

16<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term and looking back over the last 15 weeks we have much to celebrate.

This year has seen the launch of recognition awards across school, all based around our 5 core values and reading. It has seen the average number of recognition points each child received more than double compared to last year and it has been fantastic to celebrate the achievements of those pupils who have received their bronze award, been pupil of the week, secured a place on the recognition trip to the Tower of London or have been part of the tutor group of the week.

At the time of writing this letter, over 90,000 points have been awarded this year and we are looking forward to many more, culminating in our awards assemblies each term and our prestigious awards evening in July. I enjoy being able to sit and write letters and postcards to those who receive the Headteacher commendation and for myself it is a real highlight and helps to always remind me of the amazing students we have in our school.

I was also amazed at how our school community came together through our community harvest appeal, to support our local food bank and I am thankful to you all for helping support this. We were so overwhelmed at the level of need that our community faces we have decided that we will run an appeal all year long and we will make donations and drop off to the food bank on a termly basis. We will send more information as to how you can support in the new year.

This term has seen us celebrate the huge talent our students have for both the Arts and for sports. We have celebrated wins for the netball teams, the many victories, and a cup win for our football team, as well as our young cricket team supporting the launch of the new Warwickshire cricket team. Alongside this we have had many young pianists entertain their peers through lunch time concerts in the foyer as well as our piano recital. I am particularly looking forward to the Christmas concert this week.

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## **Arrangements for the last week in school and the start of the Spring Term 2025**

Friday 20th December is the last day of the term. Students will all take part in end-of-term recognition assemblies, giving them a chance to reflect on and celebrate their successes over the last term with their year group.

We will dismiss students starting with year 11 from approximately 11.35am and year 7 will be dismissed by approximately 12:00pm. A grab and go lunch option will still be available for all students.

All students will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the normal time of 8.45am.

### **EduLink**

Please take your time over the Christmas break to check your child's details on EduLink and make sure everything is up to date, including any allergies or medical conditions. If you are not accessing EduLink please contact your child's Head of Year as soon as possible. EduLink contains essential information about your child's education and school experience, including recognition, attendance, and behaviour.

We will soon be making a parent's guide available to support all parents/carers accessing all aspects of Edu Link that are available.

### **It is vital that school holds a minimum of two emergency contacts on the system.**

[Queensbridge - EduLink One Support](#)

### **Attendance - You Belong**

Because all students are a valued part of our school community, we are so pleased to be able to celebrate a large proportion of them who are completing this term with 100% attendance and punctuality.

We are also proud of those students who have missed days for genuine reasons but have done everything to be back to school as soon as they could. As you are aware, missing learning time means students fall behind their peers and, where patterns develop, this can be very difficult for young people to catch up. We want all students to meet their academic potential and to develop positive habits to prepare them for life beyond Queensbridge.

Should you have any concerns or require any support around supporting your child's attendance and punctuality to school, please contact their Head of Year.

Ahead of the new term please ensure:

- your child has the correct equipment each day.
- your child has full and correct uniform every day.
- to support school in our aim of being a mobile free zone.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break and that you and your families are safe, well and happy during this festive period. For me Christmas is a time for slowing down, for family and for reflection. We are a fortunate community, and we must relentlessly strive to support each other and our young people and to surround them with hope and optimism in a world that is often divisive and full of negativity. We must be their beacons, and we must light the way for them.

Although it seems like it is a long time away, we will welcome all students back in full school uniform on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a lovely Christmas break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H Singh', written in a cursive style.

Mr H Singh  
**Headteacher**

## KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

*You can always access the school calendar on the website; look under About Us/calendar.*

[Queensbridge - Calendar](#)

Important Dates for the Spring Term		
Date	Times	Event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	All day	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	8:45 am	Pupils return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4:45pm – 7:15pm	Yr10 Progress Evening (face to face)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025		Half Term
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4:45- 7:15pm	Yr9 Options Evening (face to face)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	4:45- 7:15pm	Yr11 Progress Evening (Face to Face)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025		End of Term