

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th July 2018

Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth

KEY DIARY DATES

August 2018

23rd GCSE Exam Results, 10.00am - 11.00am

September 2018

3rd INSET day (no children in school)
4th INSET day (no children in school)
5th School opens for students
26th Open Morning for Prospective Parents
26th Friends of Queens Croft AGM, 7.00 p.m.
(Duke of York Pub Function Room, Lichfield)

October 2018

4th Governors' FF&R Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
5th School Photographs
17th Year 7 Coffee Afternoon, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
25th Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
26th School closes for Half Term

November 2018

5th School opens
22nd Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm

December 2018

7th Pantomime
20th Carol Concert
21st Christmas Dinner
21st End of Term

January 2018

7th School opens

INSET DATES

3rd September 2018
4th September 2018
1st February 2019
22nd March 2019
22nd July 2019

Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful year it has been with so many highlights! Once again our students have achieved amazing things, both in school lessons, extra-curricular activities and in the opportunities afforded by the residential visits that are available in all year groups. Queen's Croft remains an extremely popular school and it is with regret that we have to turn many students away each year, but for those we able to support, I am deeply proud of the quality of the education we offer. As I write I have just watched our annual school production and I currently have a feeling of overwhelming pride in the ongoing achievements of all our young people.

It was highly gratifying to have the success of the school confirmed and celebrated by the recent visit from Ofsted. They recognised the high quality education, nurture and support offered by the school and we are excited about the growth and developments in provision that will continue as we move forwards.

I am delighted to be able to announce that Mrs Julia Lloyd-Jones has been appointed Deputy Head with immediate effect. I know she will continue to work very hard for the school, seeking new opportunities and support for our students and leading with positivity. She will play a key role in improving the school even further in future.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, restful summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone in September for the next chapter in the Queen's Croft Story.

Mr Hawksworth
Headteacher

KS4 Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to those who completed a week of work experience during July. I received some glowing reports from establishments about our pupils which made me very proud of our year 10s. Work experience provides valuable knowledge of the workplace and the opportunity to learn new life skills to prepare our pupils for life after school.

Well done to you all.

Mrs Hewitt HLTA KS4
Work Experience Coordinator

Environmental Tip

Further to last week's environmental tip, 10B have discovered that travel by high speed electric train is 29 times less polluting than air travel so the train wins easily for longer journeys.



Mr Stubbs
Head of D&T

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

If you are buying shoes over the summer, either for yourselves or your child, please remember to save the adult size shoe boxes and bring them into school in September so that we can fill them with gifts for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you very much for your support .

Mrs Ulanowski
Teaching Assistant

Maths

The summer holiday is here and this provides us with many opportunities for maths learning.

If you are at home, cooking and shopping are the ideal way to apply our maths skills in a functional way. You could also ask your child to record how long they have been watching TV or playing on the computer and add this up at the end of each week.



If you are going away on holiday, there are opportunities to calculate time and distance or you could develop your child's counting skills. There are always many things you can count, from shells to

the number of times you eat chips! Most of all, make each activity fun!

Challenge:

How many different numbers can you make using the following digits only once?

Can you put them in ascending order (smallest to largest)?

6	4	2	2
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Miss Bradbury
Maths Coordinator

Word Workout

Wishing you all a restful break and I look forward to hearing all about your holidays in September!

M	U	W	S
H	L	F	N
K	B	D	H
M	I	D	C

Mrs Ratcliffe
Reading, Writing and Communication Coordinator

Makaton Sign of the Week



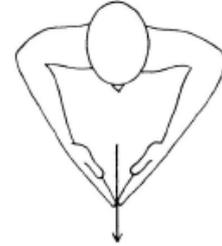
Sign of the Week

16th - 22nd July 2018

This week's sign is Boat!

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

Boat



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School Dinners

From September 2018 the cost of a School Dinner will be increasing from £2.25 to £2.58.

We have not increased the price for the past two years, but in that time we have seen our catering costs increase significantly. Chartwells, our catering supplier, increased their charge to £2.58 per meal with effect from April 2018 and we now need to bring our charging in line with the cost to school.

We will be updating ParentPay at the end of Summer term to reflect the new charge from the beginning of the new school year in September.

Mr Hawksworth
Headteacher

End of School Year

School will close for pupils on Friday 20th July 2018 and re-open on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 8.40 a.m..