

Issue 2 December 2019

## Message from The Principal.



As we draw to the close of a very busy term, I would like to thank all parents for their continued support over this period. During this term, our students have showcased their talents through a range of events such as School Show, Christmas Party in the Park, Bookbuzz and Christmas Concert at St. Editha's Church. All these events were well attended by the parents and the community. Our Sixth Form students organised and ran a 'Silver Surfers' event, where local elderly residents were invited to celebrate Christmas with us. Students served and entertained the guests. I am proud to say that 'all' our students did exceptionally well and received highly deserved praise from all attendees.

During this term, we had Year 11 Parents Evening and parental attendance at this event demonstrates to us your commitment to your children's education and your support for the academy. Year 13 completed their PPE exams, outcomes of which will enable us to help and support students in their learning from January leading up to their final examinations. Year 10 and 12 students are in the process of setting up their work experience placements.

We say goodbye to three members of staff who are leaving us to pursue careers in other educational institutions and we wish them all the best. I am delighted to inform you that we have four new teachers starting in January 2020 to strengthen delivery of teaching and learning at the academy.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs S Minhas



The newest group of Year 7 Baking Club students have been busy showing off a wide range of skills.

They have made many different cakes and biscuits including Rice Crispy Cakes, Rolo Muffins, Oat Crunchies and many more.

Students have been using and perfecting baking methods such as rubbing in, melting and creaming.

Students final food practical was to bake muffins which could be adapted. Many students chose to bake chocolate muffins.

Keep Baking!!!



**One of our Year 10 students, Morgan H recently competed for the World Championships for her British Pole (aerial) in Canada . Morgan came 7<sup>th</sup> in the World in the Junior Artistic category.**



**Gracie D and Ruby K are appearing at the Lichfield Garrick in Cinderella. They are part of the junior ensemble and play an integral part of the production. Gracie this year plays the part of Mildred who is a strong emotional independent 8 year old!**

**The 'charming' 2019 Pantomime follows the fortunes of Cinderella and her loveable best friend Buttons, played by Sam Rabone - yes, that's right, this year he's in trousers! - as well as the magical Fairy Godmother, played by CBeebies' Rebecca Keatley.**

**Expect a lot of hilarity, a sprinkling of magic and two very Ugly Stepsisters in this year's #GarrickPanto!**

**Its one not to be missed!!!! Tickets can be booked up until 5th January.**

**[www.lichfieldgarrick.com](http://www.lichfieldgarrick.com)**

# Bookbuzz



**Reading Matters!** Year 7 have just taken delivery of their gifted books. Every student in Year 7 has received a book of choice, as a the gift, from the BookTrust BookBuzz project. Students will be doing lots of reading over the forthcoming

**HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT**

*QEMS Library is working with Tamworth Library to put on a spectacular event for some of our Y7 & 8 students to celebrate Harry Potter Book Night 2020. Plans will be unveiled and tickets on sale in January...watch this and all our other news spaces for further details ...*

*Would you be willing to sponsor a book prize for this event?*

*We are seeking sponsorship for 8 books to be awarded to students as prizes on this night.*

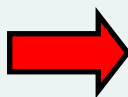
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*Thank you*

A big **thank you** to all staff who left toiletries and cosmetics at various collection points around school. These were delivered to Diane Bridgen, a local business owner, who decided everyone should have a gift at Christmas.

She collected enough donations from a variety of establishments in the town, to create hampers for 18 young single mums who are struggling. There was enough left over to deliver hampers to many other ladies who also, for various reasons, may not have other gifts.

The project has been a huge success so we will be running it again next year. So keep saving those unwanted gifts please!

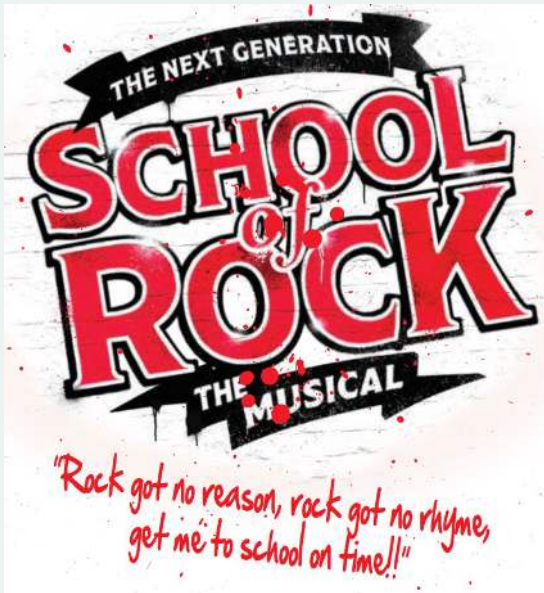


## Christmas Party in the Park

Landau Forte Academy supports Tamworth Borough Christmas Fair.

