

A reminder our **Open Evening** is on **Tuesday 30 June** from 5.30 to 8.30 pm, talks will be scheduled throughout the evening. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

As students near their final exams, could they please drop off **library books** and **locker keys** into the bins provided near the exam hall and/or at reception.



Following the completion of their exams, we wish our Year 11 students well with their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming them back to our **Y12 Induction Day** next **Thursday, 25 June**.

As we near the summer months, could we ask that you read the water safety guidance at the end of this letter, with the proviso to **never jump into open bodies of water** – this can cause cold water shock and impact on your ability to swim.

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR, ALFORD

Warmly invites you to attend our

Open Evening

Tuesday 30 June 2026 from 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm

For further details contact the school: 01507 462403

Water safety

It is important to be aware of the dangers of being around water.

Of all drowning cases in the UK each year, around half of these were during activities such as running, walking, cycling or fishing near the water.

Water in the UK remains cold even on very warm days and if you enter water it could lead to cold water shock.

What to do if you find yourself in water

- don't panic
- float on your back and starfish
- control your breathing
- call for help

[Watch "How to Float: would you know what to do if you were in trouble in the water?" on YouTube](#)

If you find someone in the water

- never enter the water to try to save someone, who will save you?
- call 999 or shout for help
- get information about where you are – use landmarks, lock numbers or describe what you can see
- encourage the person to float or swim on their back
- throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in. If you want to help get them out of the water, lie with your body on the path and reach in with a scarf or branch

Activities near water

- if you are running or walking near water it is always better to do it in a group, not on your own
- be aware of any warning signs
- keep clear of edges – river banks may be unstable and give way
- wear appropriate footwear and clothing
- take a fully charged phone with you and tell someone where you are going
- look out for hazards on the path
- stick to proper paths or routes
- avoid running or walking near water after dark

Advice for the beach

- it's safer to use a life guarded beach during patrolled hours. [You can find your nearest lifeguarded beach on the RNLI website](#)
- always supervise your children near water
- make sure your children know where to go if they get lost and have a meeting point
- check the tides before you go
- beware of rip tides and currents
- look for local signs and flags on display and obey them
- never enter the water after drinking alcohol



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