



## Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Message from Mrs Reeves, Headteacher.**

The end of another very busy week. It has been brilliant to see pupils in after school clubs again and Year 11 working really hard towards their final grades. I am very proud of the range of clubs on offer and the opportunities for pupils to connect and participate outside of formal lessons - running, Samba, Photography, Music tech, many book clubs, not forgetting cricket, netball and football!

This week getting to school has been problematic for both staff and pupils as local traffic issues continue to present Queensbridge with challenges, please be assured that I have contacted Councillors and await their responses to increased pollution around school and congestion that makes travel problematic.

On another note, in order to limit the amount of time children could lose from school as a positive test result, we will be taking part in a new study called "Daily Contact Testing" which is being led by the Department for Health and Social Care through NHS Test and Trace. Please click on link [bit.ly/QB\\_testing\\_trial](https://bit.ly/QB_testing_trial) to view DCT letter. Further information can be found on our website: <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/covid-update>



Finally, working in partnership with parents is key may I draw your attention to:-

### **[Parent Governor Vacancy](#)**

We currently have one parent vacancy. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to Queensbridge School. Nominations can only be accepted from parents or carers who have children registered at the school on the day that nominations close.

Please click on link [bit.ly/QB\\_parentgov\\_letter](https://bit.ly/QB_parentgov_letter) to view parent Governor Vacancy letter and nomination form, information can also be found on our website:

<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/about/staff/governors>

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



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# Recognition Page

Congratulations to everyone at Queensbridge.

Current running recognition points total is 95,081.

Recognition points leader board – Top 3

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Eisa Z Isobel B Chloe H	Edgar E Zain A Cassie P	Arif A Rosanna V-W Alana W	Susie P Evan H Nia C	All joint first this week: Estelle B Fatima B Isobelle B Olivia H Niamh P

## Year 7

**Jacob F** for his focus and engagement in lessons.

## Year 8

**Finn G** for his commitment to reading and after clubs.

## Year 9

The whole of 9RGE for having the best attendance and most recognition points this week, well done!

## Year 10

**Evan H** For being a fantastic peer and role model and showing great maturity.

## Year 11

Well done to **Lewis J** for great effort across all of your subjects.

# Lower School

## Mr Spicer Head of Lower School

It has been fantastic to see everyone that has already started to attend all of the new Wider Learning clubs that are now on offer. As we start to return to some kind of normality it is so important to me that the uniqueness of Queensbridge returns. We have always prided ourselves as a school on the offers we present in Wider Learning, residentials and trips within the local area. The importance of these cannot be under-estimated in improving communication between pupils, developing character and finding additional interests and event future careers outside of the lesson environment. I would like congratulate everyone who has attended a club and say to those who haven't, check the menu that is in this newsletter and on the website and find something to have a go at. It may be something you have an interest in, something you have done before or even something brand new. Now more than ever, being around peer's, being active, developing new healthy activities to participate in is so important. I am very much looking forward to a time when residentials can return but for now, the holistic development that our clubs offer is a fantastic starting point and I look forward to seeing many more pupils join what's on offer.



## We are back... Wider Learning and Catch-Up

Club	Venue	Year Group
<b>Monday After School</b>		
Football	Field	8
Netball	Netball Court	8
Cricket	Astro	8
D of E – Expedition Planning	112	Year 10 D of E Bronze participants
Samba	229	7
A Monster Calls Book Group	118	8
When Mr Dog Bites Book Group	112	10
Photography	230	9
Arts and Craft	309	7
Running Club	Field	7
<b>Tuesday After School</b>		
Table Tennis	Lounge	9
Photoshop	309a	7
Smile Book Group	309	7
<b>Wednesday After School</b>		
Football	Field	7
Netball	Netball Court	7
Hockey	Astro	7
Well-Being Wednesday	Learning Zone	8
Well-Being Wednesday	213	9
QB Youth Theatre	Hall	8
Johnny Delgado	118	8
Music Tech	230	9
David Walliams Book Group	304	7
Persepolis Book Group	117	8
Only Ever Yours Book Group	215	9
Sealed with a Loving Kiss Book Group	315	9

Thursday After School		
Football	Field	9
Netball	Netball Court	9
Table Tennis	Lounge	8
Hockey	Astro	9
Dance project	Hall	8
Well-Being Thursday	309a	7
Carnegie Book Group	118	8
Factfulness Book Group	214	9
Friday After School		
Next Level Readers	307	7

*Please note that from 7<sup>th</sup> June the PE clubs will rotate to Summer sports including Cricket and Rounders.*

