



## WELCOME TO THE HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER - EDITION NO6 SUMMER TERM.

The Summer term has got off to a very successful start and I'd like to wish all of our Year 11 and Post-16 students the best of luck in their exams!

As always, we have had a wide range of trips and visits that have taken place and I'm very proud to announce that QKA teachers and initiatives have been shortlisted for a record-breaking five national awards.

As we are moving towards the end of the year, we have accumulated a large amount of lost property, which we will be placing just inside the main entrance during the last 3 days of each half term for students to collect. If your child has lost something, please do come and see if it is there - whatever is not claimed will be donated to the QKA clothing bank.

This year is the 300 year anniversary of the Thomas Deacon Foundation. As a Trust, we are going to award staff and students who have gone above and beyond with acts of kindness. Please help us choose who to award using the link below.

As always, your views and opinions are very important to me, so please feel free to complete this very short questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nowK81Jo8E2Ms5kmm08dZjHlc71-d6Bli-MOd2LbmdhUMjg3MVQ4R1NXQzY0UVJQV1FNR0tUMUJFRS4u>



**Ms. Jane Driver**  
Head of School

### KEY DATES SUMMER TERM

- **Every Tuesday:**  
**Community**  
**Café: 3-5pm**  
(main entrance) -  
with free  
refreshments and  
food / clothing  
market.
- **Every Thursday -**  
**English and**  
**Numeracy lessons**  
for adults 3-4pm.
- **27<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**June: Half-Term**

## DRIVING ON SITE AT QKA



For the safety of students, staff and visitors, please drive slowly and carefully around our school site.

Vehicles must not be parked in restricted areas. Thank you.

# QKA CELEBRATES!

At Queen Katharine Academy, we are proud of all our amazing staff.

These teachers and support staff have been nominated for various awards this year:

**Mrs Howard** - the Pearson National Teaching Award for 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year.'

**Mr Ros** - the Pearson National Teaching Award for 'Secondary School Teacher of the Year' award and the TES award for 'Subject Lead of the Year in a Secondary School.'

**Ms Kim** - the TES 'Teaching Assistant of the Year award.'

**The International Team** - the TES 'Community Engagement Award.'

**Mrs Kirby** - a 'VTCT Excellence Award.'

**QKA** was also awarded the 'Outstanding Development of the International Dimension in the Curriculum' at a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament.





# GLOBAL HANBOK CONTEST



Student members of QKA's Korean Club were privileged to partake in the 'Global Hanbok Contest' organised by the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education in South Korea.



On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, wearing the beautiful Hanbok sent from South Korea, the students had a fun photoshoot set at Peterborough Cathedral. The bright coloured Hanbok against the dark, old grey of the Cathedral building was a beautiful contrast and the students beautifully modelled the Korean fans they had previously made for the photoshoot.



It was a lovely day of cultural experience for the students who enjoy learning Korean language, listening to K-Pop music, and watching K-dramas.

Thank you very much to Ms Kim for organising this lovely event.





# LET'S HAVE A CHAT

It's important to talk.

There are clubs at QKA that are just for talking, sharing your thoughts and connecting with others...



Trauma Dump!  
**Celebrate!**  
Vent! Listen! Learn! Share!  
**Experience!**

**Post 16 Enrichment**

Come hang out, discuss or debate your opinions and ideas, talk about your worries or triumphs in a relaxed, neutral environment.

Mondays from 3 - 4:30pm.  
A8 - English corridor  
Hosted by: Mrs Francis-Williams

**Let's talk it out!**

Mondays  
after school

Tuesday  
lunchtimes



**Brew and Banter**  
Tuesday Lunchtimes  
H32

Somewhere to hang out and have a chat. Complete some homework if you would like.

Bring a cup and we will put the kettle on!

## Discussion Society

- **Thursdays 3pm - 3:45pm**
- **Library Classroom**

**A space for us all to share our views and learn from each other**

**Please send your discussion topic ideas to:**

**[iga.zlotucha@qka.education](mailto:iga.zlotucha@qka.education)**



Thursdays  
after school

Remember, if you have a worry, concern or just want to talk, you can go to your teachers or year team at any time.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
**QKA COMMUNITY CAFE**

**FREE Drinks & Biscuits!**

**Tuesdays (Term Time Only)**

**3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Main Corridor Near Reception**



COMMUNITY FOOD STORE



COMMUNITY CLOTHES STORE



BOOKS, GAMES & TOYS

Get advice on Free School Meals, Benefits, Homework Help and Browse our Community Store for Food, Clothing, Toys & more.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

QKA runs a **free café** for parents and families each **Thursday** between 3-5pm inside the main entrance to school.



