



**Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students** took part in an inspiring opera workshop last week, run by [Fenwold Opera](#), a performing opera group led by a former student of QEGS, George Elson. The workshop began with a challenging singing session to get everyone engaged and to find their voice. Students were then invited to perform pieces they have been learning for their GCSE performance and receive expert feedback from the professionally trained musicians. Our student performers shone with confidence and skill, receiving very high praise and recognition from our guests. The workshop concluded with an educational talk exploring the key features of Baroque opera and oratorio, supporting students' GCSE studies. To finish, Fenwold Opera treated students to a preview of excerpts from their production of Handel's *Hercules* — a fantastic insight into professional opera performance. The morning was a truly brilliant and memorable musical experience.

This week all students sitting external exams will receive the first copy of their **Summer Exam Timetable**. These need to be checked carefully and any concerns to be sent to Mrs Kemp, Examinations Officer. These timetables give the date of the exam and whether they are morning or afternoon. A more detailed timetable will be issued before Easter which will have the exact start times and rooms listed along with any access arrangements that students may have.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the non-uniform day in support of Wellbeing in school, we have raised £955 to date.

A reminder that the **Td/IPV & Men ACWY** catch-up vaccinations will take place for Year 9 students on **Friday 6 March 2026**. Please read the attached letter and either give or decline your acceptance for this vaccination to be administered.

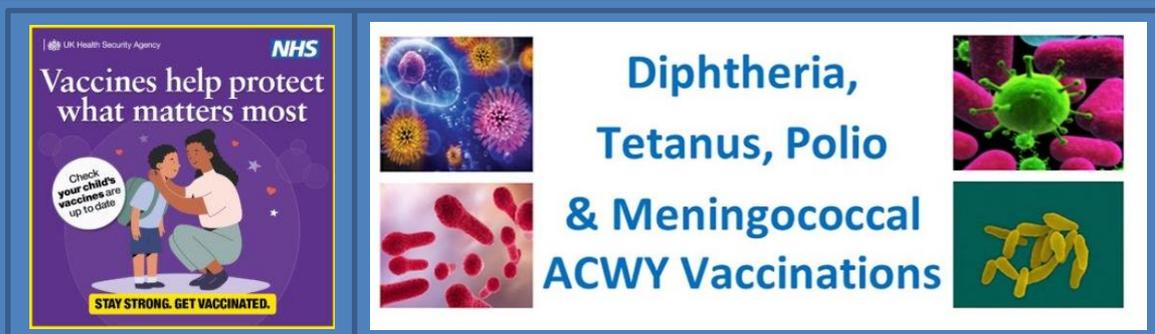
To book your ticket to the **Alford Elizabethans' Annual Dinner** on **9 May 2026** - Sofie Bell of the Mablethorpe Ice Cream Company will be our guest speaker - click on [bookings](#).

The school breaks up on **Friday 13 February** for the half term break, we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 23 February**. **Saturday School** will resume after the half term break on **28 February**.

*Cor unum, via una*



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



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**STAY STRONG. GET VACCINATED.**

**Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio & Meningococcal ACWY Vaccinations**