



Headteacher's Note

Dear parents,

As we come to the end of my first year at QGES it is remarkable to think about how much has been achieved by so many in what now feels like quite a short space of time. The successes you will read about in this newsletter are just a snapshot of all the amazing achievements at QGES this year. The fact that our students have had so many opportunities to be successful in such a wide range of activities is a real testament to the dedication of the staff at the school and their determination to ensure all our students can be as successful outside the classroom as they are in it!

It is always sad at this time of year as we say farewell to colleagues many of whom are leaving us after a number of years at the school: Mrs Kennedy, Mr Rosa, Mrs Dawson, Mr Chadwick, Mr Field, Miss Smith, Mrs Clay, Mrs Telford, Mrs Wilkinson. Between them they have given 145 years of service to the school and there are no words to express how grateful we are for everything they have given to the school and the school community over their time at QGES. They will all be sorely missed and we wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given the school over the last year. I wish you and your family a restful holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school in September.

Best wishes,

Mr Marchant

Headteacher



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Friends Of QEGS

FQEGS Reflect on a Fun-Filled Year

It has been a busy year for the FQEGS.

We have done some useful fundraising towards the much-needed new minibus. As we raise money, so prices of vehicles go up but we're getting there!

We have taken part in and/or run several events this year; the Sponsored Walk, our annual Christmas Shopping Evening and our Quiz Night back in cold, dreary February. Most recently, our newest venture, 'the Auction of Promises' had a slightly chequered but ultimately very successful run through to last weekend's closing date, where we learned that we had reached our target of £5,000! We would like to thank everyone who in any way supported the auction, some fabulous and very varied prizes were donated; around 100 people joined in to bid for the auction lots to help us make it to our target. The core group of FQEGS 'faithfuls' more than did their part as cheerfully and resourcefully as ever, they're a really lovely, friendly group from across the school community. We are always on the lookout for people to come and help at any of the events, so if you think you might be prepared to join in at any point, please do email us and we'll be delighted to see you! Our email address is *friendsofqegs@gmail.com*.

Our annual Numbers Club has made about £1,780 this year and we warmly invite you to consider supporting the school in this extremely low- maintenance way! Tickets will remain at £25 per number for 23/24; there are 10 monthly draws throughout the school year. This year, five prizes were awarded from a total prize fund of £170 per month. The more numbers we can sell, the more money can be won each time! Please have a flutter – if you get in quickly you can probably choose your lucky number. Just follow this link and good luck! <http://www.trybooking.co.uk/CMRS>

I think that's it from FQEGS. Our first meeting of the new school year will be on Thursday 14th September at 7pm - please come and join us if you think it sounds fun (spoiler - it actually is!).

Hope you have a great summer!



University Trips

Students Take a Turn Around 'The Toon'

On Friday 23 June, the Year 12s went to experience University life by visiting Newcastle and Northumbria University. It was a fantastic day and the students really enjoyed exploring the campuses and visiting departments to hear about the different subjects on offer – many of them being very different to their A-Levels. It was also an opportunity to experience student life in a city and how vastly different this can be from life in Penrith! There was also a surprise encounter with a very familiar face....



Leeds University

Students in Year 8 explored Leeds University during activities week, learning about the different courses and career paths available to young people, whilst getting a taste of big city life!



Activities Week - Year 7 Residential

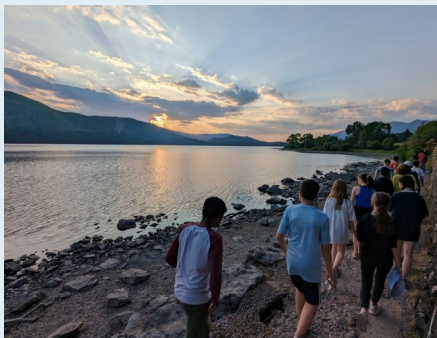
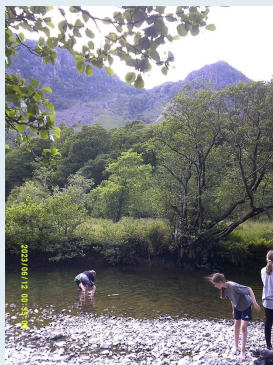
Activities Week, 12th - 16th of June

Students at QEGS had an exciting week full of events and trips across this year's annual activities week. Many thanks to all who contributed and supported this fun filled time of year!

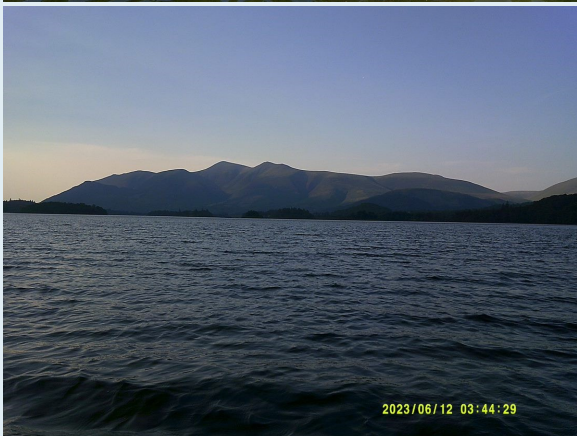
Year 7 Residential

Our Year 7 students embarked on a residential trip to the lakes, exploring the nature and taking part in a range of exciting adventures. These included ghyll scrambling, climbing, kayaking, paddle boarding and sailing.

Here are a mixture of photographs, snapped by staff and students!



Activities Week - Year 7 Residential



Activities Week - Year 7 Residential

Climbing - Aarush

"The climbing trip was fun as we had the opportunity to improve upon the skills we'd already learned in school. The rock faces were challenging but really fun to climb. The instructors were nice and helped us when needed. They also encouraged us to climb more whilst letting us take breaks as it was a really warm day."



Ghyll scrambling - Molly

"I enjoyed all activities we did at our residential, however, my favourite was definitely ghyll scrambling. Despite the long, tiring walk in extremely warm weather, walking, swimming, jumping, sliding and even belly flopping in the ghyll was one of the most exciting things I've ever done! It feels so refreshing jumping into the ghyll, after being in such boiling temperatures. Also, as tiring as the walk was, the views from it were breath-taking. You can see lots of well-known mountains! Ghyll scrambling was definitely my favourite activity!"

Water sports - Caitlin

"Kayaking was the first activity we did when we got to the lake. Kayaking is harder than it looks (but eventually you get the hang of going in the right direction). There were loads of swans and geese in the lake too! We paddled to a deeper bit of the lake near a small island, then we got into the water. Using the paddles, we lay on our backs and paddled ourselves along, as if we were in the kayaks! We also had a game with a mini rugby ball in the water. We got back in the kayaks and played tag. It was really fun! We then went over to the island where the paddle boarders were and swapped over."



Activities Week - Year 7 Residential

Bush craft - Harry

"I enjoyed bush craft because it was really interesting with the instructor telling us how ferns grow and how to tell different kinds of trees. We even followed a badger trail and at the end of the lesson we were starting fires and making hot chocolate which tasted amazing."