There are free refreshments as well as our **Food and Clothing Bank**, which you can access if you are struggling financially in these difficult times - please feel free to bring your children with you (including younger siblings!)

Are there any activities that you would like us to offer you as part of our community hub? Click on the link below to share your ideas!

<https://forms.office.com/e/fpjnw7YWvT>

# QKA UNIFORM DONATION



What will you do with unwanted QKA school uniform at the end of the year?



QKA always needs spare school uniform items.



If you have uniform that is too small or no longer needed, and is still in good condition, please consider donating it to us.



Your help is much appreciated.  
Thank you.





# GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 11 AND POST 16 STUDENTS

Miss Driver, Head of School and staff at QKA would like to wish our amazing Y11 and Post 16 QKA Students the best of luck with your exams!

WISHING YOU ALL THE  
*good luck*  
ON YOUR EXAMS!



## MATILDA AT QKA



Well done to our amazing students who starred in the production of Matilda; the show was fantastic!

Thank you to everyone involved in putting on such a fabulous show.



# ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY FREE EVENT: 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

## Peterborough Parent Power

**What path would you like to see your child take after high school?**

Further and higher education can help your child to their dream career. We want to listen to you to find out how we can work together to support your child (aged 10-18) on this journey.

You will have the opportunity to speak to education experts at Peterborough Parent Power meetings and co-design group activities that will benefit your family.

Parent Power groups in other areas have taken part in activities such as tailored visits to universities, guidance sessions on further and higher education, and training on homework support.

**To register your interest and find out more information, contact:**

**Vicki Kay Price on 07394569839 or [peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org)**



This event is open to parents and carers of children aged 11-18. Spaces are limited, so please **sign-up by the end of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**.

Due to number restrictions, we are limited to one parent/carer and one child per family group. Please note, children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.



# ENGLISH: BREAKFAST REVISION SESSIONS: EVERY MORNING OF YOUR EXAMS!



## GCSE ENGLISH

### Breakfast Drop In

Every morning of your English exams!




**WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY**  
ENGLISH LITERATURE P1

MRS HOWARD A6

MRS SIM B28

MR PERRY A10



**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY**  
ENGLISH LITERATURE P2

MISS IQBAL A7

MRS SIM B28

MR PERRY A10

**MONDAY 5TH JUNE**  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE P1

MS DEGARIS A3

MRS HOWARD A6

MISS IQBAL A7

MR PERRY A10

**MONDAY 12TH JUNE**  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE P2

MS DEGARIS A3

MRS HOWARD A6

MISS IQBAL A7

MR PERRY A10

## KS5 Breakfast Drop-In Session:

### English Language:

With Ms DeGaris in A3

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May: AS Language Paper 1

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: AS Language Paper 2

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May: A-Level Language Paper 1

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: A-Level Language Paper 2

### English Literature:

With Mrs Howard in A6

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May: AS Literature Paper 1

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: AS Literature Paper 2

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May: A-Level Literature Paper 1

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June: A-Level Literature Paper 2

# GCSE ENGLISH

AFTER SCHOOL REVISION

**WEDNESDAY**

**3:00PM-4:00PM**

CONTACT YOUR  
ENGLISH TEACHER FOR  
MORE INFORMATION





## COULD YOU FOSTER?

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Have you ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need.



If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email [fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

## BICYCLES AT QKA

If you bring a bicycle to school, please ensure that you **lock** it using a bicycle lock when storing it on site. Remember bicycles are left at your own risk. Thank you.



## WORK TO BE PROUD OF



Science student, Laura Pabrika has successfully grown this pea plant from a seed! Students were tasked to grow peas, herbs or lettuce from seed during March's 'Science Week'.

The pots were kept in the classroom and looked after by our technicians. Once the shoots came out, the students could take them home if they wished to.

Laura has cared for her plant really well. She has recently re-potted it and it is thriving. This experience has sparked her interest in growing more plants at home.

Well done Laura!

## QKA STUDENTS MENTORED BY CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY



A group of year 7 students have been joined at QKA by a Cambridge University PHD student, who has been mentoring them for an 'All About Me' project.





