



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition of the Queen Katharine Academy newsletter. It has been a busy term for the academy and I look forward to sharing our news with you.

We have welcomed several important guests to the academy this term, including Dr Barnes, Chair of Trustees for Thomas Deacon Education Trust. Following his visit, Dr Barnes applauded the great enthusiasm of our pupils and was very impressed with the school's attitude towards learning. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Brian Mawhinney also visited the school this term, witnessing the vast improvement the school has made since becoming Queen Katharine Academy.

I was also delighted to discover this term that the number of first choice applications to the school this year have risen, with more parents and carers choosing Queen Katharine Academy as the preferred school for their child. This is an exciting time to be a part of our community and I hope you enjoy reading about the events and activities our students have enjoyed this term.



Maths department raise £700 for NSPCC

For the first time at Queen Katharine Academy, our maths department put together a week of maths-orientated activities. The aim was to encourage pupils to interact with numbers in a more practical and exciting way.

The week ended with a casual clothes day in which students and staff dressed in number-related outfits. By donating to dress down, students and staff at the academy raised £700 for the NSPCC.

This was the first time a secondary school in the area has worked with the NSPCC and we are very proud to support a charity that does such vital work for vulnerable children.

The Numbers Week was a great success and we are already looking forward to making it bigger and better next year.





QKA students attend Commonwealth Service

Eight of our Year 7 and 8 students were given the fantastic opportunity to represent the academy at The Commonwealth Service held at Westminster Abbey.

The Commonwealth Service is Britain's largest annual inter-faith gathering and was themed 'Towards a Common Future'. Our students listened to speakers from across the Commonwealth as they discussed topics on this issue.

The event was attended by royal family members including H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II and Princes Charles as well as our Prime Minister and some of her predecessors. Our students also enjoyed a front row seat for a performance by Liam Payne, previously a member of boy band One Direction.



Welcoming visitors from Germany and Spain

Thirty of our Year 10 and 11 pupils have been taking part in an exciting Erasmus Programme over the last few years. Our students exchanged with students from Germany and Spain.

The focus of the exchange programme was to look at human mobility. On each trip the students learnt about a mobility issue in that specific country and expressed their findings through a performance at the end of their stay.

This term marked the conclusion of the programme as the academy welcomed the return exchange students from Germany and Spain.

While restricted by bad weather conditions, the students worked hard to produce a powerful final performance. Well done to everyone who took part. We are excited for another project looking at Local Heroes next year!





Visit from Rt Hon. The Lord Brian Mawhinney and Charlie Swift

The academy was delighted to welcome Rt. Hon. The Lord Brian Mawhinney and Charlie Swift in February this term. Lord Mawhinney is a politician and was a member of the Cabinet from 1994 until 1997 before becoming a Member of Parliament from 1979 until 2005. Charlie Swift was the youngest ever member of the Peterborough City Council when he joined in 1954 and has since become the longest serving member.

Lord Mawhinney and Charlie Swift toured the school and witnessed the daily running of the academy. They observed the positive changes the school has made since it became Queen Katharine Academy and joined the Thomas Deacon Education Trust.

It was a great opportunity to highlight how the school has transformed under new leadership and reflect the academy's progress. We were very proud to show off the school and were pleased with how well our pupils behaved and represented the academy.

Welcoming key Peterborough representatives to the Academy

This term, we held an event to officially launch Queen Katharine Academy to our stakeholders.

It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see many of our local councillors and other key Peterborough representatives come along and show their support.

The event allowed us to share the great work already underway at Queen Katharine Academy and to look forward to the positive future of the school.





Learning about languages

This term saw fifteen Year 10, 11 and 12 students visit Cambridge University to attend a Careers into Languages conference.

The conference included speeches from people whose various jobs require language skills. There were speakers from the British Council, UN, Booking.com, GCHQ, European Commission and 3rd Year Abroad students. This gave our students an insight into the wide range of opportunities on offer through languages.



The event also included a chance for our students to have a 1-1 with experts and try an interpreting session. The conference was a success as all our students left feeling inspired and open to more opportunities.

Going for gold

We would like to congratulate nine of our students who have completed their GOLD Duke of Edinburgh award. They are the first in the school's history to have completed all elements of the award while still at the academy.



Part of the award included a challenging four-day trek through mountainous terrain of South Wales and rainy conditions. The two groups of students worked well together to overcome these difficulties and had fun cooking and setting up camp.

The nine students will be invited to attend the official award ceremony at St James Palace in London, best of luck!

KEY DATES

Sixth Form Subjects Parents Evening

Thursday 19th April

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd May

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 24th May

Half Term

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Sixth Form Induction

Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 27th June

Summer Term Ends

Friday 20th July