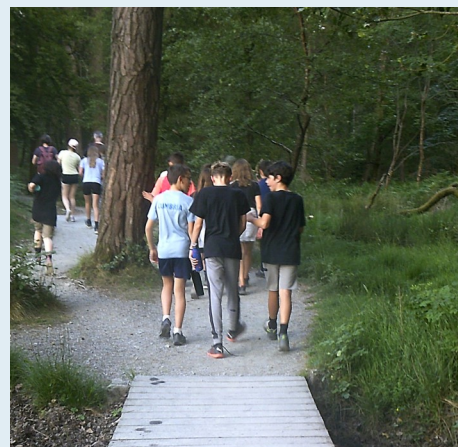


Problem solving - Adam

The problem solving was highly enjoyable despite the incredibly high temperatures. The problems included a memory game which was very challenging, and a team building activity which was very competitive and the construction was very challenging and required immense concentration.

Evening walk - Elsie

The walk began on Tuesday evening, commencing with a boat ride across Derwent Water. The cool breeze was super calming and the gentle sound of waves gliding across the lake echoed in my ears. Once we reached the shore, we began our trek through forests of birch trees. As our walk continued, we passed through multiple fields of grass. Eventually, we reached a fabulous stone bridge, which formed a path across the water below. Then, we were all challenged with a sculpture building contest, using our natural surroundings. My team made a sculpture of cheese but unfortunately, we lost. After this, we made our way through nettles, roads and forests back to the hostel. Overall, this walk took approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.



Activities Week

Work Experience

During activities week, students across years 10 and 12 have been busy getting to grips with the workforce. Stationed at a variety of different local industries and businesses, students have been learning about careers of interest, expanding their skill set or just trying something new.



One student's placement was at Alhambra Cinema in Penrith and received excellent feedback:

"It has been an absolute pleasure to have Jude join us for work experience. He has shown a great amount of initiative throughout the workplace."

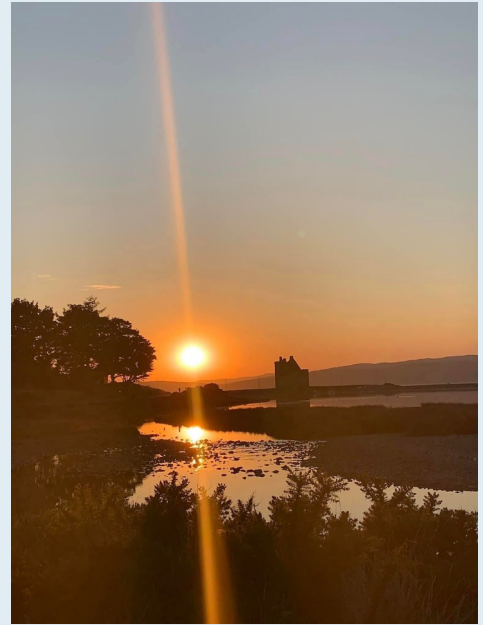
Jude's work this week has covered front of house, film scheduling, programming and projection and he has impressed all our staff in his interest in understanding the various roles.

Looking forward, Jude has shown interest in a future position at the cinema and we would absolutely welcome this."

Activities Week



Activities Week - Isle Of Arran



Above left and bottom left photos by Robin Woodstrover

Year 12 Earth Science Expedition

Our Year 12 Earth Scientists set sail for the Isle of Arran this activities week. Geologists, geographers and environmental scientists slapped on sun cream and explored the rich landscape of the island from Monday through to Friday.

Day 1:

Earth scientists got to work straight away, investigating the geology of the coastline.

Day 2:

Geologists explored 'Hutton's Unconformity', a fossilised lightning strike and other geological features, finishing the day with expertly drawn rose diagrams in the Geopark room.

Geographers and Environmental Scientists scaled Cnoc Nan Sgrath, investigating the flora and fauna and exploring the historical peat cuttings.



Activities Week - Isle of Arran

Day 3:

The Environmental Scientists and Geographers evaluated the significance of peat bogs vs forestry in carbon sequestration. They then moved on to study zonation and their data will contribute to the local community coastal management project.

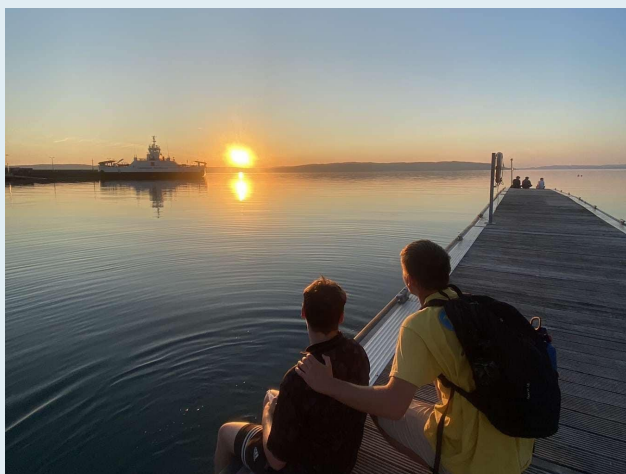
The Geologists looked at dinosaur footprints and completed independent graphic logs.

Day 4:

The Geographers and Environmental Scientists investigated the character, identity and rebranding of Arran. They found the locals were quite vocal in their views, generally trusting of their bakeries and they really do have the best distilleries!

The Geologists completed a mapping exercise of Sannox Bay.

The students did fantastically well in the extreme heat of the first Summer Scotland has seen for many years!



Activities Week - Duke Of Edinburgh

Duke Of Edinburgh - Bronze Award

During activities week, 88 Year 9 students laced up their walking boots and took to the fells, working on the expedition element for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Although the temperatures were very high, all the students adapted well and completed their two-day expedition with no problems.

Well done to the following students for completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award during the 2022-23 academic year.

Gold

Gemma O'Dowd

Bronze

Emily Airey

Ewan Auchterlonie-Rose

Cameron Cowan

Georgia Mead

Tom Milton

DofE was set up by HRH Prince Phillip in 1956. The award's original purpose was bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and entering into National Service at 18, so that young men made the best use of their free time, found interests and acquired

self-confidence and a sense of purpose that would support them into their future and help them to become well-rounded citizens.

Nowadays, the programme has evolved and grown exponentially. Any young person between the ages of 14-24 years of age can take part, with the focus on building skills and confidence in young people. Over 130 countries and territories offering DofE programmes.

In order to obtain the award, you must complete some volunteering, physical activity, skills and an expedition, with an additional residential section at Gold level.

Students displayed excellent teamwork, camp craft, resilience amongst many other life skills developed.

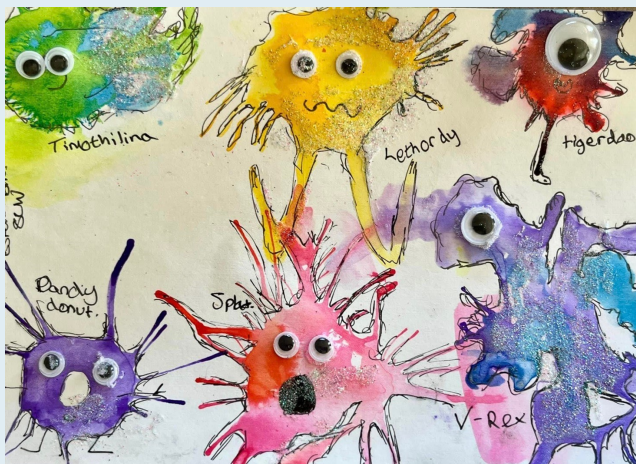
Many thanks to AdventureElement who ran the whole operation superbly.



Activities Week - Duke Of Edinburgh



Activities Week in the Art Room - Year 7



Activities Week in the Art Room—Year 8



School Events



Year 13 Leavers Day

On Wednesday the 10th of May, we said goodbye to the Year 13 students as they started their study leave. It was a fantastic afternoon and we are very grateful to Mr Akdeniz for all his help with feeding the students!