# FREE ENGLISH LESSONS

# ESOL

## 15 HOUR FREE INTENSIVE

### English Course



Do you want to learn English?

Then this course is perfect for you.

Perfect your English skills while having fun with Queen Katharine Academy's bite-size lessons.

### Enrol now!

Just click this link to register: [Enrolment Form](#)

- Practise grammar.
- Speak confidently. Transform your speech.
- Fun activities. Amazing tutors.

Even learn how to use a computer or improve your knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel).

***Lessons start on the Thursday 20th April 2023 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm and will run until July 2023.***

For more information contact : [marlene.flor@qka.education](mailto:marlene.flor@qka.education)

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR 15 - 17 YEAR OLDS

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is an exclusive experience for 15-17 year-olds, giving them the opportunity to build skills for work and life on a five day residential trip.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May, the NCS team visited our students to present 'the away from home' opportunities, which are available across the country. Each experience lasts 5 days and 4 nights, and includes a variety of activities centred around one of three themes: LIVE IT, BOSS IT, or CHANGE IT. Students have a chance to get out into the world with their friends, take part in new challenges and meet new people while gaining confidence and independence.



The experiences can boost a young person's CV or their college or university applications; highlighting to employers and higher education providers the broader range of skills they've gained and their willingness to go beyond.

This year places are limited more than ever!

To find out more or how to sign your teenager up, check out the parent pack attached to this email or visit the NCS website to secure a place today!

<https://wearencs.com/head-away-from-home>



# CULTURAL FOOD DAY

On 5<sup>th</sup> May QKA students celebrated a 'Cultural Food Day.' Both students and staff enjoyed the many activities that took place, as well as the lovely cake and biscuits from a variety of countries and continents!

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part and supported this event!



# PETERBOROUGH CITIZENS EVENT

Queen Katharine Academy were delighted to host a Peterborough Citizens 'Campaign Training Day' in April, which involved a number of other schools and organisations from across the city.



Pupils from year 7 and year 10 focused their campaign on crime and safety, and pledged to work with other schools on this issue.



This has really enhanced the work of our Student Leaders and has been of great benefit to the GCSE Citizenship students in helping them to develop their Active Citizenship skills.

The event was really successful with a great atmosphere. Thank you to everyone involved.



# ANGLIA RUSKIN ENGLISH PROGRAMME

Queen Katharine Academy has started an 'Amplify Your English' programme with Anglia Ruskin University.



Anglia Ruskin are coming in fortnightly to help support our students with their debating and public speaking skills. The course will culminate with a visit to Anglia Ruskin University and includes an 'Introduction to Law' session.



The Pomegranate Trust is a charity set up to support QKA students who are struggling economically to access opportunities. Grants are allocated every half term and applications should be submitted by students using their QKA email. Applications for support over £250 are not normally considered.

If you would like to (and are able to) contribute towards the Pomegranate Trust, you can donate £1 (or more) at any time at this [link](#) (scroll down to the bottom of the page). There is also a donation tab to support QKA's Food and Clothing Market.



# PSYCHOPOLY!

Who said revision is boring?  
Mrs Birdsall in the psychology department has made monopoly styled revision resources for our psychology students.

The students have really enjoyed playing the game! A big thank you goes to Mrs Birdsall for her creativity and also Mrs Gates for spending time bringing the game to life.



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN LEGO CLUB?



This week's challenge was to create someone else who attends Lego Club and we had some creative results!

The students are all excited for their visit to Legoland at the end of the month.

Lego Club takes place every Tuesday in room D28 from 2.45-3.30pm.





# PETERBOROUGH CHARITY SUPPORT

## COMPAS CHARITY



COMPAS Charity works with marginalised and migrant communities, providing services to promote equality and diversity, and support such communities to integrate into the British society.

We currently offer:

- Advice centre in Peterborough and Margate
- ROGA (Roma of Great Abilities) mentoring project
  - Breakfast club for children
  - Warm nights club for adults
- Youth activities in Peterborough and Margate
- Energy advice and supply of carbon monoxide alarms
- Advice and practical support with setting up new community organisations
  - Organising community events
- Romani Documentation and Cultural Centre UK

We are very grateful to all our funders and supporters:



## COMPAS Advice Centre at QKA



COMPAS Charity works with marginalised and migrant communities, providing services to promote equality and diversity, and support such communities to integrate into British society.

