



Newsletter May 2023

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the ability to unleash their
limitless potential.





A message from The Executive Head Teacher



Chris Wilson

Executive Head Teacher

WORKING

Half Term ends:

Friday: 26th May 2023

Return to School:

Monday 5th June 2023

School reopens:

5th June 2023

Term ends:

Monday 25th July 2023

The Trust schools also took part in a fantastic Arts Fest celebrating music, singing and art talents which we plan to run annually.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The school welcomed Chris Pollitt HMI, Heather Phillips and Susan Hickerton from Ofsted for a graded inspection on the 24th and 25th May 2023. I have to say our students, staff, Governors and other stakeholders demonstrated what Queensbury school is really about and I am incredibly proud of each and every person. The significant changes we have made over the last few years to the building, curriculum, staff structure, values and standards have all been witnessed. The Ofsted report is likely to be published at the end of the academic year under section 5 of the school's framework. It is a privilege and credit to be able to lead Queensbury School and work with our amazing young people and staff. Please thank your children for their contributions and having a say in their school. Can I thank all parents that made contributions to parent view and also our Governors and Trustees who have provided such good support.



Queensbury School has been nominated as the Trinity Champion Centre (Linked to Trinity College London) in the West Midlands Arts Award. This is a testament to the creativity and innovation of our students capabilities but also the staff that inspire and give incredible support. This is a huge accolade for the school and we are all very proud. Particular thanks to Mrs Weston and Mrs Gill who have driven and led this with all the staff involved.





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The summer term is well underway and our students undertaking exams have started. We wish them all the best after many years of hard work.

Big thanks to Mr Shah and his team that ran a series of mathematical challenges on National Numeracy Day (17th May 2023). Students worked incredibly hard with some complex problems and utilised Numicom resources to help problem solve. Equally, the uptake of students on MathsWatch has been incredibly pleasing (Keep it up!). Mr Shah is checking frequently on which classes and who is utilising at home.

The maths teams have also been working hard and pushing the school pedagogy within numeracy and mathematics, in ensuring learners have the (C) Concrete concepts, before moving onto (P) Pictorial concepts and then to the (A) Abstract concepts to help long term memory and recall.

Significant research demonstrates this is an effective way to help move information from short term to long term memory. We know this can be a challenge for any student and especially our students with additional needs at Queensbury. We are really pleased this is having significant impact on our young people. The parent workshops coordinated by Mr Shah have been to support families with this concept and others on what families can do at home more to support their children. Any further information contact reception and leave Mr Shah a message.

The school has now received successful planning permission to build and develop a 5-aside, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the front of the school after the temporary classrooms have been removed in the summer holidays. This facility would be a 5G rubber based astro turf facility for 5 aside football and other sports with all year weather access. It will provide better facilities for PE, after school clubs, breaks and lunchtimes. Subject to budget and tenders, we plan to start works in the Autumn term 2023 with completion for the Spring term 2024.





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New Horizons (Post 16 Education / Sixth Form) developments are still underway. This building is planned to be open for 96 students on Thursday 7th September 2023 for next academic year. E- Mantons contractors are into the final stages and we look forward to bringing this new facility online.

The Discovery and Quest building (Old Sixth Form) refurbishment is almost completed and we hope to transition some classes to the build before the end of the summer term. As we move into the last term of the summer, we have some exciting events ahead of us. Attendance of students every day in school is vital. Please can I ask parents to fully support the school and Mr Ali in ensuring all our students attendance, remains strong in the final term.

Our students with 100% attendance have won an all expenses residential to Butlins for 3 days. Our Sports Day (Subject to weather) is planned for Thursday 29th June 2023 . We will also be running a coffee morning on the 20th June 2023 (9am – 10.30am) for any Post 16 Families who have questions about the New Horizons site and setup. Please contact Mrs Adnan if you have any queries in the meantime.

Have a wonderful half term. Engage through kindness, apply respect, include through diversity and work together to unleash your limitless potential.

