

4 November 2025

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Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

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

Annie Boulton 7C	Alexa Oner 7C	Erik Burnett 7S
Honey Chappell 7S	Mason Sinclair 7S	Noah Tucker 7S
Amy Bedford 7T	Jacob Crossan 7T	Grace Davies 7T
Kenni Santini 7T	Erika Seagrave 7T	Lola Spencer 7T
Edward Whitehead-Binch 7T	Manha Muneer 8C	Amelia Stinson 8C
Eliza Coxon 8T		

- The following pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:

Sophie Foster 9C	Charlotte Proudfoot-Thurston 9C	Summer McGarrigle 9C
Matilda Simpson 9C	Harrison Smith 10C	Amelia Van Zyl 10C
Oliver White 10C	Jack Whitehouse 11C	Sarah-Jayne Carpenter 11S

- The following pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:

Ezgi Icbayun 8C	Alessia Nicassio 8T
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- The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation**:

English	Thomas Willey 8C	
English Literature	Amelia Van Zyl 10C	Gabriel White 10T
Mathematics	Charlotte Proudfoot-Thurston 9C	

Form representatives for have been appointed for the Lower School. Student leadership is very strong at Queen Elizabeth's and form representatives play an important role. They represent their form on the Student Council, which is chaired by **Zak Stuart** (Head Boy) and **Ella Toyne** (Head Girl), supported by **Morti Woodhall** (Deputy Head Boy) and Veronika Berezutska (Deputy Head Girl), Shrika Danda (Head of Houses) and our House Captains, **Ruby Morley** and **Callum Smith** in **Cecil**, **Max Palmer** and **Lily-Rose Sherry** in **Spanning**, **Amelia Pears** and **Annika Danda** in **Travers**. Working with their tutor and senior students they act as role models, organising fund-raising activities such as fêtes and charity week.

	Year 7			Year 8		
	7C	7S	7T	8C	8S	8T
Form Rep.	Olli Vickers	Erik Burnett	Hugo Thompson	Thomas Willey	Emily Cooper	Alessia Nicassio
Deputy Form Rep.	Arya Wilkinson	Finley Heath	Mia Kitchen	Emma Smith	Skye Little	Adam Al Barazanchi
Wellbeing Rep.	Francesca Norbron	Noah Tucker	Erika Seagrave	Sebastian Squires	Sophie Agu	Eliza Coxon
Girls' Sport Captain	Isla Collingwood	Esme Tacey	Amy Bedford	Amelia Stinson	Evelyn Lovelle	Izzy Gains
Boys' Sport Captain	Stanley Bryan	Max Leighton	Edward Whitehead-Binch	Sid Brown	Bradley Rudd	Max Whittaker



As you are aware, we use Unifrog to support our students in planning for their future careers. Recently, Unifrog have updated their parental accounts so you can keep track of the careers interactions that your child is completing in school. To activate this, you need to register here <https://email.unifrog.org/t/r-l-tkjhirkt-pxhujtpt-i/> with the email address we have registered at school. If you have any issues accessing this, please contact our Careers Advisor Mr Agorini V.Agorini@queenelizabeths.co.uk who will be able to help.

Poppies will be on sale this week in school at break and lunchtimes, your child will need cash if they wish to purchase a poppy in support of the [British Legion](#).

The **music department** offers a variety of clubs and ensembles open to all interested students; a copy of the timetable for this term is attached.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is on **Tuesday 11 November**, we attach a copy of the booking form, which has been handed out to students to make appointments for the evening.

We extend a warm welcome to parents and students to our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Thursday 27 November** from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm and hope you will join us.

And finally, we would like to extend our congratulations to Ms Aitkenhead, our school secretary, and integral member of our Reception team who got married over the half term break and will now be known as Mrs Holden.

Cor unum, via una



Mr G Thompson
Headteacher



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR, ALFORD

warmly invites you to attend our

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 27th November 2025
from 6.00 - 8.00 pm





JUST ANOTHER.....

Just another son with a passion to help his country
Just another mother who needs his company
Just another son who wants to go to be part of the action
Just another mother who is scared about what will happen

Just another name signed on a list
Just another mother who is crying into her fist
Just another uniform that signs lives away
Just another gun to cause terror and dismay

Just another house filled with nothing but old memories
Just another mother who just wants her son oh please, please, please
Just another letter – proof that he is alive
Just another day filled with pain, and worry and strife

Just another knock on the door, that's rare
Just another officer doing his job, delivering pain and despair
He is stood at the door, but doesn't say a word, not even one
He doesn't have to, for she knows that it is her son that has gone.

P Chapman (Year 9)



WAR REMEMBRANCE POETRY

Here we gather today.....
to celebrate those who gave their lives away.
Those who fought bravely for our freedom.
Those who gave the blood, sweat, tears, spark and soul,
While asking for nothing in return.

Side by side
they marched along
not soldier by soldier,
but brother by brother
with pride they faced their fate.

Who you were never mattered
for there was no 'I' or 'me'
only we
as they fought onward
united in their cause.

The blood had all been shed
they who were left sunk down by the dead
the war they had won,
but at what cost
that of widowed wives and lost lives.

Behind them bloomed a scene of beauty
a field of poppies
soon to be picked
an pinned on our clothes
and stuck to our landmarks.

For there is no memory more majestically macabre
than of those who came before
those who fought our war
and those who united to make our British nation great.

C Proudfoot-Thurston (Year 9)



THE GAME OF WAR

I lean over the muddy side,
Shoot the gun into the sky
A deafening scream..... I think I know why?
A sickening feeling fills my mind.

Everyone's laughing, everyone's fine.
Everyone's chatting..... I don't know why?
No-one cares that someone's just died
I killed a man, who am I?

A father, a brother, a husband, a sone
What have I done?
A vet, a builder, a teacher, a doctor
Who could they have become?

This is no young man's game;
No game for the weak or strong,
No game for the big or small
No game for the right or wrong
This is no game at all.

H Aicken (Year 9)



From the Archives'

From time to time, we will include an excerpt from our school archives, which I hope you will find of interest and will enable our current students and families to connect with our school's past. If you have any past information you would like to share, it would be gratefully received to add to our archives.

Halloween

My brain's alive, my body's tired
All imaginations fired
Something tapes the window-pane;
A shadow passes down the lane
Makes me frightened more and more.
Eventually I go to sleep
And dream I'm hearing someone creep
Through the hallway, up the stairs;
Spooks are haunting midnight airs.

P Quantrell (11A): Alfordian 1961

November 5th

The bonfire ignites, filling the field
With her glow of colours;
Crimson, yellow and golden flames
Dance and wave to the sky
Like demons chasing a bird.
The smoke curls up in a spiral pattern to the sky
And dwindles away into darkness.
Suddenly a light of four colours
Emerges, a Roman Candle;
It juggles four balls and disappears
On the shadowed ground.
More fireworks are lit and a sparkler
is handed to a small child.
A myriad of colours appears
As a rainbow fountain explodes in the bonfire's rays.
The vision disappears and the fire dies away.

J Lowe (1Y): Alfordian 1975

