



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

We've had a brilliant Spring term at QKA. Our students have been working extremely hard and I'm so impressed with their attitude to learning, behaviour and participation in all aspects of school life.

Our wonderful teaching team is going from strength to strength, with QKA's Languages team receiving a commendation at the PTI's Bernice McCabe awards this month for its innovative work with students. This brilliant achievement highlights the dedication of our teaching team to making a difference to our students' lives through inspirational teaching.

Across the academy, it's been a busy and exciting term. We've had school trips to London, Language Leader events, a commemorative service at Peterborough Cathedral to honour the school's namesake - Queen Katharine of Aragon, and so much more! I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been up to.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and our wider community for all your support, what we do would not be possible without you. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the Summer term!



Commendation for QKA Languages team

Congratulations to our brilliant Languages department, which received a commendation at the PTI's Bernice McCabe Awards ceremony. This award recognises quality subject teaching and our inspirational Languages team thoroughly deserves this commendation.

Out of 300 departments in schools across the country, 12 were nominated for the award and QKA's Languages team made it to the final three. The team has worked hard to implement interactive ways of engaging students and encouraging them to develop their language skills independently, as well as in a classroom setting.



Learning languages is a fantastic way to help our students develop a greater understanding of the world we live in and it's wonderful to see them harnessing these new opportunities.





Students represent QKA at Cathedral service

Well done to the nine QKA students who represented our academy brilliantly at TDET's Commemorative Service at Peterborough Cathedral in February.

We joined Thomas Deacon Education Trust, Thomas Deacon Foundation and other Trust academies to honour the contributions to education made by both Thomas Deacon and our namesake Queen Katharine of Aragon - whose values of courage, tenacity, wisdom and generosity we uphold in school every day.

Thank you to our two head students, Isla and Daniela, who both did an inspirational reading about Queen Katharine of Aragon and her achievements.



Trip to London for Early Years students

It's brilliant to be able to do school trips again now the restrictions have eased. A group of our Level 2 and Level 3 Early Years Education students visited London for the Childcare and Education Expo, an event to inform and inspire those working in the Early Years Sector with ideas, resources and activities.

The students are looking forward to taking back what they've learned to their work placements.

They also visited the Sky Garden, London's highest public garden with amazing

360-degree views of the city's skyline, before coming home! It was a great experience and enjoyable day for all the students.





World Book Day fun for students and staff

Students and staff had a great World Book Day, with lots of fun activities to take part in.

Our teaching team was challenged to make Harry Potter themed cakes for the students to enjoy. These were fantastic and looked delicious - we particularly liked the Aragog spider cake!

We also held a Harry Potter themed 'Fantastic Feasts' tea party. There were lots of smiling faces enjoying this special World Book Day treat.

Thank you to all the staff who dressed up for World Book Day. The effort put in was fantastic and the students really enjoyed it. There were so many amazing outfits but our overall winner, voted for by both staff and students, went to Mr Clifford as Hagrid! Congratulations!



Students investigate eco-sustainability

We're so proud of a group of our Year 9 and 10 students, who have been virtually participating in our Erasmus+ Europe Online Project - a programme to provide global educational opportunities.

The students took part in a virtual meeting with our Italian and German school partners. Together they explored the UN 2030 Sustainable Agenda and took part in an online quiz with their Italian and German peers.

For their next meeting, they investigated sustainable apps and how these can help us to become more eco-friendly. They did a fantastic job of delivering presentations on their research into apps to promote and facilitate eco-sustainability in the future. They all worked so hard, well done to everyone involved!





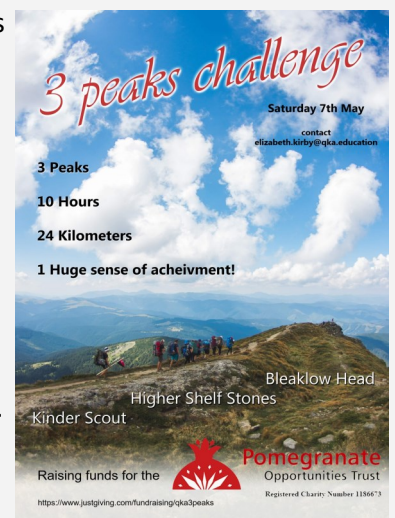
Raising money for Pomegranate Trust

Twenty of our wonderful teaching team are completing the Derbyshire Three Peaks Challenge on 7th May, climbing up Bleaklow Head, Higher Shelf Stones and Kinder Scout.



They're raising money for Pomegranate Opportunities Trust, a charity that provides opportunities for students studying at QKA who might not otherwise be able to experience them.

We need your help please! All the money raised will go to children at QKA. If you'd like to sponsor them, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/qka3peaks.



QKA students perform at PARCA

We always like to give back to our communities wherever we can, and it was lovely to have the opportunity to take part in the International Women's Day celebrations at Peterborough Asylum and Refugee Community Association (PARCA), a community hub that supports asylum seekers, refugees and people in need.

We're so proud of our post-16 students Beatriz and Samanta, who showed amazing courage performing at two songs written by inspirational female musicians. They did a wonderful job and played and sang so well - a huge well done to you both!





First Aid for Year 7

Our Year 7 Accelerated Curriculum students have done a great job in their PSHE Health and Safety module. They learned how to make an emergency phone call and our school nurse taught them how to put someone into the recovery position. They all received First Aid certificates - amazing work Year 7!



Roma Leaders visit GPA

It's great to collaborate with other TDET academies, and QKA's student Roma Leaders enjoyed visiting Gladstone Primary Academy to meet some of their Year 5 and 6 students. They played games together, discussed secondary school life and talked about the role of a Roma Leader. Students in both academies are looking forward to their next visit!



KEY DATES

END OF TERM

Friday 1st April 2022

SPRING TERM BEGINS

Wednesday 20th April 2022

MAY DAY

Monday 2nd May 2022

FINISH FOR HALF TERM

Friday 27th May 2022

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