A COMPAS Advisor will be available at QKA to offer **FREE** advice on the following: -

- EU Settlement scheme**
- Assistance with form filling**
- Translation and interpreting service**
- CV writing and job finding**

**Please drop in to QKA - Tuesday's, 09:00 – 11:00 hrs to find out more.**

COMPAS  
CHARITY

# LETTER TO PARENTS AND CARERS



Creating an Education Trust for the Greater  
Peterborough Region  
Four Cs CEO: Mike Sandeman  
TDET CEO: Scott Hudson

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Update regarding plans to create a new trust for the Greater Peterborough region

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this year, we wrote to you to share that The Four Cs Multi-Academy Trust and Thomas Deacon Education Trust had established a joint working group to explore whether it would be possible to form a partnership to create a new, larger, and successful academy trust.

If it was feasible to do so, we believed there was an opportunity to investigate bringing together our two successful trusts as one new organisation, pooling our experience and talent, and collaborating to make an even more significant impact for young people in the Greater Peterborough region.

Since February, our senior leaders and Trustees have been working together to understand the complexities involved in achieving this. We promised that we would update you throughout the summer term.

Although we continue to share similar visions and values, the initial explorations have highlighted the complexities of bringing together two organisations using established and different systems and processes. Unfortunately, this means it would not be feasible to bring the trusts together at this time. As a result, the Trustees of both The Four Cs Multi-Academy Trust and Thomas Deacon Education Trust have mutually agreed not to pursue the formal merger of the two trusts before more significant work is undertaken.

However, our collective ambition to make an even more significant impact for young people in Greater Peterborough remains. Therefore, we will continue to work closely together, as we have done previously, in the best interests of the young people in our region.

We would like to thank you for your keen interest in the proposals, and we look forward to continuing working closely together over the coming years.

Kind regards

M. Sandeman

Mike Sandeman  
CEO  
Four Cs Academy Trust

S. Hudson

Scott Hudson  
CEO  
Thomas Deacon Education Trust

D. McLaren

David Gilmour McLaren  
Chair of Trustees  
Four Cs Academy Trust

M. Potter

Mark Potter  
Chair of Trustees  
Thomas Deacon Education Trust



# LOOK AT ALL THE AMAZING ENRICHMENT CLUBS TAKING PLACE AT QKA!





**Brew and Banter**  
Tuesday Lunch times  
H32

Some where to hang out and have a chat. Complete some homework if you would like.  
Bring a cup and we will put the kettle on!





Are you a Master Builder?

Tuesdays after school in D28 with Miss Hodgson  
2.45-3.30pm

All welcome!

We'll help you succeed!



**Year 11 Coursework Catch up Club**

Tuesdays after school in C1  
2.45-3.30pm  
with Mrs Brighton & Mr Wills



**Miss Vaus' Art Club**  
(Years 7-9)  
Room: C24  
Fridays: 3pm-4pm  
Starts after October half-term!

This club is for calm students it will be a quiet environment. Whereby you can learn more outside of lesson, get feedback and relax.  
Please, bring your own materials so you can work with what you wish!  
Ask to join, please email me, or come to see me in person after school! Limited numbers!  
[brionny.vaus@qka.education.co.uk](mailto:brionny.vaus@qka.education.co.uk)



**GCSE ART CLUB**

TUESDAY 3-4PM  
IN C28

**International Lunch Club**

WHO: 4A - YEARS 8 & 9  
4B - YEARS 7, 10 & 11

WHERE: B5

WHEN: THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

Our Community Liaison Workers will be available to chat or answer questions you might have.  
Please come along to find out more!

**Drama Club**

In the Theatre  
Thursday 2.45pm – 3.45pm  
All year groups welcome!



Years 8&9

Scratch Coding and Gaming Club

Thursdays 4a 11.20 – 11.50 in F28

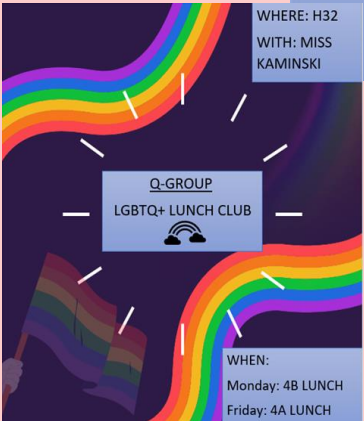
With Mr Harness!

