



WELCOME TO QUEEN KATHARINE ACADEMY'S NEWSLETTER

I would like to start this newsletter by extending a huge thank you to everyone in our community. From our pupils, parents and staff, to our Trust and local community, everyone has come together in these challenging times to support one another and keep providing a high quality education for our pupils. It is at times like these, that I feel even more proud and honoured to be Principal of such a kind, caring and respectful school.

It was fantastic to see our community face home learning head on. Our pupils continued to impress us with how quickly they adapted to the new situation and continued to pursue their learning and interests in a variety of subjects, all with the help and support of their families. Well done to you all.

As lockdown has begun to ease, we have been slowly able to welcome more pupils back into school and it is wonderful to hear our corridors filled with chatter and laughter again. We look forward to hopefully having more of our pupils back with us in the new academic year. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading about some of our successes this term and have a safe and restful summer holiday.



Donations of PPE

One of our biggest highlights this term was seeing all the incredible work going on behind the scenes at our academy. We want to say a huge thank you to two of our teachers who gave up their time to make protective equipment for our fantastic NHS.

Mr and Mrs Shirley used their DT skills during the Easter break to make much-needed equipment. Mrs Shirley manufactured cotton facemasks and scrubs bags, while Mr Shirley made face visors. So far, they have made 80 facemasks and 80 visors, which have been distributed to palliative care nurses, a GP surgery, and a pharmacy!

Thank you, once again, to everyone involved for your continued support.





Post-16 Success

We are very proud to announce that this term we have been recognised for the significant progress our sixth form pupils make at the academy.

We were presented with the SSAT Educational Outcomes Award 2019 for exceptional pupil progress in academic subjects and the SSAT Educational Outcomes Award 2019 for exceptional pupil progress in applied general subjects.

These awards recognise that we have made significantly higher progress than the national average among non-selective schools in the 2019 post-16 exams and we couldn't be more pleased!

Our pupils are dedicated to their studies and it is great to see their passion and enthusiasm for their subjects grow over their time in Sixth Form.



Virtual Sports Day

In June, we launched our virtual Sports Day!

Pupils were invited to take part in physical challenges at home and submit their scores to compete against the rest of their year group.

There were prizes awarded for the best boy and girl in Years 7 to 10.

It was great to see pupils from across the school get involved and the enthusiasm was amazing. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped to organise the challenges.

Hopefully, you had plenty of fun recording your efforts at home!





A Day To Remember

In May, we marked the 75th anniversary of VE Day, when the Second World War ended in Europe.

We knew that many members of our community would be celebrating so encouraged our pupils to send in pictures and videos of what they got up to.

We received lots of great images, from our pupils in their Cadet uniform, to a lovely window display that our librarian, Ms Brownlie, created, and even a video from Year 7 pupil, Zohaib.

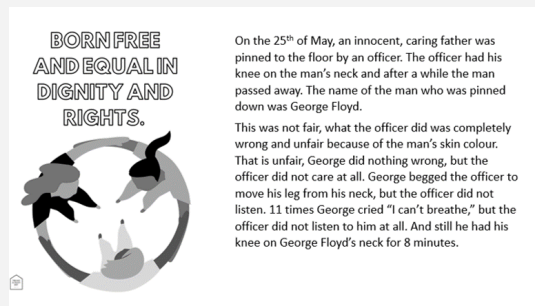
What a brilliant way to celebrate the day and remember those who fought in the Second World War.



#BlackLivesMatter

Following the death of George Floyd in America, and worldwide calls to end racism and inequality, some of our pupils created posters, articles and presentations with their own inspirational anti-racism messages.

We are very proud of their powerful words and equally proud of our diverse, inclusive and respectful QKA community.





Head Pupils Announced

We recently cast the vote for next year's Head Pupils at our academy.

With five brilliant candidates, our pupils decided to elect two Head Pupils and three Deputy Head Pupils to form our Student Leadership Team. A big congratulations and welcome to our Head Pupils, Vesta and Tamzyn, and our Deputy Head Pupils, Hafsa, Erika and Phoenix!



The Head Pupils will act as the voice of all Queen Katharine Academy pupils. They will make sure pupil feedback is heard by school leaders and share ideas with the Student Leadership Team.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

June marked Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) History Month. To celebrate, we shared weekly posts about the diverse ways in which the history and culture of these communities adds to the vibrancy of life in the UK.

We celebrated the successes of our Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils and the important contributions that these communities make to our school and the Peterborough area.

