



Newsletter: 7th March 2025

Letter from the Head:

Half Term seems such a long time ago now, but I hope you all had a restful break. We already seem to have packed so much into the first two weeks back, and there has been a real buzz of excitement around the school. Last night was Year 9 Options Evening and it was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and pupils in attendance engaging with staff, who very much enjoyed showing off their subjects, and taking such an interest as they start to take control of their education. Options sheets will be sent out at the end of this month and you will then have until the beginning of May to make final choices. In the meantime, Year 9 pupils will continue to have individual meetings with Mrs Stevens, our Careers Advisor, to aid them in the process.

A huge highlight for me has been seeing how many pupils and staff threw themselves into World Book Day yesterday. I, along with my dog Dotty (Woof for the day), very much enjoyed walking around the school and seeing pupils taking part in the real life game of 'Where's Wally?', seeing the efforts some had gone to dressing up and in particular seeing how popular the book swap was. A huge thank you to the English department for putting in so much effort in running the event, and a big thanks to all the staff and pupils for the enthusiasm they showed on the day.

Today sees the start of the core mocks for KS4, with Year 10 also taking their English Literature mocks in preparation for their GCSE in May. Please can KS3 be mindful that the gym is out of action whilst these are ongoing and be considerate of those taking exams over the coming two weeks. I'd also like to wish all KS4 pupils good luck! Finally, a reminder of our zero-tolerance policy for those in incorrect uniform. We are still seeing some pupils in leggings and joggers, although I am pleased to say the majority are looking very smart on arrival to school. We strive to make uniform affordable, comfortable, sustainable and fair and thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the Diary:

7th—10th March—Year 10 Mocks
11th—18th March—Year 11 Mocks
10th March—Year 11 Geography Field Trip
22nd—29th March—Ski Trip
28th—30th March—Silver DofE Practice Expedition
10th April—Year 8 Parents Evening
11th April—End of Term

Match Reports Netball:

On the 27th February, Miss Muirhead took us to the Herefordshire U13 county netball tournament at The Hereford Academy.

Results (10-minute matches)
QE vs Kingstone: 10-1 (W)
QE vs John Masefield 2-2 (D)
QE vs Hereford Academy 3-3 (D)
QE vs Aylestone 2-4 (L)
QE vs EMC 1-5 (L)

We had a great time and worked really hard as a team. We are looking forward to building as a group and are excited to play in more fixtures in the future. Thank you to Miss for taking us—**Year 8 Netball Team**



Match Report Football:

3rd March—Year 11 2—Whitecross 2 MOTM Harry B Goal from Josh and own goal from Whitecross.
4th March—Year 8 & 9 3—Tenbury 0 MOTM Jordan who also scored 2 goals in an excellent performance from QE. Goal from Nathen S also.
6th March—QE 0 EMC 2 MOTM Leon

Year 11 Geography Trip:

On Tuesday 25th February, Y11 GCSE Geography pupils completed their 'physical' fieldwork in preparation for their final examinations in the summer. They travelled to the Field Studies Council Bishops Wood Centre, near Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire. Here they were given a preparatory session to get them ready for their data collection and to review previous learning about rivers.



They then travelled to Wyre Forest (Park Brook), where they collected data to analyse during lessons back at school. The pupils used tape measures to measure the width of the river, and a metre rule to measure the depth, at different locations as the river moved downstream from its source. Pupils also used a hydroprop and cork to measure the river's velocity at the same locations.

