



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

It's been a brilliant Spring Term at QKA and I am so proud of our students, who each day impress me with their enthusiasm, resilience and determination. It has been fantastic to see them making the most of their time at the academy and of all the different activities we offer.

From exciting trips abroad and visiting universities and Higher Education Fairs, to sporting opportunities and visits from television stations, there's always something happening in school to become involved in.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which has a selection of this term's highlights. To keep up with the rest of our news, please do follow us on Facebook @QueenKatharineAcademy and Twitter @QKApeterborough.

The opportunities we offer would not be possible without the support of our parents, carers, families and our wider community, and I'd like to thank you all for your help and encouragement throughout the term - we are very lucky here at QKA.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely, relaxing and fun Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in April for our Summer Term.



Jane Driver, Head of School

Honouring our Trust's history in special service

We were proud to celebrate our academy's namesake, Queen Katharine of Aragon, in our annual commemorative service at Peterborough Cathedral.

The service was led by Revd Dr Rowan Williams, Canon Precentor at Peterborough Cathedral. Our Cadets were brought to attention and laid a pomegranate, Queen Katharine's personal emblem, on her burial place. Our Deputy Head Student, Kelly, then gave an inspirational reading about Queen Katharine's contribution to education. Queen Katharine was kind, resilient and an early ambassador for education, and we were incredibly proud to come together to recognise and celebrate her achievements.

The service also honoured the memory of Thomas Deacon, and we joined representatives and students from Thomas Deacon Foundation and Thomas Deacon Academy, as well as other Trust academies, in recognising his legacy and to lay a wreath at his burial place in the cathedral.





Early Years students visit Childcare & Education Expo

Our Level 3 Early Years Education students enjoyed their visit to the Childcare & Education Expo at the Olympia in London.

The Expo is designed to inform and inspire visitors, giving them fresh ideas, activities and resources to take back to their education and work placement settings.

This was a great opportunity for our students to experience an Early Years sector event. They had a brilliant day and we're looking forward to going back next year!



Kooth UK visits to promote mental health support

We welcomed a visit from Natasha from Kooth UK, a digital mental health and wellbeing company. Natasha was promoting their free digital mental health and wellbeing support platform which can be accessed for free via their app.

Within the app, there are online articles and tips about mental health, a daily journal to track thoughts and feelings and students can also access the Kooth community as well as a helpful team to chat through any issues.

The Kooth stall was very popular during lunchtime and Natasha spoke to many students from KS3 and KS4. She'll be returning to visit KS5 and will hopefully become a regular visitor to QKA to offer advice and guidance to students.

For more information about Kooth, please visit www.Kooth.com.





Higher Education Fair for Years 12 and 13

Our Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed the opportunity to talk to representatives from 20 different universities, as well as employers, at our joint Higher Education Fair with Thomas Deacon Academy.

We welcomed representatives from Cambridge, Nottingham, Newcastle and ARU Peterborough, as well as Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the NHS.

More than 400 students attended the Higher Education Fair overall, which was a fantastic turnout. The students asked lots of great questions and were keen to find out about the different opportunities on offer.



World Book Day fun

We all enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. As part of our celebrations we hid 20 golden tickets around the academy for students to find. All our winners were able to choose a brand new book to take home!

We also held a fantastic tea party. Miss Brownlie decorated the library with lots of fabulous Roald Dahl themed decorations, and even made her very own delicious Wonka bars for everyone who came. Thank you

Miss Brownlie, and we hope everyone who came along had an amazing time!



Our teaching and support teams also looked fabulous dressed up as literary characters and the students had fun working out who they were! We all had a great day, and the students enjoyed the literary-themed activities.



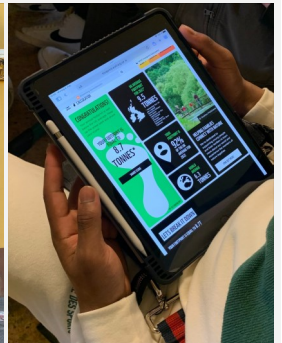


Trips to Germany and Spain for Eco-Leaders

Our Eco-Leaders had a fantastic time visiting Germany and Spain to work on their 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' project with their Spanish and German peers.

In Germany, they worked together to calculate and analyse their carbon footprint, visiting a household waste plant in Krefeld to learn about the recycling process. They also learned about the production of biogas as a sustainable source of energy at a dairy farm in Lobberich.

They also had a fantastic time in Spain learning about plastic recycling and even met the Mayor of Puebla de la Calzada. They were a credit to our academy on these visits and we're so proud of them.



Visit from ITV Anglia

We were very excited to have a visit from ITV Anglia to film a news item about the work of our International Team and Community Liaison Workers, who mentor and support our Roma students to grow and achieve their aspirations.

They spoke with students and staff about the activities they do in school and why it's so important that these students can be proud of, and embrace, their Roma heritage and culture.





Meet our ELSA team!

This is our ELSA team! ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, and our team deliver individualised support programmes to meet the emotional needs of our students.

Their targeted interventions are supported by educational psychologists, who provide the training and on-going supervision to maintain the high quality delivery of this programme.

Our ELSA team does a fantastic job and we're very lucky to have them at QKA.



Peterborough Citizens event

Our Student Leaders and GCSE Citizenship students took part in an event with Peterborough Citizens, an alliance of diverse civic society institutions working together to develop community leaders, strengthen our institutions, and take action to bring about real change.

They showed passion and enthusiasm, sharing stories of what they wanted to change in their local community and why, and how they can act to bring about change.

They did a brilliant job and we're so proud of them - amazing work everyone!



KEY DATES

**TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL
CLOSED - Monday 17th April
2023**

**SUMMER TERM OPENS -
Tuesday 18th April 2023**

**May Day - Monday 1st May
2023**

**HALF TERM - Monday 29th
May to Friday 2nd June 2023**

**Ends for students - Tuesday
18th July 2023**

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