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Maths Team Challenge

It was the morning of Friday 22nd November; Barnaby, Will, Justyn and I had gathered outside the Maths department ready to embark upon our journey to The Priory to take part in the Senior Team Maths Challenge.

With the emergency school phone in hand and a first aid kit just in case we encountered any particularly difficult questions, we were almost ready to leave – but not without some words of encouragement from Mr Bowler: “It doesn’t matter how well you do, as long as you win.” Just the words we needed to hear.

When we arrived, we headed to the reception to sign in, whilst observing some of our opposing teams. Caistor Grammar pulled up in their minivan; clearly the accompanying teacher, the four team members, and their massive brains couldn’t fit in one five seater car like us mere mortals.

After signing in and entering the hall, we discovered that people had been there for a whole hour before us, which meant we had been seated at the wobbly makeshift table that was placed behind a pillar. Mrs Haldenby had to leave us at this point to supervise one of the opposing teams, we were joined by a teacher from another school and the competition began.

Round one wasn’t too taxing and our performance meant that we were in the top end of the competition. However, it was then time for round two – the crossnumber challenge. This round was by far, harder than anything we had practiced prior to the competition, but we powered on through and still managed to stay in the top end of the competitors. People had clearly found it just as difficult as we had and finally it was the third round. This round wasn’t too hard, but by this time Will and I had clearly forgotten how to correctly read questions and made a few mistakes, losing us vital marks. Then, it was finally over, there was nothing more we could do, but wait for the scores to be counted.

We sat in suspense awaiting the announcement of the top three, we were unsure about whether we had done enough to be placed in the competition. “In third place...” Queue the unnecessarily long dramatic pause. “Caistor Grammar!” Despite their Doctor Who dress-up tactics, they hadn’t managed to get first place. “In second place...” I’m going to be brutally honest, I’m not particularly sure who came second. “In first place... Queen Elizabeth’s High School Gainsborough!”

The competition had gone way over time and we had all missed our buses, but it was definitely a result worth waiting for! Not only had we won but we were also invited to compete in the national finals in London in February!

We began the journey home with a huge sense of pride. Nothing could beat the excitement we were feeling... except for the discovery that Mrs Haldenby has voice control in her car! Voice control which can seemingly only be controlled by the commands of Barnaby Fogg. Apparently “connect phone” translates as “delete phone directory.” We soon stopped playing that game. Overall, we couldn’t have done it without Mrs Haldenby’s support and encouragement or Mr Bowler’s words of wisdom. Bring on the London National Finals!

By Kylie King 13S

Actors Needed!

Do you like drama?
Are you a good actor?
Are you in Year 7 or 8?
Then we need you!
Come along to the
Junior Drama Club on
Wednesday lunchtime, 12.40 in the Arts
Studio. We need more people for our next
play so come along today!



GREASE IS THE WORD

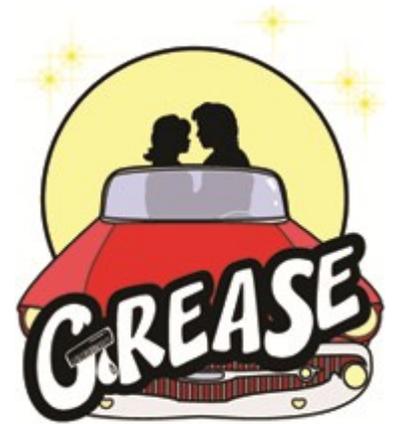
GREASE IS THE WORD (or it will be) in late March.

The Upper School Hall will be the venue for an exciting, student-led production of the fifties-themed musical GREASE. The choice of this, one of the most popular musicals and films across the generations, sparked a sensation of excitement throughout all those pupils who auditioned

Endless possibilities have been created at QEHS as we

we are searching for individuals and groups to be part of the 'make up' behind the musical. Artists are needed to join Felicity Hamilton, 13S, to produce all of the scenery; and Miss Earle needs volunteers to collect costumes and props. We will also need make-up artists and hair stylists on the nights.

The directors have made exciting plans for all. We hope that putting on a smashing show will encourage the school to present a musical, every year. **SO** put the dates in your diary



GREASE will be showing in the Upper School Hall on 26th, 27th and 29th March, 2014.

It is bound to be a great show so make sure you don't miss out.

By Rob Lee 13D

Volunteering

This summer (2013) I went on a month long expedition to Kenya. I was first told about the trip around January 2011 and was told I would have to raise around £3800. Over the next 18 months, school told us about the trip but the company we went with was called Camps International.

When we first arrived in Nairobi we soon had to get used to the ancient transport!! Whilst there we did many things such as building a library for the community, laying a floor in one of the schools, harvesting food for the local people and even deworming goats to help those who needed to sell them (it really wasn't as bad as it sounds). It was hard work but it wasn't all work; whilst there we went on a fantastic safari where we saw lots of different animals, many giraffe, lions, zebra, monkeys and even a cheetah.

We went to four different camps throughout the trip, all very different... in some camps we slept in tents, others we slept in Banda's or little huts – the most difficult thing to get used to I guess was the fact that in the first camp we had to shower using buckets - it was both a challenge and an experience to say the least. All I can say is I was glad we had proper showers for the rest of the trip! Also, whilst in Kenya, we got the opportunity to undertake our Padi diving certificate.

Since being back I have been asked many times why I went on the trip and I guess the reason I did was because I was sure it was an opportunity that wasn't going to come around very often – we saw so many amazing things, even the little things like the sunsets and how happy the local people were just made the whole trip better.