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- **From Ms Kassim (Head of Yr7) and the Year 7 Well-being Team**

It has been lovely to see all the pupils taking part in all the wider learning groups. We have arts and craft club, reading clubs, Photoshop, Running club, football, Hockey and netball. it's really nice to see pupils demonstrating their skills. I'm proud to say we have some really talented year 7s

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- **From Mrs Coyles (Head of Yr8) and the Year 8 Well-being Team**

It has been great to see Year 8 back in school and engaged with lessons, and the whole team are thrilled that a number of small reading groups have started after school for targeted pupils. Our aim is for all of our pupils to read regularly for pleasure, so please would families explore the SORA app with their children to access a great range of reads. A Table Tennis club for Year 8s also started yesterday, with a small number of people attending, and we hope this grows through the term.

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- **From Miss Dunleavy (Head of Yr9) and the Year 9 Well-being Team**

Hi Year 9,

It's been great to see you all attending and enjoying the after school clubs this week, I particularly enjoyed my well-being club doing karaoke!

Keep working hard and enjoy the bank holiday weekend 😊

# Upper School

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**From Miss Powell (Head of Yr10) and the Year 10 Wellbeing Team.**

Positivity

The power of positivity can have an amazing impact on your life. This week the wellbeing team have focused on **staying positive** regardless of the situation. There are so many benefits of thinking positive. This weekend I want you to ask yourself 'do I think positively?'

Change the things you CAN change but do not dwell on things you CANNOT change.

Have a lovely long weekend. Be safe.

Miss Powell & the wellbeing team.

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**From Mr Shaqur (Head of Yr11) & the Year 11 Wellbeing Team.**

Dear Year 11

Summer term has started. The sunshine is a much need lift for us all.

As I sit here thinking about what to write, a bee flies into the room and I become fixed on it. After a brief inspection of the Year 11 hub, it wants to get out and lands on the bottom pane of the big windows next to my desk. It crawls up the window quickly and when it gets to the top, it needs to crawl upside down on a 5cm rail get to the pane above which is the open window and the success and freedom it so desires. It keeps trying this final bit but gets stuck and appears like its running on the spot with all 6 legs now at full pelt but, eventually tires and falls back to the bottom of the pane it started on.

The bee starts all over again from the bottom and goes through the same process again, and again and again, with the same end result, eventually giving up and sitting on the ledge.

I want the bee to achieve success so I go over and trap it. I carefully placed it on the other side of the rail it was failing to crawl over. It flew off gleefully into the sunshine...

Sometimes we are all like the bee and need a bit of help. Sometimes just a bit of thinking on our own will give us the solution and with perseverance we get there.

Wishing you all the best,

The Year 11 Team

# QB Update

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**Not yet activated your account? Please check your email. Thank you.**

As a school we are continually aiming to improve how we engage with parents and update you with information about your child. We have introduced a new parental portal to yr 7-10.

Edulink One is a web and app based application, which aims to integrate systems into one solution. Through a secure system, the feature will allow you to access a wide range of information relating to your child.

Getting started, there are two ways to use Edulink One through a web browser like internet explorer or google chrome, alternatively you can download an app to use on your mobile phone. The mobile App for Edulink One is available for ios and Android devices.

## **Step1.**

Please find the link below for Edulink one Queensbridge login page  
<https://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login?code=queensbridge>

## **Step 2.**

Here you need you user name and password (which has been emailed to you) to login:

Note: **Edulink** has the option for parents to reset their own password.

Once logged into the **EduLink** app, **parents** will view the following screen: Each of the available areas in **EduLink** are displayed:

- Timetable
- Recognition
- Contacts
- Update information
- Account Information
- Academic Reports

# SORA Reading Recommends

<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/news/sora-reading-app>

Download our [SORA Reading Recommendations](#) with instructions on accessing SORA!



## Information

- **Dates for your diary**

You can access the school calendar on the website; look under parents/school calendar

<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/calendar>

- **National Air Pollution and Schools Survey, UWE Bristol**

We are contacting you to kindly request your participation in an important national survey (in conjunction with the University of the West of England, Bristol) to address air pollution at schools. The data collected from this survey will inform the development of strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.

The questionnaire is entirely anonymous, and no personal or identifiable information will be requested or recorded at any point.

The link below will take you to the questionnaire, which should take no more than a few minutes to complete.

