



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

It's been busy and exciting summer term at QKA, packed with activities, trips and events, and it's been fantastic to see our students making the most of all the opportunities on offer.

From the chance to see a real rocket, to trips to universities, school theatre productions and even a visit to the Houses of Parliament for our Roma Leaders, there has been something to get involved in for each and every one of our students.

It's also been an eventful term for our staff too, with three members of our teaching team winning national awards. We take pride in providing an innovative, diverse and inclusive curriculum for all our students and it is wonderful to have this recognised and celebrated nationally.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work of all our students this term, particularly our exam students who have all worked incredibly hard - showing commitment, dedication and resilience. I'm sure they will reap the benefits on results day. Thank you to all our staff and parents/carers and families for your support and encouragement.

Overall, it's been a fabulous term. To find out more of what we've been up to, please visit our Facebook and Twitter pages. In the meantime I'd like to wish you all a fun, enjoyable and safe summer break!



Jane Driver, Head of School

QKA teachers win three national awards!

This year, teachers at our academy have been shortlisted for five national awards and have won three!

Two members of staff won Silver Awards at the National Teaching Awards, in the categories of Secondary Teacher of the Year for Josè Ros, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, and Outstanding New Teacher of the Year for English teacher, Julie Howard. Our Teaching Assistant, Ms Kim also won a TES award for TA of the Year.

We celebrated these amazing achievements at QKA on national Thank a Teacher Day. Our event featured exhibitions, cultural performances and flamenco workshops and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, Nick Sandford and Bella Saltmarsh.





Awards at TDET's Act of Kindness celebrations

Congratulations to our brilliant students, Yuri, Jasmina and Victoria, and to staff member, Miss Veldre who received awards at the Thomas Deacon Education Trust (TDET) Act of Kindness Awards. This was a wonderful evening where academies across our Trust celebrated 300 years since Thomas Deacon's original act of kindness in leaving a legacy to set up a school in Peterborough.

We have been celebrating this milestone year with students and staff carrying out acts of kindness in our academies and local community. Our overall student winner, Yuri, teaches after-school English lessons to parents/carers in our community and Miss Veldre goes above and beyond every day to assist students in their exam arrangements and supporting staff in every department in our academy. A big well done to you all!



DofE celebration at Buckingham Palace

Our DofE lead, Miss Hodgson, attended the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award celebration at Buckingham Palace Gardens with two of our previous students.

The inspirational event, for young people who have achieved their DofE Gold Award, included speeches from public figures about their personal journeys, various activities, and a speech from HRH Prince Edward - now the Duke of Edinburgh.

Two of our previous students, who began their DofE journey at QKA, also attended to celebrate their DofE Gold achievement. Congratulations to them both and a huge thank you to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award for organising, it was a pleasure to attend!





Roma Leaders visit Houses of Parliament

We're very proud of our Roma Leaders, who were invited to Westminster to meet members of the Public Services Committee in the House of Lords.

The Committee has reported on access to public services such as education for Gypsy, Roma & Traveller communities and its members were very keen to hear the experiences of our students.

The students also met Peterborough MP, Paul Bristow, who gave us a tour of the Houses of Parliament, before going on to attend an event at the Czech Embassy to commemorate International Roma Day.



Korean Club take part in photoshoot

Student members of our Korean Club were excited to take part in the Global Hanbok Contest, organised by the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education in South Korea.

Wearing beautiful Hanbok clothing sent from South Korea, the students



enjoyed a fun photoshoot at Peterborough Cathedral. The brightly coloured Hanbok made a great contrast with the cream stone walls of the Cathedral, and the students also modelled the Korean fans they had previously made for the photoshoot.

It was a lovely day of cultural experience for the students who also enjoy learning Korean language, listening to K-Pop music, and watching K-dramas. Thank you to the lovely Ms Kim for organising this fantastic event.





Real rocket at QKA!

QKA students were treated to a visit by the Skybolt 2 rocket, a real rocket built by Starchaser Industries in aid of their research on taking people into space! Our Science Department arranged and planned this visit to inspire and enthuse students, and to promote their scientific interest and curiosity.

Mr Steven Bennet, CEO of Starchaser Industries Ltd, presented three marvellous science shows to students, with demonstrations, videos and activities that focused on the theme of propulsion and the chemistry of the solar system and space.

It was a fantastic day filled with excitement and plenty of interest in science was generated. Students were engaged in the workshops and there was a huge buzz about the rocket during lunch time.



QKA hosts

QKA hosted a Peterborough Citizens Campaign Training Day, which involved a number of other schools and organisations from across the city.

Our pupils from Year 7 and Year 10 are focusing their campaign on crime and safety and have pledged to work with other schools on this issue. The event was really successful with a great atmosphere, thank you to everyone involved!





Fantastic QKA Matilda production!

A huge well done to our cast of Matilda, who put on a brilliant production this term.

They all worked so hard and put on a polished, professional show which brought the house down!



The following week they all joined Assistant Head, Mr Wall and the Drama Team for a Celebration Tea and to watch a recording of their performance. Amazing work everyone, and thank you to all the staff and parents/cares who supported with this.

QKA wins Spanish Bee!

Congratulations to our student, Hawa in Year 9, who is the national winner for the Spanish Translation Bee after the Final at Cambridge University.

It was a very tough competition, and all the students were very prepared, but Hawa performed outstandingly and thoroughly deserved his amazing win!



KEY DATES

TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL
CLOSED - Friday 1st September
2023

AUTUMN TERM OPENS -
Monday 4th September 2023

HALF TERM - Monday 23rd
October to Friday 27th October
2023

TERM ENDS FOR STUDENTS -
Wednesday 20th December
2023

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