ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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26 AUGUST - 16 OCTOBER

WELCOME

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had! Our students at QEMS and Tamworth Sixth form received excellent results this summer accessing the pathways of their choice. Our enrichment and trip programme is in full swing and we have already had many sporting, dance and house events showcasing our student talents.

Next term we will be honouring Remembrance Day with a whole school event involving our local community, have our annual school production and will be hosting the Sixth Form Open evening. Please do make a note from the 'key dates' for your diaries.

We are delighted to share with you the outcome for our recent Ofsted report for QEMS. Please see below the link to our report.
Ofsted Report

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing all our families a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming the students back in the new term.

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KEY DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- Mon 02 Nov - Term Begins
- Mon 02-Mon 09 Nov - Sixth Form Maths & English Re-sits
- Mon 02-Thur 12 Nov - Yr 13 Trial Examinations
- Wed 11 Nov - Rememberance Day
- Thur 12 - Yr 11 Vocational Parent/Carer evening
- Thur 12-Fri 13 Nov - School Production
- Mon 16-Wed 25 Nov - Yr 11 Trial Examinations
- Thur 19 Nov - Sixth Form Open Evening
- Tues 01 Dec - Personal Development Day - Bright Futures
- Thur 03 Dec - Yr 7 Christmas Disco
- Wed 09 Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
- Thur 10 Dec - Yr 13 Parent/Carer Evening
- Thur 17 Dec - Carol Concert
- Fri 18 Dec - End of Term

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We would like to thank our students and parents for their response to the recent inspection which led the inspectors to judge that we have an open and positive culture of safeguarding. We will continue to work with you to maintain and develop this positive culture.

As we approach the October half term, we would like to share some helpful advice and resources to support children and young people to stay safe, healthy and happy during the break.

Halloween Online Safety
Many children spend more time gaming and using social media during holidays.
Key messages:

- Check privacy settings on apps and games.
- Remind children never to share personal information.
- Discuss who they are talking to online.
- Encourage regular screen breaks.
- Report any concerns about online bullying or inappropriate content.

We would specifically draw attention to some popular apps and games and suggest that parents/carers have an awareness of what their children are accessing online and in particular, conversations that develop from this.

- Roblox
- TikTok
- Snapchat
- WhatsApp
- Fortnite

Halloween Safety
If your children are Trick-or-Treating we would encourage the following:

- Where it is possible and appropriate, children should be accompanied by a trusted adult.
- Plan routes in advance.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Only visit houses displaying signs that welcome trick-or-treaters.
- Wear visible clothing or reflective accessories.

Mental Health and Wellbeing
We encourage the following to be kept in mind in order to maintain wellbeing:

Connect with other people
Take time together as a family, catch up with people, have device free time and keep in touch with friends.

Be physically active
Try to do some exercise and spend time outdoors.

Learn new skills
Try something new such as new food, try a new hobby or try to fix something.

Be kind to others
Be positive, take account of your own worth or offer to help a relative.

Managing Worries and Anxiety
Encourage conversations about school in preparation for return, maintain routines, check equipment and uniform, particularly a few days before return.

Miss Robbins and Mrs Wright wish all our families a wonderful, restful break and look forward to seeing the students for the new term ahead.

CAREERS

Mr Carter - Careers Lead - scarter@lfatsf.org.uk.

What a start to the year we've had!

A brand-new tutor time careers programme, called 'Bright Futures' has launched this year, and the engagement has been excellent!

- Year 7 have looked at what a career is, and what their hopes and dreams are for their futures. Their ideas are inspiring!
- Years 8 and 9 have started exploring career possibilities and what employers are looking for, whilst considering their own employability skills.
- Year 10 work experience has been launched, with students demonstrating an enthusiastic response to the exciting possibilities that are out there! Work experience this year is taking place Monday 05 – Friday 09 July. Students must log a secured placement on Unifrog.
- Year 11 have been continuing to explore their post-16 options as they begin to make their informed choices – it's important to perform as well as possible in their upcoming trial exams as these grades are what will be used when making applications.

Careers continue to play a central role in our sixth form provision.

Year 12 have similarly responded fantastically well to the work experience launch, with many already securing specialised placements that will provide a great insight into the world of work and evidence for future applications. Year 12 work experience week is taking place Monday 28 June – Friday 02 July. Students must log a secured placement on Unifrog.

Year 13 have also been 'locked in', researching and making informed choices about their post-18 pathways. Please continue to visit open days, put application materials together, have alerts on for apprenticeship opportunities (degree apprenticeships will start being advertised from now!) and see Mr Carter if you need any support about your post-18 futures.

