

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**4th May 2018**

**Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth**

**KEY DIARY DATES**

May 2018

7th School closed for May Day  
8th Governors' FFR Sub-Committee, 6.30pm  
14th - 17th Year 10 Hathersage Residential  
14th - 18th Year 9 Standon Bowers Residential  
21st Post-16 Open Evening  
22nd Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm  
25th School closes for Half Term

June 2018

4th School opens  
7th Race for Life  
14th Awards Evening  
20th Sports Day  
21st Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm  
21st Leavers' Assemblies  
21st Leavers' Prom  
22nd Annual Reviews  
27th Post-16 Summer Fayre, 12.45pm - 2.45pm

July 2018

2nd - 6th Year 10 Work Experience  
2nd - 6th Post-16 Ashbourne Residential  
3rd Meet the Teacher Session  
13th KS3 Assembly  
17th School Production Dress Rehearsal  
18th School Production  
19th School Production  
20th School closes

August 2018

23rd GCSE Exam Results

**Ofsted Inspection**

Queen's Croft welcomed HMI Inspectors into the school last Thursday and Friday to complete an Ofsted inspection. We are pleased with the indicative judgement which reflects well on the contribution of our professional staff, Governors, students, parents, carers and other stakeholders. The full report, evaluation and outcomes will be published at the earliest opportunity.

**Mrs Hope**  
**Chair of Governors**

**Mr Hawksworth**  
**Headteacher**

**Post-16 Ashbourne Residential**

A great week was had by all, despite the rather wet weather. The pupils were a credit to the school, they were polite and well mannered when out on day trips and helped each other out with the group tasks of washing and cooking.



All the pupils took part in a 9 mile walk and achieved above and beyond both their and our expectations. They kept their spirits high right up until the end of the walk and were all extremely proud of this

achievement. The only casualty of the day was a lost shoe!

To make up for the walk, the following day we relaxed with a well deserved pub meal and a trip to the cinema. To finish off the week we visited Chatsworth House and gardens, we were all awe struck by the beauty of the grounds and the Land Studies group came back with some big ideas!



**Mrs Dawes**  
**HLTA**

**80 Design & Technology**

80 have completed their peg clip project. They look super and everybody enjoyed making them. Top work folks.

**Mr Stubbs**  
**Head of D&T**



**Let Us Play**

"Let Us Play" is a small registered charity, based in Wolverhampton, providing a new service in conjunction with "Staffordshire Short Breaks". This service is for children with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities between the ages of 5 and 19 years old. Activities include trips out, sports youth clubs, outdoor activities and much more!

Please visit [www.lupwolverhampton.org.uk](http://www.lupwolverhampton.org.uk) or telephone 01902 546258 for further information.

**Makaton Taster Session and Coffee Afternoon**

**Monday 21st May 1pm to 3pm**

**Queenscroft High School**

**For Parents and Carers & Family Members**

This is a great opportunity to understand more about

Makaton and learn some signs.

Please phone the school on 01543 227245

if you would like to book a place.

There are limited spaces

**Gemma Rhodes**

HLTA Communication and Interaction & Makaton Regional Tutor



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Thank you



## Maths



In maths, we have been measuring, comparing and converting units of measure. We have completed a variety of activities which included measuring how far we could throw a water bomb and measuring our heights. We then compared these measurements using addition and subtraction.

Understanding and converting different units of measure is a difficult skill to acquire and all pupils are keen to develop their measuring skills at home.



**Mrs Bradbury**  
**Maths Coordinator**

## Maths at Home

Many parents/carers have asked us how they can help their child at home. We have put together a booklet containing suggestions and activities you can do at home to support learning in maths. These booklets will be sent home with your child in the next few days. If you need any further support, please contact your child's class teacher.



**Mrs Bradbury**  
**Maths Coordinator**

## Race for Life - Thursday 7th June 2018

Race for Life is being held on Thursday 7th June. It is always a huge success and the pupils love to get involved. Sponsor forms will be coming out soon and we will also be running a raffle alongside the sponsorship. We have some fantastic prizes already this year including limited edition merchandise from West Bromwich Albion FC, a family stadium tour at Burton Albion FC, Snowdome vouchers and a £30 voucher for McKenzie's restaurant in Lichfield. Tickets are priced at £1.00 each and will be available to buy from Tuesday 8th May from Miss Bird in Room 2.



We have run the event for the past 5 years, raising a total of £8,500 for Cancer Research so far, which is a fantastic achievement and shows how much the cause means to us all.

On the day of the event, pupils can wear fancy dress and the challenge is to travel around the school field as many times as we can, in whatever way we can. There will be music and refreshments for the pupils to keep them going.

Donations can also be made via our Just Giving page:  
[www.justgiving.com/queenscroft2018](http://www.justgiving.com/queenscroft2018)

Thank you in advance for all your support.

**Miss Bird**  
**Assistant Head Complex Needs and KS5**



## PLANT A PAIR COMPETITION



We are looking for the most creative planted up pair of shoes. We would like as many pupils to get involved as possible. The planted shoes will then be sold and the money raised will support activities for our pupils.

### Instructions

1. Find an old pair of shoes
2. Drill holes in the bottom (so the water can drain).
3. Fill with soil.
4. Plant a plant of your choice.

There will be prizes for everyone that takes part and a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

All planted shoes to be in by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Good luck everyone and thank you for your support.



## Makaton Sign of the Week



### Sign of the Week

30<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

This week's sign is To Work!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #wetalkmakaton to appear on our video wall on [wetalkmakaton.org](http://wetalkmakaton.org)

To Work



Repeated sawing movement on knuckles of non-dominant hand

To Work



We have provided you with these signs and/or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at [justgiving.com/makaton](http://justgiving.com/makaton).

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