

5 February 2019

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- **Maisie Kendall** (9S) who became the national champion for points and continuous kickboxing at the NAK National championships at the weekend.
- **Dan Squires** (11T) who was awarded his President's badge with Boys' Brigade at the weekend. This is the second highest badge that he can achieve in Boys' Brigade and he is now working towards the highest, which is the Queen's badge.
- **Robert Brooks** (10C) who won the Junior Reading and Best Intermediate Speaker at Lincolnshire Young Farmers' Club Public Speaking competition at the weekend.
- **Harriette Rowden-Jones** (10S) who achieved the regional time of less than 30 seconds for 50m freestyle at Counties last week.
- Alyssa Collier (7S), Charlie Hewitt (7S), Callum Storr (7S), Samuel Walker (7S), Gemma Damms (7T) and Emily Willey (8T) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.
- Katie Foster (9C) and Libby Stow (9S) who have attained **60 merits**.
- Kaycie-may Coxon (7C), Pippa Clarke-Taylor (7C), Rees Millard (7C), Dylan Twigg (8C), Victoria Archer (8S), Casey-Anne Carrington (8S) and Joshua Ray (8T) who have attained their **Silver Merit Awards**.
- Kayleigh Alexander (9C), Jacob Cheadle (10C), Asha Mettam (10C) and Eleanor Collingwood (11C) from the Middle School who have attained **40 merits**.

The first round of our annual **Starspell** competition will take place during the week commencing **Monday 25 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 5 March and the final will be on Tuesday 26 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 the annual **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 'Turandot' 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.

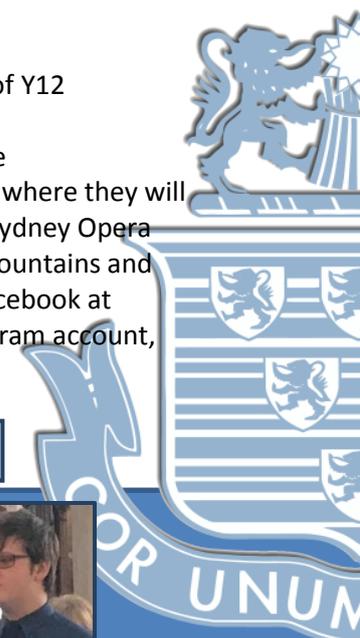
Maisie Kendall



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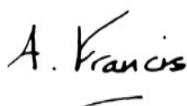
Pupils from **Y8** returned from a successful **ski trip** in Italy on Saturday evening. Many thanks to Mr Ainsworth, Miss Pafomow, Mr Lavender and Mrs Shoubridge for taking the trip.

**Charity Week** has started well and a reminder that Friday is Non-Uniform Day, with a charge of £2. Next Tuesday pd 3 there is the Sponsored Dance, and students wishing to participate in this need to hand in sponsor forms with a minimum of £5 sponsorship by this Friday. Sponsorship forms were attached to last week's Tuesday letter and are also available from the School Office.

We will be submitting a further order for **School Sports Fleece Jackets** this Friday 8 February. If you would like to place an order, please contact Ms Aitkenhead in the school office. They are £30 each and payment must be made at the time of ordering and can be by cash, cheque or via Parentpay. An order form is attached.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I will be retiring at the end of this academic year and I informed the governors and staff of this last week. It has been an incredibly difficult decision to make as I love my job and it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with your children and help them to fulfil their potential. However, after 22 years as headteacher at QEGS (and a further 6 years as Deputy Head), I believe it is the right time to leave. It is an all-consuming role and I would like now to have more time to devote to my hobbies and interests. However, I can assure you that I will continue to give 100% to my role until I leave at the end of August.

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher



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