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QEMS Dates for the Diary

January

Mon 7 Jan Term begins
Wed 9 Jan Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening

February

Wed 13 Feb Year 9 Combined Options and Parents'/Carers' Evening
Fri 15 Feb Term ends

THE BREAKFAST CLUB: 8AM

Toast, Cereal, Porridge, Cereal Bars
Hot and Cold Drinks
Yogurt & Fresh Fruit

Or

Order your Goodie Bag
for Dinner Time

SANDWICHES

Baguette or Wrap	Turkey & Bacon	Bacon & Cheese	Cheese & Onion
Ham	Sausage	Tuna	Cheese & Ham
Ham Salad	Sausage Lettuce & Tomato	Tuna Salad	Cheese & Bacon
Ham & Tomato	Chilli Chicken	Tuna Mayo	Cheese & Cucumber
Ham & Pickle	Spicy Chicken	Tuna Mayo Salad	Cheese & Pickle
Turkey	Crispy Chicken	Tuna Mayo Cucumber	Cheese & Cranberry
Turkey Salad	Salad Pot/Pasta Pot	Tuna Mayo & Cheese	Egg
Turkey & Tomato	Yogurt/Fresh Fruit	Cheese	Egg Mayo
Turkey & Pickle	Biscuits/Cakes/Crisps	Cheese & Tomato	Salad
Turkey & Cranberry	BLT	Cheese Salad	Bacon

Attendance

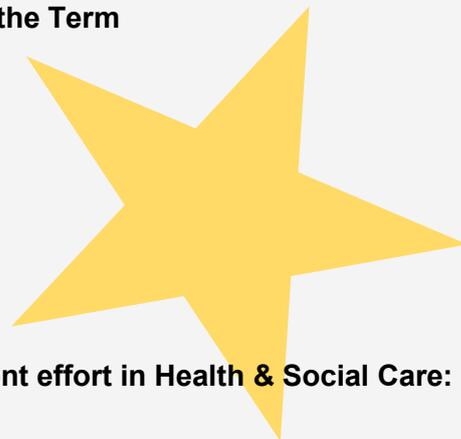
The whole school attendance to Friday 14 December 2018 is 95.5%.

Year 7 – 97.1% Year 8 – 95.3%
Year 9 – 94.4% Year 10 – 94.7%
Year 11 – 96.1%

A special well done to.....

DT Star of the Term

Ellie C
Isabelle C
Holly C
Morgan T
Jessica N
Ella F



For excellent effort in Health & Social Care:

Lucy T
Lennox F
Sabrina K
Amisha J
Hollie H
Josh R

For excellent effort in NEA1 for GCSE Food

Abi W for excellent detailed work in KS4 Textiles
Alex K for excellent details work in KS3 Textiles
Woody H for excellent effort in the KS3 jigsaw project

Science Stars

Y7

Rubi M

Alex K

Y8

Cecelia C

Alan P

Y9

Bethany W

Alexander W

Y10

Kelsey W

Owen B

Y11

Abbie H

Xander H



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Following on from the feature in last month's Insider regarding the Remembrance Service. Overall winners will be announced in the next edition. The winners of the creative competition are listed below.

KS3 Entries

Poetry:

Amy P Beth W

Narrative Writing:

Beth W Evie W

Non Fiction

Josh S Gracie D

2D Art:

Sukie K Lila H

3D Art:

Sinead B Amelia W

Single Cake:

Joint 1st place:

Abbie A Connor H

Highly commended:

Ava K Wiktorina K

Isabel R Keelea S Alice B

Cupcakes:

Isabel L Samantha M Lily W Jack C

Abbie F Louis D Lucy M

KS4 Entries

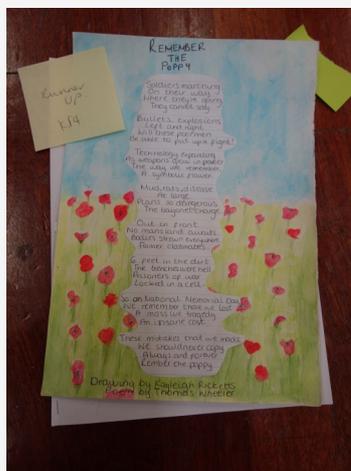
Poetry

Leonie C Thomas W

2D Art

Eve I Alfie D

We raised **£90.63** from the bake sale which will go to **The British Legion's Poppy Appeal**.



