



Queen Katharine
Academy

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE

SUMMER TERM

WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the final edition of the Queen Katharine Academy newsletter for this academic year. It has been a busy first year for QKA and one which I will look back on with great pride.

In September, we opened our doors with a new name and a fresh start. The number of first choice applications to the school have risen this year and I was delighted to see so many students ready and excited to learn at our Year 5 and 6 transition days. We have also been lucky enough to host a number of prestigious guests to the academy, all of whom have praised the progress we are making and the buzz about our school.

This is an exciting time to be a part of school community and I hope you enjoy reading about the activities our students have enjoyed this term. I also wish you all a happy summer break!



QKA welcomes National School's Commissioner

The academy was honoured to welcome the National Schools Commissioner, Sir David Carter.

Sir David Carter visited QKA to take a tour of the school before attending a meeting of headteachers from across the city at Thomas Deacon Academy where he discussed best practice and local issues with staff from across the trust.

We enjoyed showing Sir David Carter the great work being achieved at the academy and the rapid improvements that have been made.

On Twitter, Sir David Carter said that he was inspired by the visit. He said he was impressed by our student's behaviour and the support the school provides for its students.





Translation Bee Victory

One of our talented year 8 students, Kelly De Jesus, has won the National Foreign Language Translation Bee Competition for Spanish.

The competition took place on the 25 June at the University of Cambridge and was run by Route into Languages. The competition saw the best Year 8 and 9 students from across the country come together to compete for the national title.

Each student had one minute to translate words from English to their chosen language, either French, Spanish or German, before spelling each word. After a number of tense rounds, Kelly won the competition and is now the best translation bee competitor for Spanish in the country this year.

Well done Kelly, we are all immensely proud of your determination and hard work. We would also like to thank our Year 9 Language Leaders, Jamie, Sophie, Arminta, Natalija, Margarita, Daniela and Beatriz who helped at the event and represented the academy brilliantly.



A successful STEM Evening

This term, the academy held a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths family event where a selection of pupils and their families were invited to take part in a variety of STEM themed activities.

Our pupils and their parents were tasked with making a speaker out of a cereal box. It required a lot of thinking and hard work and it was lovely to see all our students engaged in their projects.

The event successfully raised awareness of STEM subjects among our students and their families with many of them registering their interest in taking their STEM learning further.

A few of the students were also chosen to attend a residential course staying on the Navy destroyer, HMS Bristol, which is permanently moored at HMS Excellent in Portsmouth. The students had a fantastic time and loved learning about a Nuclear Marine Engineering project with Bobcock, the organisation that keeps the Ministry of Defence's fleet of submarines and warships fit for action.





Mrs Alfaro wins national award

We are delighted to announce that one of our language teachers, Mrs Alfaro, has won the award for 'Promising Newcomer, Secondary Language Teaching' from The Association for Language Learning.

Mrs Alfaro, works extremely hard at the academy to provide new and exciting opportunities to inspire our students to get involved with languages. For example, Mrs Alfaro has organised and judged several Spelling Bee and Translation Bee events and runs our Language Leaders. She has also set up a languages YouTube channel for students to make songs and poems in Spanish and has organised exchange activities with Spanish and German partner schools.

Mrs Alfaro was presented with the award at The Association for Language Learning's annual conference, Language World. Well done Mrs Alfaro, you are a credit to the academy!



QKA student retains Peterborough Youth MP title

One of our pupils, Amy-Leigh, has won the local election to become Peterborough's Youth MP.

Amy-Leigh was first elected to represent the school before producing a video to persuade other students from across Peterborough to vote for her. The video included areas that she would focus on over her term and it was shown across all schools in the city.

Amy-Leigh won by a significant margin and will now represent the local area at the Youth Parliament alongside MPs. QKA teachers, Sara Erwin and Damon Lewis, attended the results evening with Amy-Leigh and were thrilled to be with her as the results were announced.

Congratulations to Amy-Leigh! We are also delighted to see the academy's trend continue as our students have held the Youth MP or Deputy Youth MP position for 7 years in a row.





Super Physics lesson

This term, some of our students experienced an extraordinary physics lesson.

Mr Damani organised to have a super car on site to help students learn about hybrid engines.

The students were able to look around the car and sit inside. The lesson brought the theory of physics and engines to life. It was a great event with the students really enjoying their learning experience.

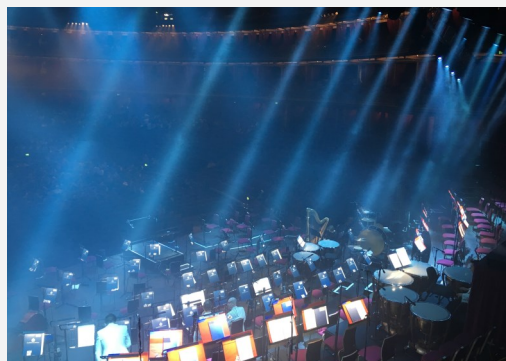


Royal Albert Hall Visit

Mr Anderson and Mr Lester from the Music Department took some of our students to the Royal Albert Hall on a school trip this term.

Our students were fortunate enough to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra perform in the show 'Classical Spectacular'.

They played well-known classical music pieces which inspired many of our students to have a go themselves!



KEY DATES

16-19th July:
Activities Day

20th July:
End of Term

16th August:
A Level Results Day

23rd August:
GCSE Results Day

5th September:
Students return back to school