[https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD](https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD)

Thanks very much for your time,

Louis Brown.  
Air Quality Management Resource Centre (AQMRC)  
UWE, Bristol.  
Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1QY



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163 Yew-Tree Lane  
B26 1AY  
0121 784 4230  
Opening Times

Mansuri - Sparkhill Branch  
754-756 Stratford Road  
B11 4BP  
0121 778 2787  
Opening Times

Day	Hours	Day	Hours
Monday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Monday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Tuesday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Wednesday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Friday	10:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday	10:00am - 6:00pm
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# Careers

Please refer to the website: [Careers: QB Aspire \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://careers.qbaspire.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)

## SSFC Subject Specific Video Resources (Year 10 & Year 11 pupils)

SSFC have produced a range of video resources for Year 10 students who are starting to think about their post 16 progression and Year 11 students who have decided on their future studies. Most of these videos feature teacher and students talking about all of the subjects. The video links can be accessed via Queensbridge website.

## From Elevate Education

Dear Parents,

We're excited to announce that parents of our school have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series this year. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

The schedule for this term begins on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and is included below:

- 11<sup>th</sup> May** | Memory Skills
- 25<sup>th</sup> May** | Time Management
- 15<sup>th</sup> June** | Motivation
- 6<sup>th</sup> July** | Technology

Registration is essential and is free for you as a parent of the school. You can register for free at:

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

The webinar is run **live online from 6pm – 7pm** where the presenter will share Elevate’s key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

☎ 01865 987 732

✉ [ukcoaching@elevateeducation.com](mailto:ukcoaching@elevateeducation.com)

🖥 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

👍 [www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/](http://www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/)

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### **College Transition Events / Opportunities / Materials**

(All pupils in year 11 have received an email with fuller details about these events / opportunities / materials)



### **Welcome To SSFC Day Event: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

This event is for offer holders and will take place online on Wednesday 23 June. It will give students a taste of what it is like to study for their chosen subjects. SSFC are asking students to save the date.

### **SSFC – Bridging The Gap (For Year 11 Pupils)**

SSFC have produced a range of materials for their A level and BTEC courses that Year 11 students who are progressing onto A level or BTEC study next year may find useful. These resources, which they are referring to as “Bridging the Gap” materials are aimed at showing students what they will be doing when they move into Year 12 and believe they will be useful preparation for future studies. You can find these resources at <https://www.solihullsf.ac.uk/bridging-the-gap/>.

### **Joseph Chamberlain College: Applications Closing Friday 7th May**



### **Thinking Of Going To Uni?**

### **Free Freshers Festival (Online) : Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

This event is aimed at 15-18 year olds thinking about going to university. Students will be able to watch content from current university students, find out useful information about every UK university, and ask any questions they may have about university life. There will also be live streams, games, brand deals, and Q&As.

[Students can sign up to the event here.](#)

## University of Birmingham & Smallpiece Trust – Free STEM Engineering Event for Girls in Summer Holidays

The University of Birmingham is partnering with a charity called the Smallpiece Trust to offer Y10 girls a **FREE online engineering course this summer**. The course will have 4 days of activity exploring different areas of interesting and fun engineering and aims to give girls the opportunity to discover that engineering might be the right career for them to consider. In addition, girls will be able to experience virtual tours of the University campus and meet some of our female students in subjects such as mechanical engineering, metallurgy and materials, physics and electronic engineering.

The course takes place during the summer vacation and booking is online at the following link <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-page/697588ab-cb5f-eb11-a812-0022481a73ba>

## Interested In A Medical Profession

### **DR.EAM Big Virtual Conference: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.00-2.30pm**



Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences society (BWAMS) is hosting its first large scale healthcare careers event; the DR.EAM Big Conference this year. The DR.EAM Big Conference is a free outreach event aimed at Year 10-11 students who are considering a career in healthcare specifically: medicine, dentistry and nursing.

This free virtual conference gives students the chance to learn more about a healthcare career and all it has to offer!

Apply before **Wednesday 12th May 2021** using the following link: <https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-big-2021-application>

### **'Inspire Medics' – Free Webinar 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Inspire Medics are organising FREE monthly webinars for students who wish to study Medicine at University. The doctors are part of the NHS England Clinical Entrepreneur Programme, if you wish to check out profiles (see Dr Vikas Sandoo: here [https://www.england.nhs.uk/aac/what-we-do/how-can-the-aac-help-me/clinical-entrepreneur-training-programme/our-clinical-entrepreneurs/?mc\\_cid=096493a665&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://www.england.nhs.uk/aac/what-we-do/how-can-the-aac-help-me/clinical-entrepreneur-training-programme/our-clinical-entrepreneurs/?mc_cid=096493a665&mc_eid=UNIQID)).

