



Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle

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SUPPORTING COMIC RELIEF

The School Council is keen that once again we support Comic Relief on Friday 16 March by holding a non uniform day. We have decided to charge £2 which will cover the purchase of a red nose at £1 and provide a further £1 for the charity in return for not wearing school uniform. We ask that students wear tidy casual clothing that is suitable for school. There will be other events taking place on the day.

WELCOME TO OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE PARTNERS

A warm welcome is extended to our French and German friends. After the successful first leg of each exchange in the autumn term, we are now playing host to the pupils from their respective countries, with the Germans arriving on 8th March and the French from the 16 March. Both groups will have a busy and exciting schedule with visits to London, Hull, York, Lincoln and Warwick, as well as sampling school life at QEGS. The visits culminate in a farewell bowling party. For the weekend, pupils will be out and about with their respective families.

GIFTED AND TALENTED UPDATE

The Gifted and Talented programme continues to grow. We now have 209 students on the NAGTY register; eight of these attended NAGTY Summer Schools and all have reported back on how successful they found them. Numbers for these courses are limited so that it is fantastic that we are so well represented. Several more students have applied for places next summer. Many of those enrolled with NAGTY have also attended day or weekend courses and have found them challenging and rewarding.

In addition, the organisation GIFT, which runs weekend courses at a residential centre in Essex, has offered places to those on the G & T register. The weekends are tailored to suit individual choices and interests.

Many students seem to go back time and time again. GIFT came into school last year and worked with each Key Stage, supported by the help of three school governors, on a programme entitled "Mass Pandemonium" which was enjoyable for all those who took part. GIFT has been invited to return in May to run various workshops for Years 7 – 11.

Those on the G & T register, however, are not the only students to be chosen to attend G & T courses. Courses are organised for students who show talent in a particular subject area. For example, over the last year, we have run a Drama Summer School, run by theatre directors and an Art Masterclass, led by a sculptor, to which all students were invited; ten of our most talented English students have been invited to attend a Shakespeare workshop at Bishop Grossteste College in March; Anne Stevenson, the poet, is to run a Creative Writing Masterclass for Sixth Form students in April; Philosophy 4 Kids Club is organised at lunchtimes throughout the year and each Year group has its own meeting; and there is a Reading Group for those Year 11 and L6 students interested in studying English at university. Additionally, there has been a whole range of extra activities organised by the Science College for those keen on Science and Engineering. Look out for the Y6 Engineers Summer School in August 2007.

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Enclosed with this newsletter is a questionnaire about adult education provision here at QEGS. If you are interested please complete and return to the school office by the end of term. There are no promises to provide what you ask for but we will endeavour to do our best.

GYMNASTICS DISPLAY

You are cordially invited to the Annual Gymnastics Display to be held in the Main School Hall on **Thursday**

29 March at 7 pm. It is an opportunity to share the work produced by your child in gymnastics this year.

MONGOLIA CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT

30 March Friday
Main Hall : 7.30 – 9 pm

An event to raise money for the Mongolian World Challenge Expedition in 2008 is being organised by the participating students. The event is a family quiz evening. Prizes will be awarded with wine, soft drinks and snacks included in the price.

Tickets available from the Main Office £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for students.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT ***Friday 27 April***

For quiz enthusiasts, the popular annual Quiz Night is being held this year at the newly refurbished Woodhall Spa Hotel. The ticket price of £7.50 includes a chicken and chip supper (with vegetarian option). The quiz is aimed at adults and sixth formers (£5 for sixth form tickets).

As usual, there will be prizes for the best and the worst teams! It is always a fun evening. Teams can be put together on the night but tickets need to be reserved/purchased by the end of this term.

250 CLUB WINNERS

Lucky Prizewinners for the first two months of 2007 are as follows

JANUARY WINNERS:

| Prize | Number | Member |
|-------|--------|----------------|
| £25 | 254 | Becky Spencer |
| £25 | 237 | Mr.Colin Davis |
| £15 | 58 | Pat Tartellin |
| £15 | 123 | Em&Tim Beath |
| £10 | 137 | Kevin Devlin |
| £10 | 156 | Mrs.Lyn Hone |
| £10 | 194 | Mrs.J.Daubney |
| £10 | 45 | Roger Steele |
| £10 | 136 | Andrew Hartley |

FEBRUARY WINNERS

| Prize | Number | Member |
|-------|--------|----------------|
| £25 | 22 | Mrs Val Green |
| £25 | 219 | J Stephenson |
| £15 | 241 | Chris Corrin |
| £15 | 208 | Joe Lindley |
| £10 | 66 | Mr.B.Carroll |
| £10 | 67 | Richard Wood |
| £10 | 56 | Myra Melton |
| £10 | 47 | Mr.S Chapman |
| £10 | 233 | Mrs.Sue Fixter |

MALL BALLET - MIXED BILL

THURSDAY 10 MAY 7.30 PM



We are giving wide publicity to the latest offering from Lincolnshire's Touring and Rural Arts Scheme that we are hosting here at QEGS. The Small Ballet is a professional ballet company touring small venues for the first time ever!

The Small Ballet specialises in ballet with contemporary twist. The company transform their classical technique through the use of modern and jazz influences – all interwoven with a love of beauty and freedom of movement. It promises to be a terrific evening.

Tickets Available from the School Office at £6 (£5)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

In addition to promoting Comic Relief by means of non uniform day, the Council has been exploring ways to support the Eco School project. More boxes have been supplied for paper recycling and pupils from Year 10 are preparing to establish an organic garden. Compost bins will be provided for food waste and some pupils from Year 8 are even investigating the creation of a wormery.

Other projects in the pipeline include creating a Student Charter, working more closely with the Sixth Form Committee and providing a covered outdoor area. Good ideas are always welcome.

Danielle Kingston (10P)

Dates for your Diary

March

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| 8-16 (Thurs-Friday) | German Exchange in UK |
| 16-25 (Fri-Saturday) | French Exchange in UK. |
| 20 (Tuesday) | Y8 Parents' Evening. 7.00p.m. |
| 21 + 22 (Wed & Thur) | Y9 Enigma Project |
| 26 (Monday) | Music Centre Concert Banovallum School 7.30p.m. |
| 29 – 1 April | WW I Battlefields Trip |
| 29 | Gymnastics Display – 7.00 pm |
| 30 | Mongolian Challenge Quiz Night – 7.30 pm |
| 3 April | L6 Higher Education Information Evening 7.30p.m. |

End of Term- Wednesday 4 April
Summer Term starts Thursday 19 April

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AT THE WOODHALL SPA HOTEL

DOORS OPEN 7 PM – STARTS 7.30 PM

Chicken and Chip Supper included (vegetarian option). Parents and Sixth Formers – please organise your teams and order your tickets by the end of March. The quiz takes place in the first full week of next term.

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