

20 October 2026

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Awards**:
 

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| Anas A 7C  | Annabelle H 7C | Myles J 7C      |
| Ruby W 7C  | Martha C 7S    | Charlotte H 7S  |
| Robyn H 7S | Haoming L 7S   | Montgomery P 7S |
| Arya W 8C  | Elora O 8S     | Esme T 8S       |
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:
 

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| Chloe V Z 9C | Sophie A 9S     | Evelyn L 9S |
| Tilly C 9T   | Henrietta L 10S |             |
- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Awards**:
 

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| Milan M 7C |
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- The following pupil who has attained their **Departmental Subject Colour**:
 

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| <b>Design Technology</b> | Grace P 11C |
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- The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation**:
 

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| <b>Combined Science</b> | Charlie V 10T    |
| <b>Economics</b>        | Isabella McC 12C |
| <b>Mathematics</b>      | Jamil S 7T       |
- Iris H 7C who won an 85cm qualifier for the Blue Chip National Show Jumping Championships in Buckinghamshire, on her pony Debe.
- Ben W 7S who had received a Medal of Recognition of Being a Great Team Player at Skegness Cricket Club's Annual Presentation.

We are pleased to inform parents and students that Year 8 will be taking part in a session delivered by [Smashed Live](#) on **Thursday 22 October**, an educational programme focusing on alcohol awareness, peer pressure and responsible decision-making. The hour-long session will begin with an engaging theatrical performance following the lives of three teenagers as they navigate real-life challenges involving alcohol. This will be followed by an interactive workshop, giving students the opportunity to reflect on the issues raised and explore how these can affect young people.

The session will focus on several important themes, including:

- The social and emotional reasons why some young people may choose to drink.
- The short-term and long-term effects alcohol can have on young people.
- The influence of peer pressure and social situations on decision-making.
- The importance of resilience and making informed decisions.
- Where young people can seek help and how they can support friends who may be facing challenges.



Well done Iris and Ben on your achievements!



The aim of the session is to provide students with a safe and supportive environment in which to explore these issues, ask questions and develop the knowledge and confidence to make informed, healthy choices. We believe this will be a valuable and thought-provoking opportunity for our Year 8 students, supporting their personal development and helping them navigate the challenges they may encounter as they grow up. For further information about the programme, please visit the [Smashed Live website](#).

A final reminder that the Student Leadership Team are organising a **Fancy-Dress Day** to raise money for the [Make A Wish Foundation UK](#), on the last day this term **Thursday 22 October**. Fancy-dress or non-uniform outfits can be worn, however outfits must be safe and comfortable for a full day's wear. Please adhere to school policy and wear sensible clothes. We suggest a minimum £2 donation, which can be donated through ParentPay, or cash via form tutors on the day. *We would like to encourage all students and staff to take part in this event, and we hope for it to be a fun day for everyone.*

**Advance Notice:** On **Monday 26 October** our school intranet will be unavailable between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm. This is especially important for Year 11 students who may want access to revision lists. To avoid any inconvenience, we suggest that these are downloaded before the Monday.

A reminder that **Y11 Mock Exams** start on **Monday 2 November**, individual timetables will be distributed to students.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on **Sunday 8 November**, our Head Boy and Head Girl will be representing the school at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday at 10.00 am. The school will be selling poppies around school prior to this event, in support of the [Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026](#), *cash only donations*.

Our **Y9 Parents' Evening** is on **Tuesday 10 November** (4.30 – 7.30 pm) in the school hall. An appointments sheet is attached to this letter (and has been distributed to pupils); we suggest that a gap of 5 minutes is left between appointments. Please note that pupils are welcome to attend with you but, if they do so, they must wear full school uniform. I do hope to see you there.

We will be holding our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Thursday 26 November**. This is an excellent opportunity for our **Year 11** students to learn more about the wide range of courses we offer in our Sixth Form. The evening will start at 6.00 pm. Attached is an invitation to the evening with further details, however if you have any queries regarding our Sixth Form in the interim, please do contact either myself or Head of Sixth Form, Mr Lavender at [p.lavender@queenelizabeths.co.uk](mailto:p.lavender@queenelizabeths.co.uk). *We look forward to welcoming you.*

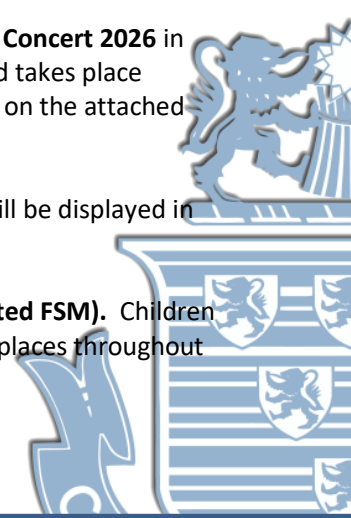
**Calling all musicians:** We're searching for talented students to be part of our magical **Christmas Concert 2026** in December. The annual QEGS Christmas Concert is one of the highlights of the festive season and takes place **Wednesday 16 December at 6.30 pm** in the Main Hall. Details on how to audition can be found on the attached poster, including a submission date.

The **Streateries Autumn and Winter Lunch Menu** has now been updated, a copy of the menu will be displayed in the school canteen and a copy is attached for your information.

The **Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)** eligibility remains linked to **Targeted Free School Meals (Targeted FSM)**. Children and young people who are eligible for Targeted FSM will continue to be eligible for HAF-funded places throughout the school year.



On sale in  
school from  
Monday 2  
November.

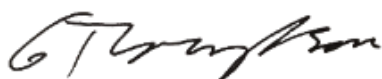


Children who previously accessed the HAF may no longer be eligible, because their family circumstances no longer meet the Targeted FSM threshold. We recognise this change may impact some families. Where families are no longer eligible for HAF-funded places, they may be entitled to:

- Tax-Free Childcare - [Tax-Free Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)
- Universal Credit Childcare Support - [Universal Credit Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)
- Local holiday provision and childcare schemes [Lincolnshire Family Services Directory](#)

And finally, the school breaks up this **Thursday, 22 October** for the term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 2 November** for Term 2 of the Autumn Term.

*Cor unum, via una*



Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR, ALFORD

*warmly invites you to attend our*

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
from 6.00 - 8.00 pm*





# FANCY DRESS UP DAY

Get creative, dress up and  
end term in style!

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

BRING IN A DONATION OF

**£2**

OR PAY ON PARENT PAY

Let's make it a  
spooktacular end to term!