We have an exciting set of plans coming together post-half term for our first personal development day of the year, Tuesday 01 December. Watch this space!

Parents/carers of Year 9 students, please make sure you have responded to this link sent out regarding 'Step Into Work' day.

Year 9 Step Into Work Day – Fill in form

PSHE SPOTLIGHT

The academic year has started strong in PSHE with students showing great levels of maturity when faced with some complex, mature and challenging topics. Students have had assemblies on British Values, Black History Month and The Two Faced of AI, as well as the usual house, head of year and expectations assemblies. Our PSHE lessons continue to be age appropriate with different year groups covering a variety of different topics in line with government guidance and our local emerging needs:

Year 7 – have been looking at how they have settled into QEMS and are moving on to look at different relationships including friendships, romantic relationships and families. This includes how to identify positive relationships and where to get help and support if a relationship is negative.

Year 8 – Started the year looking at personal safety including how to keep safe when they go out without adults. We have just started a topic on social media and how to manage the stress it can sometimes cause and we are finishing the half term looking at the risks of group messages and how to manage this.

Year 9 – Year 9 have also been looking at social media. This has involved looking at the impact it can have on our lives in a positive and negative way. This linked well with our topics on happiness, positivity and anxiety at the start of the year.

Year 10 – With students starting their GCSEs, we started the year looking at stress caused by exams and coursework and the techniques that can be used to manage this. We then moved into looking at social media validation, creating online resilience and how to manage loneliness.

Year 11 – Have started to look at the new topics that have been introduced into PSHE including microaggression and deepfakes and the dangers they pose. The students have responded well to these new topics and are looking forward to moving on after half term.

Please see below some websites to support if students have further questions after the lessons:

Year 7: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/friends/

Year 8: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/

Year 9: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/social-media-and-mental-health/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22044411326&gbraid=0AAAADk6C8ealvYVxy2IDnwuyOAi6fKrN&gclid=CjwKCAjw0LzWBhBOEiwAKQd0cEdi6nwnpj3n9UlJQEyFJfV1S8hhU95J6YoSPb8T03d3ieaS8KqoXxoCRuAQAvD_BwE

Year 10: https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/exam-stress/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22627344663&gbraid=0AAAAAqxG7mq0vgxuJw0-6JnYOOu2T1tSc&gclid=CjwKCAjw0LzWBhBOEiwAKQd0cL2AlS6U4APV-9VUpVa1JN8l6csdgrISA1U9aO9BlfybnfIZdTPAxoCgNsQAvD_BwE&__cf_chl_rt_tk=cTRXfvbkCsE18M9oF2tneAJjBIl_8aZd.cH.W3FwLUo-1792047240-1.0.1.1-HQgzrNrJjNUUPJWhUqpB4h0Nj.7tfVsVYqQYsyGGsKE&scrlybrkr=ae960f9f

Year 11: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/

OFSTED REPORT

We are delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The report provides a very positive reflection of our academy, pupils, and dedication of our staff.

Thank you. To our pupils, for being the wonderful young people they are. To our staff, for their dedication and care. And to you, our parents and carers and community members, for your continued support and partnership.

Please see the link below to the full report.
Ofsted Report

"The school's pastoral support is another significant strength."

"These positive relationships underpin why this school is successful for so many pupils."

"Pupils achieve well thanks to leaders' significant ambition for the curriculum and pupils' learning."

"Pupils' personal development is a significant strength of the school's provision."

"Pupils are very happy at this caring, ambitious and welcoming school."

" Pupils also benefit from the many additional opportunities which the school offers."

"Behaviour is a particular strength of the school. Pupils behave very well. This is because they understand leaders' expectations for them."

PTA

Following the success of our Sports Day Ice Creams event, which raised an impressive £272, we would like to thank all parents, carers and students for their support. Every contribution helps us make a positive difference to the school community.

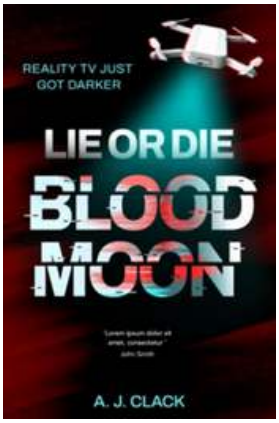
The QEMS and Sixth Form Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is now busy organising its next event - the Year 7 Christmas Disco, giving students the opportunity to celebrate the end of term with friends and enjoy some festive fun. Further details have been sent to parents and carers directly.

All funds raised by the PTA are reinvested directly into enhancing the student experience at QEMS and Tamworth Sixth Form, supporting projects, activities and opportunities that benefit our young people.

