



## WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

We had some exciting achievements at the academy this term and I am particularly pleased that we have been re-accredited with the Full International School Award! This is a brilliant accomplishment and reflects the ongoing hard work of both teachers and staff at the academy to provide a broad and international curriculum for our pupils.

Alongside international events, such as our Erasmus+ scheme and the translation competition, our pupils have taken part in a huge range of enrichment activities including the Combined Cadet Force, sporting fixtures, clubs and learning enhancing workshops. I hope you enjoy reading about some of our highlights this term.

I wish you all a happy holidays and relaxing winter break and look forward to seeing you all again when we return on 7th January.



## QKA celebrates Full International School Award

We are very proud of our international ethos at the academy and are thrilled to announce that we have been re-accredited with the prestigious Full International School Award from 2019 to 2022!

Miss Ground attended a ceremony at the British Council in London to collect our special award this term.

The award demonstrates the excellent work being carried out across our academy and we were very pleased to receive such fantastic feedback from the British Council, praising us for our international work.

So far this year, pupils have already taken part in a range of international activities to enhance their learning. These have included the Erasmus+ scheme, a languages visit to Cambridge University and a translating competition!





## Erasmus Friends across Europe

This term, we hosted our Spanish and German Erasmus+ partners to complete the second phase of the project on Local Heroes.

Pupils from all three schools worked together to produce a multilingual museum exhibition on some of Peterborough's local heroes including Warwick Davis, Edith Cavell, John Clare, Petr Torak and Katharine of Aragon.

They also enjoyed a trip to Peterborough Museum to research how to create a successful museum exhibition and visited Peterborough Cathedral and Burghley House.

All pupils had a great time and we are looking forward to the next phase of the project in Spain next year!



## Raising awareness for Anti-Bullying Week

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have gone from strength to strength at the academy. This term, they led a great campaign for National Anti-Bullying Week.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors launched a competition for pupils to create an anti-bullying poster. The standard of entries was fantastic and our Ambassadors had a hard time choosing which three were the best!

Congratulations to our winner Agne, and runners up Mia and Zohaib. The posters have now been displayed around school to promote our RESPECT values and raise awareness.

The Ambassadors also organised a range of other activities for the week, including a photo booth to share positive anti-bullying slogans. Our pupils enjoyed taking their picture and using their voice to raise awareness.





## Sporting success for Key Stage 3

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils represented the academy in the Peterborough Cross Country Championships earlier this term.

They ran in the competition against other schools in Peterborough and the local area. We were very proud of them, not only did they represent the academy brilliantly, they performed outstandingly.

This year was our strongest team ever with an amazing 95% of our pupils finishing in the top 50!

A special congratulations to pupils Faith and Saxon who have qualified and been selected to represent Peterborough in the East Anglia Cross Country Championships in January. They did amazingly well with Faith coming 11th, and Saxon coming 14th, out of the whole of Year 7 in Peterborough!



## Forest School exploration

This term, we took 11 of our Post-16 Early Years Education pupils to Ferry Meadows for a Forest Schools taster session, led by Peterborough Environment City Trust.

Our pupils learned about the Forest Schools principles. They also explored the sorts of tasks that children attending a Forest School would take part in.

They had a go at some of the activities themselves, including leaf lantern making, tree 'I Spy', fire lighting and creating their own toasting sticks using bushcraft knives!

It was a highly educational visit for our Post-16 pupils and helped them to gain an in-depth understanding of how Forest Schools work.







## Pupils pay their respects

We commemorated Remembrance Day at the academy this November with a ceremony to honour all those who have died in wars around the world.

Our fantastic Cadets formed a key part of the service, leading the parade. We laid wreathes and held a two-minute silence.

It was humbling to see all our pupils and staff across the academy come together for this special event.

Thank you to everyone who was part of the ceremony and paid their respects.



## Rivers of the World visit to Ferry Meadows

Our pupils continued work on their Rivers of The World Project this term.

The project is funded by The British Council and is a two-year programme. It involves six schools across Peterborough and pairs each one with a school in another country to explore local and global issues through art.

This term, our pupils explored Ferry Meadows, taking in the sights and sounds around them.

They then performed and described what they had seen to the other pupils taking part in the project.

They also recorded the words and sounds they heard throughout the trip and sent them to our partner school in Morocco.

Our pupils were fantastic representatives of the academy and all received Rivers of the World certificates to take home!





## Dementia Friends

Heather Hooper, from the Dementia Resource Centre in Peterborough, delivered a workshop to our Year 10 Health and Social Care pupils about Dementia.

Throughout the workshop, our pupils learnt about the signs of Dementia and the impact it can have.

All our pupils took part positively and became 'Dementia Friends'.

They now wear their badges proudly around school to spread awareness about Dementia.



## Humanutopia!

This term, our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils took part in Humanutopia.

The workshops aim to create a safe space for young people to reflect on the influences in their life and their real self.

It also encourages them to consider where their true potential may lie and what their futures may hold.

Our pupils loved the experience and felt they learnt lots about themselves.



## KEY DATES

**Spring Term starts:**

**7th January 2020**

**Year 11 Subject Evening:**

**16th January 2020**

**Sixth Form Subject Evening:**

**4th February 2020**

**Year 9 Pathways Evening:**

**11th February 2020**

**End of Term:**

**14th February 2020**

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