Regards,

Chris Wilson





Attendance

On behalf of governors, the Executive Headteacher, staff and myself may I say a huge congratulations to the 10 students who have achieved 100% attendance this year. This is especially remarkable given the extraordinary circumstances we found ourselves in due to the pandemic. Students have demonstrated huge commitment and dedication towards their learning, which will ensure they achieve their full potential.

I am delighted to be able to advise that the 10 students received a '100% Attendance Golden Ticket' during their weekly assemblies. The 'Golden Tickets' revealed that these students will attend 3 days of enrichment activities in Skegness in June which will include overnight stay. Well done, once again, and please continue to show the same resilience and resolve to achieve through hard work and determination.

Mr M Ali
Director of Learning

Attendance Matters Every school day counts!





Brilliant Projects by 3D students

As part of their Sound topic in Science, 3D have been making musical instruments. The students used empty kitchen rolls to make shakers. First, they had to paint the empty containers using paint, then they left them to dry. After they had dried, the students painted patterns on them. Finally, they put dry pasta inside and sealed up each end. We had to shake the container to make sound.



This term 3D have been learning about Plants and how they grow. The students grew cress seeds, they placed the pots next to the window so their plants can get light. The students watered their plants every day and observed them to see if the cress grows. Some of the plants grew straight away and some did not. The students then had to ensure they placed their plants closer to the window and make sure it had enough water. After two weeks, all the students' cress had grown!!





National Numeracy Day

It was great to see students and staff engaged in celebrating National Numeracy Day on 17th May 2023. Feedback has been positive and walking along the corridors at break, it was amazing to hear the students comment on multiplications, the interactive challenges they were doing and some of the singing and dancing that accompanied the challenges. Hopefully, we'll get celebrate the event annually.





Craft Design & Enterprise (CDE)



Arts Award students in CDE worked on a project based on Burton Morris. They all created their masterpieces inspired by the artist by using Posca Pens. Well done to the students.



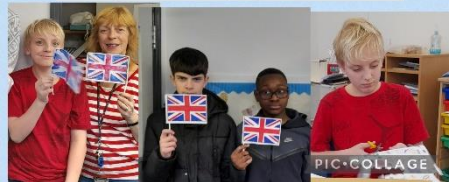


The Coronation Celebrations

Today Queensbury School celebrated the Kings Coronation taking part in history activities in their class group to learn about the coronation ceremony and the importance for the royal family. Pupils took part in a range of craft activities making crowns, flags and collaborative art pieces.



9Y taking part in celebrating King Charles III Coronation.





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 PTA team





Uniform

Uniform: Recently, within school we have noted a number of students' not wearing correct school uniform and an increased number of students wearing hoodies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that students are in correct school uniform, the school policy link is below if you are unclear. If there are any concerns you can contact the school office or Mrs L Richards who can offer help & support.



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sch.family-support@queensbury.eiat.org.uk

School Uniform Policy

<https://queensburysch.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/School-Uniform-Policy-2021-2024.pdf>

School Uniform Swap Shop

Children always seem to be growing
.....and it can get pricey!!



Our School Uniform Swap Shop is open for you to pass on any good quality school uniform you don't need anymore and then pick up a bigger size for FREE. So you can save a bit of money and be environmentally friendly too!!

If you have outgrown school trousers, shirts and jumpers please send them in or drop them off to school.

If you don't have any uniform to drop off – that's totally fine! Ask us for uniform anyway.

You can email sch.family-support@queensbury.eiat.org.uk or call school and ask for School Uniform Swap Shop.





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
604 6	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"





A message from our Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

"Another unusual half-term! Bank holidays and an Ofsted inspection right at the end. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in ensuring that the school was in a strong position for the inspection. This work has happened over years rather than months and days. I am sure that the final outcome will reflect the work that has gone on.

Talking of hard work, this time of year can be a real challenge for students and parents where there are exams to sit and deadlines to meet. We appreciate all the support that parents are giving - it was lovely to see some of you attending the Maths workshop!

It's going to be another exciting half-term as we get New Horizons ready and the refurbishment of the old 6th form draws to a close. I can't think of many schools where there is so much to be optimistic about. I hope you enjoy your half-term"



Jon Harris
CEO









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