

14th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: End of the Academic year – Thursday, 21st July 2022 – 1.30pm finish time

As we come to the end of our year at Queensbury School, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some changes and look forward to a successful 2022/2023.

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for the school. I would like to thank everyone (Teachers, Teaching Assistants, support staff, volunteers and, of course, parents/carers) who have supported our students in anyway this year. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and there has been a remarkable amount of exciting learning. Without us working together we could not have achieved so much. Below are some of the key successes of this year;

Attendance; Our attendance is 89% which needs to be celebrated coming out of a pandemic. The school attendance normally averages 91- 92%, so we have some work next year to improve further.

New build; Our new build, which is handed over in November, will give the facilities the students deserve. We will be saying goodbye to some of the temporary classrooms (next summer holidays) once our works have been completed.

This academic year we said farewell to some of our colleagues – David Jarrett, Andre Belikau, Surinder Billing and Joan Weekes (Teaching Assistants), Osamah Hussain (I.T. Technician), Sandra Dawes and Kate Goode (Cleaners), Jackie Burke (Laundress), Monika Skowera (Lunchtime Supervisor) and Sue Leslie, Barbara Grace, Andrew Medley and Claire Wilkinson (Teachers). We will miss them all and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish them every success and happiness in their future.

We will also be welcoming some excellent new staff to Queensbury in September 2022. We are thrilled that they are joining us and know that they are going to be a valuable asset to our staff team;

- Houda Souli - Teacher
- Harry Swain - Teacher
- Katie Rogers - Teacher
- Nahima Bano – Teacher
- Paula Stevenson – Teacher
- Kay Tattersall - Teacher
- Harpreet Kaur – Teaching Assistant

Executive Head Teacher **Mr Chris Wilson** BSc / PGCE / NPQH / MA

- Alicia Roberts-Queely – Teaching Assistant
- Asia Younis – Teaching Assistant
- Terence Hines - Cleaner

We are excited about the year to come and look forward to the expertise, creativity and energy they will provide to our students.

I would also like to thank the Local Governing Body, Trust Boards, Central Trust Team and all staff for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school, their efforts to ensure students have a safe and stable school environment, and for making Queensbury the wonderful school that it is today.

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to confirm arrangements with you and procedures to start the new School year in September 2022.

As a reminder, the last day of this term is **Thursday, 21st July 2021** with a **1.30pm** finish time; this is a **non-uniform day**.

Examination Results

This year results will be available on **Thursday, 25th August 2022**. Any results not collected will be held in school and will be available for collection in September. Results will not be given via email or telephone.

Parents' Workshop

We have our first Parents Workshop on Wednesday 21st September 2022 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, to meet the Queensbury School team, understand our parents' communication platform 'WEDUC' and how our Reading programme 'MYON' works. It would be great to see new faces to the school and we will be on hand to support parents and families with any transitional arrangements for your children.

Start of Autumn Term 2022

At the start of the Autumn Term, there will be **two** Staff Training Days – **Monday, 5th September 2022 and Tuesday, 6th September 2022**.

Additionally, there will be a Transition Day held on **Wednesday, 7th September 2022**. This day will be solely for our **new Year 7** students **only**, to allow them to meet staff and familiarise themselves with their new school environment

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The first day of term for **all students**, therefore, is **Thursday, 8th September 2022**; a timetable for classes will be published on our online timetable off the website and students will get a copy on their first day. <https://queensbury.edupage.org/timetable/>

In September, parents will receive a welcome back letter, which will include a list of important dates for the year. This will also be available on the School website.