Once back in school, pupils displayed their data using various forms of presentation (bar charts, proportional circles, located graphs on base maps) before analysing their results to test hypotheses. The investigation was completed with an evaluation of the fieldwork and identifying ways the validity and reliability of the investigation could have been improved. **Mr Durham**



Drama Production:

We are staging A Midsummer Night's Dream! It will be on Thursday 10th July at The Conquest - watch this space for more information...it will be a show not to be missed! **Mrs Fisher**



Hot Chocolate Friday: A huge well done to all the pupils that have been nominated by staff for their efforts either for their hard work in the classroom or their fantastic behaviour around school this week—

Year 7—Nathan, Mia, Isla, Skye, George & Hugh

Year 8—Ruby, Charlie & Eliza

Year 9—Fearne, Drake, Sommer, Alfie, Amelia & Ryan

Year 10—Louis & Emily,

Year 11—Charlotte, Fiona & Lillian

3G Pitch: Work is progressing well with the 3G pitch (the weather has helped! A service road has been dug to the new tennis courts and the goals are in place on the 3G pitch site! **Mr Weighill**



World Book Day:

World Book Day was celebrated in style this year. Many staff and students took part in the 'Where's Wally?' dress up or showed their support for the cause sporting red and white. Together, we raised £211.25 and look forward to replenishing our school library very soon for students to reap the benefits!



Over 50 books were 'swapped in' as part of the Big QE Book Swap, with some students choosing to also donate extras to our school library.



Over 30 students found all of our 'Where's Wally?' staff characters around school and cashed in their completed cards for a small reward.



The QE Pop Up Shop was a huge success; with over £190 raised in new book sales and/or students adding their name to a book wish list to be purchased at a later date. Additionally, over 40 raffle tickets were sold which means that raffle winners will be receiving high value book vouchers!



Students in Years 7 and 8 have all been invited to take part in the Readathon. Details can be found on Classcharts. Finally, every student has had the opportunity to get an official World Book Day 2025 voucher however if your child is still wanting one, please see Mrs Hopwood in C32 before the end of next week.



It has been a pleasure to organise all of the World Book Day 2025 festivities and there has been a real buzz around school. It was only made possible by the immense support of staff, parents and students so on behalf of the English Department, THANK YOU!

Finally, congratulations to Drake for winning best dressed and Lucas, Poppy and Joey for getting runner up!

Mrs Hopwood



Attendance:

A reminder that if your child is well enough to attend school, please send them as it is vital they attend school as regularly as possible. Absences **must be reported daily** either via the MCAS app, **absence@tcat.school (please note the change in e-mail address)** or calling the school on 01885 482230.

Our highest attending forms in each year group are:

Year 7—Pegasus 7 **Year 10**—Phoenix 10

Year 8—Phoenix 8 **Year 11**—Griffin 11

Year 9—Wyvern 9

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British Science Week: Year 9

Pupils Engage in an Inspiring Online Meeting with Jen from The Manta Trust .



As part of British Science Week, Year 9 pupils were treated to a fascinating online meeting with Jen from The Manta Trust, an organization dedicated to the conservation of manta and devil rays. The session not only provided valuable insights into marine conservation but also highlighted the importance of promoting women and girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Jen shared the incredible work being done by The Manta Trust, which combines research, education, and collaboration to protect these awe-inspiring creatures. By using manta rays as flagship species, the charity draws attention to the wider need to conserve all



ocean life. Jen's role in this mission exemplifies the growing impact women are having in the field of science, particularly in environmental and marine research.

Throughout the meeting, Jen emphasized the importance of diverse voices in science, especially the role of women and girls in advancing global conservation efforts. She shared her own journey in STEM and encouraged students, to pursue careers in science and conservation. Jen's message was clear: women and girls bring invaluable perspectives and innovations to the table, and the world of STEM needs their voices more than ever.

The session also highlighted the power of collaboration in science, with Jen stressing how the combined efforts of scientists, businesses, governments, and communities are essential for protecting our oceans. Pupils were inspired by the research and education initiatives of The Manta Trust and motivated to think about how they can contribute to ocean conservation in their own lives. The Year 9 students left the meeting feeling inspired by Jen's work and excited about the possibilities in conservation and STEM careers. **Mr Langley**



Year 10 Food Tech:

Y10 FPN have been working on their presentation skills using their own pancakes. Well done Diana, Emily, Lucas and Millie L. **Mrs Kent**



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