After the BBQ, the students took part in a very colourful send off with a paint fight, which looked spectacular! We are incredibly proud of the students and wish them the best of luck with their exams and their futures.

Miss Marshall



School Events

Carnegie Shadowing Day

Students from across Eden gathered at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Penrith for a day of activities shadowing this year's Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration shortlist.

The event was organised by QEGS's librarian, Kimberley Lawson, for schools who are part of a local enrichment cluster. Students from nine schools enjoyed a range of tasks, each one focussed on a different book from the shortlist.

Chair of the Yoto Carnegie Medals, Jake Hope, attended the event. Mr Hope, himself a published author, is an expert in children's literature and visual literacy. He ran a session exploring 'Rescuing Titanic' by Flora Delargy, which tells the story of the ship Carpathia rescuing survivors of the Titanic disaster. Students translated some Morse code messages and designed their own interior for a luxury ocean liner.

Mr Hope said:

"I really loved having the opportunity to talk with the students and hear

their views on 'Rescuing Titanic'. It was a really upbeat and enjoyable day."

Two of the other titles students explored are also based on true stories. 'The Visible Sounds' by Yin Jianling and Yu Rong is based on the story of the celebrated Chinese dancer Lihua Tai. Students analysed the use of colour in the title and created some onomatopoeic poetry inspired by the use of language in the book. 'Saving Sorya' by Trang Nguyen and Jeet Zdung explores the rainforests of south east Asia with a character based on the author's experiences working as a wildlife conservationist in Vietnam. Students contrasted the different artistic styles used in the book and completed an information literacy activity about sun bears.

An original piece of art, inspired by the final book, "The Comet" by Joe Todd-Stanton was created during the day. In an activity run by QEGS A-level art students, the visiting pupils all contributed to a huge mural, which will now be displayed in the library at QEGS.

Enrichment Cluster coordinator, Annette Thornton, said:

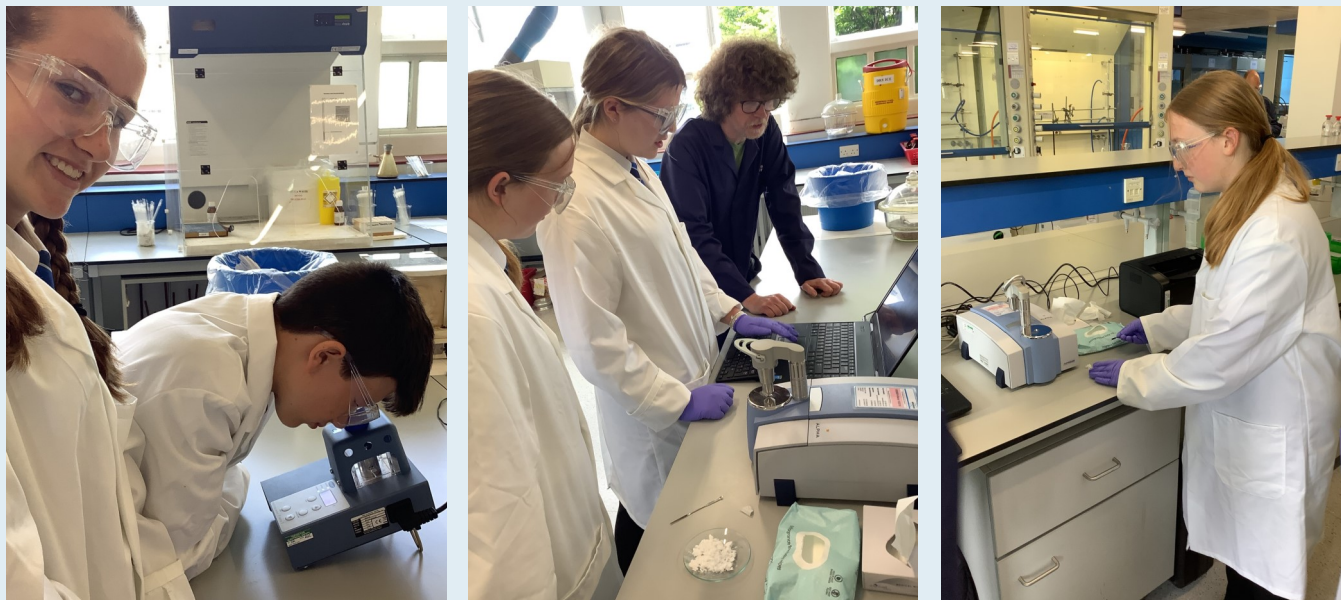
"We are so grateful to the team at

QEGS for providing such a wonderful event. I have heard from our children, teaching assistants and other schools about how good it was and how much they had enjoyed it."

QEGS librarian, Kimberley Lawson, said: *"It was such a pleasure to share these fantastic books with students. Visual literacy is a real skill but one which students don't always have the chance to explore in depth. So much can be drawn out of the illustrations in the titles we have looked at and I hope we have inspired the students to look at illustrated books in more depth in the future."*



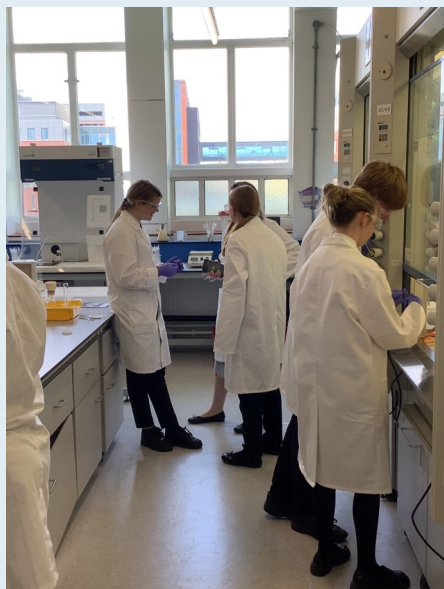
Salters Chemistry Festival



Mrs Bent & Mrs Cocker had the pleasure of escorting 10 gifted and talented chemistry students to the Salter's Chemistry Festival, held at Newcastle University on Thursday 25th May.

The Salters' Institute's Festivals of Chemistry are aimed at 14-16 year olds. Their Festivals encourage learners to 'Discover Chemistry', explore the subject and see how it can be a pathway to many careers.

The day started with a fascinating talk about X-Ray Crystallography from Key Note Speaker Dr Mike Probert, Inorganic Chemistry Lecturer at Newcastle University. The students were then able to take part in synthesising aspirin (an A-Level practical!) and after lunch, tested their sample using instrumental methods such as melting point apparatus and IR spectroscopy. Congratulations to Ainara and Cameron, who scored 99.51% purity with their synthesised product. The day closed with a panel session with three guest speakers who all had varying expertise in careers in chemistry, and inspired the students about the different roles they could attain if they study chemistry at university.



STEM



IET Faraday Challenge

Six Year 8 pupils from QEGs participated in the IET Faraday Challenge held at Lancaster University. Aditi Aravind, Quinn Maddicott, Matthew Riley, Skye Watson, Amelie Lawson, and Mary Lee, all from 8SRM, excelled in the competition, securing second position.

