



# QUEEN'S CROFT HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st July 2017

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### KEY DIARY DATES

#### September 2017

4th INSET day (no children in school)  
5th INSET day (no children in school)  
6th School opens for students  
27th Open Day for Prospective Parents  
28th Awards Evening, 7.00pm

#### October 2017

6th School Photographs  
12th Governors' FF&R Sub-Committee, 6.30pm  
18th Year 7 Coffee Afternoon, 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
20th School closes for Half Term  
30th School opens  
31st Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm

#### November 2017

14th KS4 Parents Consultation, 4.00pm - 6.00pm  
15th Leavers Annual Reviews  
20th - 21st Year 7 Whitmoor Lakes  
22nd Leavers Annual Reviews  
23rd Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm  
29th Leavers Annual Reviews

#### December 2017

6th Leavers Annual Reviews  
7th KS3 and Complex Needs Panto  
11th KS4 Careers Evening  
15th KS3 Assembly  
18th Carol Concert  
19th Christmas Dinner  
19th End of Term

#### January 2018

3rd School opens

#### INSET DATES

24th July 2017  
25th July 2017  
4th September 2017  
5th September 2017  
26th January 2018  
12th April 2018  
13th April 2018

### WMSSSA Cricket Tournament

The final WMSSSA sporting event of the year took place on Thursday as Queen's Croft took on 7 other schools in the annual WMSSSA Cricket tournament. Our team comfortably made the semi-finals where we came up against



Hednesford Valley. Some

excellent fielding and batting resulted in a 50 run victory over 10 overs and set up a final against West Croft. In the final Queen's Croft started slowly but soon got into their groove, and took 13 wickets over the 10 overs because of some excellent fielding. This was followed by a strong batting performance, and Queen's Croft eased to a comprehensive 60 run victory. Queen's Croft were champions and successfully retained the trophy we won last year. Well done to all pupils involved.

**Mr Capewell**  
**Head of P.E.**

### Year 11 Trip to France

32 pupils and staff enjoyed a fun-packed week last week in the Aisne department of Northern France. Cultural highs included a visit to the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Reims where all the French kings were crowned. We also visited the second largest American war memorial in France, which was local to the Gite and was particularly poignant as 2017 marks the 100 year anniversary of the American entry into WW1. We also enjoyed lots of downtime splashing in the pool on site, picnicking round a local lake and of course enjoying the thrills and spills that Parc Asterix has to offer. Thanks go to the Lichfield Lions, the Lichfield Round Table and the Swinfen Broun Trust who all helped to make the trip possible, and of course a huge 'well done' to all the children who were superb advocates for Queen's Croft, with some even managing to practice their language skills – Très Bien!



## Academisation Working Party

We are still keen to hear from any parents who would like to join our academisation working party. This will offer us the opportunity to investigate potential options around academisation, and the viewpoint of any interested parents would be greatly appreciated.

**Mr Hawksworth**  
**Headteacher**

## Official Opening of the Sensory Playground

On Tuesday 18th July we had the pleasure of welcoming the Mayor of Lichfield, Councillor Mrs Janice Greaves, to officially open the Sensory Playground outside Class A. The Arch Deacon of Lichfield, Venerable Simon Baker, also attended, together with representatives from Medizen and the Mary Slater Charity, who kindly made donations towards the development of the new playground.



## Message from Chair of Governors

Dear All

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of another academic year!

It has been another year where students have grown and excelled, where staff have demonstrated passions and some very artful practice, and where many members of the wider Queen's Croft Community have made some very special contributions.

As a family, my wife, daughters and I are all moving back to Hampshire this summer. It is therefore with real regret that I will be resigning from the post of Chair of Governors, effective at the end of this summer term. So although I will miss so many things about Queen's Croft, I know that Governance is in a good place, and will be further strengthened under the skilled and passionate leadership of Katy Hope.

All schools face some real challenges as the political and economic environment continues to change. Our approach at Queen's Croft has been to professionalise the school so that we can continue to do the best that we can for our students, and whatever challenges lie ahead. I think the school has much to do in the coming year as it continues to build on its many strengths, develops its many services, adds new much needed functions, and starts to engage with the opportunities that Academisation will bring ..... however we are now well placed to continue on a great journey.

So finally can I thank my fellow governors and members of the school senior leadership team for supporting our many work activities, for challenging our suggestions so constructively, and most importantly always embracing the many passions we share at Queens Croft.

All the best

Javed Bhatti  
Chair of Governors at Queens Croft

## Transport to Liberty

Unfortunately, as of September 2017, Queen's Croft will be unable to offer transport to Liberty Youth Club on a Tuesday evening, but we are working alongside Liberty to try to look at transport for the future. Youth club takes place on the same evening as staff training and this has had a huge impact on staff continuous personal development this year.

We hope you will still continue to take your children to Liberty Youth Club as it provides fantastic opportunities for our young people.

## Bungee Jump

We have received a very kind donation of a bungee jump in Tamworth. If you would be interested in this activity, please contact Mrs Gregory to offer a donation which will be added to the Mitchell Huckfield crowdfunding.

## 9B Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

9B had a lovely day on Monday visiting West Midlands Safari Park. We saw some fantastic animals and enjoyed visiting the dinosaurs. The children were a credit to us all. Well done 9B!!



## 5K Run for Mitchell Huckfield Crowdfunding

Eliana completed a 5K run (25 laps of the school field) on Thursday 20th July and she has raising an amazing £410 for the Mitchell Huckfield crowdfunding. Well done Eliana!

## St Johns Car Park

We have received notification that St Johns will be locking their car park from September 2018 when school returns from the summer break. This will clearly have a significant impact on the parking situation at school. We will be doing everything we can to manage the situation.