Before I went everyone kept saying "this will be something you'll never forget" and at the time I didn't really think much of it but now, as silly as it may sound, I have realised that was completely true because I can honestly say it was one of the most amazing things I have ever done, even though it was hard work! So if you are contemplating taking a gap year or doing anything like this I would most certainly recommend it.



By Emma Jenkinson 12B

Richard II– Live

On Friday 15th November, the Sixth Form were taken off time-table for the morning to sit in the Upper School Hall and watch The Royal Shakespeare Company's version of Richard II. Richard II is the first production in a new cycle of Shakespeare's History plays which the RSC are putting on in the foreseeable future. Richard II follows the story of King Richard II, a monarch ordained by God to lead his people, but he is also a man of very human weakness. A man whose vanity threatens to divide the great houses of



England and drag his people into a dynastic civil war that will last 100 years. RSC Artistic Director Gregory Doran directs David Tennant in the title role. The play itself may have had a running time of 2 hours and 55 minutes (including a 20 minute interval) proving that even Sixth Formers struggle to sit still for a large amount of time but for some students it was definitely worth it. Will Strawson (12D) found the play

'Mesmerising' and many people commented on how fantastic David Tennant's performance of the remarkable King Richard II was.

One student James Lockey (13D) said 'It was brilliant to see on stage the writer's work when we study him so closely in English throughout school'.

Although Shakespeare is not everyone's cup of tea I think everyone could appreciate how truly phenomenal the RSC's version was and definitely showed what a talented actor the former Dr Who was. A big thank-you to Ms Allin for organising a fantastic opportunity for the Sixth Form.

By Will Strawson (12D) and Hannah Leek(12S)

X vs Y RUGBY

When the school decided to change the house system they did not realise they had created a new rivalry. Austen, Churchill, and Darwin making up team X meanwhile Brunel, Elgar and Scott form team Y.

The match began evenly matched; for the first 10 minutes both teams were inseparable. This didn't prove to be the case as stamina prevailed for team Y. Two quick successive tries from Joe Marzano created a gap that seemed difficult to be caught, however just before the first half came to a conclusion, team X managed to pin one back against the run of play. Smart thinking from Edward Cooke allowed him to intercept a weak pass to ground the ball; game on.

From the whistle for the second half, the true class of team Y was displayed after Marzano completed his hat-trick, making the opposition seem weak and vulnerable as he powered his way through the defence. 3-1. "Save the best 'till last", this was certainly the case in this match. Ben Lloyd collecting the ball in the full back position was waiting for this moment the whole game. He displayed his phenomenal pace, as well as demonstrating his signature 'Pepe Step' to kill off any last hopes of a team X revival.

After the match completed rumours began of more duals.



By Joe Wilkinson 13B

Talks of scheduling football, netball and rounder's contests will continue the conflict between the two halves of the year.

Work Experience



When work experience was first mentioned to me I dismissed it and thought my time would be better spent in the common room. However with the pressing thought of University sitting at the back of my mind constantly I knew it was something I needed to do to help me have the best chance possible of getting into the university of my choice. Wanting to study

either law or journalism at university, two very competitive courses, having something such as work experience is a way I can stand out from the crowd and offer a university something more than every other student who is applying to the same courses as me. I am currently taking part in work experience at Scunthorpe Telegraph on a Thursday afternoon for a

few hours. Having the chance to work in the environment of a chosen career that I could potentially want to pursue gives me the experience and a chance to see if it is a career that I really want to commit to. I would specifically recommend Scunthorpe Telegraph because they have given me a chance to actually write for the newspaper, go out with reporters

and learn all about the software that professional newspapers use when putting together their newspaper. Work experience is an incredible opportunity and here at QEHS we're lucky that we're allowed to do it and have someone like Mrs Thorpe who organises these opportunities for us.

By Hannah Leek 12S

House Information



Public Speaking Results

Inter Public Speaking

1. Brunel
2. Elgar
3. Scott
4. Darwin
5. Austen
6. Churchill

Senior Public Speaking

1. Scott
2. Elgar
3. Austen and Brunel
4. Darwin
5. Churchill



Badminton Results

Inter Badminton Boys

1. Brunel
2. Darwin
3. Austen
4. Elgar
5. Scott & Churchill

Inter Badminton Girls

1. Brunel
2. Darwin
3. Austen
4. Churchill
5. Scott & Elgar

Senior Badminton Boys

1. Churchill
2. Scott
3. Darwin
4. Brunel
5. Austen & Elgar

Senior Badminton Girls

1. Brunel
2. Churchill
3. Scott
4. Austen
5. Elgar & Darwin

Cross Country Results

Junior Boys

1. Austen
2. Darwin
3. Churchill
4. Elgar
5. Brunel
6. Scott

Inter Boys

1. Scott
2. Austen
3. Elgar
4. Churchill
5. Darwin
6. Brunel

Senior Boys

1. Brunel
2. Elgar
3. Churchill
4. Darwin
5. Austen
6. Scott

Junior Girls

1. Churchill
2. Austen & Brunel
3. Elgar
4. Scott
5. Darwin

Inter Girls

1. Churchill
2. Darwin
3. Austen
4. Elgar
5. Scott
6. Brunel

Senior Girls

1. Brunel
2. Churchill
3. Scott
4. Austen
5. Elgar
6. Darwin