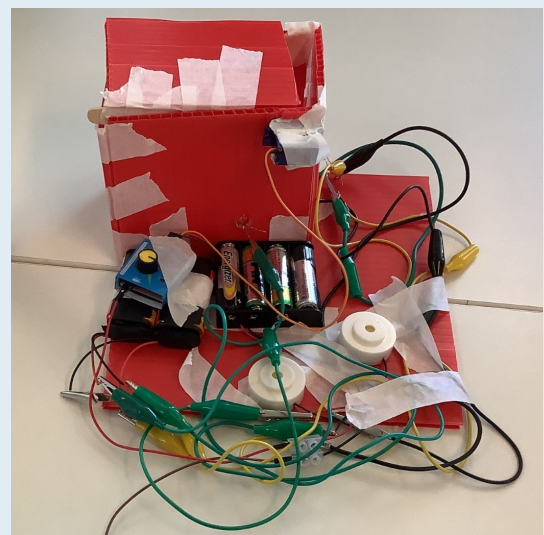
The Faraday Challenge is a competition that aims to encourage students to discover their potential in STEM fields. Participants are required to utilise their problem-solving skills and critical thinking abilities to complete various hands-on activities.

The QEGs students impressed the judges with their innovative solutions and teamwork skills. For their outstanding achievements, they were awarded the Industrial Cadets Challenger Award.

The event was a fantastic experience for the students, who were given an opportunity to interact with other teams from different schools. It enhanced their skills and knowledge in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Mrs Bent was impressed by the students' exceptional conduct, performance, and congratulates 8SRM's Aditi, Quinn, Matthew, Skye, Amelie, and Mary on their superb achievements.

Mrs Bent



School Events

Chess Success

Samuel Berg (10RCP) won the 2022/23 QEGS Chess Competition after a long-fought final against Finlay Coleman (10RCP). The semi-finalists were Garrett Bacon (10JOS) and Amogh Kashyap (7FS). The knockout tournament took place on Monday lunchtimes over the course of several months. A huge well done to all 28 students who took part!

Mr March

Maths Challenge

This March, Finley Ilett and Wilfrid Teasdale have once again jointly retained the Kathy Duval award for success in the UK Maths Challenges. They still hold the most gold certificates in school, having accumulated a total of 11 gold certificates each in their seven years at QEGS (plus one each from primary school); these amount to a gold in every challenge they entered apart from one. Next year, someone else will get a chance to take home the prize for the first time in a while!

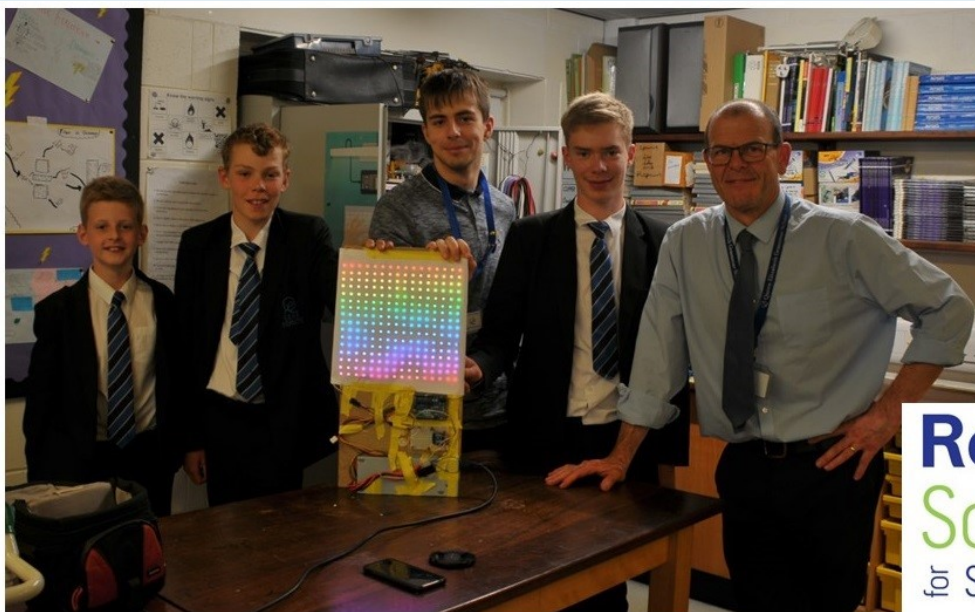
In the recent Junior Maths Challenge, students were very successful, with a huge number of students gaining certificates. Four students scored well enough to enter the next round, with Faye Sampson, Aden Baldock-Cade, Bethany Jones and Aarush Kari all making it through to the Kangaroo, which will be sat on the 14th June - best of luck!

The Intermediate Maths challenge has also been held this year. Students were again very successful, with a high proportion of pupils entered gaining certificates.

Six students from Year 10 and 11 (Ryan Moukarram, Jay Palmer, Peter Stewart, Merry White, Martha Alban and Tom Dawson) scored well enough to be entered for the follow up Pink Kangaroo round, where they all performed well.

Eight pupils from Year 9 (Owen Alban, Sonny Arora, Honey Barker, John Evans, Connor Fitzpatrick, Alexander McCormick, Alfie Mellor and Matthew Morley) qualified for the Grey Kangaroo, where Owen, Sonny, John, Alexander and Alfie all achieved impressive scores and were awarded merits.

Mr Conner
Second in Maths



QEGS electronics club have won £1000 from Rolls-Royce to investigate lighting effects based on IALEDs controlled by ESP8266 microcontrollers. Or maybe ESP32s...

Rolls-Royce
Schools Prize
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

School Events



School Council

QEGS is happy to announce that the total raised by the Student Council fundraisers this year is a phenomenal £965.10 ! A big thank you to all parents and staff who supported Student Council members and to everyone who bought a cake, donated to the karaoke and basketball collection buckets. An even bigger thank you goes to all those staff who supported by playing basketball, singing or providing tech support to a packed -out Hall. You're all great sports!

This year our Student Council rallied themselves to organise, advertise and conduct:

- Non-uniform day
- Bake sale
- Face painting
- Staff vs Y13 basketball
- Staff karaoke

The money raised by the Student Council will be spent directly on improvements to the student experience at QEGS. This year, the Council announced their priority to be increased shelter for outdoor seating. They will begin to make plans for this and we can't wait to enjoy the legacy of their hard work and commitment.

Congratulation to Arjun Sankar and Katie Thompson for all their efforts this year. They led and implemented karaoke prior to leaving for exams.

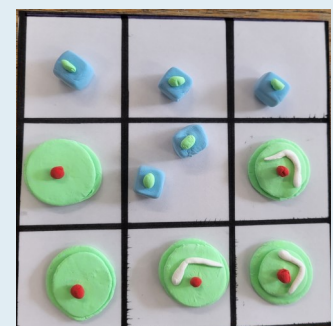
Miss Terry

After School Club

For Earth day, Craft club made collages of sea creatures out of bottle tops to highlight the issue of plastic in our oceans. We have also been getting crafty with diamond art, clay, needle felt and most recently we have made our own noughts and crosses games, with our own spin on this classic.

From September, two more clubs will be running at After School Club. Craft Club will still take place on Mondays but there will also be a sculpting/pottery club on Tuesdays and a Comic book club on Wednesdays. Quiz club will still be on Thursdays.

Miss Feetham



Globe Glory For Shrek Superstar!

Poetry often falls short of stellar status in the collective psyche: for many of our recent GCSE candidates, the anthology, replete with ubiquitous highlighting and forensic annotation, may represent a painful and soon-to-be-incinerated relic of the past. One performer, however, determined to set the record straight.

