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Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

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

Iria H 7C	Mia S 7C	Violette B 7S	Ava L 7S
Erin M 7S	George R 7S	Eva T-S 7S	Trent W 7S
Agnes C 7T	Connor D 7T	Olive H 7T	Daisy S-B 7T
Eryn S 7T	Jason S 7T	Soren W 7T	Talia A 8C
Annie B 8C	Ellis R 8C	Honey C 8S	Bradley F 8S
Ben G 8S	Sophia M 8S	Noah T 8S	Layan A 8T
Amy B 8T	Janka G 8T	Clem McD 8T	

- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:

William B 9C	Harry L 9S	Eliza C 9T	Izzy G 9T
Herbie L 9T	Alessia N 9T	Olivia W 9T	Frankie C 10C
Sarah C 12S			

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

Annabelle H 7C	Ruby W 7C	Martha C 7S	Isabelle Li 7S
John M 7S	Montgomery P 7S	Toby G 7T	Rhys L 7T
Alexa O 8C			

- The following pupils who have attained their **Departmental Subject Colour:**

Art	Jessica W 10T	Alma A 11T
Photography	Lilly-Rose J 12S	

- The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation:**

Combined Science	Henrietta L 10S	
Mathematics	Connor D 7T	Sophie A 9S

- Freddie P 10S who has joined the Regional Performance Squad training after successfully gaining a place on the programme, run by the International Topper Class Association. He will be training over the winter, alongside other top sailors from other regions.

A reminder that our **Year 9 Parents' Evening** is this evening.

Our school was represented at the Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday, where one of our Year 13 students, K-J P 13T, read a poem which she had written, and our student leaders placed a wreath. The school will hold a 2-minute silence tomorrow, **Wednesday 11 November** at **11.00 am** to mark **Remembrance Day**, in honour of those who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2.





Well done Freddie on your achievement!

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. *We look forward to welcoming you.*

Our **Year 9 Stay Safe Day** will be held on **Monday 30 November**, details are attached for your information.

The annual **QEGS Christmas Concert** is one of the highlights of the festive season and will take place **Wednesday 16 December** at **6.30 pm** in the Main Hall, with a request for a retiring donation on the evening.

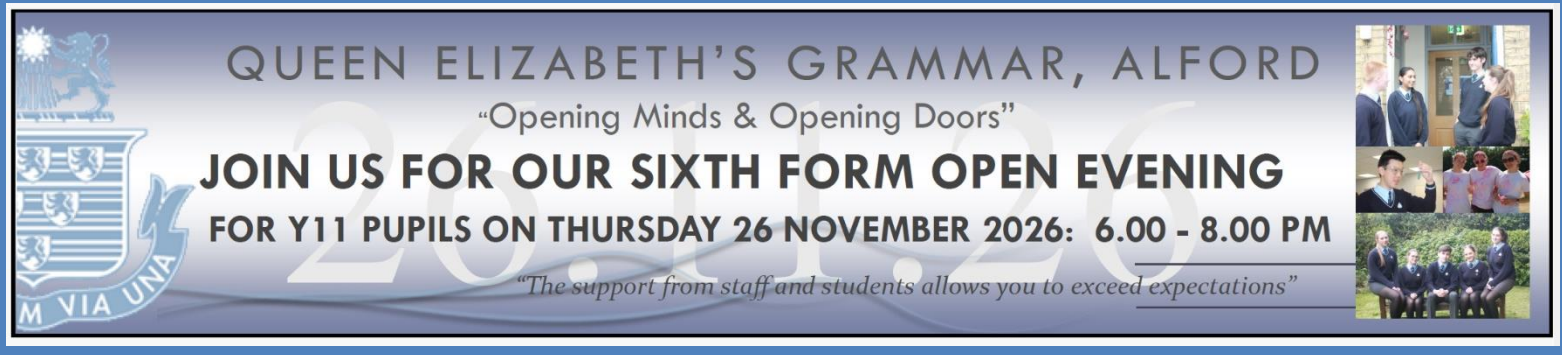
Christmas Lunch will be served on **Wednesday 16 December** (Cecil - 12.00 pm, Spanning - 12.30 pm, Travers - 1.00 pm), please ensure that your child has enough credit on their ParentPay *'School Lunch Fund'* should they wish to join in with the festivities. A Christmas Lunch menu is attached for your information.

Lincolnshire County Council wish to remind you that they a have a rolling advert for the position of **School Crossing Patrol Officers**, which includes West Street, Alford and Wainfleet Road, Burgh le Marsh. You can view their advert by clicking on: School Crossing Patrol. **The closing date is *Sunday 15 November 2026*.**

Applications are open, for the new role of **School Administrator and Exams Officer** (incorporating the Clerk to Governors role) and **Site Caretaker**. If either of these appointments are of interest and you would like to initially discuss with me, please do contact Mrs Duff who will arrange an appointment. Current job specification and application forms can be found at: Vacancies

Cor unum, *via una*

Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



Remembrance Poem

Every year, we sit together
Silent and thoughtful –
Remembering, grieving, imagining.
We think of soldiers too young,
Of lives too soon ended,
Of the horrors and pains of war.
Lest we forget, echoed year after year.
Lest we forget they gave their lives for ours.
Every year, I sit alone with my thoughts,
Surrounded by a faceless crowd,
Forced to consider
How war ruins the best of us.
Worn down, trapped in their own minds,
Our soldiers suffer – blind, limbless, lost.
Let us not think only of ours lost,
But of all of those that sacrificed,
Be it the victors or not.
Nothing is fair in war,
So we must remember with love –
Every soldier is made from a son, a daughter,
A mother, a father, a sibling.
Before they were soldiers,
They were people. Children.
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The silence ends, the crowd stirs,
We step back into the light.
We carry them with us always.
So let us stand together now,
Not just to weep for what was lost,
But to build a better world
Where children never lose the hope in their eyes.

A senseless spark, a rash reaction,
Escalating till the cause is forgotten,
Snares trap strangers until sides are taken,
Lines are drawn, and war begins.

By KJP (Y13)