



## WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. It has been a great term at the academy! We were especially delighted to see that in the Department for Education league tables, we were the only sixth form in Peterborough in which students were judged to make 'well above average' progress in their A levels, placing us amongst the top 0.5% of schools in the UK for this measure. This is a great achievement and reflects the continued hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

Our students have been very busy this term, taking part in the Year 7, 8, and 9 Insight and Discover programmes, attending workshops with specialists, going on trips abroad and taking part in extra-curricular activities alongside their studies. It is great to see our students throw themselves into life at the academy and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

I hope you enjoy reading more about what our students have been up to. I wish you all a restful break over Easter and look forward to seeing you in April to begin the summer term.



## Our Erasmus+ German adventure

Fifteen of our Year 9 and 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting Erasmus+ project about 'Local Heroes' this year.

For the first part of the project, our students travelled to Germany to visit our German partner school, Albertus-Magnus Gymnasium, and students from our Spanish partner school, IES Enrique Diez Canedo, also attended.

All the students worked together to research five important local heroic figures, including Albertus Magnus, St. Irmgardis of Cologne, Action Medeor, Charlemagne and the region's volunteer firefighters. They created exhibits, audio guides, videos and brochures about them in all three of the schools' official languages. On the last day, everyone had the chance to present their projects.



Our students enjoyed experiencing the culture of the area too. They visited the infamous Aachen Cathedral and the nearby town. They were also able to practice their language skills and build friendships with the German and Spanish students.

For the next part of the project, we look forward to welcoming our Spanish and German students to Queen Katharine Academy in October!



## FUN-draising at the academy

This term, our students had lots of fun taking part in a variety of fundraising activities.

We held our annual NSPCC Numbers Week. Our students enjoyed learning about different ways to use numbers and the importance of them in everyday life. We also had a number-themed non-uniform day to end the week in style. We were thrilled to raise £950 for the charity and our students enjoyed presenting them with a cheque (pictured).

Our Health and Social Care students have also been busy organising their own fundraising activities. They did a brilliant job and raised an impressive £763.62 for the Salvation Army Day Centre for the elderly.

As part of TDET's fundraising challenge, we raised money for the Little Miracles charity. We hosted a week of sports sessions for our students, from martial arts, to table tennis and even a dance-a-thon. We are delighted to announce that we raised £184.02.

Thank you to everyone who helped to run the events, took part in the activities and donated to these great causes.



## Students showcase the power of words

Our English department have been very busy this term and our students have taken part in lots of writing competitions.

A group of our Year 8 and 9 students entered the Young Writers' 'Stranger Sagas' regional competition for the East of England. Twelve of our Year 8 students had great success and were featured in the latest Young Writers anthology 'Stranger Sagas'. One of our Year 9 students also featured as a published author, well done to Ceridwen!

Some of our students also entered the Young Writers 'Poetry Escape' competition. Students had the chance to write poetry that expressed who they are. It was a great opportunity for them to express their opinions and discuss what matters most to them.

We are very proud of all our students for their commitment to furthering their learning and improving their writing skills.





### Perfect snow in Pila

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Some of our students had the fantastic opportunity to go on a ski trip to Pila, in the Alps.

Even though the coach broke down on the way to Dover, our students remained in very high spirits and behaved well, especially when they made the final climb through Mont Blanc tunnel and into the Aosta Valley 23 hours later.

Our students had a great time and were fortunate that the area received 30cm of snow the night before they arrived, creating perfect conditions for their first day of skiing.

By the end of the week, all our students and staff had mastered skiing down some of the more difficult slopes, with one student having been down every single slope in the whole resort, including the wall. Everyone enjoyed the trip, learning to ski and making new friends!



### Beauty Therapist students visit London

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Our level 2 Beauty Therapist students visited the Professional Beauty UK trade show at the Excel Centre in London this term.

During the event, our students were able to try different treatments, purchase new products and meet a range of companies. They also discovered several new innovative treatments and technologies.

The day was a great success and our students were inspired by the huge variety of opportunities available in the beauty industry.

To end the day, they visited the London Docklands and saw a few of the London sites.







## Katharine of Aragon service

Some of our students attended the annual Katharine of Aragon service at Peterborough Cathedral.

It was a lovely service with hymns and readings in commemoration of Katharine of Aragon.

Congratulations to two of our Year 7 students, Georgia and Gabriela, who bravely read a passage at the service.

Well done to all our pupils who represented Queen Katharine Academy so well!



## Marine Engineering workshop

John Lupton, from the Sea Cadets, visited one of our top Year 7 science sets. Our students enjoyed learning about engineering and why it is important, as well as the opportunities available by studying STEM subjects.

During the workshop, our students learnt about the forces at work in water, why some things float and some things sink, and the principles of buoyancy.

They had a go at creating their own boats to see which designs could hold the most marbles. The winning design held over 320 marbles before it sunk.

Mr Lupton commented on how well behaved and engaged our students were and said that he would love to come back and do another session.



## KEY DATES

**Start of Summer Term:**

**Wednesday 24th April 2019**

**May Day:**

**Monday 6th May 2019**

**Half Term:**

**Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019**

**End of term:**

**Friday 19th July 2019**

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