

QEMS INSIDER

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Sports Day



Sports Day was another successful day, with glorious weather and lots of sporting events. All students competed well and were a credit to their houses. As always our students behaved impeccably throughout the day. Peel were the overall winners but there were some great individual performances.

In the morning there were plenty of new records set:

Boys' Javelin

- Baran A (Freville) won the event in Year 7
- Noah F (Peel) broke the boys' Year 8 record
- Amelia W (Offa) threw 20.85m to win the girls' event, smashing the previous record

Shot

- Alyssa B (Offa) broke the record in the girls' Year 8 event
- Alice J (Guy) hit 9.77m to win the Year 10 event

High Jump

Boys

- Joshua G (Peel) won the Year 7
- Alex W (Peel) won the Year 8 events

Girls

- Kate Q (Freville), Year 7
- Millie B (Peel) Year 8
- Faye Y (Offa) Year 10

Standing Long Jump

- Lemar P (Peel) jumped a whopping 1.99m in the Year 7 event
- Beth W (Peel) jumped an incredible 1.93m for the Year 8 girls' event
- Rosie O (Offa) won for Y10 girls adding the Year 10 record to her name

Standing Triple Jump

- Charlie W (Offa) jumped 6.71m and Isabelle C (Offa) won the event for the girls, both in Year 9



After a topsy turvy set of events Peel had a 60 point lead over Offa as they went into the afternoon track events.

In the 100m Ted W (Guy) and Noah F (Peel) 12.87secs won the Year 7 and 8 boys' events. It was QEMS aspiring athlete Emma P (Offa) who won the Year 9 girls event with 13.02secs. In the Year 9 boys' event it was Tom W (Offa) 12.64secs that shocked the field and romped home.

In the 200m Josh G (Peel), Mitchell G (Peel), Harrison P (Peel) and Christian W (Peel) managed a clean sweep for the "Red Devils" in the boys' event.

The 600m was a tricky event to run in the heat but Lily-Mai W (Peel) broke the record for Year 8 girls and all round sports star Connor T won the Year 9 boys. A special mention goes to Connor who also won the boys' 1500m with a time of 5.08 to win the Year 9 boys' event.

The winning House for our 2018 Sports Day was...Peel!

Congratulations to Peel and all students involved. It was a fantastic day of sports despite the heat.

The scores were as follows:-

1st place - Peel - 796 points
3rd place - Guy - 539 points

2nd place - Offa - 661 points
4th place - Freville - 521 points



QEMS Dates for the Diary

Thu 12 Jul	Strawberry Prom
16-20 Jul	Year 10 Work Experience
Thu 19 Jul	Years 7, 8 and 9 Enrichment trips
Fri 20 Jul	Enrichment activities in school

A special well done to.....

Maths Star of the Week

Week ending 6 July - Alexandra A, Year 7



Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

On Friday 22 June, we raised both awareness and money for Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a genetic condition affecting more than 10,400 people in the UK. You are born with CF and cannot catch it later in life, but one in 25 of us carries the faulty gene that causes it, usually without knowing.

One of our students in Year 7 has this condition and we wanted to support her by raising as much money as possible.

Students at QEMS were asked to wear yellow and contribute £1.

Baking Club made a range of cakes to sell at break time on Friday.

Miss Benzey, Mrs Berg and Miss Chadwick helped students make and decorate the cakes.



7BRG tutor group, along with Mrs Bennett, helped make posters and bunting to display around the school to advertise to other students about the cake sale.

The Site Team helped to decorate the outside of the DT building.

This event was extremely successful - the queue for the cakes was extremely long and the cakes were sold out within 7 minutes.

We hope to support this cause next year and know to make triple the amount of cakes.



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Millfield Primary School

The Concert Band performed at Millfield Summer Fayre on Saturday 30 June. They performed two outstanding sets across the day. It was a fabulous occasion and the students had a lovely time. Our next event is our annual summer concert 'The Strawberry Prom' on Thursday 12 July. The Concert Band consists of students in Years 7 to 13. The older students have been excellent mentors to younger performers and band is sounding amazing!



Cricket Festival

On Tuesday 26 June a group of Year 7 boys competed in a cricket festival at Tamworth CC on a glorious summer's afternoon. The team would play 4 games in a league system against Year 7 and 8 boys from other schools.