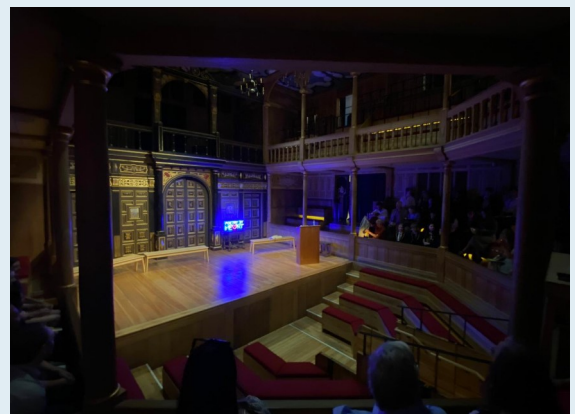
Following the success of this year's sell-out Shrek musical extravaganza, James Laidlaw turned his attention to endeavours less ogrely, exchanging green face paint and memorable roars for the recitation of verse, entering into the national Poetry By Heart competition.

His discerning selections and no-less mature renditions of the complex 'The God Abandons Antony' (C.P. Cavafy) and the heart-rending elegy 'My Father in a White Space Suit' (Yehuda Amichai) garnered critical acclaim, with competition judges praising James' 'calm authority' and 'sensitivity' which helped 'illuminate' the works – and resulted with a place in the national final, which took place in London on the 26th June at the Globe Theatre.

The event saw James take to the glorious Sam Wanamaker Playhouse – a faithful recreation of a candlelit 17th century Shakespearean theatre – before delivering his perceptive recitation to packed seats at the Globe itself, sharing the stage with renowned poets Glyn Maxwell and Jean Sprackland, the ever-popular Daljit Nagra, as well as former poet laureate Andrew Motion, founder of the prestigious competition.

Whilst James does not walk away with the coveted trophy-cabinet glassware on this occasion, his performance goes some way to dispelling the all-too-common myth that poetry need be dusty, stale, and passive. For readers of the newsletter tempted to follow in his footsteps, next year's competition launches on National Poetry Day, the 5th October – one for the diary.

Mr Maschi-Gore



Budding Poets

Year 8 students have been studying poetry of culture and identity, looking at the work of Imtiaz Dharker, Luke Wright, Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou amongst others. They were encouraged to write their own pieces looking at titles such as 'Home' or 'My People'.

The following are a small selection. Edward Kershaw and Connie Casey wrote some wonderful words, which are wise beyond their years. Please see below.

The Walk Through Home

*I enter,
I am greeted by the smell of
homemade food,
Taunted by the stomach,
I walk forward.*

*The pleading from my cat,
The chatter,
The laughter,
I walk forward.*

*I find,
That sight of friendship,
It's warming,
I walk forward.*

*That feeling of home,
It's great,
It's weird,
I exit.*

By Edward Kershaw

The Steady Rhythm Of Life

*The steady rhythm of life,
Malleable like clay.
Flowing like a river,
With hidden, yet rapid
turns*

*Your experiences, your
memories.*

*They are the violas,
linking everything.*

*Hard to distinguish, yet
always there.*

Subtle, subdued, vital.

*Your knowledge, your
passion.*

*They are the drums,
That constant beat,
constant goal.*

*Unchanging, continuous,
strong.*

*Your abilities, your
personality.*

*They are the flutes, the
clarinets.*

*The most vibrant and
noticeable.*

*Unique, beautiful,
special.*

*Your strengths, your
weaknesses,*

They are the harp.

*Fine-tuned, based on
experience.*

*Scary, distinctive,
dominant.*

All of your attributes,

*Intertwined, linked
together.*

*Creating a mellifluous
melody.*

*Your steady rhythm of
life.*

By Connie Casey

English

Trip To Dove Cottage

Last term, to support the Romantic Poetry unit, Year 7 went on a trip to the former home of local poetry legend, William Wordsworth, and his sister - poetry and prose writer Dorothy Wordsworth.

The students were given a guided tour of Dove Cottage, where William and Dorothy lived, along with William's wife, Mary Hutchinson and their six children. They were inspired by the power of nature whilst braving the heavy rain on a ramble along the Coffin Route, traditionally used to carry the deceased from Rydal and Ambleside for a Christian burial at St Oswald's Church, in Grasmere.

In the museum, they were surprised by leeches and William's socks, then students had fun picking out familiar passages from Dorothy's diaries. Some students even practised signing their signature with a quill! Finally, students engaged in a stimulating workshop on Wordsworth's 'Lucy Gray' and wrote their own- rather wonderful- Romantic poetry, as demonstrated here by Amber Jago and Emily Watling.

“What We Took From Grasmere” By Amber Jago

*Feet dragged up the steep hill,
Minds wandered far from home
Despite their presence with these
people
They all felt quite alone.*

*The birds dived across the sky,
Despite rain, the flowers stayed
kind
The moss was soaked as rivers
flowed
A therapy for the mind.*

*The river, a race- get to the lake
The water hurtled past fast,
Furious and determined to reach*

*the end
No drop wished to be last.*

*The King of the water- The King of
the sky
The heron stood proud and tall
Anticipating it's next kill
He could not be stopped at all.*

*Minds and feet walked slowly back
Remembering our purpose here
For notes, photos and foggy
memories
We are all we took from
Grasmere.*



English

“Enchanted By Nature” By Emily Watling, 7CD

*The trees towered over us,
twisted giants, like protectors.
A gentle murmur, the rivers voice,
Its water clear as a crystal glass yet with
Ripples disturbing the surface*

*The pond, covered with
A sheen of algae,
Harboured many a creature.
The heron’s call,
The flap of its wings,
The duck’s quack,
The frog’s croak,
These are the sounds of the pond.*

*The mountains
Stand over a great lake,
All who see it
Stand in awe
Their breath stolen,
Their bodies frozen,
Standing on the edge of infinity*

*The sky a stormy grey,
Yet oddly inviting
A challenge,
A dare,
One I have accepted.
The rain trickles slowly
- Like sand through an hourglass -
Over leaves and down the trunks of trees,
The water reviving plants that were wilted and looked half
dead*

*The call of many a songful bird reaches my ears
And I am hypnotized by the calmness that washes over
me.
The wind through the trees is also a song,
A story of its own
The rustle of leaves masking the kestrel’s cry,
Twisting and warping the sound
And I stand there,
-for what feels like hours -
And learn so much more
From one simple sound*



Food Technology



Rotary Young Chef Competition Winner!

Congratulations to food preparation and nutrition student, Eimhear McGrath, who has won the Rotary Young Chef Competition!

The Competition is sponsored Nationally by Filippo Berio and gives entrants the chance to put their culinary skills to the test; it's judged by leading industry professionals.

Having already won local, district and regional rounds of the competition, Eimhear travelled to Alcester in Warwickshire for the National final at the end of April.

The six finalists were from Aberdeenshire, Southampton and all points in between. Eimhear came through three qualifying rounds - representing the North.



Food Technology

Eimhear found herself up against similarly talented students from all parts of the UK but she certainly wasn't daunted by the task. She calmly and skilfully prepared a three-course meal consisting of seared scallops with pea puree and black pudding, Moroccan spiced loin of venison with Romesco and creamed cauliflower and a dessert of poached pear with lime and ginger mascarpone. This was a meal that Eimhear had practised several times in preparing for the final and her hard work paid off as the judges awarded her the title.