Their next Online talk is on the 16th May 2021 and 2 UK doctors will talk about the entrance exams (BMAT and UCAT) for getting into Medical School. It will be an excellent opportunity for students to hear from doctors and understand the requirements to get into Medical School and how to prepare properly.

There are 2 links below, one is an eventbrite link and the other is a direct Zoom registration link.

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146341103179?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc\\_cid=096493a665&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146341103179?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=096493a665&mc_eid=UNIQID)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_qU8BDLh8Qoa8rT40CE0Ycg?mc\\_cid=096493a665&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qU8BDLh8Qoa8rT40CE0Ycg?mc_cid=096493a665&mc_eid=UNIQID)

## Virtual NHS Work Experience Opportunities – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

NHS work experience for allied health careers such as: Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Radiography, Prosthetics and orthotics, Speech and language therapy, Osteopathy, Pharmacy and now includes Podiatry too! This programme is available to support all aspiring healthcare students as an alternative to in-person NHS work experience during the pandemic.

Register onto the programme: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

## Apprenticeships



### Virgin Media Apprenticeship in Birmingham (B26 3RZ)

Virgin Media have launched their apprenticeship scheme once again this year and pleased to advise they now have a vacancy in **Birmingham**. They are recruiting a Revenue Operations Manager Level 5 - entry requirement is 5 GCSEs including Maths and English A\*-C (level 4-9) to start in September. Benefits are - £25,000 (rising to £30,000 at the mid-point of the scheme) + amazing benefits. Like what you see? Refer to the email sent to your pupil school email address

# Keeping safe and wellbeing

Please refer to the website: <https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

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## ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kinds of things like:

- Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on **07480635485**

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**YOUNGMINDS**

## COMMUNICATION AND AUTISM TEAM (CAT)

### COVID-19 & Advice for Parents / Carers



Currently the nation is experiencing a situation we have not seen before. It is requiring us all to change our normal routines and may be causing your child with autism to feel concerned and present some challenges for you as a parent and/or carer.

The Communication and Autism Team are here to help you during this difficult time. Our families and children are really important to us and we are here to provide you with support through our telephone helpline service.

You can get advice and support on a range of topics, including the following:

- Strategies to support access to home routines
- Motivating and engaging your child
- Tips for helping your child/young person to manage their school work at home
- Social communication and interaction
- Sleeping, eating and personal hygiene
- Wellbeing
- Structure and routine
- Coping with new routines
- Helping your child to understand what is happening
- Looking after yourself

We would like to assure you that our support remains available to you by telephone throughout this period.

If you would like to access this service please email [CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk) with the following information:

- Your name
- The telephone number you would like to be contacted on
- The name of your child's school
- Times and dates you are not available

We will then arrange for a member of the team to call you back as soon as possible.

*"We can do this if we all work together as a family"*

Birmingham SEND Youth Forum

Visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer)

Follow us on Twitter: @AJEducation #coronavirushelp



## Help and Support

During these challenging times, support for young people's mental health remains available; please see below for how to contact these services.

**Forward Thinking Birmingham** The mental health partnership for all 0-25 year olds in Birmingham. Please visit the website via the link below to access resources and information as well as make a referral into the service.  
<http://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/>

**Pause.** For support with all aspects of emotional wellbeing. Use the link below to register for support: <http://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>

You can also register by leaving a message on our registration line: 030 754 14070 please note local call charges @ 09:00-17:00, one of the team will call you back and get you signed up for support.

**kooth** An online mental wellbeing community that provides numerous resources and services to young people to access, to support their mental health. Can be accessed anonymously. Please access via the link: <http://www.kooth.com>

**Know Your Wellbeing** Clear and accessible resources, videos and information for young people, families, education and healthcare professionals to support the mental wellbeing of children. Click on the link to access the wide variety of support and resources available: <http://www.knowyourwellbeing.org.uk>

**shout 85258** Provides confidential support for teenagers and young adults experiencing anxiety, low mood, isolation, anger, distress, available 24/7. Text 86268

**Childline** For all young people – website has numerous resources available and young people can also access support via phone. 0800 1111 (24-hour phone line). [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

### If you are in crisis or need immediate support

If you require immediate help or support, please contact:

- 0300 300 0099 - Inside Mon-Fri 0900-1700 this will get you through to the Forward Thinking Birmingham duty clinicians; outside of these hours you will go straight through to the Forward Thinking Birmingham Urgent Care team.
- 111 – the non-emergency NHS number.
- 999 – if there is a life threatening emergency or you need medical treatment.

# Staying safe during the Coronavirus outbreak

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other

**Wash hands**

keep washing your hands regularly

**Cover face**

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

**Make space**

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Next newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.