Could you help? Whether you have an idea for a future fundraiser, can spare some time to support an event, or would like to become more involved, the PTA would be delighted to hear from you. Expressions of interest are always welcome at: lftsfq-pta@lfatsf.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school community.

LIBRARY UPDATES



The Traitors meets Knives Out

- Ten strangers trapped in a television studio
- Forty-two remote cameras watching their every move
- Five dead bodies
- One rule: **TRUST NO ONE!**

A twisty, pulse-pounding, locked-room thriller!

AVAILABLE NOW IN YOUR LIBRARY!

We would like to recognise and congratulate QEMS student Elijah on his application to become the Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate for 2026.

Elijah first became aware of the position when he attended the Young Teen Fiction Book Festival in Yr 7, where he listened to the then Young Poet Laureate's performance. At this time, Elijah was disappointed to here that he needed to be aged 14 to apply, but decided there and then that he would.

Although he wasn't selected this year, he has been urged to re-apply next year. We are so proud of him for even applying and wish him the best of luck with his future applications!

QEMS OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 17 September, we held our QEMS Open Evening, and we would like to thank everyone for attending! This year, we saw record numbers in attendance, and we hope the evening gave you an insight into life at QEMS. We look forward to welcoming many of you next year!

CAREERS IN SPORT SHOWCASE

On Tuesday 15 September, we held the second session in our Careers in Sport Showcase, where we welcomed a group of Tamworth Sixth Form alumni to inspire our current Sixth Form Sport students.

With a range of destinations including Musical Theatre, Sports Media and FIFA Academy Football coaching, our current students were able to gain an insight into the number of careers they can progress to within sport.

We are extremely proud of the vast pathways and destinations that our students pursue and achieve year on year and are delighted at their willingness to come back and contribute to the support and guidance of our current students!

SPORTS CLUBS

Netball Club has begun! We would love to see everyone get involved – all year groups are welcome!

📅 Every Thursday
🕒 3:00-4:00pm
📍 Sports Hall

Basketball Club has returned! We welcome all year groups and abilities to join in, build new skills and stay active!

📅 Every Tuesday
🕒 3:00-4:00PM
📍 Sports Hall

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the PE department.

NETBALL

Congratulations to our Year 8 Netball Team for their 12-8 win against Rawlett, and excellent team performance by all!

Well done to our Year 9/10 Netball team for their courageous performance, against a very strong Year 10 Rawlett team! You demonstrated such determination and team work throughout!

DANCE WORKSHOP

Our Dance Academy students recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring West End workshop led by a professional West End dancer and choreographer. Students had the unique opportunity to learn original-style choreography from the hit musical Six, developing their performance skills, confidence, and stage presence.

Throughout the session, they demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, commitment, and professionalism as they tackled challenging choreography and explored the energy and style that make Six such a popular production. It was a fantastic experience that gave students a valuable insight into the world of professional dance and musical theatre. The session left them feeling motivated and inspired to continue developing their dance training!

HOUSE UPDATES

09 NOV — **MARIO KART TOURNAMENT**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

FOOTBALL DARTS — **23 NOV**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

SOFT AXE THROWING — **07 DEC**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

18 JAN — **HOUSE KARAOKE**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

01 FEB — **BIG FAT QUIZ OF THE YEAR**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

DARTS — **22 FEB**

15:00-16:00 - Q01

House Competition Heats Up!

The battle for House Cup glory is already well underway, and what a start it has been!

The Back to School Quiz saw Peel race out of the blocks to claim first place, proving that some students spent their summer doing a little more than scrolling through their phones. Offa followed in second, with Guy in third and Aethelflaed in fourth.

Accuracy was the name of the game in Bullseye Frisbee, where Offa showed remarkable aim to take the win. Guy landed in second place, Aethelflaed secured third, and Peel discovered that throwing a frisbee exactly where you want it to go is harder than it looks.

Literary expertise was on full display in the Roald Dahl Quiz, with Aethelflaed taking a sweet victory. Guy and Offa couldn't be separated and shared second place, while Peel rounded out the leaderboard.

The loudest cheers of the week came during Welly Wanging. Offa launched their welly into the distance to secure first place, with Guy taking second. Unfortunately, Aethelflaed and Peel were no-shows for the event. Whether they were saving their throwing arms for future competitions or simply couldn't find their wellies remains a mystery.