The sponsors of the competition very generously donated the winnings. Eimhear's prize for taking the national title is a two-day trip to Pisa, Italy and includes a day at the Toscano Soparita Estate Cookery School and truffle hunt. She also received a trophy and a goody bag of food related products - an exciting reward for Eimhear's commitment and something for her to look forward to. In addition, the local judge from the first round - Henry Wu (head chef of the Roundthorn Hotel) also expressed his delight at hearing that Eimhear had won and added his own reward by inviting her and a friend for afternoon tea at the Roundthorn.

Mrs Monkhouse and Mrs Stobart were thrilled with Eimhear's success. They look forward to launching the 2023-24 competition, with their GCSE food preparation and nutrition groups in the Autumn term.

Mrs Monkhouse



Tunnock's Teacake Challenge

Finley Barker 9BH has entered the Tunnock's Teacake Challenge, a national competition run by the Food Teachers Centre.

The theme for 2023 was patterns and shapes. Finley created a children's shape sorter toy out of gingerbread and used fondant icing, to coat shaped pieces of gingerbread. The Tunnock's Teacake was used for his round shape. This superb creation was entered into the most novel category of the competition.

We are still awaiting the outcome of this competition and wish Finley the best of luck!

Mrs Stobart



Textiles

Young Textile Technologist Competition

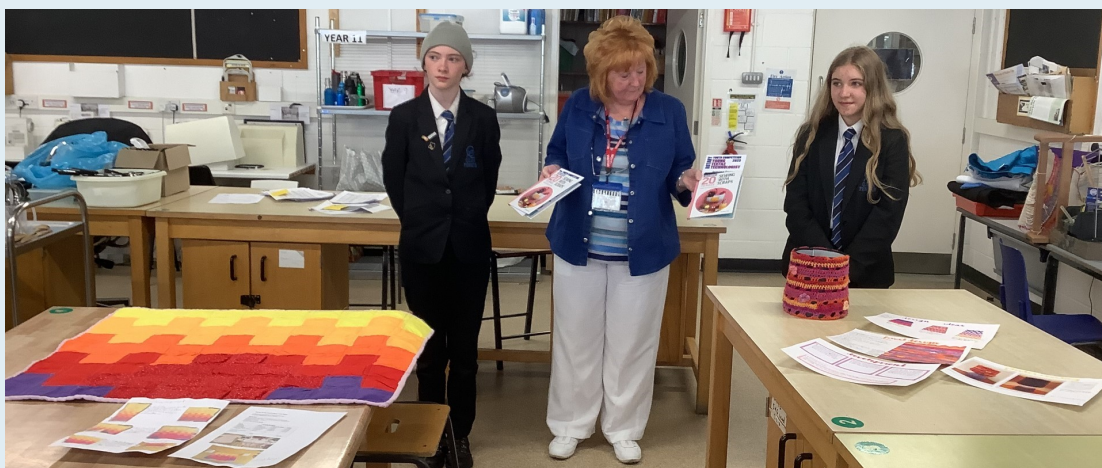
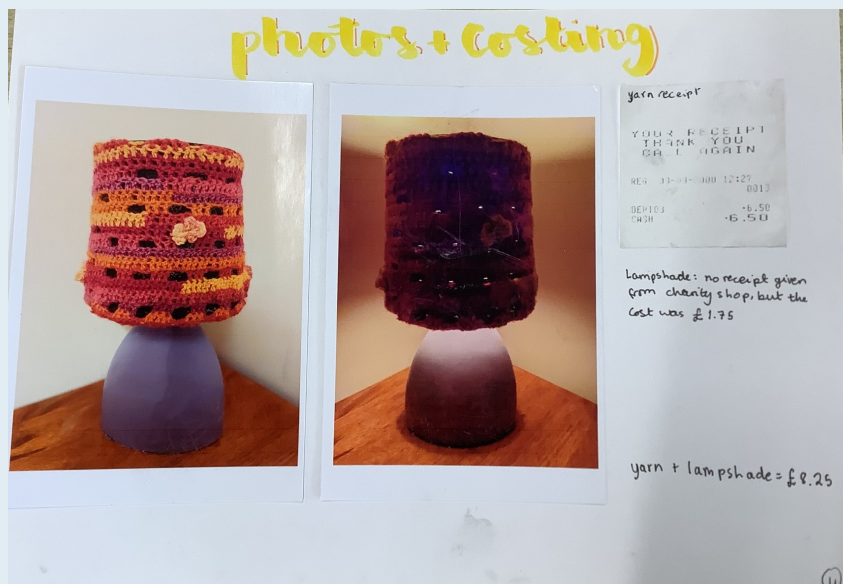


Jemima Evans and Erin Wohl entered the Rotary Club Young Textile Technologist competition.

They had to make a textile item for the home on the theme of sunrise/sunset costing no more than £10.

Their entries were judged by a panel of judges including Pat Swainson from Just Sew (fabric shop in Penrith) Jack Wilson, a member of the Penrith Rotary Club and Mrs Monkhouse from QEGS.

Both entries were highly commended. The overall winner was Jemima Evans for her crocheted light shade. Jemima's light shade will now be entered into the Cumbrian final.



Drama



Practical Exam Season - Summer Term

This term, it was our Year 10 and Year 12 students' time to shine. Both classes were faced with the task of devising their own theatre from scratch. The result was five new pieces of theatre spanning a wide range of material, including a period drama, naturalism, comedy, satire, physical theatre and a musical number.

The students used multiple stimuli (visual art, poetry and music) to generate their ideas. The resulting themes explored important subjects such as mental health, love, relationships, family and living life to the fullest. The technical theatre students were very busy creating lighting and soundscapes to achieve the right atmosphere for each piece. All in all, their work was powerful, heart-warming and often hilarious; the drama department are extremely proud of the creativity shown by the students here at QEGS. We can't wait to see what they do next.