School term dates and training days;

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Term Begins: **Monday, 5th September 2022 – Training Day**
Tuesday, 6th September 2022 – Training Day
Wednesday, 7th September 2022 – Year 7 Transition Day

Half Term: Monday, 24th October 2022 to Friday, 28th October 2022

Term Begins: Monday, 31st October 2022
Monday, 14th November 2022 – Training Day

Term ends: Friday, 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Term Begins: **Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 – Training Day**

Half Term: Monday, 20th February 2023 to Friday, 24th February 2023

Term Begins: **Monday, 27th February 2023 – Training Day**

Term ends: Friday, 31st March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Term Begins: **Monday, 17th April 2023 – Training Day**

Half-term: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday, 2nd June 2023

Term ends: Thursday, 25th July 2023

Other Dates

Good Friday, 7th April 2023

Easter Monday, 10th April 2023

Early May Day Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May 2023

Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May 2023

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school is committed to a formal uniform and expects students to be smart in appearance at all times. Our school uniform supplier is:

- Trutex Erdington
- 73 The High Street, Erdington, B23 6SA
- Tel: 0121 350 8444.

Additionally, by accessing;

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk> where you can choose the school emblem. We ask that students wear the following:

UNIFORM Year 7 to Year 11

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White or navy polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Black shoes or black trainers

Coloured trainers (white or multi-coloured) are not considered suitable footwear.



PE KIT

- White T-shirt with school logo
- Shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Suitable sports footwear, e.g. football boots

SIXTH FORM UNIFORM

Sixth form students will no longer be required to wear school uniform on a daily basis, this is to prepare them for adulthood. We want students to be able to show that they can make appropriate choices in terms of clothing. The dress code will be smart casual.

When going out on community access and or other events students **will be** required to wear a teal coloured hoodie or polo shirt with the Queensbury Logo. Both will be available to purchase from Trutext Erdington (73 high Street).

MAKEUP AND JEWELLERY

- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of an inexpensive watch (NOT a 'Smart watch'), ring and a small plain earring (stud) in each ear. Students will be required to remove items of jewellery for some practical lessons
- Other forms of piercing are not allowed and students will be asked to remove them
- Students wearing excessive makeup or colourful nail varnish/false/acrylic/fibre glass/gel nails will be asked to remove it/them

INAPPROPRIATE UNIFORM – students wearing inappropriate uniform are expected to rectify it immediately. If this is not possible, the school will provide an alternative in the short term whilst the issue is resolved and a text will be sent home. If the student continues to wear inappropriate uniform, then a note will be sent home with the student reminding parents/carers of the appropriate school wear.

Mobile Phones

These are not permitted in school and we suggest these valuable items are left at home.

Attendance Reminder

Thank you to those parents who follow the School's procedure and telephone the School to notify us about absence. Where parents choose to use this method, written communication afterwards will not be necessary.

Stationary and Pencil cases

We encourage our students to be as independent as possible and therefore expect them to be suitably equipped for lessons, bringing with them a pen, pencil and ruler.

School Meals

Please be aware that the price of a school meal is £2.75 per day.

sQuid

We are introducing an online payment system called sQuid. sQuid works with our communication platform Weduc. Secure online payments enable a more convenient way to make a payment using an easy to use web portal or mobile App. sQuid offers the widest range of payment methods available that includes credit and debit cards, bank transfers and PayPoint payments. You will be able to top up payments too, so that your account never runs out of funds. This payment method can be used for school dinners and trips. More information to follow.

Meet the Team

We are aware that it can be challenging for our families to come into school. We know parental engagement is essential for your child and the school.

Therefore, on **Wednesday, 21st September 2021** from **4.00pm to 5.00pm** we will be holding a meeting so that all parents can meet the Leadership teams. We will share the school vision, ethos and building development updates, along with an opportunity to meet us face to face and ask questions. We will also be holding workshops on Myon, our home reading programme and WEDUC (parents' platform). A reply slip will be sent out in September, to verify numbers so that we are able to organise and conduct appropriately.

Finally, I thank you again for your continued support. I hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back into school in September 2022.

For those of you who are saying goodbye to the school as your children leave, we wish you and your children happiness and success in the future. Please keep in touch and we would love to know your future achievements.

Yours sincerely



Mr Chris Wilson
Executive Head Teacher