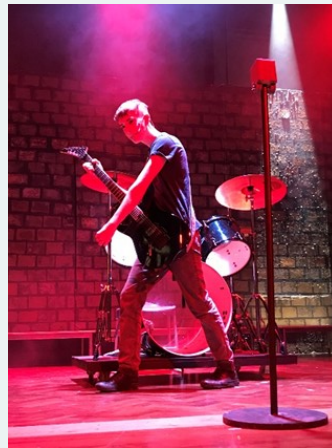
On Sunday the 1st of December our wonderful Concert Band performed Christmas Carols at Mildenhall, Tamworth Borough Christmas Fair. This was a charity event for Alzheimer's Society, organised by Paul Brindley, and we had the pleasure to be invited this year and it helped QEMS get into the Christmas spirit.



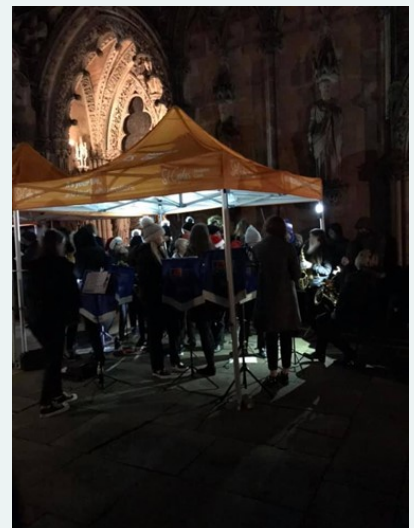


What an amazing performance once again by the students, cast and band at Landau Forte Academy QEMS

The students worked tirelessly throughout weekends from September to November in order to put together this wonderful production and performed to sell-out audiences on three consecutive nights. The musical and performing arts talent at QEMS is exceptional and this was a perfect show for them. It allowed some of the main cast to play live on stage, which is such an achievement in its own right.



On 8 December, Landau Forte Academy Concert Band performed at Lichfield's Light up a Light. We had the privilege of supporting St Giles Charity event, which allows communities to remember a member of family that they have lost. The event ran beautifully, and our wonderful concert band accompanied the four carols: While Shepherd's Watched, God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman, Silent Night and Hark the Herald. It was such a privilege to perform in front of the Cathedral to an audience of over 1500. Our students represented our school beautifully and showed such compassion to those around them. Once again, we are extremely proud of our students here at Landau Forte Academy QEMS.





On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November the Year 8 Netball team took part in a tournament at Rawlett, after some extremely close games, they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 team, well done girls!

Teigan W	Olivia W	Jessica M	Keira H	Antonia K	Gracie J	Rebecca R
Millie R	Sarah P	Abi F	Claudia J	Keelea S	Paige N C	Olivia P

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November the year 7 Netball took part in a tournament at Rawlett. This was the girls first competitive match and they all played fantastically well, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 teams!

Sofia F	Tilly H	Molly K	Autumn G	Lilia H	Olivia E	Harriet S
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On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November the year 8 Netball team had matches against LFA Amington. Both teams won their games, with impressive scores of 14-2 and 11-0! Congratulations to all, of the students involved. A special mention to Tilly H and Sofia F who played up from year 7.

Teigan W	Olivia W	Jessica M	Rebecca R	Olivia P	Tilly H	Sofia F
Millie R	Claudia J	Keelea S	Paige N C			

The following girls played in the netball tournament against Amington on the 28th November and won 24-14.

Amelia W.	Lily-Mai W	Emily H	Isabella F	Emma P	Georgia G	Evie W
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The QEMS girls won the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 9-3, Amington came back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter scoring 5 goals, whilst QEMS scored 4 goals however we were still up by 5 goals (13-8). The QEMS girls fought back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter scoring 5 goals, whilst Amington only managed 3 goals, at this point we were still winning 18-11. QEMS dominated the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, scoring 6 more goals whilst Amington scored 3 goals. The final score was 14-24. It was a fantastic game, QEMS dominated the majority of the game with Amelia W being our top goal scorer.

The following girls played in the netball tournament against Amington on the Thursday 5th December.

Yr 7:	Autumn G	Tilly H	Lilia H	Molly K	Sofia F	Harriet S	Abbey B
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The QEMS girls dominated all three quarters scoring 1 goal in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 6 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The final score was 9-0 to QEMS. Tilly H scored all 9 goals.

Yr 8:	Kiera H	Kiera B	Olivia W	Gracey J
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Yr 9:	Fifi C	Paris B	Amanda L
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Amington won the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 5-2 however QEMS came back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter scoring 4 goals whilst Amington scored 2 goals. In the final quarter it was close however the QEMS girls were fantastic and managed to score an extra 3 goals. The final score was 9-8 to QEMS. Olivia W scored 4 of the goals and Gracey J scored 5 goals.



