

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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



Toast 10p per slice

Fruit 20p

Tea/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.

## "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](http://www.magicbreakfast.com).

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

<http://www.queensburysch.com>



# Newsletter

February 2020 [www.queensburysch.com](http://www.queensburysch.com)  @queensburysch

## Dates:

### February half term:

#### Break up:

Friday 14th  
February

#### Return to School:

Tuesday 25th  
February

### Easter

#### Break up:

Friday 3rd April

#### Return to School:

Tuesday 21st April

### Training days:

Monday 24th  
February

Monday 20th April

Dear Parents / Carers,

Academisation for the school with the **Education Impact Trust** (Wilson Stuart School) is on track for conversion in the summer term. Consultation has taken place and we are finalising the Common Transfer Agreement ready for the TUPE process.

Over the half term, we have more **significant works** being undertaken with new fire exits, windows and curtain wall being installed in one of our classrooms. We also have external asbestos removal planned for three classroom areas. Specialist teams will be conducting the removals and therefore the school will be closed over the half term holiday.



The school was delighted to receive a **£10,000 donation** from the **Thompson Family Charitable Trust** after recommendation from one of our parents. Student Council have met and are working on ideas on how to best utilise the funds.

The school has appointed **two new English specialists** which will contribute to our excellent team of staff. Congratulations to Miss McInerney who gained **Distinction** in her Trauma Informed School accreditation. Staff have also run and planned a huge number of **exciting learning opportunities** including Artist Tom Ellis from Curious Oddities sculpting two very large dragon heads, friend for life programmes, celebration of World Religion Day, Arts workshops with sixth form students, educational visits to the Enginuity Museum at Iron bridge and Maths being utilised in real life spaces. Students have also conducted their **Mock Exams** in a mature manner giving them a spring board ready for the examinations in the summer term. I am **very proud of the students and staff** and look forward to more hard work next term.



Chris Wilson  
Interim Head Teacher

## Summer 2020 Examination Dates

28/04/2020	GCSE Art
29/04/2020	GCSE ART
11/05/2020	GCSE Religious Studies
12/05/2020	GCSE Science
13/05/2020	GCSE English Literature
14/05/2020	GCSE Science
19/05/2020	GCSE Maths (non-calculator)
19/05/2020	GCSE Religious Studies
20/05/2020	GCSE Science
21/05/2020	GCSE English Literature
22/05/2020	GCSE D&T
01/06/2020	GCSE Science
02/06/2020	GCSE English Language
04/06/2020	GCSE Maths
05/06/2020	GCSE English Language



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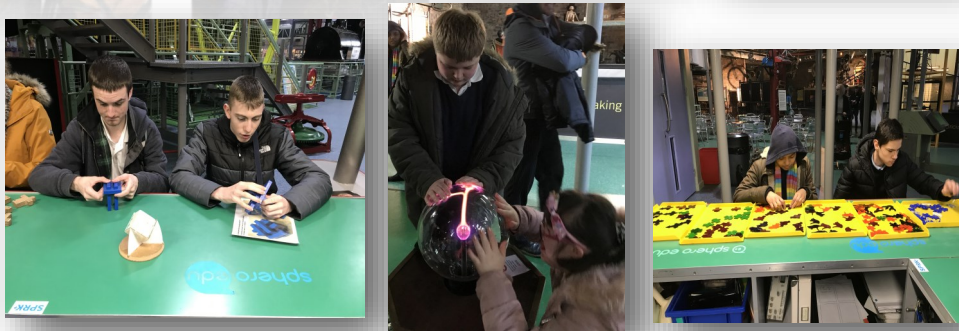
And also the toughest

Need some advice about your child's behaviour or emotions?

Contact YoungMinds' Parents Helpline  
**0808 802 5544**  
[youngminds.org.uk/parents](http://youngminds.org.uk/parents)

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Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

**YOUNGmINDS**



**On Thursday 30th January 2020, 4D visited Enginuity Museum at Ironbridge.**

**Enginuity Museum showed the students how electricity is produced and used, now and in the past.**

**Students enjoyed taking part in the interactive activities.**



08/06/2020

GCSE Maths

10/06/2020

GCSE Science

12/06/2020

GCSE Science

TBC

ICT

24/06/2020

Contingency date. All students entered for external must be available up to and including this date.

