

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of another busy, exciting and action-packed term, I hope you enjoy sharing our successes displayed in our Spring Term 2024 parent newsletter. I hope you enjoy it.

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Staffing updates

I would like to introduce and congratulate Mrs Westwood, an existing and long-standing member of staff at Queensbridge, to the role of the new Head of year 7. She will be working alongside the pastoral team in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition. We have also appointed Mr. Khan as a computer science teacher alongside Ms Kharchenko who joins our French department

Mobile Phones in School

May I remind all parents/carers that mobile phones, headphones or ear-pods and smart watches must not be seen anywhere on the school site. If seen, the device will be confiscated for parent/carer collection.

In light of recent incidents in the park and on Kings Heath High Street, we advise all students to walk to and from school in small groups where possible, ensuring all technology is out of sight.

Water Bottles

Since September, the canteen has used 33,000 paper cups for students getting water/drinks. This is not environmentally or economically sustainable. We will begin to remove all paper cups in the next half-term. Students must come to school with water bottles. Students will be expected to fill water bottles during their break and lunch. There are more than enough accessible water fountains in school so students must not leave lessons to refill water bottles.

MESSAGE FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE - RESTORATIVE APPROACHES – [joint-police-school-restorative-approaches-letter-feb-2024-24591.pdf](https://www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk/joint-police-school-restorative-approaches-letter-feb-2024-24591.pdf) ([queensbridge.bham.sch.uk](https://www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk))

Reminders

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 22nd March. We will finish at the normal school time of 3:15pm. School will be closed on Monday 8th April for teacher training day. Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 9th April at 8:45am**.

As we approach what we hope will be a warmer summer term, may I remind you of our school expectations:

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- Students are required to be fully prepared for learning every day - fully equipped, including school planner.
- Hoodies/sweatshirts are **not** a replacement for wearing our school jumper. As the weather is now warmer, I would ask you to support us in ensuring your child does not come wearing their hoodies and sweatshirts around the school building.
- Students that have medical exemptions from practical PE are still expected to wear their full PE kit as they will be given a non-practical role/task.
- Students require trainers for PE lessons, converse pumps are not acceptable for sporting activities.

Happy Easter to our families celebrating, a time of deep significance and reflection in the Christian calendar and Ramadan Mubarak to our families who have begun to fast during this significant time in the Muslim calendar. When we return, we will be celebrating Eid and marking Vaishaki as well as preparing our year 11s for the final push before they begin their final exams and end their time with us at QB.

We will welcome all students back in full school uniform on Tuesday 9th April at 8:45am.

Yours faithfully,



Mr H 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>

Important Dates for the Summer Term		
Date	Times	Event
Monday 8 th April 2024	ALL DAY	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	8:45am	All Pupils return
Thursday 11 th April 2024	4:45pm to 7:15pm	Yr11 progress Evening (face to face)
Monday 6 th May 2024	Closed	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 th May 2024 – Fri 21 st June 2024		GCSE examinations
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024		Half Term Holiday: School closed
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