



Newsletter

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Dates:

Friday 8th March—Year
11 & 6th Form reports
sent home

Wednesday 13th
March—Parents
Evening (5pm—7pm)

Break up:

Friday 15th February

Return to School:

Monday 25th February

Breakup:

Friday 12th April

Return to School:

Tuesday 30th April

Teacher Training day:

Monday 29th April

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a fast paced start to 2019. The structure of the day has changed and we have implemented "Ready, Learn, Reflect" which allows form tutors more time to work with students on their personal development skills and lower anxieties. This also allows students to be rewarded more immediately at the end of the day. A new assessment system has been launched, allowing the school to keep a better track of progress and electronic timetable is now available for parents on our website. Students have been undertaking their Mock Examinations in preparation for their accreditation in the summer term.

Tim Hill (HMI) from Ofsted visited on the 29th January 2019 to conduct a 'Monitoring Report'. The report is published after half term and will be on the Ofsted and school websites. A monitoring visit does not change the category of the school but does indicate if the school is on the right path for improvement. I am delighted to say the visit went extremely well, the students and staff showed the very best of Queensbury School, although we still have a lot of work to do in the future. Over half term we have a lot of building work being undertaken to enable the school to operate more efficiently. Two new meeting rooms are being created to enable Education Health Care Plan meetings to be more transparent and display the documentation live on screens for any changes. The Admin area is also being refurbished so housed all in one area.

Finally, thanks to our thoughtful families the school has received £5000 from the Thompson Family Charitable Trust which will be used to develop an outdoor table tennis area for the students and we are installing water fountains for the children from a request from student council. I wish you a safe and enjoyable half term.

Mr Christopher Wilson

Acting Head Teacher

Work experience – can you help?

Queensbury School has a good record of providing work experience for students. However, we believe that more students could take part in work experience both in sixth form and possibly in



Year 10. However, it is extremely difficult to find enough placements. Which is why we are asking for your help in finding more placements. Included in this newsletter is a work experience poster giving more details.

All we ask is that you mention work experience to people, organisations and businesses you use on a regular basis. It could be your hairdresser, mechanic, plumber, local cafe or friend that works in a charity shop. Basically, any individual or organisation that has liability insurance and their general operations wouldn't bring harm to a student, could be a work experience placement.

The aim of work experience is to help the students with their transition into life after school. Many students are able to go into organisations for work experience acting independently.

However, some of our students are not confident enough and for those students, paired or small work related



For example, we have worked with a supported living home in Erdington and our students helped the residents with their gardening club and maintained the communal garden area. We have a long history of work experience and a few of the other employers who have supported us include Tesco, HSBC Bank, GKN Driveline, WLCA, Co-op and Glendale Ground Maintenance Services.

We have a flexible approach to work experience and will consider all types of placement and working patterns.

If you think someone could offer a placement please contact me using the details below. All I need to begin with is a contact name and either a phone number or email address from the placement. We'll do the rest.

Mr Mitchell, Work Related Advisor.

Tel 0121 373 5731 ext. 241

Email a.mitchell@queensbury.bham.sch.uk

hands up if ... you can help our school!



Your local school, Queensbury, currently has a number of Year 10 students (aged 14 or 15) and Sixth Form students (aged 16 to 19) who need a work experience placement before Friday 19th July 2019.

All you need to do is say 'yes' and we'll do the rest.

- No cost to you
- All business types welcomed*
- All job descriptions welcomed**
- Flexible hours to suit your business***
- One day a week or week block formats available

"Work experience is vital in the development of our young people and you may even find your next employee or apprentice!"

For a no obligation discussion please contact Andy Mitchell on 0121 373 5731 extension 241 or email a.mitchell@queensbury.bham.sch.uk

* Must have Employers Liability Insurance (ELI) and Public Liability Insurance (PLI)

** Any jobs or tasks must adhere to all safeguarding, student welfare and safety guidelines

*** Young Workers Directive limits time to 8 hours a day and max 40 hours per week

Summer 2019 Examination Dates

01/04/2019 PE moderation (AM)	Relevant students will be informed nearer date
09/04/2019 (all day)	GCSE ART
10/04/2019 (all day)	GCSE ART
14/05/2019	GCSE Science
16/05/2019	GCSE Science
20/05/2019	GCSE Religious Studies
21/05/2019	GCSE Mathematics
22/05/2019	GCSE Science
24/05/2019	GCSE D&T
04/06/2019	GCSE English Language
06/06/2019	GCSE Mathematics
07/06/2019	GCSE English Language GCSE Science
11/06/2019	GCSE Mathematics
12/06/2019	GCSE Science
14/06/2019	GCSE Science
26/06/2019	Contingency date. All students entered for external must be available up to and including this date.

SCHOOL EVENTS/TRIPS

Head Teachers Award

Year 9 are learning about how computers communicate using Binary, 1's & 0's.

One student successfully completed the Binary conversions, independently, on his first attempt.

