime Scene to Courtroom' workshop!

It was hosted by Detective Superintendent, Paul Cunningham from Zakon Crime and Investigation Skills Training.

Our students followed a murder investigation from the initial crime scene, where they had to examine evidence and analysis statements, to the courtroom where they played various roles within the court. They also looked at the role of crime scene investigators and the techniques they would use to solve a crime.

Our students were brilliant and had some very impressive knowledge and ideas! Paul commented that they were a really engaging group who showed great logic and insight throughout the day.

Well done Year 12 criminology, great work!





Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

In June, our Student Leaders trained with the Diana Award to become anti-bullying ambassadors for the school!

The Diana Award's mission is to foster, develop and inspire positive change in the lives of young people.

Its anti-bullying ambassador programme equips students with the tools needed to tackle bullying behaviour head on, transforms a school's approach to anti-bullying and creates a safer, kinder school community.

Through a series of engaging group activities and discussions, our students will deliver what they've learned to the rest of the school in September and we couldn't be more proud.

Well done QKA!



KEY DATES

*These dates are subject to the latest Covid-19 regulations

END OF TERM

Wednesday 21st July 2021

AUTUMN TERM BEGINS

Monday 6th September 2021

HALF TERM

Friday 22nd October 2021

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