



Dear Families,

It has been a long and productive term! As Christmas draws near, this is an excellent opportunity to reflect on some of the positive achievements of the students since September. They have adapted beautifully to the new curriculum and seized the opportunities presented to them with grace, excitement and enthusiasm. We now have Forest School running for many of our students; vocational pathways and Duke of Edinburgh Award are followed by our Post-16 learners; new qualification options are in place for KS4 learners; and many of our groups with a higher level of need are educated in class-based groups.

As a school we are absolutely committed to offering new and exciting opportunities to our students that help them develop the independence they need for later life. This includes residential visits and as part of this Year 7 stayed at Whitemoor Lakes recently. The visit was a great success with all students having a wonderful time. Visits for all other year groups will happen next year: a Youth Hostel trip for Year 8; the annual Standon Bowers visit for Year 9; a new trip for Year 10 taking part in Adventure activities; the France trip for Year 11; and the annual Ashbourne trip for post-16. We also have the wonderful ski trip early next year that a large number of children continue to benefit from greatly. These trips represent an important part of our work in helping students develop a range of wider skills to equip them for successful adult life.

I am proud to lead Queen's Croft High School. I believe the school offers wonderful opportunities to our students and gives them chances in life they would not otherwise have. Working with all my colleagues, I am constantly seeking new ways to improve our offer even further and look forward to further discussions with parents and carers in moving this forward.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Peter Hawksworth
Headteacher

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S CROFT

Friends of Queen's Croft are a group of parents and staff who support fundraising activities for the school. The funds are used to provide and support the 'extras' not covered by the school budget.

Historically friends have paid for the London Eye and Big Bus experience for all Year 11 on their residential trip. This ensures costs to families are kept to a minimum.

In recent Years Friends of Queen's Croft have paid for house visits for Post 16 residential; and contributed to the Key Stage 4 France trip. Again reducing costs for families.

Annually friends pay for the stretch limo and disco for the leaver's prom night, this celebrates those students as they begin their next journey in their adult life. A large contribution was made to help purchase the lighting system in the main hall; this is used as for our productions and performances.

Each summer we provide the refreshments at sports day (fruit kebabs and doughnuts are a real favourite!)

The committee members come together 5 times a year and meeting last no longer than an hour. Membership currently consists of the parents of students in Post 16 and as such they will be leaving the group, unfortunately this will deplete the group by half.

Our next meeting will be held on 11th January 2017. If you wish you are more than welcome to attend. Please see Yvonne Edwards who is the chairman. She can be contacted via the school number: 01543 510669 or email:

y.edwards@queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOOD



Students across the school have been baking in time for Christmas. 8G have been baking, designing and constructing gingerbread houses.

Equally Year 10 food option group have worked hard baking, designing and decorating a large Christmas cake each.



Whilst class A and class 10B have decorated their cakes to compliment the scheme of work 'journeys and transport'.



QUEEN'S CROFT CAVERN

Queen's Croft is embarking on an exciting new venture as part of our new Key Stage 5 Pathways. The opening of the shop, 'Queen's Croft Cavern' in late January 2017.

We are currently stocking this project and if any parents/carers wish to contribute we would be grateful for any of the following items:

- Bric-a-brac
- Unwanted Christmas Presents
- Good quality used clothing (washed please)
- Jewellery
- Handbags
- Books