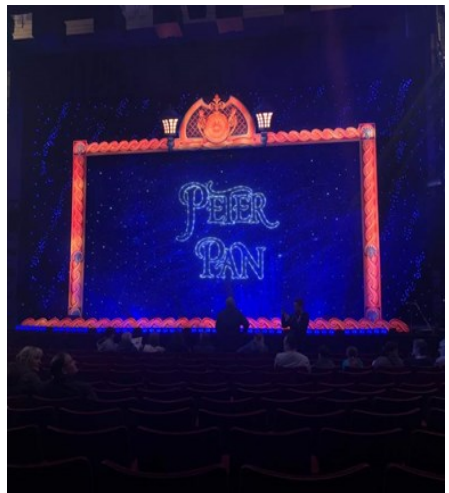
This was rewarded with a Head Teacher certificate.

What an excellent achievement!



Over 100 staff and students went to the Relaxed Performance of 'Peter Pan' at Birmingham Hippodrome, on Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

A great time was had by all



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"Magic Breakfast"

Queensbury have joined the "Magic Breakfast" team, which ensures no child is too hungry to learn. Magic Breakfast gives every child the opportunity to have a bagel during our extended registration lesson, free of charge. For more information on how this is funded please follow the link to www.magicbreakfast.com.

This is run separately to our wrap around breakfast club that commences at 8:15a.m until 8:45a.m.

Sixth form Art Students have taken their Arts skills to the walls of the Mentors, creating an exciting mural working along side graffiti artist 'Chunxx' depicting what the Mentors room is for and to send the message 'It's ok to feel any emotion, it's what we do with these feelings that matter'



Free Workshop, Making Decisions for Your Adult Child:

We are running a free workshop for parents of special needs children and teenagers called: **Making Decisions for Your Adult Child: The Law**

The workshop is aimed at parents whose children will need some continued support after reaching 18, for example with living arrangements, healthcare or managing money. When a young person becomes an adult at 18, parents' rights to make decisions on their behalf alter. This workshop will explain what you need to know and what you need to do to safeguard the young person's interest.

Ruth Moore from Slater Gordon Lawyers will explain The Mental Capacity Act 2005

This is an informal workshop and parents will get the chance to ask questions.

To book a free place on this workshop, please email westmids.office@contact.org.uk with the following information:

- **Your address and telephone number?**
- **The age of your child with special needs and the nature of his/her special need**
- **Would you like to be added to Contact's mailing list? YES/NO? Please delete as appropriate.**

If yes, please say what you would like to receive:

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| * Contact Midlands e bulletin and information | YES/NO |
| * Our national e bulletin What's New | YES/NO |
| * Our campaign updates | YES/NO |
| * Our fundraising updates | YES/NO |



MAKING DECISIONS FOR YOUR ADULT CHILD: THE LAW

This free workshop is for parents/carers of children with disabilities or additional needs growing up to adulthood.

This session looks at the law if your child needs help with managing their affairs. The workshop will explore the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and:

- How it relates to people with cognitive disability
- Assessing capacity
- Best interest decisions
- Making professionals listen

Wednesday, March 6, 10.30am–12.30pm – refreshments provided

Venue: Church Lounge, Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Road,
Birmingham, B29 6HT

To book your free place [✉ westmids.office@contact.org.uk](mailto:westmids.office@contact.org.uk) or call **0121 274 0437**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

BREAKFAST CLUB (Monday – Friday) 8.15am - 8.45am



Toast 10p per slice

Tea 20p

Hot Chocolate 20p

Juice 20p



PLEASE NOTE - There is NO Staff supervision in School before 8.15am. Students must not be in School unaccompanied before this time.

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Also, if your child is being collected by a different family member/friend please notify Reception.

Without prior permission we are unable to let your child off school premises until we have contacted you.

Transport and Independent Travel Training

When you finish Year 11 at Queensbury, you may need to apply for transport. The policy has changed and is much tighter than before.

Please do not assume that because you have qualified in the past that you will continue to do so.

You need to be thinking about how you will get to Queensbury 6th Form, College or Further Training.

If you want to discuss your situation further, please contact Mrs Richards on 0121 373 5731.

<http://www.queensburysch.com>



Don't be blind to the signs



Chatting to a new friend online?

Can you be sure they are who they say they are?

- Never reveal your home or school address
- Always take a parent or trusted adult with you to any meeting
- Always arrange the meeting in a public place
- Never accept a lift home at the end of the meeting

If you feel worried about someone you are talking to online,
tell an adult or call the police on **101.**



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Acknowledgements

Thanks to the generous proactive nature of some of our students and families, The Thompson Family Charitable Trust has donated £5,000 to Queensbury School.

This funding will be utilised along with some school funding to create a new outdoor table tennis area allowing pupils to be active, socialise, and develop concentration skills.



Area to be developed

Queensbury School is incredibly grateful and excited in developing the school further, particularly when it has a direct impact on young people and future generations.

