

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th December 2017

Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth

KEY DIARY DATES

December 2017

18th Christmas Dinner
19th Carol Concert, St Michael's Church, 10.30am
19th End of Term

January 2018

3rd School opens
3rd Friends of Queen's Croft meeting, 7.00pm
(Duke of York Pub Function Room, Lichfield)
16th Awards Evening, 6.00pm - 7.00pm
23rd Governors' FFR Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
26th INSET day (no children in school)

February 2018

6th Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
6th KS3 Class Based Parents Consultation
13th KS3 Subject Based Parents Consultation
16th School closes for Half Term
26th School opens

March 2018

3rd - 11th Ski Trip
5th - 9th Year 8 Lea Green Residential
13th Post-16 Parents' Consultation
22nd Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm
29th End of Term

April 2018

12th INSET day (no children in school)
13th INSET day (no children in school)
16th School opens

INSET DATES

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

Lost Mobile Phone

A mobile phone has been handed into the school office. If your child has lost their phone, please call into the office to claim it.

Post-16 Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to all who attended the Post-16 Christmas Fayre today. We have raised a total of £1,035.00 and all proceeds will be used towards the Post-16 residential trip.



Mrs Edwards
Head of Key Stage 5

Christmas Baking

Pupils in Year 8, Year 10, Year 11 and Complex Needs have been very busy baking gingerbread and Christmas cakes. Well done everyone, they look amazing!



Mrs Underwood
HLTA Food Technology



Class 10A Trip to StarCity

On Thursday 7th December, Class 10A took a Christmas trip to StarCity for a game of bowling and mini golf. All students had a fantastic day and their support for each other shone through on the day. Mrs Smith, Miss Yates and myself are very proud of all of the students and they are all a credit to Queen's Croft.



Mrs Ratcliffe
10A Teacher

Fundraising for Mitchell

The coffee, cake and carols morning raised over £420.00 to support the family of Mitchell. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Elmhurst Ballet School Performance

Students from Elmhurst Ballet School came into school to dance for Year 7 and 8 on Wednesday 6th December. All of the children enjoyed watching their wonderful performance.



Many thanks to the staff and students of Elmhurst Ballet School for coming in to perform for us.

Mr Hawksworth
Headteacher

Christmas Carol Concert - Tuesday 19th December

Children should wear school uniform for the Christmas Carol Concert at St Michael's Church next Tuesday, however they are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform if they would like to.

Queen's Croft Has Got Talent

What an amazing, talented afternoon at 'Queen's Croft Has Got Talent'. The pupils were amazing; they sang, danced and acted their hearts out. It was a tough decision for our judges as they could only choose three winners.

Big congratulations to our 3rd place, Ruby, 2nd place, Melissa and our overall winner, Zak.

Looking forward to more talent in 2018.

Gemma Rhodes
HLTA Communication



Academisation Update from Governors

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Governing Board was convened on 19th October. Headteacher, Peter Hawksworth, and Chair of Governing Board, Katy Hope, would like all parents, carers, representatives and stakeholders to be aware of our strategic plans for Queen's Croft High School moving forward.

We have, for some time, been aware of the changing Local Authority structures which see a move away from support for school leadership, school improvement and the financing of education. For that reason, we have been considering different approaches to the process of academisation.

Several options have been open to Queen's Croft as we move towards a refreshed organisational structure. It is the responsibility of the Governing Board to adopt structures which are futureproof and enhancing to the process of safeguarding, financing, teaching and learning for further generations of young people who have EHCP plans or the equivalent. To that end we have evaluated the options explored to date against specific criteria:

- The desire to work collaboratively with local schools to offer enhanced opportunities for our students in a wider learning community
- The importance of retaining the school's unique and individual identity as a Special School serving Lichfield and the wider community
- The opportunity to benefit financially from membership of a wider group of schools
- Enhancing opportunities for staff development through collaboration on teacher training, leadership development, apprenticeships and other programmes
- A commitment to professionalisation and adoption of best practice techniques in all areas of the school

The Governing Board has charged the Headteacher with the responsibility of further pursuing the establishment of a local Multi Academy Trust, with a view to becoming a founder member of that group. The working title for this project is The Beacon Trust.

The final determination is subject to a rigid process of governance and due diligence. The establishment of the local Multi-Academy Trust requires the approval of the Regional Commissioner for Schools and the authorisation of the Secretary of State for Education. The decision to join that Multi-Academy trust lies with the Governing Board of Queen's Croft High School.

This joint statement is intended to provide a platform from which extensive consultation, timely and audience specific communication will support parents, staff, students, governors, contractors and other stakeholders as we move towards a strategically important change in the organisational framework for this school.

Katy Hope
Chair of Queen's Croft Governing Board

Friends of Queen's Croft - Christmas Events

Wednesday 20th December

Lichfield Round table Santa Sleigh is coming to the Netherstowe area of Lichfield and all proceeds will go to Queen's Croft. If you live in the Netherstowe or Dimbles area, please look out for us between 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. and pop out to meet Santa!

Friday 22nd December

Due to the snowy weather last Sunday, we were unable to do the tombola at the Santa Dash. Therefore, we have secured a market stall in Lichfield Market Square. Come along and have a go whilst you are out Christmas shopping.

Santa Dash

Thank you to all those who entered the Santa Dash on Sunday. I know that many of you were disappointed that you couldn't make it due to the snow.... however the snow must go on and so it did!! Over 200 'Santas' braved the weather and I will follow with a full report on this event next week.

Thank you all for your continued support of 'Friends' and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

With Festive Cheer

Ashley Hall
Chair of Friends of Queen's Croft High School



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The weekly Parent Newsletter is uploaded onto the Queen's Croft High School website every Friday evening. Please visit www.queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk/parents/newsletter and find out the latest news online!