



# Notes from our Headteacher

What a busy term it has been as we move into the summer recess.

We have had lots to celebrate with our Year 10 and 11 students sitting their Functional Skills exams and our Year 10 students completing their expedition and overnight camp for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

I have been delighted with the continued support from the staff to broaden the curriculum and expose children to different learning and cultural activities. These have included trips to Twycross Zoo, Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Beacon Hill, Bradgate Park, Drayton Manor and Bosworth Water Park to name but a few.

However for me there have been some other really exciting events to celebrate. Firstly, the afternoon tea that we have *finally* been able to organise for parents, carers and other family members to meet their child's new teaching and support staff on the school site. Can I say a **huge** thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to attend? I know it is not easy with work and other commitments and it was really lovely to meet some of you in person. If you were unable to attend and would like to visit at another time please do contact

#### the school office.

The other event that has been instrumental in ensuring our students have access to the opportunities they need to be successful was the launch of our new curriculum on Monday 28th June. Whilst we felt it was really important to focus on wellbeing and a recovery curriculum in line with the roadmap out of COVID restrictions, we are now focusing on a curriculum that continues to support wellbeing but also enables students to access subject specific teaching, with specialist teachers, in bespoke learning environments.

Again, can I thank everyone for supporting our students in the transition to this new curriculum? Change can be a challenge for all involved, including the staff, but it will all be worth it in the end!

Finally all that is left to say is how much I have enjoyed this year in my role as Headteacher at Quorn Hall School. It has been hard work but incredibly rewarding. I do hope that you get some rest over the summer recess and I look forward to continuing to work with you all next year.



Antonia Jackson Headteacher

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## **Message to Parents and Carers**

Quorn Hall School would like to thank our parents and carers for their support throughout the Covid 19 pandemic, which has been hard for everyone. We are especially grateful for the excellent attendance record across the School, and this is down to you, our parents and carers, who have made sure our students

have been as fully engaged and in school as much as possible over the last 16 difficult months.

We understand that at times there are unavoidable and exceptional circumstances where term time absence might be requested and on these occasions we ask that you contact us for the appropriate request form. The school will consider each request for term-time absence individually, taking into account specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request. This might include supporting statements from GPs, Social Workers, and CAMHS.

Our Family Support team will continue to work with parents and families and associated professionals in supporting and promoting our vision for consistently good attendance and ensuring every student has access to full time education, to which they are entitled.



#### Thursday 8th July

School closes for Summer Recess

## Monday 23rd – Friday 27th August 2021

School closed for Staff Training

#### Tuesday 31st August 2021

School opens for pupils

### Monday 18th October – Friday 29th October HALF TERM

Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022 Christmas holidays Friday 31st December 2021 School closed for Staff Training

### COVID/SELF ISOLATING

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (CV-19/COVID-19). The test required depends on why you're getting tested.

PCR Tests are required if you are displaying symptoms of coronavirus and they are sent to a lab to be checked.

LFD (rapid lateral flow tests) are required for people who want to check if they have coronavirus and are not displaying symptoms.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS:

Obtain a PCR test as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

We are aware that the new variant can also feel like a heavy cold, so better to obtain a test in this case too.

https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you receive your test result.

ONLY leave your house to obtain/send off your test.

Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours prior.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Our Year 11 Leavers Assembly**

By Vickie Perkins



Friday 25th June 2021 was the day we bid farewell to our Year 11 students. After a roller coaster of a ride through their teenage years, the students spent their last afternoon with staff and peers to say goodbye to their time at Quorn Hall School, with pizza, cake and speeches.

It has been an honour to be one of the members of staff that have helped them to grow from small acorns when they arrived and develop into strong, independent young citizens of our future.

During the celebrations, staff took time to reflect and share stories about the students and their time at the school and it was lovely to see how much each of us have been touched by the relationships that we have built with them all.

I was privileged to present each and every one of them with an engraved compass to symbolise the way to go on to the next chapter of their journey but also to help them find their way back to us to share with the school their achievements and growth in the outside world.



I wish each and every one of them every success in their life and as always and forever, dare them to dream **big**!

## Dare to dream – Wendy Silva

Close your eyes and let

Your imagination fly away.

See a picture of where

you wish to be one day.

Let the colours of your Heart take command to paint the picture of your dream and place it in your hand.

Hold on tightly and nurture it but allow it room to grow. When you reach your dream, Open your hand and let it go.

Close your eyes and search for another, caring for it as before. Never stop searching, achieving and letting go, for that's what dreams are for.



# **Careers at Twycross Zoo**

Galileo took a day trip to Twycross Zoo where we met a Zoo Keeper who gave us a careers talk.



He had lots of secrets to share and some good advice for those students who may be interested in working with animals.



We spent the rest of the day exploring the whole zoo, it was a great day. Everyone had their own favourite animal that they wanted to see so it involved a lot of walking.



