

## Summer Term Governor Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

The end of the Summer Term and the Academic Year provides us with the perfect opportunity to reflect on the year to date, and to prepare for the new academic year in September.

The Local Academy Committee are pleased to both acknowledge and support the efforts of all members of QEA to heighten expectations, improve outcomes and to ensure our students thrive.

Improving outcomes is a key challenge here at QEA as well as nationally, as the wider educational and social impacts of COVID 19 continue to be a focus. Thanks to the Diverse Academies Trust, QEA has successfully trialled a new Pupil Progress data capture system which is providing Key Stage 4 students, teachers and leaders with enhanced information on student progress and key areas for improvement to inform teaching and learning. Year 11 students found this extremely helpful in highlighting key areas for revision to support achieving their target grade. We look forward to seeing this further embedded next year and extended into Year 10.

We congratulate Year 11 on their commitment to their GCSE examinations and their conduct and resilience during the whole exam period. We wish them the very best for their results and future education, employment or training.

The Attitude to Learning Initiative has been further embedded this term and we are delighted to read of more and more students achieving the highest grades, demonstrating their commitment to QEA values.

As part of the QEA's educational aims to prepare our students to be citizens of the world we were delighted to celebrate all things cultural with the QEA culture week. This involved sharing some of students' diverse cultures and celebrating with food, artwork and dance allowing everyone to learn more about each other and what makes us unique. The food provided by the kitchen staff was a particular hit with students and staff alike.

As QEA continues to grow in popularity, we were delighted to welcome 210 students for the 3 days of transition at the start of July. This provided our upcoming Year 7 students

with the opportunity to start to familiarise themselves with our school site, our learning environment as well as meet new students and staff. We thank all those parents who attended the Transition Evening on 25<sup>th</sup> June. All of QEA is looking forward to welcoming these new students to the QEA community in September at the start of the next important stage of their education and to working closely with their parents.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer, with hopefully some good summer weather to enjoy.

Kindest regards

**Jo Bull**

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