

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Principal

Mrs K Adams

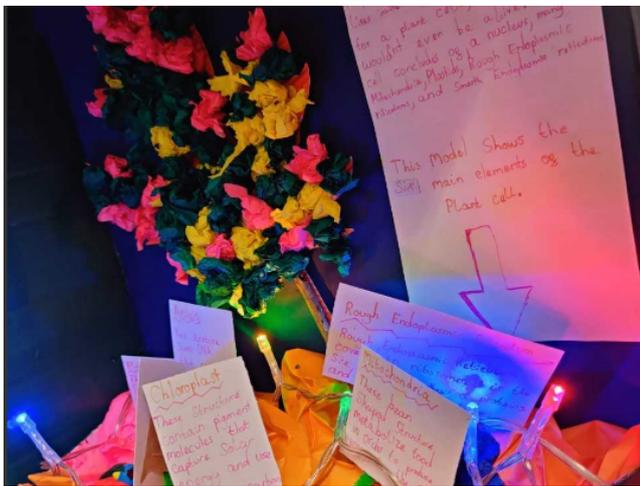
As we come to the end of a very busy term, we would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support. Once again the students have displayed such resilience with the ever-changing guidance that schools are receiving. We are delighted we were able to continue with our broad range of extra-curricular events and celebrations. In this newsletter we have highlighted some of the accomplishments of our students this term.

Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas break. We are looking forward to seeing our students in the New Year.

The School Library Association Information Book Award 2021

Students in our Reading Group recently took part in voting on the three shortlisted book for this award.

After reviewing the books our vote was for This Book Is Anti-Racist. QEMS vote will be added to all the votes polled from the other participating schools across the UK. QEMS Reading Group meets on Thursday at 15:00 hrs in the Library. All KS3 students welcome.



Year 7 Science topic of Cells

For the Year 7 Science topic of Cells, students had to create a 3D model of a cell at home and bring it in to present.

One of our students, Tiago G in 7Q, created an absolutely stunning model which included notes on all the parts of the cell and it even lit up!

Children in Need 2021

Thank you to everyone who took part in a very successful and worthwhile Children in Need day Friday 20 November. We raised an unbelievable grand total of £1182.75. Well done to all!



Remembrance Day 2021

This year we "planted" our recycled poppies that our students made to mark Remembrance Day. Thank you to all who got involved to make these wonderful poppies!



Year 11 Food Technology

Excellent exam work demonstrated by Year 11 in their Food Technical skills exams. Well done to all!

Year 7 Textiles

Year 7 Textiles have designed and made their own fleece hats with handsewn decorations and embellishments. Well done year 7.



Year 12 Psychology

In Psychology, Year 12 have been studying approaches and biopsychology, and have been learning about how the brain relates to behaviour. Year 13 have been studying human romantic relationships and the cognitive processes involved with the maintenance and breakdown of these.

Star learners in Psychology are: Ella B, Adam H, Zara H, Anna C, Ben C, Tayla C, drawing by Dave T.

Creative Media

Well done to our Year 11 Creative Media students, who have started Year 11 with success and dedication to ensure they are achieving the best in their course. We have been impressed by the forward-thinking, strong sense of collaboration and enthusiasm by all learners in this group.

All students have successfully completed Component 1 and have demonstrated an interest in the media industry and a wider understanding of the important role it plays in our everyday lives and in society. Learners have independently used briefs to complete their work and the continued success will lead to an excellent formal qualification.





PE

The PE department have had a range of successes in the first term back, where many students have had their first taste of competitive fixtures for the first time in over 18 months. These activities include; netball, badminton, football and swimming. We have plenty of fixtures and activities planned. Keep an eye out for a new activity schedule in the New Year.

NGFA Post-16 Football Academy

Our Football Academy students have made a great start to life in Year 12 and Year 13, combining their studies with training, matches and starting their coaching or refereeing journeys. In recent weeks, the Football Academy have competed against some tough opposition. As the term has gone on it has been great to see players beginning to understand their roles within the team; Callum P is growing into his responsibilities as one of our most creative players and Monty B grabbing his opportunity at centre half with both hands and making the shirt his own. Off the pitch, it's great to see the students being involved in the wider curriculum and earning some valuable work experience by supporting the local primary schools Football Tournament and officiating matches.



SUCCESS IN SOCIOLOGY: Eve G

"I would recommend Sociology as I never studied it before until sixth form and I love it so much that now am doing an extra three years studying it at university. Landau sixth form has amazing sociology and criminology teachers who genuinely care about their students and want them to succeed which motivates you to do well even more."



"Picked Sociology because I was taking three very academic subjects and found Sociology interesting, learning about different perspectives of aspects within society.

"Looking at the modules for Sociology really interested me and I'm very opinionated and knew that Sociology would allow to debate my opinions and views of society with fellow students. I love the freedom of the subject, that is there is no clear right or wrong answer, you could have any opinion and as long as you can back it up with theories and explain it, then it's considered correct. Actually being interested by what your studying makes it so much easier to motivate yourself to learn more and revise it. I would rather have had a sociology lesson than a free period."

"My tips for current sociologists and criminologists would be, just because it's considered a soft subject do not underestimate it and think it'll be a doss. You need to revise if you want to get a C or above. Keep your folder organised. Practice essay question for your examinations."

My favourite topic would have probably been Feminism! Learning more about how they approach each issue especially within Families and Households.

"Group revision can be really useful with a subject like sociology; everyone takes in the information and theories differently so devising an essay plan in a group is much easier."

"I'm currently planning to study Criminology and Sociology as a degree of the University. With sociology and criminology at university you get to pick from a huge range of modules so you only have to study the bits that you find most interesting."

Sociology and Criminology

The Sociology and Criminology department have had a range of successes in the first term back, where many Year 12 students have had their first taste of Sociology and Criminology and Year 13 students are continuing to enhance their subject understanding in order to pursue further knowledge in higher education within the field.

The department would like to thank all our students for their approach to both Sociology and Criminology.

Year 10 Computer science

Year 10 computer science students successfully completed a Unicode Escape Room activity this term. They were given a series of clues, such as the notice board in the picture, to apply their knowledge of binary and coding systems to crack a combination for a safe. The clues had to be completed within 30 minutes and all 5 groups managed to escape within this time. The best time was the team lead by Keira H who cracked the code within 19 minutes and 43 seconds. The team displayed detailed knowledge of the topic and applied creative thinking to make the leaps in their understanding, quickly realising how the clues could be pieced together to achieve their goal.



Art

Our KS3 pupils have worked very hard this year already. In Year 7 they have looked at visual elements, in Year 8 we've explored cultures from around the world whilst Year 9 have got to grips with 'Abstraction.' Year 12 have, amongst many different tasks, been painting. Year 10 Artists are developing a brand new project called Unusual Viewpoints and have made a wonderful start. Year 12 photographers have worked hard developing lots of new skills including examining the idea of Society, whilst the Year 11 have been developing their GCSE portfolio based on food.

KS5 Science

During this term students studying KS5 Science have been developing their science practical skills by undertaking a number of core practicals. For example, Year 12 Biology students did a practical which involved preparing cells from garlic root tips to identify the different stage of mitosis. Examples of students' drawings of mitotic cells are shown here as well as some of the equipment used in the practical.



Duke of Edinburgh

We have seen a record number of students sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh award this year. We have around 80 students undertaking the award across Bronze, Silver and Gold. These students have already started their skill, physical and volunteering sections.

The Addams Family

22 - 27 November 2021



Year 11 Celebration Assembly

The Year 11s received their mock results followed by a celebratory assembly. Certificates were awarded to the high achievers and most improved students.

