



Newsletter

October 2022

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the ability to unleash their
limitless potential.





A message from Executive Head teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we have been updating the school, we have also decided to modernise our newsletter for parents. Our new students have been settling in well and made a good start to the term. We are all looking forward to moving into the new facilities of our new build on Tuesday the 15th November 2022, after several patient years of ascertaining the funding, planning and construction. School will be closed for students on Friday 11th November 2022, to enable us to move furniture into the new building. The new facilities will no doubt help the school continue to improve the educational outcomes for our young people.



Our exam results for last year have been some of the best in the school's history. Some students achieved Grade 9's and 8's at GCSE which demonstrates that with the right people and right environment our young people can unleash their limitless potential.

Dates:

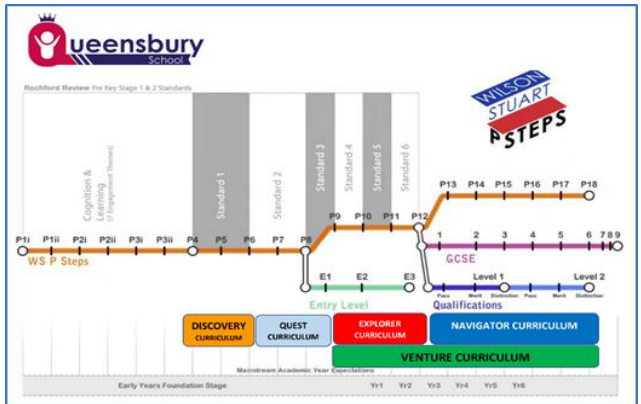
Half Term ends:
Friday: 21st Oct 2022

Return to School:
Monday 31st Oct 2022

School closed for students:
Friday 11th Nov 2022

Training day:
Monday 14th Nov 2022

Term ends:
Friday 16th Dec 2022



The school's previous section 5 - full Ofsted inspection, highlighted that the school dramatically needed to improve assessment, progress and challenge with our young people. Since that inspection in March 2018 (when the school was maintained under the local authority, the school became an academy in September 2020 (legal new entity). The school has developed and implemented new curriculum pathways and now we are seeing the real impact on outcomes and destinations.

<https://queensburysch.com/curriculum/>

Chris Wilson Executive Head Teacher





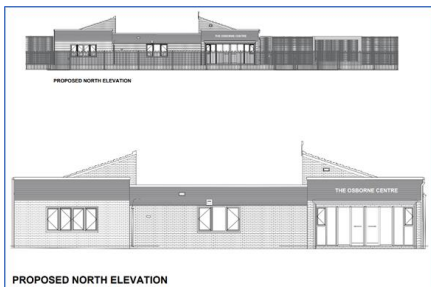
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Better never ends... so meet our newest members to the future Queensbury Team. Edison (10 weeks old - Golden Doodle) and Henry (2 years old - Basset Hound). Both dogs are trainee therapy dogs and in the future (after January 2023) will be supporting our young people listening to them read, providing independence opportunities and helping to regulate our students when in crisis by supporting our pastoral team. More information will follow after risk assessments, consents, policies and timetables have been agreed.



I wanted to pass on my thanks to parents and families that attended the Future Options and Parents Evening on Wednesday 13th October 2022. Special thanks to Mrs Weston, Mrs Adnan, Mrs Watkins and Mr Mitchell (Careers lead). It was the best turnout we have ever had and it was a pleasure to see students and families engaging with providers to discuss their futures. I also want to express my thanks to the staff that volunteered to help and stayed late.



On a final note, Queensbury School and the Education Impact Academy Trust have agreed the tenders for the Osborne Post 16 site refurbishment. The cost of this refurbishment is in excess of £3million pounds and will result in a 96 placement, sixth form facility. This will go some way to helping the local authority with the pressure on SEND placements across the city. We anticipate works to start next half term, subject to planning and to be ready for students next academic year.

Chris Wilson Executive Head Teacher



Welcome to the New Academic Year



Queensbury School welcomed their students back to school for the new academic year! It has been wonderful to see the students come into their new classrooms, and start the school year so positively. Over the summer, the builders had been busy completing the building works and painting the classrooms. It has been lovely starting the new school year with refurbished classrooms and having new furniture and equipment.

We are delighted to welcome our new Quest pathways students in Year 7, they have settled in well and are adjusting to their new routines and environment. We have been impressed with their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning and confident that this will continue as they progress not only through Year 7, but across the years they are with us. Our Year 9 students have made a smooth transition to Year 10 and are excited about the new learning ahead of them in Key Stage 4.

The students have been introduced to new subjects and topics and have been given the opportunity to personalise their learning and explore areas that spark their interest in more depth. We wish all the students well and hope they have a fantastic school year!