## Badminton Tournament 2019

The 2019-20 QEMS boys and girls Badminton tournaments have concluded with two new champions. With over 90 boys and 40 girls in the tournaments, both champions have done fantastically. The boys saw 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Mac M (11) narrowly defeat defending champion Leo P (11).



In the girls, with two first-time finalists, it was the battle of year 10, as 1<sup>st</sup> seed Lily Mai W (10) just shaded out 7<sup>th</sup> seed Millie B (10) 21-18. This year

not only had record number participation from both genders, but an unbelievable effort from students of all years, with younger years tasting success themselves, developing character and experiences for future tournaments to come. A huge thank you and well done to all students who were present and were successful in roles as officials. The top performing students in key stage 3 and 4 for both genders have been selected to represent QEMS in Tamworth School competitions later in December.

Students who participated are as follow:

Boys:	Mac M	Leo P	Joseph G	Plamen Y	Ben M	Oliver S	Bradley B	Joshua T
Nicolas T	Luke A	Cameron H	Woody H	Ted W	Cameron T	Justin B-O	Aaron B	Matthew B
Jacob C	Josh C	Noah F	James T	Todd M	Harry O	Phillip W	Ted H	Jacob S
Tom R	Jai K	Dylan G	Leo E-Y	Daniel P	Harry S	Ion A	Evan L	Aaron B
Oscar J	Toby J	James R	Lamar P	Harvey B	Jayden G	Will F	Jayden B	Louis C-B
Joshua S	Jack J	Kian J	Josh T	Mitchell G	Archie B	Jack L	Caydon F	Ollie R
Declan H	Ellis B	Adam W	Jack C	Callum B	Josh M	Will A	Alan P	Harry H
Harvey H	Marshall M	Tyler C	Callum R	Baran A	Tyler O	Jasper W	Connor P	Cory C
Jamie P	Brett S	Haydn C	Borys B	Brandon T	Joshua H	Kyle R	Joshua H	Thomas K
Reece P	Mason D	Marcus F	Mohammed A		Alexander W			

Girls:	Lily-Mai W	Mia T	Sophie W	Sofia F	Freya W	Laurel D	Amanda L	Olivia T C
Isabella F	Jaici W-B	Alice S	Amelia W	Celeste E	Lottie M	Divine E	Nerys M-O	Liby S
Evie W	Molly K	Ruby-Jo L	Lacey D	Courtney B	Millie B	Emily H	Imogen B	Emma G
Lucy-May F	Emma P	Maili B	Chanelle C	Kinga S	Amber W	Abigail A	Bethany W	Pheobe P
Caitlin K	Lilly Mae B	Lexi-Skye M		Antonella A				



Our annual 'Silver Surfers' Christmas Event was held this week. We welcomed over 70 visitors to the Sixth Form to share Christmas with us and had a wonderful time – partying and enjoying dance and song from our students. We would like to thank all our 'Silver Surfers' for making it a momentous occasion.



On 21st November we took 90 Year 10 students to the World Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham. WorldSkills UK is all about improving the prestige of apprenticeships and technical education, to inspire more young people to consider these as career routes and get off to a better start in work and life. Students were able to access the following advice and guidance:

### WorldSkills UK LIVE Sectors

This exciting, must-attend event is divided into four areas, each providing a focus on particular industry sectors:

- Construction & Infrastructure
- Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle
- Digital, Business & Creative
- Engineering & Technology

### Have a Go

Have a Go at something you've never done before by trying hands-on job-related skills across a huge range of careers.

Experience a wide range of activities like TV production, demolition simulation, virtual welding, floristry and 3D modelling and much more!

### Expert Careers Advice

Get impartial one-to-one guidance on career routes and jobs from National Careers Service and National Apprenticeship Service. Find opportunities that you can apply for, such as work experience, apprenticeships, and jobs.



We hope that this event will inspire our students to start making well informed decisions about their futures.



## Election Day

On election day form 7E participated in an election for form representative. Seven students put themselves forward as candidates and prepared speeches which they read out to the class, including their own manifesto. The remaining tutees voted for their choice as leader. Jaici W B succeeded with a high number of votes, well done Jaici.

### Dates for your diary:

06/01/2020	Term 3 begins
09/01/2020	QEMS Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening
16/01/2020	QEMS Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening & Options Carousel
20 - 31/01/2020	Sixth Form Year 12 PPE
23/02/2020	Sixth Form Year 13 Parent Carer Evening
30/01/2020	QEMS Key Stage 3 Awards Evening
14/02/2020	End of Term
29/02/2020	Sixth Form deadline for applications
02/03/2020	Term begins

### Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 94.2%

Year 7 = 95.0%    Year 8 = 94.1%    Year 9 = 92.6%    Year 10 = 94.5%    Year 11 = 94.8%