



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

We've had a fantastic summer term here at Queen Katharine Academy. Our students have made me extremely proud with the amount of effort they have made in their lessons, and the way they have taken part with enthusiasm and pride in the plethora of activities, events and opportunities our academy offers.

This newsletter provides some of the highlights of our term; from our dedicated Sports Leaders helping primary pupils at the Peterborough Primary Schools Commonwealth Games, to our aspirational ROGA (Roma of Great Ability) students meeting with Czech Ambassador, and our Year 9 Food Technology students making their own fresh pasta. I really hope you enjoy reading about how much QKA has to offer its students.

Additionally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you; our parents, carers, our wonderful teaching and support teams, and our wider community. You all help to make QKA a wonderful place to educate, care for and nurture our young people.

I hope you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in September!



Jane Driver, Head of School

ROGA students visit Anglia Ruskin University

Our ROGA (Roma of Great Ability) students visited Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge to inspire them with ideas for further education and to reflect on their own future aspirations.

They all had a fantastic day and really enjoyed learning about the different courses on offer, as well as getting a taste of university life. We're so proud of these students and know they will go onto achieve great things!

Scan the QR code to hear the students talking about their inspirational day and what they learned.





Roma leaders meet Czech Ambassador

Well done to our student Roma Leaders who attended the official launch of the Consortium of Peterborough Community Groups.

The students had the opportunity to meet different community group leaders, as well as the Czech Ambassador to the UK.

They all had so much confidence and did a great job of representing QKA. Well done everyone, you've made us incredibly proud!



Sports Leaders excel supporting local schools

Our Sports Leaders have achieved so much in their leadership roles this term.

They enjoyed their session alongside Paralympian Sam Ruddock, learning skills and receiving training to set up and run safe sporting events.

They've been an asset to our academy, putting the great leaderships skills they learned into practice helping to run the Peterborough Primary Schools Commonwealth Games.

Well done to you all and thank you for your support and leadership, we're very proud of all of you!





Year 9 cooking fun!

Our Year 9 Food Technology students were inspired by Jamie Oliver's Cooking School to make their own fresh pasta using the food processor and manual pasta rolling machine - to great effect!

The end result looked very professional and they had lots of fun making it.

We froze the pasta and used it the next lesson to accompany a fresh tomato sauce. Well done everyone!



Photography lessons for Year 7

Our Year 7 students have enjoyed their photography course with Mrs Hamaali.

In this lesson they learned about the old photographic process of making cyanotypes. This involved using the sun, ferric ammonium citrate and potassium ferricyanide to produce amazing, experimental nature photography.

They produced some amazing results!





QKA students wow audience at Elevations Dance Show

This term our Head of Dance, Mrs Clynch, and her team presented the Elevations Dance Show at QKA. It was amazing to see our outstanding performers. They'd practised hard and did an amazing job, the theatre was packed - with a great buzz throughout the audience!



Student Voice actioning change at QKA

We're committed to making QKA a great place for our students - and who better to tell us what we can improve than our students themselves!

Students raised points that they felt could be improved through our Student Voice forum, and we've now actioned their suggestions.

You'll see on the right a list of all the changes we've made. Thank you to everyone who took part and we look forward to hearing more suggestions moving forward.

Student Voice 2021-2022

You told us

- There weren't enough seats for you during lunch times
- Sixth Form and Y7-11 Uniform Policy
- You didn't like the bell
- The food isn't good enough
- You want awareness of sexual harassment
- Further celebrate our cultural diversity
- You want more staff presence during the changeovers of lessons, especially on the stairs
- You want to know why you get achievement or behaviour logs
- The PE skorts are too short



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We actioned

- Canopies in each outside break out area with benches
- Sixth form uniform policy update with specific skirt length implemented from October 2021, allowance of nose stud added to Y7-11 alongside optional jumpers (summer term)
- Music to signal the changeover of lessons that is chosen by the top student or tutor group that week
- We are persistent in our efforts to improve the quality and offering of food provided at QKA—Student / Staff Food committee and regular meetings with TDET and Bouygues
- Sexual harassment awareness training (Head Students and Safeguarding Lead) with Staff Jan 2022 and student activity
- Cultural Dress Down Days and tutor themes
- Extra staff members out at changeovers to support movement in corridors and stairwells
- Mrs Driver raised with staff about logging on SIMS and reminds them weekly to ensure we give you that communication in lessons
- Removed skorts from our PE uniform policy from September 2022 and they will no longer be sold by Chroma



Post-16 cooking skills lessons

Thank you to Margaret Pacey and Libby Henson on our brilliant Food Technology team, who have been preparing our young Post-16 students for their next stage in life by updating their cooking skills and providing recipes.



Well done to all our Post-16 students too who have made some delicious dishes!



KEY DATES

**TRAINING DAYS - SCHOOL
CLOSED**

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd
September 2022

AUTUMN TERM OPENS

Monday 5th September 2022

HALF TERM

Monday 24th October to Friday
28th October

LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 21st December
2022

Year 9 art in Queen's pageant

Our Year 9 students completed these stunning drawings, inspired by the wildlife that lives on the banks of the River Nene.



The drawings were then put together to make a flag, which was used as one of the flags in the pageant for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration!

Well done everyone for being involved in a historic project, your flag looked amazing!

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