Queensbridge

Monday 7th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Schools are never quiet or still, and this term has been filled with a wonderful array of events. The staff at QB are truly exceptional; without their dedication and passion, none of these opportunities would be possible.

Looking back, we have achieved so much. One highlight was our third Community Iftar, which welcomed over 250 guests from all walks of life. This event really epitomises what we strive for, not just during Ramadan, but through all our community work.

We also held our first community event to mark International Women's Day. I was particularly proud of this occasion and deeply grateful to the staff who brought it to life. It takes real commitment, hard work, and a lot of time to make something like this happen. The event had over 200 guests and really was a magical day, the sun was out, and we took time to reflect and hear and learn.

As a reading school, no spring term would be complete without World Book Day. The staff went all out this year, dressing up as characters from *Where's Wally?* I've promised never to judge this event again, the children put in so much effort, and the creativity and planning behind their costumes were simply amazing.

You will be aware that we have introduced some new optional items for our uniform including shorts and we are now working in partnership with Clive Mark. I am proud that our uniform has less branded items and is cheaper than the average. We will continue to work closely with students and families to ensure we keep unnecessary costs down. This includes continuing to develop our own preloved uniform offer. I urge you to drop at school reception, items you no longer need, so that we can clean and resell.

Alongside this important work, I would like to ask you all to really speak with your own children about phones and the need for them in schools. For a long time, we have maintained a phone free school, however, now more than ever, as a community we need to work closely together, in partnership, to ensure we protect our children. I ask you to watch the Netflix documentary Adolescence, that explores the dangers of phones as well as the channel 4 documentary Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones.

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We have started to engage students and teachers on how we keep school phones free. If a phone is found in school, we will remove the phone and ask families to collect the device at the end of the week. This is our current and existing rule and while we review this to ensure we have a rule that reflects fairness, educating our students on the dangers of mobile phones and ensuring we keep a phone free school, I urgently request your support.

When we return, we will be preparing our year 11s for the final push before they begin their final exams and end their time with us at QB and preparing our students for values week and graduation ceremonies. This year we will be bringing back the National Record of Achievement. Watch this space and be ready to be filled with nostalgia.

We will welcome all students back in full school uniform on Monday 28th April at 8:45am.

Reminders

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 11th April. We will finish at 12:25pm. Pupils return to school on Monday **28th April at 8:45am.**

As we approach what we hope will be a warmer summer term, may I remind you of our school expectations:

- Students are required to be fully prepared for learning every day - fully equipped, including school planner.
- Hoodies/sweatshirts are **not** a replacement for wearing our school jumper. As the weather is now warmer, I would ask you to support us in ensuring your child does not come wearing their hoodies and sweatshirts around the school building. This includes any item that can be pulled over the head and hides our own polo/jumper. If a student has a hoodie/pullover it will be taken from them.
- Students that have medical exemptions from practical PE are still expected to wear their full PE kit as they will be given a non-practical role/task.
- Students require trainers for PE lessons, converse pumps are not acceptable for sporting activities.

Finally, allow me to wish you all a Happy Easter to our families celebrating, a time of deep significance and reflection in the Christian calendar. A belated Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrated earlier in the year and also Happy Vaisakhi. A time of significance to me personally.

Yours faithfully

Mr H Singh

Headteacher

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD

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

https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents

Important Dates for the Summer Term		
Date	**Times**	**Event**
Monday 28th April 2025	8:45am	All Pupils return
Monday 5th May 2025	Closed	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6th May 2025 – Fri 20th June 2025		GCSE examinations
Thursday 8th May 2025	4:45pm to 7:15pm	Yr8 Progress Eve Online
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025		Half Term Holiday: School closed
Thursday 26th June 2025	4:45pm to 7:15pm	Yr7 Progress Eve (In school)
Friday 18th July 2025	TBC	Last day of term
Monday 21st July 2025	Closed	Training Day
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