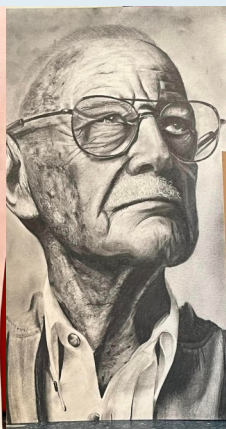
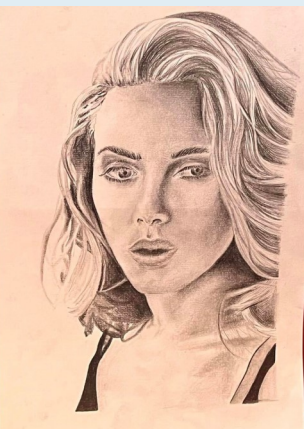
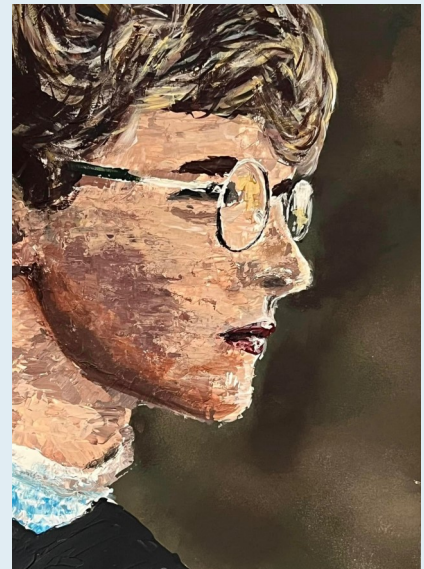
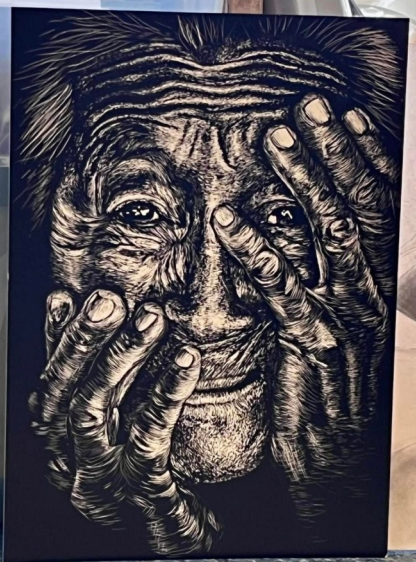
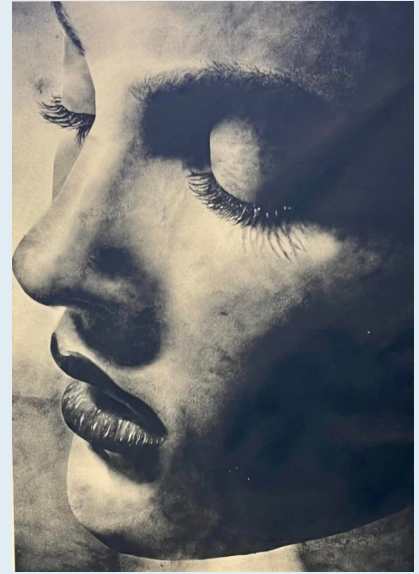
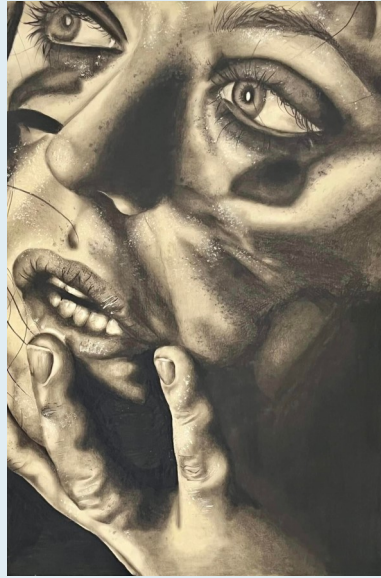
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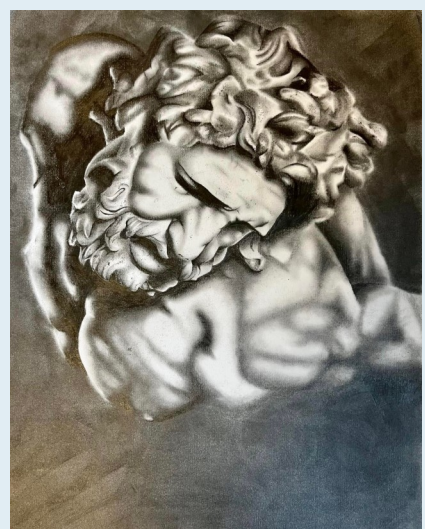
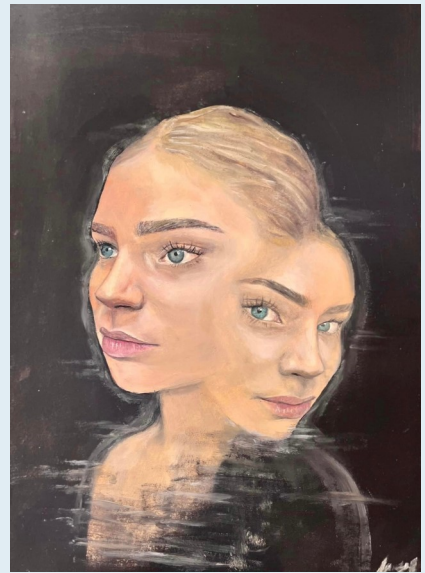
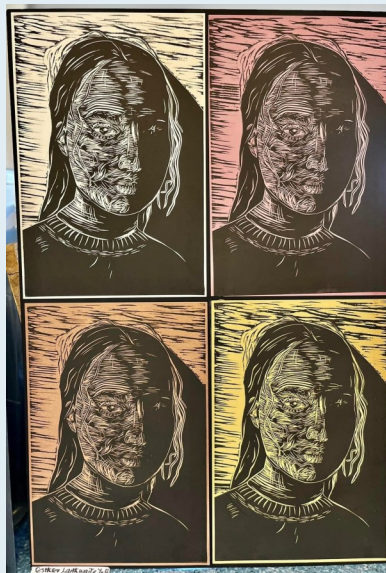
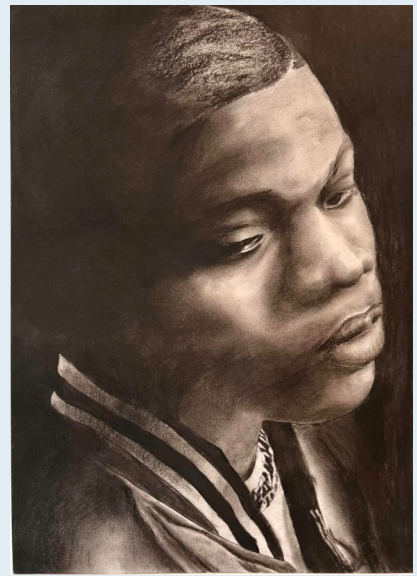
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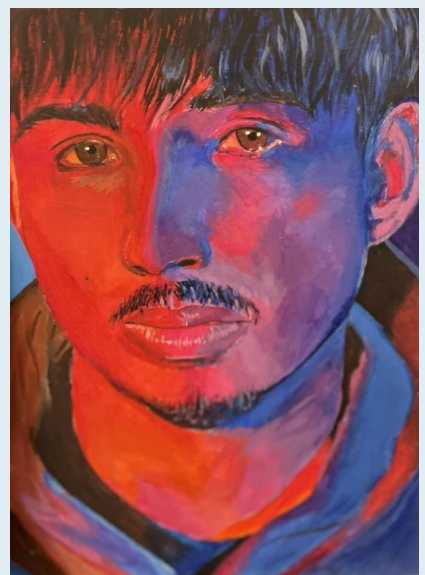
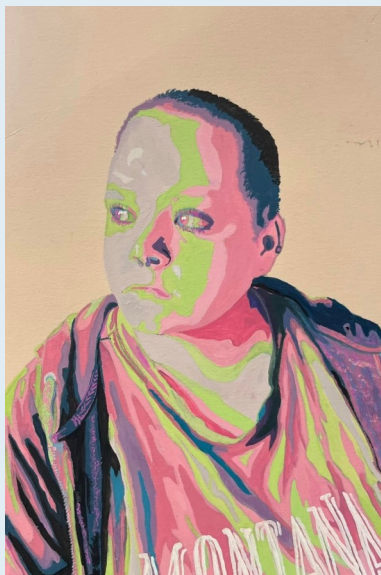
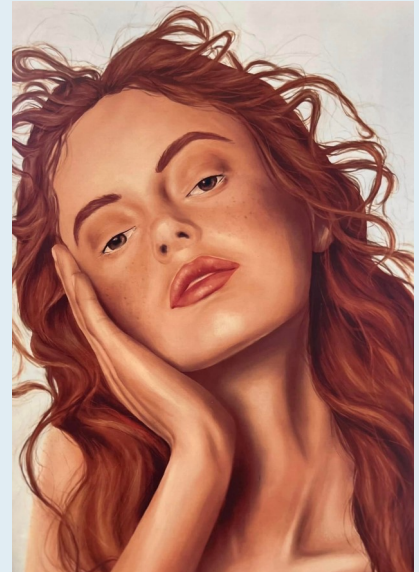
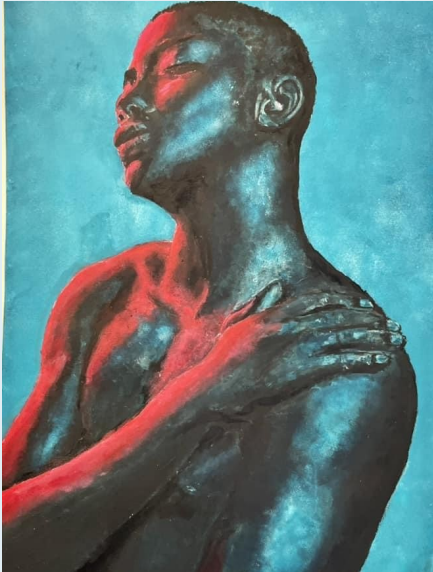
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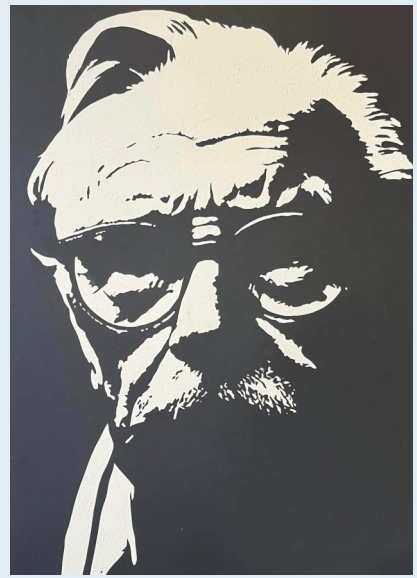
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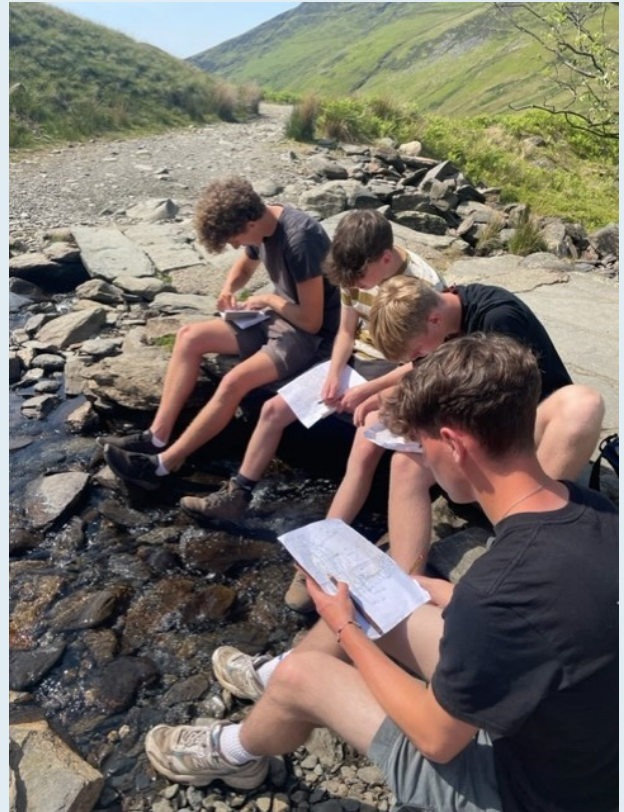