**Results Day: 20/08/2020**

## School Trips/Events

### 9N Trip to the MAC 27th January 2020

Yizkor is the name of the play at the MAC that depicted the life of Jewish teens during the time of the Holocaust. This play was very well delivered and engaging. It marked the 75<sup>th</sup> year of the end of the Holocaust. Students received a passport style document that Jews at the time had to carry.

They were able to describe some features, like the yellow star that are a reminder of the type of discrimination and persecution they faced. The staff and the actors praised our students for their ability to recall some information about teenage life as a Jew.





### KS3 Mindfulness In Schools Group

A group of 7 students have been taking part in some mindfulness lessons for the past 6 weeks. One of our teachers, Cara McInerney, trained to deliver the course and the students really enjoyed it.

They learnt all about how our brain works and how to help us when we wobble.



We ended our course with a trip to the Donkey Sanctuary in Sutton Park on 16th January 2020.

The students were fabulous throughout the course and we're looking forward to delivering it to more groups in Spring 2.



A huge well done to 11N for working so hard for their mocks. We had many students achieving their personal best!



11E have been working really hard in English. They have been at looking at the pros and cons of technology; everything from entertainment to addiction! They have been developing their debating and evaluating skills.  
**Well done all!**

## Art/Textiles

As part of our 'Ancient Culture' project year 10 visited Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford on Friday 24th January 2020.

During the visit pupils recorded the artefacts on display through sketches and photography.

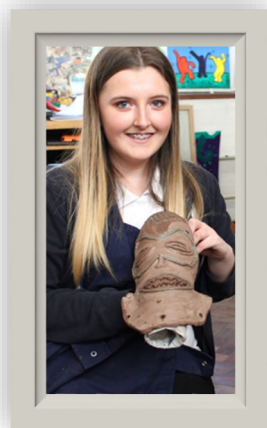
**A great day was had by all!!**



Ceramicist Joanna Dawidowska delivered a two day workshop to the 6th form Art group.

Students learnt about clay and explored Different techniques.

They made a range of pieces including African masks, beads and tiles.



Our Youth Parliament representative, Marzuq (11N) completed his Saturday training on 25th January 2020. He had a really enjoyable day and is currently writing his own manifesto which he will present in assembly soon.

Watch this space!

### 5-a-side Football Event

Queensbury School took 2 teams to a 5-a-side football event against other schools on Monday, 27th January 2020 at Aston Villa Indoor Centre. The teams were made up of pupils from Year 7 and 8 and the Sports leaders also attended and helped at the event.



All pupils performed with distinction and the games were played in a friendly spirit. Queensbury School acquitted themselves well with some wins, some draws and also some defeats.



**A good time was had by all.**

Dear Parents / Carer,

**Re: Head Teacher update**

Further to the letter sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 from Mr Wilson, The Interim Head Teacher with executive powers, the school is now able to share the following;

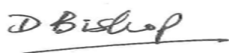
We are announcing that our Head Teacher, Veronica Jenkins has made the decision to leave her post as Head Teacher of Queensbury Special school to take early retirement due to ill health. The decision has been mutually agreed with the IEB and will take effect from the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Mrs Jenkins is very proud of the achievements of the students in the school which could not have been achieved without the work of so many excellent staff.

Mrs Jenkins wishes the school every success in the future.

The IEB thank Mrs Jenkins for the positive contributions she has made to the school and her commitment to the students of the school. We wish her well for the future.

Yours sincerely



**Mr David Bishop**

Chair of the IEB

On behalf of the IEB

**We have more Asbestos removal planned for the Easter Holidays. We need to work with the specialist teams from Clear Environmental & HSE (Health & Safety Executive). We will communicate more information closer to the time when we have this.**



## Science

7.2 are sharing and developing their knowledge of food groups and a healthy diet.

They are showing a great understanding of nutrients and the need for variety in a persons diet.



11.2 have started investigating the story of Jack the Ripper and how modern day forensics could have helped identify the killer.

We took fingerprints and hand prints of the class and identified the difference between us all.

