

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well as we prepare to embark on another exciting academic year. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and trust in us.

As we enter my second year as Headteacher, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Our school has a longstanding tradition of excellence, and I am delighted to share that we not only upheld that tradition but exceeded our own expectations and defied the national trend last year. Our academic results for last year were excellent and we know this will hold our year 11 students in good stead as they start the next chapter. It was exciting to see so many happy faces open results that they had worked so hard for across 5 years including the covid years. Your partnership with us has played a vital role in this success, and I want to thank you for your invaluable contribution. I would also like you to join me in thanking our incredible staff. From staff in the offices, the staff who keep our site clean and safe, those who take care to feed our children and to the classroom teachers, all of whom give endlessly and with all their heart. The staff at QB are incredibly passionate and really do deserve our thanks and praise. I have no doubt you will find time and opportunities to pass on your own words of thanks.

For the parents and careers of children in year 10, take comfort in these results and trust in us but please do continue to give us your support, involvement, and encouragement that have allowed us to improve on the already impressive results from previous years. Your dedication to your children's education and your collaboration with our school community are truly appreciated. I am inspired by the commitment I see from parents and carers like you, and I am confident that we will continue to achieve great things together.

As we prepare to welcome a new group of Year 7 students to our school community, I want to extend a warm welcome to all of you as well. Your trust in us to educate and nurture your children is a responsibility we take very seriously. We are excited to partner with you in providing a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment for your child.

Let us continue to work together as partners in education, fostering a strong and supportive school community. Together, we can make this year another truly remarkable one. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being valued members of our school community.

## **Uniform**

A polite reminder of the information that was communicated prior to the summer holiday with regards to our expectations of school uniform and equipment. [end-of-summer-term-letter-july-2023-90921.pdf \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/end-of-summer-term-letter-july-2023-90921.pdf)

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform and have the correct equipment at all times. Pupils who do not follow the policy will be challenged by their form tutor. On a daily basis, the form tutor will check uniform and equipment every morning and will inform your child's Head of Year before 9.00am. If any pupil has not met our expectations, parents will be contacted to bring the correct items into school.

Please can we ask that parents/carers engage with the uniform and equipment list on our school website and take note of the information below to enable a smooth and effective return to school for all pupils in September. [Stronger Together | Uniform \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/StrongerTogether/Uniform)

- Navy blue formal full-length trousers, worn on the waist and appropriate for an academic environment. NOT PERMITTED: black trousers, lycra trousers or leggings.
- Navy blue skirt – standard length appropriate for an academic environment. NOT PERMITTED: black and lycra skirts.
- Formal all black shoes or boots that can be polished. NOT PERMITTED: trainers.
- NOT PERMITTED: pull over the head hoodies.
- Mobile phones and smart watches must not be seen on school site. If seen, device will be confiscated for parent/carer collection.
- Natural hair colour, natural make up, natural looking nails that are of a safe length for all school activity (e.g. PE).
- Flat rings and stud earrings or small hoops (safe for all school activity). In certain subjects, pupils will be asked to remove or cover piercings.
- Caps, hats and sunglasses should not be worn in the school building.

## **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated. Queensbridge school has been working with the DfE since the start of the year. In the Spring term we completed a survey of the school site. We are confident that our school is free from RAAC.

## **Fund raising**

We are delighted to inform you that the school raised £319.03 in support of UNICEF. Thank you to all who contributed.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful start to the school year.

Yours sincerely



Mr 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>

<b>Important Dates for the Autumn Term</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		Yr11 Evening Trip to Stratford to see Macbeth
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		Open evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		Open day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023		Yr7/9/11 School photo's
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		European Day of Languages
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	5:00pm to 6:00pm	Yr11 Curriculum Evening
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023		Macmillan Coffee Event
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	4:45pm to 7:15pm	Yr7 Progress Evening (In school)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		Yr7 trip Boreatton Park
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		QB week of culture
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023		Half Term Holiday: School closed
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	6pm	Ski Trip Parents Information Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	4:45pm to 7:15pm	Yr11 Progress Evening (online)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School Closed	TTD
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	7pm	School production
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023		Yr11 Mock Exams
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		Half Term Holiday: School closed

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