



Letter from the Head:

It has, once again, been a very busy two weeks here at QE. The 3G pitch construction has progressed well, as you can see from the pictures below, and I would like to thank Mr Weighill and his site team for their time and efforts in ensuring that it is all running to schedule with as little impact on the children as possible. We are making the decision daily as to whether the pupils are allowed on the grass during break and lunch based on both the weather and the stage of construction, but we will endeavour to give them as much time as possible out on the fields as the weather warms up.

A highlight for me this fortnight has been the outstanding personal achievements of some of our pupils. Jas being selected to represent Great Britain in the Pony Club Mounted Games, Arabella winning her Fashion Design Competition and Jack and Ryan's tremendous fundraising efforts show once again how fantastic our pupils are and it makes me incredibly proud to be Head of School at QEHS. Well done to you all.

As the weather warms up our uniform policy still stands. Please send your child into school in the correct uniform.

I will be away next week on the ski trip so please be aware that I will not be on site and I will be very limited as to what I can respond to. In lieu of my absence, for anything school related please contact Mr Lake and as always, anything safeguarding related, please contact Mrs E Davies. I will be back in school on Monday 31st March—hopefully with no broken bones!

Dates for the Diary:

22nd—29th March—Ski Trip

28th—30th March—Silver DofE Practice Expedition

10th April—Year 8 Parents Evening

11th April—End of Term

28th April—Return to School

5th May—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

26th—30th May—Half Term

Match Reports Netball:

11th March Year 7 / Year 9 netball away at Tenbury.

Year 7 - Another outstanding performance from our girls this evening, resulting in an 11-4 win! It was lovely to see the pupils working so hard to support each other during the match. Congratulations to Floss for securing POM.

Year 9 - Such a close game for our Year 9s this evening! Our girls maintained a strong lead for the majority of the game, however we just fell short at the end, with Tenbury scoring 2 goals in the last minute. Final score: 11-9. Congratulations to Beth for securing POM.

20th March: Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who beat Tenbury 17-6 on 20th March! Your hard work, dedication and teamwork never goes unnoticed. Well done to Beth for achieving Player's Player, and to Milly for achieving Coach's Player **Miss I Muirhead**



Year 9 Fundraising for RBLI:

Two of our wonderful Year 9 pupils are fundraising for RBLI by taking on The Great Tommy Sleepout. Jack and Ryan will be sleeping 'rough' on 28th March with other Army Cadets and members of the Bromyard branch of the RBL. For Jack, this will be his second night outside as he also undertook the challenge on his own earlier on in the month. We spoke to them earlier about what the RBL means to them:

1. Why did you want to do this?

Jack—I attend Bromyard Cadets so I know a bit about the charity. I saw a post on FB and I felt that this was something I could do for charity

Ryan—To raise money for the ex-military and to experience what it is like to be homeless

2. What does the RBL(I) represent to you?

Jack—They support homeless veterans and families of fallen soldiers. And raise money selling poppies!

Ryan—Ex-military people raise money for people who are struggling and have no where to go.

3. What were you most nervous about before you did it?

Jack—I was most nervous about running out of snacks! I was ok about being on my own and the night noises didn't bother me but it was very cold!



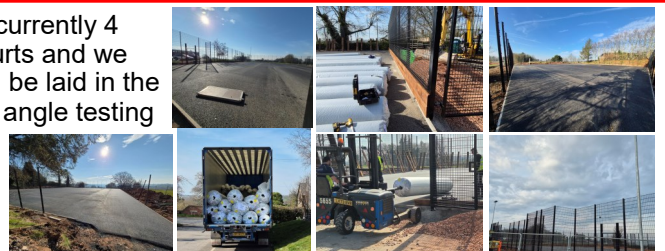
4. How do you feel now you have done it?

I am pleased now I have done it and proud of my fundraising total. I will be doing it again at the end of the month and make sure I have lots of snacks!

You can support the boys by buying their raffle tickets on sale at school or donating via just giving using the QR code.



