

Dear Queen Elizabeth's Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

I write to you today on the eve of the Christmas break which I can't quite believe has come around so quickly!

Firstly I would like to officially welcome all those who have joined the QEA community this year. To our new students in Year 7 and their families - Thank you for joining us here at QEA and for settling in so quickly! We on the committee are excited to see how you grow and develop as part of the QEA Way.

To our new members of staff - Thank you for your efforts in hitting the ground running and embedding yourselves within the community.

I would also like to extend a welcome introduction to the two new governors that joined our committee this term: Tony Darby and Joanne Bull. They bring with them a wealth of experience and have already helped strengthen the committee, allowing us to support QEA as best we can.

More than anything, Christmas is a time for celebration! With that in mind, I offer my congratulations to our previous Year 11 cohort on their amazing results and hope they are enjoying their new journeys. Seeing so many attend the GCSE celebration evening recently shows just how important QEA was to these students as they grew.

Similarly, the Christmas Concert was an amazing showing of all the talent that is bubbling away here at QEA. It left us feeling proud to be a part of the community.

Speaking of the community, I am in awe of the of the accomplishments of Miss Percival and her leadership team in growing the reputation and position of QEA in the local area. This is evidenced by the recent Open Evening which I am told was potentially the biggest on record! The academy is truly going from strength to strength.

I would like to close in wishing you all a very merry Christmas! I hope everyone has chance to spend time with their loved ones and to recharge their batteries.

**Kindest regards,
Joseph Krogulec
Chair of the Local Academy Committee**