Game 1 vs Amington – The boys got off to an opening game loss after batting first they had scored 29-6 with Luis P top scoring with 6 and Ben M was 5 not out. The lads then bowled really well with George W, Josh G and Jacob C taking a wicket apiece but Amington got home with 4 balls to spare.

Game 2 vs TEC – The second game was against TEC and this time the lads bowled first. Wickets were taken by Jack H, Jasper W and Ben M, with Josh G bowling a maiden which meant they were chasing 24 to win. The lads got off to a poor start but Jack H 6 not out and Phil W 7 not out got them home with an over to spare.

Game 3 vs Rawlett – The boys had their first win and were seemingly a lot more confident. They batted first and Ben M and Josh G scored runs before getting out but it was Phil W who was the star of the innings scoring 26 in the boys total of 54. The boys bowled really well and although they did not take any wickets they limited Rawlett to 33 which secured a 21 run win.

Game 4 vs Wilnecote – The boys' confidence was up and they again batted first and did not lose a wicket. Ben M 8, Baran A 7, Phil W 12 and Josh G 8 helped the boys to a total of 52. Wilnecote started well but 2 wickets in an over from Jasper W and Wilnecote could only get to 40 which gave the boys their 3rd win.

There was no doubt who the top scorer was for the boys as Phil W racked up 45 runs from his 4 innings.

There were some great bowling displays: Josh G (4-0-8-1), Jasper W (3-0-12-3) and Ben M (3-0-13-1)

The QEMS boys did themselves proud and finished the tournament as runners up.

Well done lads.



St Giles Health Careers Day - 15 June 2018

On 15 June 2018 Mrs Wright took 12 Year 10 students to St Giles for a Health Careers Enrichment day where students explored different roles within the Healthcare sector. Activities included learning about different types of dementia, completing health checks such as blood pressure, learning about aids and resources for people with disabilities and health issues. Students also tried on glasses that restricted their vision so they could understand the issues people with sight restriction may face as well as trying to negotiate a walking path with blindfolds on. They also attended an activity which explained the importance of volunteering and fundraising for a place such as St Giles which has inspired 2 of the students to put their names forward for volunteering already.

For more information on Health Careers see below

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/healthcare/overview-of-the-healthcare-sector-in-the-uk>



World Series Cricket Selection

Our very own Aaron B (Year 8) has been selected to travel to New Zealand for the indoor Cricket World Series where he will compete against Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and more. What a fantastic opportunity and we look forward to hearing the results!



Nottingham University Trip

The Maths department took 15 Year 10 students to Nottingham University to learn about how a core maths qualification may benefit them. They were engaged throughout and made good contributions to the sessions.

Attendance

The whole school attendance to Friday 29 June 2018 is 94.4%

Year 7 - 94.4% Year 8 - 94.8% Year 9 - 94.3% Year 10 - 94.0%

Students from Landau Forte Academy QEMS attended the annual Celebration Day for the **Young Teen Fiction Book Award**, held at RAF Cosford in Telford. They had a fabulous day taking part in a book quiz, meeting famous authors and getting books signed. The day was the culmination of the voting for the most popular book, as selected by teenagers from across the county. We began by taking part in a book quiz, all the questions were authored by teenagers about the six shortlisted books. Schools competed against each other for a trophy - our team came third.



Tamworth author Ben Davis had everyone rocking with laughter as he recounted some of his most embarrassing moments that went on to form the basis of many of his hilarious stories! He and Philip Caveney both spoke about their journeys to becoming best-selling teen authors. Later students got the opportunity to meet the authors and get books



Leonie and Jess Y8 Students both received a prestigious county wide Reading Champion Award. They were nominated by our librarian, Mrs Clayton. They have introduced a new method of rating fiction books. Books can be awarded emojis by students. After reading a book they can choose an emoji bookmark, created by the girls, that best suits the book. This is then placed inside, before it is returned to the shelves. They are hoping seeing the emoji sticking out of the top of the book will encourage more reading. Come and visit the library to discover more!

The day ended with the announcement of the winning book. Students saw their book of choice, ***The Nearest Faraway Place*** by ***Haley Long*** voted the winning book. ***Scarecrow*** by Danny Wesson, aka Philip Caveney, came second.

