

8th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend my thanks to the Friends of QB who came and visited me on Wednesday 24th January to discuss a range of things including how we can strengthen our communication as a school, the development of a new website, which we are aiming to launch on July 1st and how we can continue to work closely with our wider community.

Pre-loved uniform

Our key focus over the next term will be around ensuring we do all we can to support our families and community and as a result I am happy to announce that we will begin to sell pre-loved uniforms, coats, bags, and other items that are often in school. We have a community event in March, and we will use this as a chance to sell pre-loved uniform.

Any funds raised from the sale of the pre-loved items will be used to support activities for our students which will be decided on by our school student leadership. We will seek to improve school facilities at social time, reduce costs of recognition and reward trips. Moving forward we will use opportunities such as dress down days, cake sales, etc. to not only raise funds for local and national charities, but to also increase this student fund.

Easy Fundraising

I am also excited to draw your attention to a platform I am sure many of you are familiar with called Easy Fundraising. I encourage you all to click the link below and join easy fundraising – a great, easy, and free way to support us in school. I will work closely with students to ensure you are always informed on how much we raise and where the students wish this money to be spent. Easy fundraising is free to download, and the money raised will go directly to students and activities for students. Please do make time to download this app.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Community Iftar

Our next community event in school is on 21st March, our Community Iftar. Last year we held our first ever community Iftar and it was extremely popular with over 100 families attending to celebrate Ramadan and share the opening of fast (Iftar) with our community. I will share more details with you in due course, however, when tickets go on sale, please do purchase them quickly as this will be a popular event and we know we will sell out.

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Website

I would also like to inform you that we are redesigning our website, and I would like the website to feature some of the important comments from our parents. With that said if you have some great thoughts, comments on our school that you would be happy to share, please do send them to us on enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

Governance

I would like to welcome Sherine El-Menshawy, our newly elected Co-Opt governor to our governing body.

The Governing Board (GB), with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the Governing Board to ensure the high standards of achievement for all children. Sherine is a Primary School teacher, who will bring both knowledge and experience of education and the local community to the role of Co-opt Governor.

In addition to teaching experience, Sherine holds an MA in Cultural Studies with a focus on postcolonial theory, anti-racism and inequality and involved in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) consultancy work with a focus on education. Sherine is also passionate about the importance of providing our children with an inclusive safe space to learn, where they can confidently develop critical thinking skills to make connections with their local world as well as develop respectful awareness of the wider global context.

Work experience

Our year 10s have been out on work experience this week and have had an amazing time. This has been an extremely important opportunity for them, and I have no doubt they will all have gained so much from this week.

Progress Evening & Year 9 option evening

I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming year 9 progress evening which will be combined with our year 9 options evening. This is a critical event and details will be on our website. We will also be sharing key information with students and therefore attendance is important.

Year 9 Progress/Options Evening – Thursday 29th February 4.45pm - 7:15pm

Dates for the Diary:

- **Week commencing 19th February** - LGBT history month (including guest speakers, visits & a cake sale)
- **Week commencing 26th February** - In school activities for National careers week.
- **Thursday 29th February** - Year 9 pathways/progress evening
- **Thursday 7th March** - World book day (will include activities and dress up opportunities for students)
- **Week commencing 4th March** - Year 11 core mocks will begin
- **Friday 15th March** - Comic Relief
- **Thursday 21st March** - Community Iftar

Please visit our website for term dates and events.
<https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/calendar>

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, please email
enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

We will welcome all students back in full school uniform on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal stroke, likely representing the name Mr H Singh.

Mr H Singh
Headteacher

