



## WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

I want to start the newsletter by thanking our students, parents, staff and wider community for the excellent and safe return back to classroom learning—I couldn't be more proud!

At QKA, we are so lucky to have an incredible staff and volunteer team who work so hard for our students. Over the last few weeks, they have even created a video for worried students which highlights how to properly take a Covid-19 test.

Across the academy, we have also witnessed our students achieve great things and have received lots of examples of excellent home-learning work! We have seen Valentines treats and super Art work, as well as a range of activities for World Book Day including a weekly scavenger hunt which went down so well with our students. A number of our Year 10 students also completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, well deserved Easter break. We look forward to seeing you in April.



## Success With Testing

This term, we were so grateful for the support of our incredible staff and volunteer team who worked so hard to prepare Queen Katherine Academy for reopening!

Our team even created a useful video with the help of Mrs Heard that talked our students through the Lateral Flow test, just in case they had any concerns or were anxious about taking it.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, our students had a wonderful first few days catching up with each other and after nine long weeks away, it was fantastic to see so many of them smiling and back in the classroom learning again!





## The New Honours Board

This term, we updated our honours board with 2020/2021 Head Students, Vesta and Tamzyn!

Our Head Students work so hard throughout school and act as great role models for our younger students.

They are also responsible for playing a leading role in the school community, sharing ideas with our leadership team, embedding our RESEPECT values and coordinating student activities.

Together, Vesta and Tamzyn have been working incredibly hard along with their deputies, Erika, Hafsah and Phoenix to ensure the student voice is heard and shared at home and in school.

Well done Vesta and Tamzyn, great work!



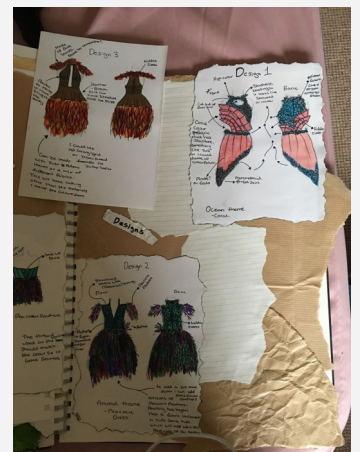
## Our Super Student Work

Across the term, we received lots of examples of excellent student work! It was amazing to see our students pulling together and keeping up with their learning, even while school was closed.

Sophie in Year 8 became our very own Mary Berry and baked some amazing Valentines treats! We can't wait to see the next delights she creates, obviously we will need to taste test...

Elsewhere in Art, our students produced some fantastic work. Lily, Carol, Katie and Sophie created things using different textiles, while Atlanta created a fantastic colour sculpture inspired by Tony Cragg!

Well done to all our super students!





## World Book Day

This term, our students and staff celebrated World Book Day!

To mark the occasion, we provided a range of exciting activities throughout March including a weekly scavenger hunt, a quiz and even a #ShareYourStories feature.

We were overwhelmed by the responses from staff and students!

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped arrange the activities.



## Generous Donations

In February, we were delighted to announce that BGL Group donated us enough funds to buy seven laptops!

These laptops will make a huge difference to those students who have faced difficulties with learning at home, without access to online devices.

Despite returning to school this month, it is still a very challenging time for our students and staff, and there is lots to do to further support them.

However, this donation will allow us to do just that and continue to keep our community connected in the months ahead.

We are so grateful for the support of local businesses—a very big thank you to BGL Group!







## World Martial Arts Champion

This term, we found out that one of our Year 7 students, Aleisha, is a two time World Martial Arts Champion!

She recently took part in an online World Championship but is due to travel to Ireland and Hawaii later this year to compete.

We are so proud to have students at QKA who engage with a wide range of extracurricular activities!

Well done to Aleisha for her great work and dedication!



## Beekeeping Duties

Also this term, we found out that one of our students is a keen beekeeper!

Alfie, productively spent his time away from classroom learning by using beeswax byproduct to make candles and decorations!

Don't they look great?

Alfie loves beekeeping and even belongs to a local bee keeper's group.

Well done Alfie, we are so proud!





## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

In January, we were delighted to announce that a number of our Year 10 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Physical Skill and Volunteering sections!

The completion allowed our students to go on and achieve the full Certificate of Achievement! A very big well done to the following students:



Wiktorina



Ellith



Jack



Rima



Matyas



Schneider



Jake



## KEY DATES

\*These dates are subject to the latest Covid-19 regulations

### END OF TERM

Friday 26th March 2021

### SUMMER TERM BEGINS

Tuesday 13th April 2021

### HALF TERM

Monday 7th June 2021



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