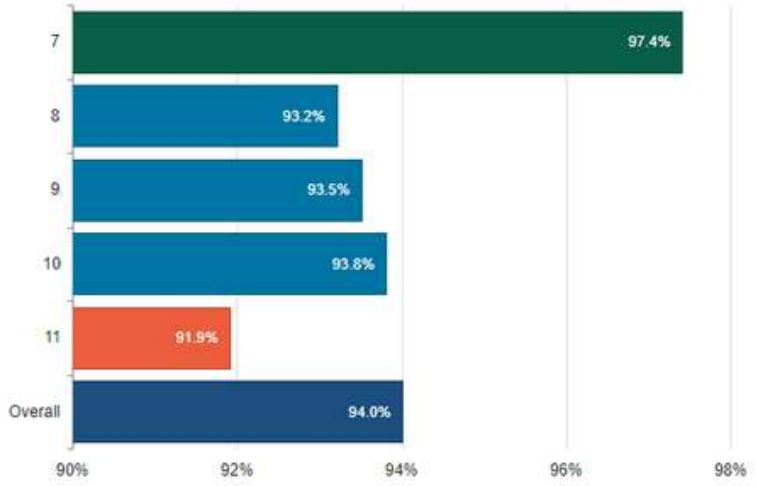
After four events, the competition is shaping up brilliantly. There's plenty of house pride, plenty of friendly rivalry, and, thankfully, only a few airborne wellies. With many more events still to come, the race for the House Cup is wide open!

LANDAU FORTE ACADEMY QEMS ATTENDANCE 2026/27 - 94%

Landau Forte Academy QEMS Attendance 2026/27 - 94%

Well done Year 7, excellent start!

Thank you to all students, parents and carers in supporting the Academy in the importance of attending school regularly, keeping up with learning, building confidence and making the most of what the Academy has to offer.



Why is attendance important?

Every day really does count
- Attending school regularly helps students keep up with learning, build confidence, and avoid gaps that are hard to catch up later.

Attendance links directly to achievement
- Students with 95%+ attendance are far more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes.
Missing just 10 days a year (around 95%) can make it harder to secure good grades.

Small absences add up quickly:
90% attendance = half a day missed every week
85% attendance = almost one full day missed every week
This means key learning is lost, even if absences seem occasional.

Good attendance supports wellbeing and friendships
- Being in school helps students feel part of the community, maintain friendships, and develop routines that support positive mental health.

Attendance affects future opportunities
- Research shows that students who are persistently absent are less likely to stay in education, training, or employment after school.

There is a real financial impact
- Studies suggest that pupils with poor attendance can earn around £35,000 less over their lifetime compared to those with good attendance.

Employers notice attendance habits
- Good attendance builds punctuality, reliability, and responsibility – qualities that employers value highly.

We understand challenges happen
- Illness and genuine difficulties occur, and support is always available. The school will work with families to remove barriers and help students attend whenever possible.

Attendance is a shared responsibility
- When students, families, and schools work together, attendance improves – and so do outcomes.

RESTAURANT MENUS

This Week's Menu

Week Commencing
Monday 02 November
Monday 23 November
Monday 14 December

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Chilli Beef or Beef Bolognaise Vegetarian Bolognaise	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Panini	Loaded Wedges	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Hunters Chicken Cheese and Onion Quiche	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Sausage Roll	Cheese Donut	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Chicken Pasta Bake Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Pizza Slice	Chicken Tikka Pasty	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Sausage Quorn Sausage Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Baguette	Lattice Potato	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fishcake Zinger Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chips	Beef Burger Vegetarian Burger	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

This Week's Menu

Week Commencing
Monday 09 November
Monday 30 November
Monday 04 December

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Meatball Pasta Bake Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Panini	Chicken Strips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Cheese and Ham Omelette Cheese Omelette	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Loaded Wedges	Tandoori Pitta Parcel	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Sweet and Sour Chicken Katsu Chicken Spring Rolls	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Pizza Slice	Cheese and Bacon Turnover	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Pork Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Homemade Soup	Chicken Wings	Mozarella Sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Landau Chicken Box	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chips	Panini	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

This Week's Menu

Week Commencing
Monday 16 November
Monday 07 December

Red - Meat
Green - Veg
Purple - Round the World day
Black - Veg and Meat choice
Blue - Fish

	Main Dish - £2.60	Alternative Dish	Snack 1	Snack 2	Grab Bag - £2.60
Monday	Shepherd's Pie Cheese and Bean Pasty	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Panini	Mozarella Sticks	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Massala Vegetable Balti	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Loaded Potato Wedges	Sausage Roll	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Wednesday	Lasagne Stuffed Peppers	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Chicken Strips	Potato Lattice	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Thursday	Roast Chicken Cheese and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Cheese Donut Chicken Donut	Hot Dog	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink
Friday	Fish Southern Fried Chicken	Jacket Potato Wraps Pasta King Panini	Beef Burger Vegetarian Burger	Chips	Sandwich Biscuit or Fruit Drink

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