Successful Events

Arts Exhibition at Direct Arts Action UK



Queensbury School Arts Exhibition at Direct Arts Action in Sutton Coldfield displaying a range of amazing CDE, DT and fine art created by our students.

Brilliant work for the Commonwealth!



Our students completed a Commonwealth Games Civic History project through BEP and were invited to the awards for a special screening of their video at the REP in Birmingham, in July 2022.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



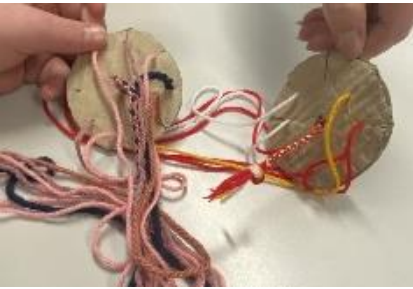
On Wednesday 5th October, 10V hosted the Macmillan Coffee morning for the entire school and KS3 parents.

Parents/Carers, Staff and Pupils generously baked or bought contributions to be sold for the event, in aid of the extremely worthwhile cause—Macmillan Cancer Support.





Parents and Student Workshop



Parent and Child Christmas Crafts workshop: Parents, children and staff have been busy making beautiful handmade decorations and bracelets to be sold at the Christmas fete.





Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Join the PTA!



What is the Queensbury School PTA?

Our School PTA is a group of parents and teachers who meet to organise events and activities to improve communications and experiences amongst all members of our school community: school as an organisational body of staff and teachers, parents and pupils. Our primary purpose is to raise funds for items the school would not normally be able to afford and to have fun whilst doing so. Every parent automatically becomes a member of the PTA when their child enters the school. Meetings usually take place via Zoom, 1 per half term, and last approximately an hour.

Why do we do this?

Simple - for our children whose welfare and best interests are our paramount consideration. We try to organise fun events for them. What does the PTA do? The PTA usually gets to organise a lot of the fun stuff! Main events may include: Christmas/Summer Fetes; school discos; parents' social evenings. The PTA always welcomes feedback and new ideas.

Join Queensbury school PTA team by emailing us on pta@queensbury.eiat.org.uk

OR

Contact us on 0121 373 5731 to speak with a member of the PTA team.





Career Information

Welcome to the first careers section of this academic year. My name is Mr Mitchell and I am here to help with everything careers related. Like many schools, we use the word 'careers' but this covers everything that our students may go on to do, such as employment, volunteering and/or living as independently as possible.

Future Options

On Wednesday 12th October Queensbury school held their annual Future Options careers fair. Over 75 students attended and spoke to many different providers from mainstream colleges, specialist colleges, training providers, specialist care providers and a leading independent construction and property management company. This allowed students, parents, carers from all the MAT schools a chance to discuss vocational courses such as construction, sport, IT and games design, specialist routes such as pathways to independence or pathways to employment, bespoke care packages and the wide variety of roles connected to construction. There was lots of positivity in the room and both students and exhibitors commented on how engaged everyone was and how much information was available. It is great to know that our students really do have a wide choice for their future options. Don't worry if you missed the event, as we will be putting contact details for all the providers on our website.

Work experience

As things continue to return to normal after the Covid pandemic we are hopeful that there will be more opportunities for students to go out on work experience. Sixth form students have a day a week when they are not in school and working or volunteering on this day would be ideal. If you can offer a student a placement or would like to discuss work experience, please contact me.

Preference forms

All Year 11 students should have received their preference forms from SENAR or school. Preference forms are used to select student's destination after Year 11, even if they intend to stay at Queensbury. These need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible please. SENAR are no longer using preference forms for Year 14 (or 12 or 13) students. Preferred destinations should be discussed and noted in EHCP meetings. Again, we are happy to help if needed.





Queensbury are collecting Blue Tesco Tokens

We are delighted to let you know that Queensbury's application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful and your project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from first week of October 2022 and continue until Mid January 2023.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

2483	Erdington Express B23 5TW Express
2933	New Oscott Extra B73 6RB Extra
5098	Whitehouse Common Road XP B75 6HD Express
5227	Streetly, Exp B74 3NA Express
5318	Birmingham Road Sut Exp B72 1QL Express
6046	Kingstanding Bham Exp B44 8PP Express
6441	Sutton Coldfield Walsall Rd Exp B74 4QY Express
6570	Sutton Coldfield Birmingham Rd, Maney Corner Exp B73 5UB Express

If you are shopping in any of these stores, please ask the cashier for a blue token to help our school reach first place to continue to support our in-classroom breakfast club activities





Useful Information

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

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

"Breakfast in the Classroom

We have re-joined the National School Breakfast Programme alongside FareShare-go.

This means students will be offered a breakfast of bagels, toast or pastries in class every morning free of charge"





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