

23 April 2019

Dear Parents

I hope you had a really good Easter break and were able to enjoy the wonderful weather.

In our final assembly last term I had pleasure in announcing our new senior student leadership team, who I look forward to working with this term:

**Head Boy:**

Max Kurczewski

**Head Girl:**

Keira Mager

**Deputies**

Charlizé-Li Clark, Alfie Muggeson and Holly Van Der Heyden

**Senior Prefects**

Isabel Carr

Kitty Dewick-Eisele

Zoe Doyle

Charlotte Elson

Charlotte Evans

Imogen Reeves

Evie Lancaster

Molly Hunter-Clarke

Oak Scotney-Spencer

**House Captains**

Cecil: Harry Chambers and Daisy Evans

Spanning: Ciara Hickinbottom and Scarlett Rudd

Travers: Ella Kerrigan and Archie Rainbow

Head Girl, Head Boy & Deputies



House Captains



Senior Prefects



Congratulations to:

- **Hugo Fry** (13C) who came in the top 12 in the British Physics Olympiad and will be attending the awards presentation at the Royal Society this Thursday.
- **Nadine Hartzenberg** (10C) who has been awarded her ARSM performance diploma in music. This is a great achievement.
- Grace Sheldon (8S) and Georgie Johnson (9C) who have attained their **Platinum Merit Awards**.
- Megan Lake (8C), Amelia Marsh (8C) and Sophie Wyman (8S) who have attained their **Gold Merit Awards**.

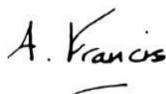
We welcome Mr Smith to our staff this term as the **new Site Manager** and are looking forward to working with him.

The **Friends of QEGS** have a meeting tomorrow evening, Wednesday 24 April, at 7.30 pm in the Library. The meeting will be focusing on preparations for the Summer Fete on Friday 12 July, so if you could help in any way your attendance would be much appreciated.

We will be submitting a further order for **School Sports Fleece Jackets** this Friday 26 April. 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.

There will be a music concert on the theme of **'Cheese and Classics'** on Thursday 2 May in the school hall. Tickets are available from the school office (Adults £6 and Concessions £4).

Best wishes



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher



#### FAREWELL

At the end of this month, **Mrs Irving** (Part-time teacher of PE) is retiring after being a member of staff at QEGS for 36 years; she has been a loyal colleague and outstanding teacher. We wish her much happiness in her retirement.



## Whole School Literacy Policy Foci for this Term

### TERM 5 – CAPITAL LETTERS

Capital letters should be used on the following occasions:

- At the start of every sentence;
- On acronyms e.g. QEGS, NHS, NASA;
- On subject names which are also languages e.g. English, French, German, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese;
- On proper nouns (words which name people, places, days and months, events) e.g. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar; John Smith; Mexico; Monday; April; Christmas.

### TERM 5 – ITS / IT'S

- **Its** is a pronoun of possession e.g. the dog chased **its** tail.
- **It's** is a contraction of the words **it** and **is** e.g. **it's** raining again.
- **TIP:** if you are unsure which one to use, try saying / writing the sentence replacing its/it's with 'it is' to see if it makes sense e.g. 'the cat drank it is milk' doesn't make sense so you would use **its** but 'It is my birthday' does make sense so you could use either **it is** or **it's** depending on the level of formality in your writing.

