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Dear Parent and Student

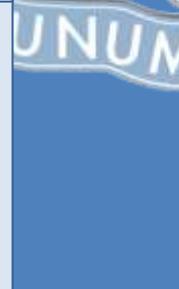
Congratulations go to:

- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **25 Merits**:
Leon Salway-Terry 10T
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:
Willow Griffin 7C Connor Finley 8C Philippa Kent 8C
- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **40 Merits**:
Archie White 10S
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Award**:
Henry Cross 7C Florence Cartwright 8C Jasmine Khan 8C
Holly Reeson 8C Dorrie Hillard 8S
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:
Jack Beevers 9C Cody Bloodworth 9T Joshua Kingham 10T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **100 Merits**:
Joshua Perrin 9C Tazmin Kidd 10C
- The following pupils who have attained their **Departmental Subject Colour**:

Design Technology	Harry Armstrong 9C	Sebastian Hextall 9C
History	Florence Cartwright 8C	Navaruban Sanganithy 8S
	Kitty Ellis 8T	Katy Bates 9C
	Ariana Lister 9C	
Music	Hannah Perrin 7C	Florence Jacques 7S
	Monty Unsworth 7T	Florence Cartwright 8C
	Isadora Glanville 8S	Daisy Lee 8T
	Joshua Perrin 9C	Georgia Loi 10T
	Oliver Mowbray 11C	Ryan Dawson 12C
	William Laverack 13S	
- Favour Gbadegesin 8S and Ella-Mai Twomey 8T who have been awarded HTCs for their creative writing.

Following the half-term break, **Parents' Evening for Y9** will be on **Thursday 6 June (4.30 – 7.30 pm)** and **Y7 Parents' Evening** will be on **Thursday 13 June (4.30 – 7.30 pm)**. Appointment sheets are attached to this letter (and will be distributed to students to enable them to make appointments with members of staff). Please ensure that a gap of 5 minutes is left between appointments. We would encourage you to attend this evening, they are an incredibly valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and support them in their educational journey. *If pupils do attend, we would ask they do so in their school uniform.*

Students visiting Bayeux, Mont St Michel, Bayeux market to make their own lunch at the Chateau.



The Modern Foreign Languages department ran a successful trip to Normandy allowing year 7 students to study its history, art and culture, and to engage in the language and customs of the locals. Well done to the students who represented the school proving to be excellent ambassadors!

We will be holding **student auditions** on Thursday 13 June and Friday 14 June for our **Summer Celebration Concert** to be held on **Wednesday 17 July at 7.00 pm**. The Summer Celebration is an end of year concert organised by the Sixth Form Leadership Team with all proceeds this year going to our chosen charity [Macmillan Cancer Support](#). The evening will be full of musical performances and feature other entertainment. Students should contact Miss Medler, Evelyn Green (Head Girl) or Freddie Chapman (Head Boy) if they require more information.

On **Friday 5 July**, Y8 will be participating in a **Holocaust Day**, undertaking activities associated with the Holocaust. *Please note that year 8 students will be off timetable this day.*

We would like to extend a thank you to the Elizabethan Singers who have kindly donated £250 from their 10th Anniversary Celebration to the school charity.

Our thoughts are with the family of Shirley Hackett who worked in the Science Department from 1973 to 2000, *a much loved member of staff*, the QEGS family would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Shirley's family.

And a reminder, that the last day of this half term is Friday 24 May, we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 3 June** for the final term of the school year.

Cor unum, via una



Mr G Thompson
Headteacher

Well done Favour and Ella-Mai for the poems you have written in the creative writing club!

Through the eyes of Fire by Ella-Mai Twomey

I start as a flicker, then build to a flame,
I leap from the candle as they call out my name,
"Put it out" they cry, but I will prevail,
I'll rise from the ashes, and I will not fail.
Through my eyes, I see blood red,
I watch the human's faces fill with sudden dread,
Some of them run, some of them scream,
Some of them watch, oh, this is a dream.
I reach out my hand, and pull myself round,
I look over my shoulder, with barely a sound,
The snapping of wood, buried beneath my feet,
From hazel, to charcoal black, how sweet.
I've scared most of them off, screaming in the night,
Am I really that scary, to give such a fright?
I hear a wailing, quite close, coming from outside,
I creep up to the window, push the curtains aside.
Men rushing over, carrying a huge, long gun,
Now I'm in trouble, so I start to run,
I dash across the stained wooden floor,
I get to the corner as they barge through the door,
They turn on the gun and who do I see?
My enemy, water, chasing after me.
I leap and I bound, to try to bolt out,
But water is too quick, I start to shout.
"Please! I'll be good!" I try to protest,
As I fade away, I think "I did my best"

Through their eyes by Favour Gbadegesin

I fell, blood flowing
My head hurts
Can't stand up
Look at me dead.
Laying on the floor
How pathetic of me
Looking at people passing
No one stopped to help
How vicious the human mind is
How happy I am to die
All the sufferings and pain
I had endured is gone
I don't have to suffer anymore
But wait
What happened to the hope?
And happiness I had waited for
Is this how I am going to die?
I had dreams,
Had hopes for the future
All gone to waste
All my dreams gone
What about my mom?
How is she?
Will she be living well?
I had wanted my mum
To hold my child
I caught a fleeting glimpse of her smiling
But that hope,
That satisfaction of seeing her happy
is gone.
Death came too fast
Can it hold on for a second?
I need to tell my Mum goodbye
I haven't told her I loved her yet
I haven't told her
My plans after graduation
Death please stop
Don't come any closer
I need to cherish my mum
She stills needs to be proud of me.
All my dreams gone
Because of a single mistake
The blood of two people is on your hands

