



## WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

I want to start by thanking all our parents and staff for showing such resilience and commitment towards our students' education during this term, and our students themselves who have shown such understanding, compassion and respect. Together we have overcome this challenging situation and I couldn't be more proud of our achievements as an academy.

At QKA, we work together to make a positive impact and never has this been more apparent. This term, we have donated to the Peterborough Book Gifting Project, attended a virtual mental health summit, launched the Pomegranate Opportunities Trust and so much more. You will read about this in more detail in the newsletter but I am so delighted with the supportive, inclusive environment we are creating. Across the academy, we have seen our pupils achieve great things and demonstrate a real stride towards excellence, even in these truly remarkable times.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, well deserved festive break. We look forward to seeing you back in 2021.



## Book Gifting Project

This month, a team of our dedicated staff took a box full of 45 books to donate to the Peterborough Book Gifting Project!

Thanks to our donation, 45 disadvantaged children in our community will be receiving a new book this Christmas.

We are always so proud to see our community getting involved with charity projects and understanding the experiences and feelings of others from their perspective.

A big thank you to all our students and staff that supported this wonderful donation!





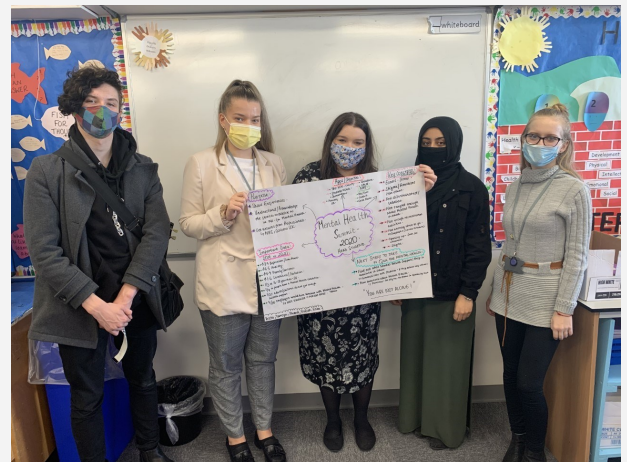
## Virtual Mental Health Summit

This term, our Head Students, Deputy Head Students and Year 10 and 11 Prefects attended the virtual Mental Health Summit organised by students of Thomas Deacon Academy and Citizens UK.

The event included various discussions on mental health and the services available to young people in Peterborough. It even included student testimonies and guest speakers including Paul Bristow Peterborough MP, Lydia Crawford from The Mix helpline and Dr Amaia Robles-Fernandez from the NHS Mental Health Support Team.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for young people to express their views on mental health.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise it!



## Bernice McCabe Award Nomination

In November, we were delighted to announce that our English department's PTI Subject Leadership Programme Work had been nominated for the Bernice McCabe Award!

The PTI is a charity which provides a wide range of CPD courses for teachers and focuses on developing specialised subject knowledge.

At QKA, we firmly believe that all individuals are part of a community and all individuals should strive to embrace their place and role within this community, supporting and encouraging each other to do and be their best.

In order to be nominated, Mrs Degaris attended weekend sessions with the PTI, organised weekly uplift sessions for the team with other members of staff and worked closely with other core subjects on a number of projects.

Well done Mrs Degaris, great work!







## Remembrance Day Display

This term, to help us remember all those affected by war, our Librarian, Sandra Brownlie created this incredible display with some help from her mother.

Despite the difficulties with Covid-19, we were so proud to still be able to mark the occasion and play our part in remembering those who lost their lives.

At QKA, we want all individuals to strive to use their skills, qualities and talents to be the best they can be, and that includes staff too!

What a fantastic display, thank you so much to Sandra!



## PECT's Forest School Taster Session

Also this term, our Early Years Education Sixth Form students took part in a forest school taster session delivered by PECT - Creating Sustainable Places at Ferry Meadows.

Our students learnt about the forest school approach, principles and the importance of children learning in the outdoors. They also took part in some of the activities, including a scavenger hunt, leaf lanterns, making resources out of nature, fire lighting and marshmallow toasting. Our students really enjoyed the session and had a great time.

This was a fantastic opportunity and we are grateful to PECT for offering this session to our students!





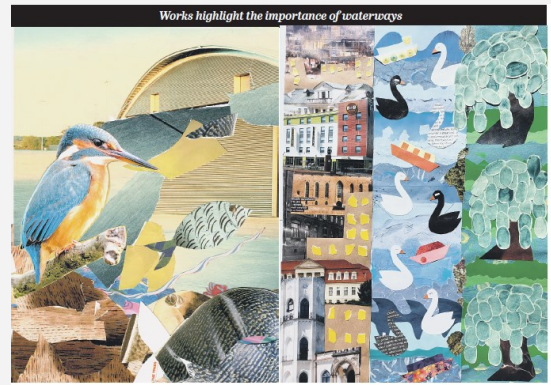
## Tate Modern Artwork

Earlier this term, some of our students created artwork for the Rivers of the World exhibition.

The artwork initially featured near the River Nene and has recently gone on display outside the Tate Modern in London!

Eloise Leer, one of our Year 7 students, entered her artwork and has been chosen to feature as part of Peterborough's Young Artists entry.

Well done to all our students that took part and for having their artwork on display in Peterborough and London. We are very proud!



**Pupils' artwork on show outside Tate Modern**

## Leadership Legacy Project by SSAT

In November, we were delighted to learn that Mrs Anderson was accepted onto the prestigious Leadership Legacy Project by SSAT!

Mrs Anderson was nominated by our Principal for having already shown the potential to become an outstanding school leader.

The scheme lasts one year and was set up to develop and support teachers, helping them obtain the knowledge and skills to become a future member of their school's senior leadership team.

We are so proud of Mrs Anderson and the work she has put in to have earned this really well-deserved place.

Over the years she has been teaching at QKA, Mrs Anderson has been exceptional and always ensured her students achieve the best of their abilities. She is dedicated, passionate and the perfect candidate for this opportunity.

Well done Mrs Anderson, an incredible achievement !





**Queen Katharine**  
Academy

# NEWSLETTER UPDATE

## AUTUMN TERM

## Inspiring Opportunities at QKA

This term, we launched the Pomegranate Opportunities Trust!

The Pomegranate Opportunities Trust is a charity that provides students with the opportunity to engage in memorable experiences.

Students at QKA can apply for funding and the Pomegranate Opportunities Trust will support this, with travel, accommodation and adventures.

It can fund a trip through school but doesn't have to be purely school based, as long as it is memorable.

At QKA, all individuals are empowered and encouraged to gain a feeling of satisfaction from being a part of the academy.

Also, this opportunity helps us to further become an inclusive centre of educational excellence.

We are really pleased to be able to offer our students this opportunity and look forward to hearing about any experiences you'd like to get involved with!

If this is something you would like to take apply for, please speak to Miss Scott D7, Mrs Kirby D24 or Miss Hodgson D28.

Good luck with the application!



**Pomegranate**  
Opportunities Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1186673

**Created solely for Students of QKA**

## KEY DATES

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

### END OF TERM

Friday 18th December 2020

### SPRING TERM BEGINS

Tuesday 5th January 2021

### HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February 2021

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