

## Dates:

### Summer half term:

#### Break up:

Friday 17th July

### Return to School:

Monday 7th  
September

### Training days:

Tuesday 1st  
September &  
Wednesday 2nd  
September

### New Year 7s Transition Days

Thursday 3rd  
September &  
Friday 4th  
September

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Key Worker, Vulnerable and Priority group provision has been operational over the COVID 19 pandemic. Students and staff have been incredibly resilient and creative. They have undertaken community projects in the afternoons to improve the school.



The school has also taken part in a Podcast in partnership with Birmingham Education Partnership on how our home learning model has been established during COVID 19 through Zoom, WEDUC and Purple Mash. We have provided webinar training for other schools on how we have streamed lessons to prevent narrowing of the curriculum led by Mr Ali, Mr Mulla and Mrs Gill. They have been asked to present at the BEP Conference in September 2020 which is a huge accolade. <https://anchor.fm/bep-1/episodes/Heads-Up-on---Special-Schools-Home-Learning-efurfi>.

Over the summer holidays we have further asbestos removal , refurbishment of the Sixth Form and building works to replace all the windows in main school. This has been enabled by our successful negotiation with the Local Authority for over **two million pounds** in line with converting the school to an academy. Alongside this, we have also been in discussions with the Department for Education for a capital grant of just under **one million pounds**. This goes to panel with Ministers over the summer and I hope to pass on good news in the new term.



We also have a **parent's shelter** and **outdoor classroom** being constructed over the holiday period. This was possible due to a **parent recommending** the school to the **Thompson Family Charitable Trust** that has donated **£10,000** and **school fund** contributing the remainder. Have a safe and good summer.

Chris Wilson

Interim Head Teacher

## **To all of the Students, Parents, Carers and Staff of Queensbury School**

I hope you are all well. I have really missed seeing you all on a daily basis and hope that you are all coping with what has been a very challenging time for everyone.

At the end of term, I have made the decision to leave Queensbury School and I wanted to say a few words about my reasons why.

I have always believed that our students should aim high and follow their dreams. My dream has always been to live by the sea. The current situation has given us all time to reflect and realise how precious time is and that is why I have decided to follow my dream now, rather than waiting and letting time pass.

I think our students realise how much I care for them and that is why this has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made but there never is a good time to leave.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the leadership team, all of the Queensbury staff, parents and carers but mostly to our children for making my time at Queensbury so special. I wish you all the very best for September and for the amazing lives I know you are going to lead beyond Queensbury School.

**Thank you**

**Mrs Fitzpatrick, Assistant Head, Queensbury School.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mr Kearns and I have been appointed as the new Assistant Head Teacher at Queensbury School. Some of you may be familiar with my name, as I have previously worked at Queensbury a few years ago as a class teacher.

I am very much looking forward to working at the school again and in my new job. I would like to express my excitement at this new adventure by telling you a bit about my role and myself. I am coming from a Special Needs School and would love to share my knowledge and experiences with Queensbury School. I am a motivated individual and a hard worker who will always try and get the best out of every student. In September, my role will include: overseeing key Stage 3 and transition to and from the Key Stage; improving the quality of education across the school; developing the leadership of Middle Leaders within the school; organising and making effective use of the year 7 catch up, pupil premium and sports premium funding and being a mentor for Newly Qualified teachers within the school.

Outside of work, I love to read, watch movies and spend time with my family. I have a 2-year-old daughter who keeps me on my toes and makes sure I'm up really early in the morning!

I think Queensbury is a fantastic school and I am very much looking forward to meeting and working with all the students, especially the new Year 7's. I hope you and your family all have a lovely summer and I will see you all in September.



Mr A. Kearns

Assistant Head Teacher – Key Stage 3

## *Life in Lockdown by Conner Palmer*

Conner a student in 6.1 has showcased his talent by writing a powerful poem about his experience of Lockdown. Some of his classmates, Mrs Henderson and I were lucky enough to hear him read it over zoom this week. Members of Conner's family are shielding so he has been living in strict Lockdown since 23rd March. Amazing work, Conner!