3G Pitch Update: The build has been progressing well and we are currently 4 days ahead of schedule. The tarmac laying has finished for both courts and we received delivery of the 3G matting from Holland yesterday. This will be laid in the coming days. The floodlight team have connected the floodlight and angle testing will soon start to ensure the lighting covers the area required. The tennis court is now also fenced. You can definitely see the build progressing now, and we look forward to it being in action by the beginning of May. **Mr J Weighill**



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— Summer Rose, Lucy, Thomas, Esme, Oliver, Stanley

Year 8— Lilly, Leighton

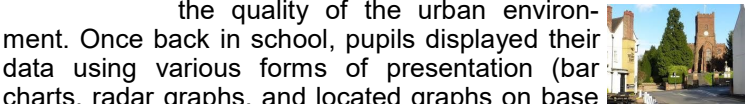
Year 9— Rhiannon, Sophie, Ryan, Caleb

Year 10— Aiden, Phoebe,

Year 11— Ruby

Year 11 Geography Field Work Trip:

On Monday 10th March, Y11 GCSE Geography pupils completed their 'human' 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 urban change in the UK. They then travelled to Hartlebury, where they collected data to analyse during lessons back at school. The pupils took field notes, carried out a questionnaire, and completed a liveability bi-polar survey to assess the quality of the urban environment. Once back in school, pupils displayed their data using various forms of presentation (bar charts, radar graphs, and located graphs on base maps) before analysing their results to test their hypothesis. 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 M Durham**



Congratulations to the winners of the raffle that took place on World Book Day:

- Arlo Y7 - £15 to spend on the Usborne range
- Joey Y9 - £10 to spend on the Usborne range
- Jess G Y7 - £10 to spend on the Usborne range
- George M Y7 - £10 to spend on the Usborne range
- Mrs Fisher & Y7 Pegasus - £5 to spend on the Usborne range



Congratulations:

Huge congratulations for winning the National Schools Fashion Icon 'Young Designers' Competition. The theme was 'Wearable Art Inspired by an Artist' and she chose Van Gogh. She produced 3 mood boards



and was chosen by the judges to make the final 10. She then had 7 weeks to make her outfit, which she then modelled on Friday 14th March at the NEC, before being announced as the winner and receiving some phenomenal feedback from the judges. She won a sewing machine for herself and her sewing school, and received a huge boost in confidence. Well done, Arabella!



Congratulations: Well done to Jas who has been chosen to represent the 2025 Great Britain Pony Club Mounted Games Team. North Herefordshire Pony Club said, 'Jas's selection to the Great Britain Mounted Games International Team is a testament to her exceptional skills and dedication'. We will all be cheering you on here at QEHS, Jas!



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—**Wyvern 7 **Year 10—**Griffin 10
- Year 8—**Pegasus 8 **Year 11—**Griffin 11
- Year 9—**Wyvern 9



British Science Week 2025:

Last week we celebrated British Science week across the school, with students engaging in a range of hands on activities as well as quizzes and investigations. The pupils enthusiasm throughout week was contagious and it was wonderful to see them so excited about science! One challenge that got everyone thinking was our engineering challenge—Spaghetti Bridges! Pupils were given uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows and had to construct a bridge before seeing how much weight they could support. A fantastic effort all round!

"It was important to work as a team to plan, design and construct our bridges before testing them"



Next up, pupils had to design and make the tallest tower out of just paper and masking tape. Their imagination ran wild and we saw some very impressive and original designs.

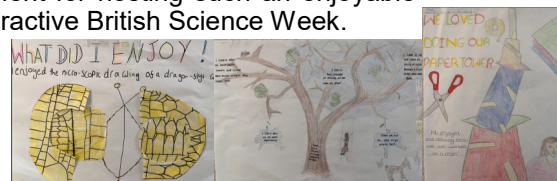


Finally, we combined Science and Art by using microscopes to zoom-in on insects on slides and produce artwork working with contrast.



Thank you to all of the pupils for getting so involved with the activities, and an extra big thank you to the Science Department for hosting such an enjoyable and interactive British Science Week.

Mrs C Hulm



Year 10 Work Experience: A reminder that Year 10 work experience is taking place between 14th and 18th July. Lots of pupils have already found placements, but for those haven't; if you require any help please contact the school and speak to either Mrs Watkiss, Mrs Stevens (our Careers Advisor) or myself and we will be more than happy to help. **Mrs L Denton**



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