We started by inviting our GRT pupils to get involved by sharing their family stories. The best three stories were then shared on our website. Later in the month, we also shared useful phrases and words in Romanes.

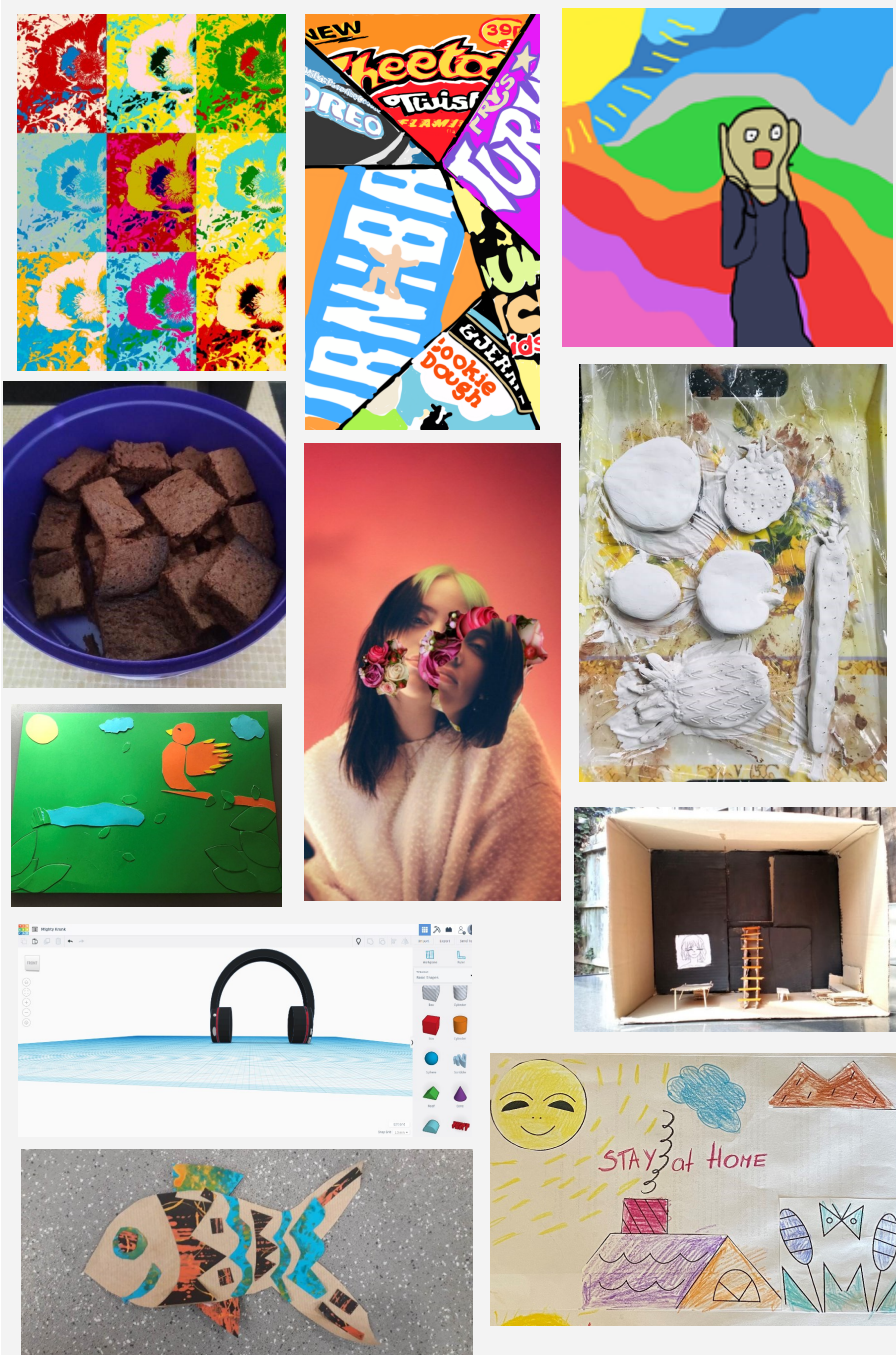
At Queen Katharine Academy all languages matter and we give special importance to celebrate and share the linguistic diversity of our school.

Earlier this year, before COVID-19 some of our Roma pupils took part in a documentary about the East of England's Roma communities.





Home Learning at QKA



KEY DATES

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

END OF TERM

Friday 17th July 2020

AUTUMN TERM BEGINS

Monday 7th September 2020

HALF TERM

Monday 26th October 2020 to
Friday 30th October 2020

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