**HIP HOP/STREET DANCE CLUB**



WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL 3.00-3.45PM IN C2 WITH MISS DUKIC

FOR YEAR 10, 11 & SIXTH FORM



WHERE: H32  
WITH: MISS KAMINSKI

**Q-GROUP LGBTQ+ LUNCH CLUB**

WHEN:  
Monday: 4B LUNCH  
Friday: 4A LUNCH



**Dance Club**  
Tuesday 3pm-3:45 pm  
Years 7-9





In the Dance Studio!



# LOOK AT ALL THE AMAZING ENRICHMENT CLUBS TAKING PLACE AT QKA!



**STARTING Tuesday  
27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2022**

## After School Science Club

After school every Tuesday (B24) – 2.45-3.45 – all years welcome

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

Book your place at the science prep room (B27)




## Romanian Lunchtime Club

- When: **Tuesday lunchtimes Period 4a (11:15 - 11:55) & 4b (11:55 - 12:30)**
- Where: **E10**
- Who: **Everyone is welcome!**
- Cristina Arhirii (Romanian Community Liaison Worker)** will be available
- every Tuesday lunchtime** to chat and to answer any question you might have.
- Come along to find out more!**

## Korean & K-POP Club

TUESDAY(after school) : 14:45pm - 3:45pm  
MONDAY(4b lunch time) : 11:55pm - 12:35pm  
FRIDAY(4a lunch time) : 11:15pm -11:55pm







## Kenilworth Castle Revision

History Club  
Year 11s - E27 – Tuesday  
11.55-12.35




## Poetry Club

Tuesdays  
2:50 - 3:50pm  
A8

**Think in ink...**

Poetry for pleasure  
Poetry for pain  
Nothing to lose  
And all to gain...

all welcome!




**ALL WELCOME**  
**Thursdays – D25**  
**3:00pm-3:30pm**

## Year 8&9 Lunch Club

Thursday and Friday  
Invite Only  
11.30pm-11.55pm  
Room G26

Thank you for being my friend!





## Keyboard CLUB

Friday Lunchtimes (Starting at 12pm)  
In room D25  
For Year 7, 10 and 11



## Year 7 Spelling Bee

Thursdays in D6  
14.55 - 15.15

tiene has la casa house  
el sur south  
el norte north  
una pregunta a question




## Year 7 Lunch Club

Tuesday and Wednesday 12:10-12:35  
Invitation only!!

There will be a small range of crafts and colouring available.  
Also, a selection of board games.

It is a welcoming, relaxed and quiet place to chat and build friendships





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plz join






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**SCIENCE**





STARTING  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
2022

**Yr 8 & 9 Science Club**

During 4a lunch on Wednesdays  
11:15 – 11:50

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

Book your place at the Science Room (A21)



**SCIENCE**





STARTING  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2022

**Yr 7, 10 & 11 Science Club**

During 4b lunch on Fridays  
11:55 – 12:30

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

Book your place at the Science Room (A21)



**Chess Club**

F28  
Tuesday after school 2.45-3.30pm

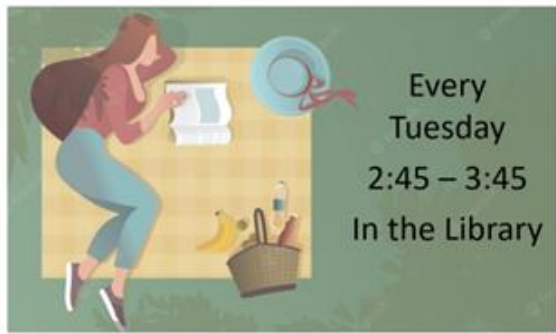
Play  
Learn  
Challenge

Open to all!



**Books & Biscuits!**

Every  
Tuesday  
2:45 – 3:45  
In the Library



**come along to Food Club**

Where: E12 (food room)  
When: Tuesday 2.50 – 3.50pm

For years 7, 8 & 9  
Take part in food activities.



**Translation Bee**

Tuesdays in D11  
11.15-11.55  
Years 8 & 9

Viajamos a España  
We travel to Spain

Voy al colegio  
I go to school

Bebemos té  
We drink tea

Aprendo alemán  
I learn German





**Y9 Geography film club**

Friday lunchtimes (4a 11:15 to 11:50) in E28 with Mrs C



**AC Book club**

Every Thursday  
2.45 – 3.20pm  
in B5  
Refreshments provided!



**Accelerated Curriculum Homework Club**

When: Mon – Fri 14:50 – 15:20  
Where: B2

