

30 January 2018

Dear Parents

Last week's **Charity Week** events for YoungMinds brought our running total to just over £7,400. Remaining events are raffles for an ipad mini and a Lego Technic (£1 a ticket for each raffle), and the Spring Celebration on Friday 16 March. Y12 are also running several events out of school, and we are very hopeful that we can meet our £10,000 target by Easter. Thank you for all of your support.

Congratulations to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have attained their **Silver Merit Awards**:

Charlie Dixon (7C)	Heemish Gungah (7T)	Maddison Smith (7T)	Sadie Fowler (8T)
Raeanne Taylor (7C)	Tanya Pawar (7T)	Katie Foster (8C)	Henry Porter-Robinson (8T)
Tyler Allen-Day (7T)	Angelin Roy (7T)	Eloise Lane (8S)	
- Bronwen Steer (9C), Lucy-Amber Roberts (10C), Holly Martin (10S) and Oliver Goolden (11S) who have attained **40 merits**.
- Isobel Lees (7S) and Thomas Barker (7T) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Elliot Cooksey (9C), Georgina Oliver (10S), Teddy Young (10S) and Imogen Reeves (11S) who have attained **60 merits**.

The first round of our annual **Starspell** competition will take place during the week commencing **Monday 19 February** (after the half term break). For this round, students have a list of 20 words to learn and the test will include 5 extra words, not learnt, as a tie-breaker. Word lists will be distributed tomorrow and I have attached the lists for your interest. The semi-final will take place on Tuesday 6 March and the final will be on Tuesday 13 March.

I am out of school from this Friday until part-way through half term as I am taking a group of Y12 students on a **Study Tour to Australia** so there will be **no Tuesday letter next week**. The purpose of these annual trips is to develop student leadership skills and enhance A level studies. During their nine days in Sydney the students will visit our partner schools, where they will give presentations and observe lessons. Other highlights will include seeing 'Carmen' at Sydney Opera House, climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge, surfing on Manly beach, walking in the Blue Mountains and visiting Taronga Zoo. The students will be writing a daily blog which will be available via Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/QueenElizabethsAlford> and will also post pictures on our Instagram account, qegsalford.

Best wishes

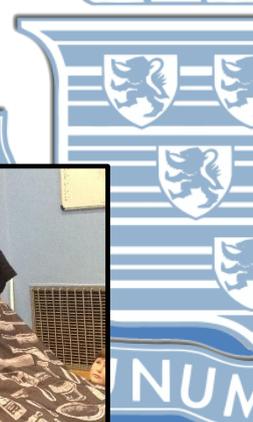


Miss A Francis
Headteacher



Close Shave

Last week Ethan Baxendale and Ollie Betteridge (10C) were sponsored to have their heads shaved for charity. Many thanks to Mrs Tara Handley from Talking Heads for supporting this event.



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