Children in Need non—uniform and sponsored silence raised **£758.65!**



Operation Christmas Child was launched during tutorial at QEMS and students were asked to donate items, if they wished to get involved. Thanks to the donations from students and the sponsorship from both Landau staff and 1st Mercian Beaver Scouts, we managed to pack and send an amazing 44 boxes. These are on their way to children abroad who would otherwise not receive anything for Christmas. We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the process and we are happy to have contributed to such an important cause. **Well done!**



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The badminton tournament is well underway with the first game seeing Jacob C (Y8) beat Jack C(Y8). This year is the biggest tournament that we have held since it started in 2015 when Aaron S defeated Poppy D in the final.

Matches are Caydon F (Y9) v Bruce L (Y9), Tom R (Y8) v Marshall M (Y8), George W (Y8) v Woody H (Y8), Daniel Q (Y11) v Layton D (Y8) and Jacob M(Y11) v Dylan G (Y10).

The Year 11 students will be using the results and performance of these games as part of their BTEC Sport coursework. Good luck all!



We saw some cracking games on Wednesday 28 November. Dylan G (Y10) beat Jacob M(Y11) and Tom R(Y8) beat Marshall M(Y8) in a good competitive game, whilst George W knocked out Woody H in the first round. In the second round Brett S saw off a spirited display from Layton D to move into the third round. Next week will see the girls tournament begin and there will be more action from the boys' tournament too!



KS3 Dance Group

A huge well done to our fantastic KS3 Dancers that performed at the Christmas Light Switch on Sunday 25 November in Tamworth. The students have been working hard since the start of term and will be starting new Dance projects for further performances soon. KS3 Dance club is on after school, every Thursday 3 - 4 pm in the Sixth Form theatre, see Miss Carby for details.



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The Year 7 Netball team played in the Tamworth Schools' tournament just before the holiday. They played very well in their first matches for QEMS and their first time playing as a team to finish 2nd to Rawlett A team who beat them 1 v 0 in the first game!

On Wednesday 7 November the Year 7 team played their first league game against Rawlett who pipped them to 1st place in the tournament, QEMS came out on top this time beating Rawlett 3 v 0 not even allowing Rawlett a single shot at goal.

Year 7 Netball team went on to win their 2nd league game on Monday 26 November beating Landau Amington 6 v 2. They took on Wilnecote on Tuesday 4 December keeping up their unbeaten run in the league winning 9 v 2. Well done girls, you are smashing it!

They also beat Landau Forte Amington on 27th November 6 v 2,

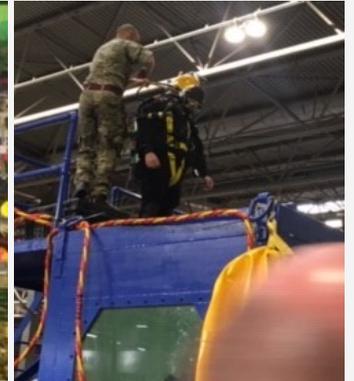
The Year 7 team is brilliantly captained by Allegra T with Teagan W, Kira B, Kiera H, Jessica M, Gracie J, Amelia G, Claudia J and Olivia W (not pictured).



Our Year 9 girls also had a victorious night on Tuesday 4 December beating Wilnecote 10 v 1 at home. Well done girls!

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On Thursday 15 November Mrs Wright and Mrs Cash took 100 Year 10s to the World Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham.

Students were able to speak to 100s of exhibitors from business, colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers about different careers and how to enter into them. Year 10s came away with lots of ideas for their futures to help them make good decisions about where their careers may take them.

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QEMS Reading Group meet Top Teen

Our reading group were invited to the launch of a brand new teenage book ***A Sky Painted Gold*** by Laura Wood.

We attended the launch party at King Edward's High School in Lichfield. On arrival we were met with delicious mocktails of juice, fruit and lemonade!

Students got the opportunity to buy signed books and question Laura about writing it and her other books. Laura spoke about her inspiration for the book and how she became an author. Laura Wood attended King Edward's as a student and has kept close ties with her old school.

