



# QUEEN'S CROFT HIGH SCHOOL

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th October 2017

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### KEY DIARY DATES

#### October 2017

- 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
- 14th KS4 Careers Evening, 4.00pm - 6.30pm
- 15th Leavers Annual Reviews
- 20th - 21st Year 7 Whitemoor 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
- 15th KS3 Assembly
- 18th Carol Concert
- 19th Christmas Dinner
- 19th End of Term

#### January 2018

- 3rd School opens
- 23rd Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
- 26th INSET day (no children in school)

#### INSET DATES

26th January 2018  
12th April 2018  
13th April 2018

### Harvest Assembly

A big thank you to everyone who supported us for this years harvest. All the food has been donated to Lichfield Foodbank in Wade Street.



*Mrs Gregory and Miss Speck*  
**Charities Council**

### Aberdovey Trip



The time spent in Aberdovey at the Outward Bound Trust Centre was extremely rewarding. Mr Huckfield and I took a group of Year 10 and 11 pupils for a week of outdoor pursuits.

At some point in the week, all members of the party, staff included, found themselves outside their comfort zone. Will, our Instructor, was perceptive and pitched the activities at the optimum level for each individual. It was most enlightening to see how each member of the group coped with their personal challenges.

Everyone had the chance to work as a member of a team and reflect on their performance and that of their peers as well. Canoeing down the River Dovey Estuary in torrential rain and staying the night in a remote hillside lodge are experiences which none of us will forget. Sometimes it is good to get back to basics and recognise that people used to exist without electricity, running water or toilets. The conversation we had around the table was both interesting and entertaining.



Almost every pupil who attended the residential took time to comment on a view or the beauty of their surroundings. They all entered into the philosophy of the centre and have developed as a consequence.

Well done!

**Mr Hough**

### Queen's Retreat Cafe



The Queen's Retreat Cafe is open again for breakfast, between 8.00am and 8.40am, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We offer breakfast cereal, toast, crumpets and breakfast biscuits along with fresh coffee and a variety of teas as well as milk shakes and hot chocolate.



## Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Once again we are supporting the Operation Christmas Child Appeal and filling shoe boxes with small gifts to be sent overseas to children that don't have Christmas presents.

We are trying to fill one shoe box per class and so if you would like to help with this lovely idea, please send in your contribution with your child. Your child will have a letter about what is accepted to go in the box.

If you feel that you would like to fill a box yourselves, as a family, please collect a box and a leaflet from the school office.

The charity also need donations of money to help transport the boxes so that is another way that you can show your support if you would like. Please send any money in a labelled envelope to your child's class.

**Mrs Ulanowski and Mrs Latimer**  
**TA and HLTA**

## Care to Limbo

This week in assembly Key Stage 4 have been taking part in the Care to Limbo campaign by showing off their limbo skills! The idea behind the campaign is for people to have a go at the limbo, donate to one of the four nominated charities and then nominate others to take part in the fun! After our success this week we would now like to nominate Key Stage 5 to show us what they've got next!

**Mr Capewell**  
**Head of Key Stage 4**



## Caudwell Children Charity

Caudwell Children Charity offers a wide range of different support services across Staffordshire to children with special needs and disabilities and their families; services ranging from treatment, therapy and equipment services to family support via signposting and short break activities.

For further information regarding the services they offer, please visit their Youth Zone at:

<http://www.caudwellchildrenkids.com/>

## Skiing Lessons



Pupils in Year 9 had the opportunity to go to the Snowdome for skiing lessons this week as part of the schools outdoor educational programme. Some pupils were a little nervous, but they all gave it a go and made good progress. Well done!

**Mr Capewell**  
**Head of PE**

## The Adventures of Jasper

Jasper has a new friend to keep him company.... Marlo



## Queen's Cavern



**Now Open**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
9.30 - 12.00 1.30 - 3.00

*Everyone Welcome!*

