

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th May 2018

Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth

KEY DIARY DATES

June 2018

4th	School opens
7th	Race for Life
14th	Awards Evening
20th	Sports Day
21st	Leavers' Assemblies
21st	Leavers' Prom
22nd	Annual Reviews (<i>school closed for normal lessons</i>)
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
5th	Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm
13th	KS3 Assembly
17th	School Production Dress Rehearsal
18th	School Production
19th	School Production
20th	School closes

August 2018

23rd	GCSE Exam Results, 10.00am - 11.00am
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Message from Chair of Governors

Queen's Croft Governing Board met on Tuesday to review the extremely positive outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted that the report finds our school to be a good school where students' behaviour is good and they enjoy behaving considerably. Our students love to learn and to be appropriately challenged. Their pride in being part of Queen's Croft shone through consistently.

Overwhelmingly this conveys a sense that the intentions, interactions and input of every member of the Queen's Croft community are motivated by putting children at the heart of all we do. Thank you to each of you for giving us the chance to encourage and educate your children. I hope you will join the Governing Board in thanking the entire staff for their contribution to the success of the school.

As a Governing Board we will continue to set a clear direction, to challenge and support in line with our vision, values and aims. We want Queen's Croft to be consistently recognised as an exceptional place in which all people can excel.

Mrs Hope
Chair of Governors

Mr Hawksworth
Headteacher

Word Workout

During our English lessons we often play Word Shake and the students love it! You have to use the letters provided in the grid to make as many words as you can. For example; **call** or **head** can both be spelt using the letters in the table. How many words do you think you can make? What is the longest word you can spell? Give it a go and let me know your fantastic results! Thanks to Seb in 7G for the catchy name!

K	H	A	C
U	E	D	L
A	R	W	A
S	S	L	E

Mrs Ratcliffe
Class Teacher

Lichfield Bower - Monday 28th May 2018

Look out for Queen's Croft's float during the Lichfield Bower Parade this half term! The students have been working very hard on their Disney theme, and have been brushing up on their Makaton to entertain the crowds. They also have a special guest joining them - keep an eye out for this guy!



Miss Deakin
Teaching Assistant

Makaton Taster Session

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Makaton Taster Session last week. I hope you found the session useful. There will be another taster session for parents/carers during the Autumn Term if you would like to come along.

Mrs Rhodes
HLTA

9B D&T

9B have made a super job of their African clocks. They look beautiful. Well done everyone

Mr Stubbs
Head of D&T



Bag2School

You will receive a Bag2School collection bag tomorrow to fill with good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. Please return your bag to the Vocational Centre in the school car park before 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 5th June 2018 ready for collection. All monies raised will go to Queen's Croft High School.

Year 9 Standon Bowers Residential



On arrival, pupils were split into teams and took part in a variety of activities, including a blindfolded trial and a night walk across different terrains around the local area.

The sun shone on day 2 and fun was had by all whilst pupils tested themselves physically and mentally. Activities included taking on the low ropes and the climbing wall in the morning, followed by reaching the skies whilst crate stacking and climbing into the man made caves in the afternoon.



The following day the pupils travelled to Alderley Edge to explore one of the prehistoric mining sites in Britain. Some of the pupils were a little apprehensive about the trip, but as soon as they entered the chamber the excitement was evident and by the end of the tour the pupils did not want to leave.

Activities on the final day included bridge building, where small groups used planks of wood to get themselves over a shallow pool of water. During the afternoon, the pupils excelled on the high rope course, where most took on the power fan which involved freefalling from a height attached to a harness!

A big well done to all of the pupils who attended the Standon Bowers residential and a huge thank you to the staff for your support and hard work.

Mr Huckfield
HLTA

Post-16 Cookery Club

Post-16 Wednesday cooking club had a veritable feast this week with an array of Indian cuisine, all of which were produced from the charitable donations provided by Tesco.



The Hospitality group worked hard to come up with their own recipes from the donated items, which included a mild vegetable curry, raita and cucumber and even home made naan bread.

This was then followed by pear and cherry crumble with home made custard.

All who attended marked it 10/10 for flavour and creativity.

Mrs Rainbow
Teaching Assistant

Maths at Home

The holidays are here and we are encouraging all of our students to take their maths skills outside the classroom. There are some ideas in the Maths At Home booklets sent home recently or you could:



- Ask them to count items – number of red cars on a journey, the amount of daisies they can collect, ducks in the park or the amount of people in a queue.
- During a visit to the shops, ask them to work out how much two of an item would cost or how much change you will receive.
- Car journeys are brilliant for telling the time – What time did we set out? What time have we arrived? How long did the journey take?

Most of all, make it fun! Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Bradbury
Maths Lead

Year 10 Hathersage Residential

A big well done to all who attended the KS4 residential to Hathersage. This was our first visit to this venue and I anticipate it will not be the last. The accommodation was comfortable, while the fact that we were the only guests was ideal. Travelling around the Peak District for the activities simply reinforced our impression that the area is absolutely beautiful.

Everyone in the group faced up to challenges such as abseiling off a viaduct (19 of the party of 24 participated), caving in a disused lead mine near Matlock, scrambling and climbing in the Burbage valley, canoeing on Carsington Water and swimming in Hathersage open air pool. It is always a privilege to see our pupils support each other and take part in pursuits that might not otherwise be attainable. The staff at the youth hostel commented on the polite conduct of our group and described the learners as a 'breath of fresh air.' A fitting tribute to an outstanding collection of young people. Many thanks to the staff who showed such commitment during the week.



Mr Hough
Assistant Head of KS3

Maths

This week, pupils in Year 10 have been learning about bearings and back bearings as part of their GCSE learning. This is a difficult concept to grasp but we all had fun outside directing each other in using SW, NE etc and making connections between the degrees this would be.



Mrs Bradbury
Maths Lead

Race for Life - Thursday 7th June 2018

Our Race for Life event will be taking place on Thursday 7th June. Pupils are allowed to bring fancy dress to change into at lunch time. Please carry on collecting sponsorship money and don't forget raffle tickets are available to purchase for £1.00 each with some great prizes on offer.

Mrs Bird
Assistant Head KS5/Complex Needs