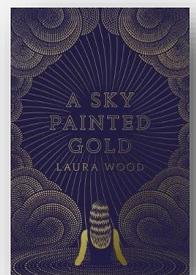
***A Sky Painted Gold* by Laura Wood**

It is a wonderful story of teenage girl, Lou who gets swept up in the glamorous lives of the family who live in the grand house in her quiet village in 1930's Cornwall.

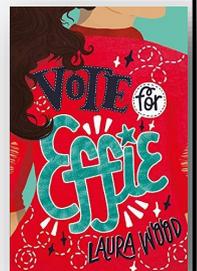
Growing up in her sleepy Cornish village dreaming of being a writer, sixteen-year-old Lou has always wondered about the grand Cardew house which has stood empty for years. When the owners arrive for the summer - a handsome, dashing brother and sister - Lou is quite swept off her feet and into a world of moonlit cocktail parties and glamour beyond her wildest dreams.

But, as she grows closer to the Cardews, is she abandoning her own ambitions... and is there something darker lurking at the heart of the Cardew family?

The book has echoes of the *Great Gatsby* and is available to loan from QEMS library.



Published in the new year is the first one of a series of books that Laura is writing ***Vote for Effie***. Effie Kostas is a campaigner who fights to become Student Council President in her new school. With a campaign team of loveable misfits, she tackles the truly important subjects: gender imbalance, outdated school conventions...and good-looking boys stealing the last slice of chocolate cake at lunchtime. A laugh out-loud rallying call for switched-on kids everywhere.



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Year 7 Baking Club have been busy baking and decorating cakes to help raise money for Head Student, Alice J from QEMS to go to Ghana, where she will volunteer with African Adventures supporting the charity to build local schools. Further details regarding this will be published in the next edition.

They batch produced simple cupcakes and then decorated them using a range of techniques.

The Baking Club have been joined by a few Year 12 students as part of their work experience who are helping the Year 7s develop.



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Science Club is back up and running on Wednesdays at 3:05-3:45 pm. Experiments that we have looked at this term include; Fire writing and whoosh bottles, screaming Jelly Babies and static electricity using a Van de Graff generator, making slime by forming a polymer and investigating how nappies absorb so much water. If you have an interest in science and would like to attend just head over to D01!



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Last month we had our fantastic production Matilda and what a show it was! The feedback we have received about this year's show has been heart-warming and seems to have been the favourite yet for many. It certainly makes all the hard work that goes into putting a show together worth it. Students put admirable effort into the production as well as keeping up with their school work. It was inspiring to see so many Year 7s involved in the show too. It has highlighted what talented students we have here at QEMS. We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all students, staff and volunteers who helped make this show work. Here are a few of many, many pictures. We hope you enjoyed it and thank you for supporting our students.

Mrs Meakin said "This show would not have happened if it wasn't for the wonderful team of staff, students, parents and ex-student volunteers that attended in their own time to put on such a wonderful show. A special thank you to each and every one of you."



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Christmas Card Competition

It was a difficult decision as we had so many fantastic entries and students have used a variety of techniques to produce their design.

Winning Card - Chelsea J (Year 7)

This is the card that we will be sending out to the community. Chelsea has been awarded with a prize, a Christmas present and a copy of her own card.

Runners up:

Megan L (Year 7)

Ava D-T (Year 7)

Mia J (Year 8)

These students have been given prizes and a copy of their card.

Other fantastic designs were produced by:

Yasmin T

Emily F

Millie R

Rubi M

Abi F

Claudia T

Freya R

Mollie R W

Amber D

All of these students have been awarded with a prize and all students who entered a design have been awarded with achievement points.

Thank you to all students for their efforts, look out for other competitions in the future!



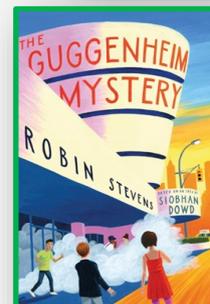
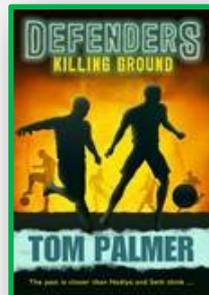
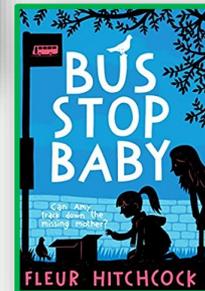
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