We had some close encounters with Meerkats, Monkeys and Lorikeets, a few funny moments and a very sweet moment when a monkey bonded with the Red Panda toy one of our students had bought!



### Hotting up in Science for Redgrave & Earhart

Having previously looked at using bunsen burners in our lovely new, purposebuilt Science Lab, Redgrave students returned to the Lab to look at more detailed safety.

The class learnt all about the Fire Triangle and took part in an experiment to demonstrate how fire can be controlled. Redgrave students also invited the Earhart class to join them for this fun experiment.

Using nothing more than washing up liquid and water, Tom showed the class how they could hold fire safely.

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All students who took part followed safety guidelines and were shocked when the fire was nothing more than a little warm, moving on to repeat it with more confidence.



# Ready, Set, Cook!

Redgrave class students each planned a meal for throughout the week from scratch, including setting themselves a budget and researching different recipes. They then wrote their shopping lists for staff to go and source the ingredients needed.

Students then made good use of our wonderful new Food Technology room to make their dishes, with most choosing to make a variant of the classic 'breakfast sandwich'.

Students all worked really well supporting each other, even trading job roles when others found it more difficult.

A fantastic meal was created by each student with all of them feeling well and truly stuffed when it came to lunchtime!



# #CleanAirDay Campaign

QHS and Lower School students would like to say a huge **thank you** to our local Quorn village store, Bradley's.

We were welcomed and given a 50% discount to buy some *beautiful* flowers and plants for our school gardens!

Lower School students are busy getting green fingers as part of the nationwide 'Clean Air Day' campaign.

We are realising first hand the wellbeing benefits of planting and the positive impact it has on our environment.

Thank you again Bradley's!



As part of our promotion of *#ClearAirDay*, we had a visit from Gazebo, a theatre company working in partnership with Leicestershire County Council, who gave a performance on 'The Three Rs' – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Our Lower School cohort engaged and participated in the performance, thank you Gazebo for a wonderful, educational and fun experience.



We also had some follow up reading to complete and reflect on.

Our students remembered so much and all said that they really enjoyed the performance.

Thank you once again to Gazebo for helping to create conscious citizens who care about our planet.

#CleanAirDay



# **Earhart & Well-Being**

This term, students in the Earhart class have been focusing on wellbeing and mental health. Students have spoken about what they can do to improve their own wellbeing and have tried a range of activities to find out which ones help them the most!









# **Galileo Walks**

Galileo have spent three Fridays doing some practice walks for the DofE Award Scheme this term. We practiced skills such as map reading and compass use, as well as building up the resilience to be able to do a full day's walk.



Our three locations were Beacon Hill, Bradgate Park and Grace Dieu Priory, where we explored the ruins and nearby woodland. We had a full range of weather across the three days; our Bradgate Park trip was very, very wet but we still had a lot of fun!



All three locations were very different and the pupils especially commented on the landscapes we explored and how they compared to each other. We were also treated to a lovely display of Rhododendron blooms at the Beacon Hill Labyrinth.



# **Leicester Riders**

Ryan started his relationship with basketball at his school, Quorn Hall, where the Leicester Riders Foundation delivered sessions for students during their break time.

Since then Ryan has continued to develop his basketball skills with the Leicester Riders by attending our '*He Got Game & Primary Development*' sessions at the arena. Ryan has always been a pleasure to coach, always getting involved in every game and drill whether it be at his school or at the Home of the Leicester Riders.





# Introducing Childline and Internet Watch Foundation's Report Remove Tool

Having a sexual image or video of themselves shared online can be a distressing situation for a young person. Any young person under 18 can now use Report Remove, allowing young people to report an image or video shared online to see if it can be taken down.

Once the report has been made, it keeps the young person informed at each stage, and provides further support where necessary. To find out more, please go to <u>childline.org.uk/remove</u>

For some great videos for parents on how to keep your children safe online, please take a look at this website #letskeepourchildrensafe

https://www.bt.com/skillsfortomorrow/home-life

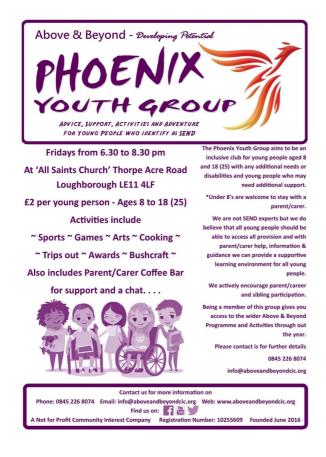
Please find below website links and posters of a few youth groups/activities that are running in the local area this summer that you may enjoy:

Peter le Marchant Trust- For 16-19yrs

https://www.peterlemarchanttrust.co.uk/Listing/Category/young-people-projectevents



# Phoenix Youth Group- Loughborough



# Above & Beyond

https://www.aboveandbeyondcic.org/

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