



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Queen Katharine Academy newsletter. The year started positively for us with the release of our provisional Progress 8 score and we were delighted that the academy saw the largest improvement in the city!

It is hugely encouraging that the work we have done to improve leadership, behaviour and teaching is now having such a positive impact on helping our students to achieve their best and going forward, we will continue to make further improvements.

The academy has hit the ground running with lots of new projects, visits, and much more and I hope you enjoy reading about the activities our students have enjoyed this term.

I wish you all a relaxing and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you in the new year!



Students celebrate fantastic GCSE and Post 16 results

This summer, many of our students sat their GCSE and A Level exams and we were delighted to see incredible achievements across the board.

Our year 11 students did extremely well and we saw the number of passes as 9-7, 9-5 and 9-4 improve. The 9-4 improved by over 10%-points. Those achieving 9-5 in English and Maths improved significantly.

Similarly, we were thrilled that 98% of our post-16 students passed their qualifications, with almost three-quarters of grades being the higher A*-C (or equivalent) grades.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication of our students and it is great to see so many success stories across the Academy. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone including staff, parents and the local community who continue to support us on our journey and have supported our students in achieving such impressive results.

We look forward to seeing what our students go on to achieve in the coming years.





Student leadership team announced!

This term, we appointed our new student leadership team for this year!

Seven of our students bravely put themselves forward for the positions, where they were required to address staff and students in a packed theatre and answer questions. Students from across the school then voted for their favourites.

Our successful candidates were Matthew (Head Boy), Luna (Head Girl), Lucus (Deputy Head Boy) and Maria (Deputy Head Girl).

The student leadership team are responsible for creating a student committee across the school with two prefects from each year group. The committee meet regularly with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss issues and act as the voice of the students throughout the year.



QKA teacher wins place on the prestigious leadership project

We are delighted that one of our fantastic teachers, Liam Oliver, has been selected on to the SSAT Leadership Legacy Project.

Liam has been chosen as one of only 100 high-potential future leaders to be accepted onto the programme. The project is a year-long initiative and has been set up to develop and support teachers like Liam to gain the knowledge and skills they need to become a leader and member of their school's Senior Leadership Team.

Liam will be part of an impressive group of future education leaders from across the country, designated as SSAT Leadership Fellows.

Our Head of School, Lynn Mayes, put Liam forward for the award because his enthusiasm and passion for teaching is second to none. To have been accepted onto such a prestigious Leadership programme is a credit to Liam and to his work at our school.





Student wins place on prestigious University of Cambridge programme

One of our Year 12 students, Tamzyn, attended the prestigious LPN Summer School this year. The summer school is run by University of Cambridge colleges Christ's College, Sidney Sussex and Murray Edwards College.

Achieving a place on the programme is a huge success. With over 640 applicants applying for one of 120 places on offer, only students with the very highest outcomes are selected each year.

The prestigious summer programme gives selected students the opportunity to attend a variety of masterclasses given by Cambridge researchers, including information about how to apply to the University.

After the summer school, researchers will continue to provide academic support to Tamzyn for the current school year, with the aim of her making a full application to the University in a year's time. Well done Tamzyn!



Queen Katharine Academy Students set sail with the Tall Ships Youth Trust

In September, eight of our Year 10 students and two of our post-16 students had the exciting opportunity to sail with the Tall Ships Youth Trust, funded by Cross Keys Homes Peterborough.

Our students had an amazing time sailing a 72ft Tall Ships Challenger Yacht and learnt lots of sailing skills including stowing, handling sails and helming.

The trip helped our students to improving their communication and teamwork skills, as well as their leadership and confidence.

Our students also had a special guest aboard as they welcomed Simon Le Bon from Duran Duran! The students practiced their cooking skills by making hotdogs and Simon supported them as they sailed against fellow students from Ken Stimpson and UTC.

Our students also successfully achieved their Level 1 Royal Yachting Association qualification whilst aboard. Congratulations to Chloe, Michael, Margarita, Valerijs, Eddie, Marcus, Daniela, Kenya, Ryan and Roberta.

Their success was shared in the Daily Express, Portsmouth News and The Sun and two of our students were interviewed on BBC Radio Solent.





Sir Isaac Newton Lecture

Our post-16 Engineering students were given the exciting opportunity to attend the annual Sir Isaac Newton Lecture. They listened to guest speaker, Jim Al-Khalili, who is a Quantum Physicist, author and broadcaster.



The event was held at RAF Cranwell and was hosted by the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, with nearly 400 students in attendance.

Jim's lecture was called 'What's Next'. He talked about the future, discussing topics including AI, the internet and time travel. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the talk and are excited to learn more. Well done to all our students who did a fantastic job of representing the school.

Dementia Resource Centre Visit

We were delighted to welcome a visitor into school from the Dementia Resource Centre in Peterborough. The visitor spoke to our Year 10 students and post-16 Health and Social Care students about dementia and its effects.

The students became 'Dementia Friends' and wore the blue badge to help raise awareness. The sessions were very interesting and our students are proud to be supporting the cause.



Children in Need fundraising

Well done to our students and staff, who raised an incredible **£682.52** for Children in Need this November, through our dress-down day! Thank you to everyone that donated, it was great to see everyone come together for an important cause.

KEY DATES

19th December

Last day of term

3rd January

First day of term

18th—22nd February

Half term holiday

5th April

Last day of spring term

24th April

First day of summer term