Geology

Year 12 Field Work

The Year 12 geologists took part in 4 days of investigating the wonderful local geology.

From collecting data on glacial deposits, to exploring the metamorphic aureole of the Skiddaw Granite, students produced amazing field sketches, measured the strike and dip of outcrops and applied knowledge from the classroom to the great outdoors. This was a brilliant opportunity for the students to build on what they know and start investigating real world geological situations. The fact that the sun shone for the whole time was just an added bonus!



Geography

Year 10 Field Work

The Year 10 geography students drove up to the source of the Newlands beck, seeing not only the waterfall at the source but also the glacial features of the valley.

They were working towards investigating whether the Newlands beck behaves as it should in geographical terms, and to this end they collected lots of data and (quite literally) threw themselves into the project. The weather was amazing, so wet feet didn't dampen any spirits!



Sports

Cricket



Congratulations to Year 12 student Xander Vasey, who smashed a massive 253 runs for Staffield Cricket Club. His record breaking individual knock came off just 144 balls.

Golf

Well done to Carys for winning the Under 16 Girls Cumbria Schools Golf tournament!



Thanks from the Head Of PE

I hope that your child has been able to seize some of the enriching opportunities available here at QEGS.

This year, there have been over 6,000 competitive playing opportunities, as well as extra-curricular practices and recreational opportunities. These include athletics, badminton, cricket, dance, dodgeball, football, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, netball, rounders, rugby and tennis.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff that have given their time so freely, to allow for the many sporting opportunities throughout the year.

Directly:

Mr M Atkinson, Mr Connor, Mr Baines, Mr Beaty, Mr Davidson, Mrs K. Davies, Mr R. Dawson, Mr A. Dawson, Mr J. Douglas, Mr A. Field, Mr N. Henderson, Mr G. Holmes, Mrs K. Johnston, Mr M. Judge, Mr S. Jones, Miss S. Lamb, Miss N. Marshall, Dr. McConkey, Mr E. Potter, Mr K. Robinson, Mr K. Rinder, Dr. Wareham, Mr Wild, Mr A. Lambert, Mrs E. Wilkinson, Mrs R. Wilson, Miss L. Wilson and Mr J. Wild.

Indirectly:

All staff who supported the opportunities by covering and helping students access academic work that they had missed.

In particular, I would like to try to thank Miss Wilkinson, who has contributed massively to many of the extra-curricular activities directly and indirectly. In particular, she has guided extra-curricular netball for the last 30 years, giving up countless hours running practices, matches and tours. Her expertise, passion and enthusiasm for the game will be sorely missed. Words cannot express how much her efforts are and have been appreciated by so many.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alastair Worth
(Head of PE - QEGS Penrith)

Sports

Football

Fantastic Four!

QEGS took four football teams to Brunton Park, with all four returning as City Cup winners.

First off were the Year 7 girls with a hard fought 2-1 win over Trinity.

The Year 9 girls beat Newman 3-1 in a dominant display.

The Year 10 girls completed the girls hat-trick with a 2-0 win over Trinity.

The Year 9 boys worked hard to recover from going behind early, to draw 1-1 with Central. In a dramatic penalty shootout all the QEGS penalties were converted to bring the fourth trophy home.



Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2023 - 2024

Tuesday 5th September – School begins *Y7 & Y12 ONLY*

Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October

Half Term Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

SPRING TERM 2023 - 2024

Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2023- 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Confirmed Staff Training Dates:

Public Holidays :

Monday 4th September

Monday 25th December

Tuesday 26th December

Monday 1st January

Friday 29th March

Monday 1st April

Monday 6th May

Monday 27th May

Monday 26th August

Timings of the School Day

08.50 - 9.05	Registration with tutor	
09.05 - 10.05	Period 1	
10.05 - 10.20	1st BREAK	Food will be served
10.20 - 11.20	Period 2	
11.20 - 12.20	Period 3	
12.20 - 12.35	2nd BREAK	Food will be served
12.35 - 13.35	Period 4	
13.35 - 14.45	LUNCH	Food will be served in the canteen and snack bar
14.45 - 15.45	Period 5	
15.45 - End of School		