*A few months ago we were living life, Enjoying it well without any strife,  
A new enemy arrives to ruin the fun And it shatters our future with a shot from a gun.*

*The impact hits us like a massive gong,  
A panic ensues like a mournful song,*

*The events that follow are bumpy and long, When in the earth did it all go wrong?*

*Our world is suffering in fateful ways,  
Losses are striking like a silent blaze,  
Families suffering are left in a daze,  
Will we ever escape this maze?*

*We all must unite to vanquish this threat,  
And pay out a never ending debt,  
The NHS are working as fast as a jet,  
Saving lives without breaking a sweat.*

*I hope one day our world is free again and survives in this unforgettable time,  
A colossal amount of work needs to be done to restore it to it's youthful prime.*

*Never give up and keep on living,  
Find the spark that inspires it's giving.*





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- Key Dates & Events
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## FAQ



### How do I register for my app?

You will need to follow the instructions sent to you via email/letter. If you haven't received this email/letter yet, speak to your school.

### How do I download the app?

You can go to your preferred app store, search Weduc and the app will appear for you to download. Please note that you will only be able to log in if your school has bought Weduc.

### How do I login to my app?

Simply open up your app and enter your login details. You would have created these when you first registered for Weduc.

### I am not able to download the app, how else can I log in?

You can access Weduc on any internet enabled device. Speak to your school.

### Can I use Weduc without registering?

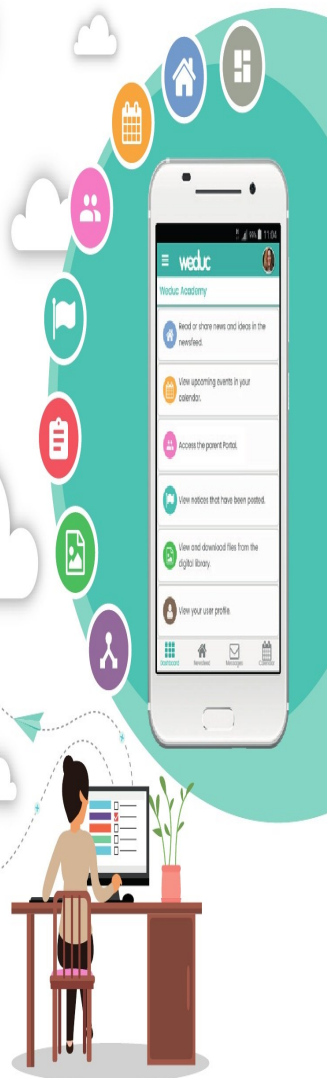
Unfortunately not. Due to the permissions within the system, only staff members that have enrolled are able to log on.

### I am a teacher and a parent and/or I teach at more than one school, do I need multiple logins?

The good news is, no you don't. Weduc has the ability to allow more than one school to be accessible under one login. As long as your school has set up the right access rights for you, you will be able to flick between each school within Weduc. Please see the training manual on how to do this if you are unsure.

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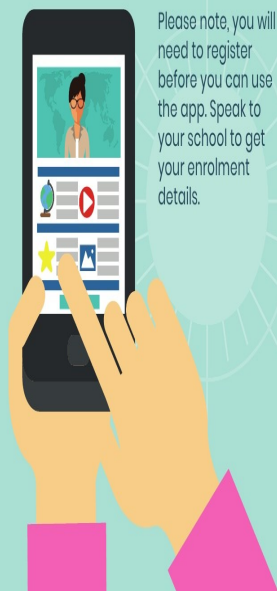




# Download the app

Visit:

[weduc.co.uk/mobile-app](http://weduc.co.uk/mobile-app)



Please note, you will need to register before you can use the app. Speak to your school to get your enrolment details.



## Dashboard

See a snapshot of upcoming events, important notices, unread messages and much more...



## Notices

See all the schools important updates separate for quick and easy reminders.



## Newsfeed

Your very own social media-style community that allows you to see information and photos from within school.



## Forms

No more paper forms, quizzes and surveys. Simply fill out online and rest assured that the school has your response instantly.



## Calendar

View the schools calendar and how it affects you and your child.



## Digital Library

View files shared with you by the school and it's teachers.



## Parent Portal

View all information on your child's attendance and behaviour in school, report absences in advance without needing to call, access to your child's timetable and instant messaging to teachers.



## The Hub

One Login, One Location. Easily view all other systems the school uses and helpful links from one place.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## BREAKFAST CLUB (Monday – Friday)



Toast 10p per slice

Fruit 20p

Tea/Hot Chocolate 20p

Juice 20p



## "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).



**PLEASE NOTE - School Gates for the bus drop off at the Sixth Form Gate open at 8.30am. Gates open at Front of school for 8.45am for the independent students / parent drop off due to staggering arrivals due to COVID 19 Pandemic**

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**Student departure**

**KS3—3.05pm**

**KS4—3pm**

**KS5—2.55pm**

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