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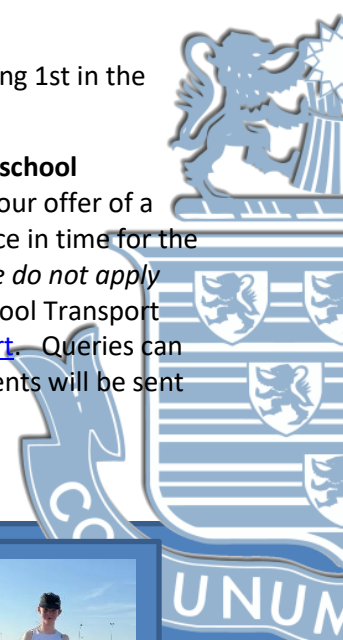
Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupil who has achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:  
Kaycie Hughes 7S
- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:  
Jack Welborn 10S                      Mais Jane Mickel 10T                      Jessica Smith 11S  
Jessica Green 12S                      Ali Olszowka 12T
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Gold Merit Award**:  
Sia-Jessica Blowers 7S                      Layla Drake 7S                      Euphemia Pyott-McLean 8S  
Genevieve Weaver 8T
- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **60 Merits**:  
Seerat Gaddu 9C                      Dorrie Hillard 9S                      Ellycia Wright-Wattam 9S  
Caiden Nutland 10C                      Jude Evans 10S
- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Platinum Merit Award**:  
Eliza Coxon 7T                      Oliver Gorman 7T                      Herbie Lowes 7T  
Jasmine Udonwa 7T                      Euan Cartwright-Owen 8C                      Millie Simpson 8C
- The following Middle School pupil who has achieved **100 Merits**:  
Evie Rowberry 9T
- Our young golfers who represented the school at two events, the Lincolnshire County Schools Golf Championships at Carholme Golf Club and South Kyme Golf Club. Abigail Scott 11C won at Carholme at the beginning of the month, Archie Murray 9C won at South Kyme this week with a fabulous 41 points, closely followed in an excellent third place by Rowan Smith 9S with a very impressive 38 points, who along with Jack Welborn 10S, Jacob Smith 7T, Amelia Van Zyl 9C and Morgan Dix 12T represented the school superbly.
- Mya Kidd 8C who participated in three events in the Lincolnshire County Athletics achieving 1st in the U15 300 metres, 2nd in the U15 200 metres and 3rd in the U15 javelin.

If your child is **transferring to secondary school** in September 2025, they may be eligible for **school transport**. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Early transport applications, are encouraged, to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below - *please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place* - for more information about the Home to School Transport policy and online applications, please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk). **School bus passes** for students will be sent to their home address this year, rather than being delivered to schools for distribution.

Well done Archie,  
Rowan, Abigail and  
Mya on your  
achievements!



Attached to this letter is information from LCC for parents of Lincolnshire students moving to **Post 16 Education** in September 2025 regarding transport. I would ask that Year 11 parents read the attached letter if their child is joining our Sixth Form.

A final call, for the **Alford Elizabethan's Association** Annual Dinner on **Saturday 17 May**, please click on [here](#) to book your tickets, £28 per person.

This week we installed our **book swap bookcase** in the canteen, where students can freely take a book (and ideally swap for another) with the aim of getting more students to read. The books available have been kindly donated by parents, students and staff alike and we thank you for your contributions. We hope this will encourage greater reading for pleasure and offering students the opportunity to enjoy the multitude of health benefits that reading brings. If you have any books you could donate, please hand these into the school office.

Following our successful cricket and netball tour to Sri Lanka recently, students would like to share their experiences with you, please refer to the **Sri Lanka Cricket and Netball Tour 2025** resumé at the end of this letter.

**Dates for your diary:**


Thursday 5 June	Y9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 June	Y7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24 June	Open Evening

Last Friday we said our goodbyes to Year 13 students as they start their study leave and exams. Students were applauded from Norbury to the Main Hall by the whole school for their final assembly with Head of Sixth Form and staff, stories were recanted and memories of their time in school shared. This was followed by the obligatory shirt signing, BBQ and celebrations. We wish them all the best in their forthcoming exam period and future beyond QEGS.

*Cor unum, via una*

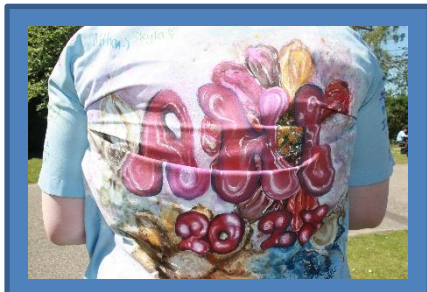
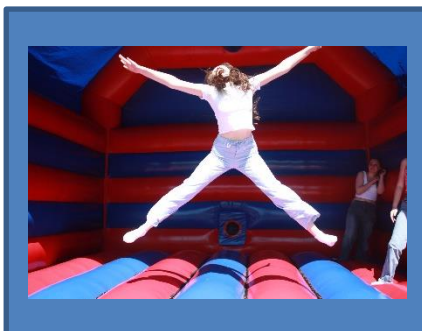


Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



Students are invited to engage in our book swap – book donations welcome through the school office!





Year 13 students on their last day!



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR, ALFORD  
"Opening Minds & Opening Doors"

**JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN EVENING**

FOR Y4 TO Y6 PUPILS ON TUESDAY 24TH JUNE: 5.30 - 8.00 PM

*"The support from staff and students allows you to exceed expectations"*





# Sri Lanka Cricket and Netball Tour 2025

As staff and as a school, we could not be prouder of all our students and how they represented us on our Cricket and Netball Tour to Sri Lanka. All students showed great sportsmanship throughout their training sessions and competitive fixtures, adapting quickly to hot and humid conditions. They became fully emersed in the incredible activities, food and culture that Sri Lanka had to offer, and we hope that they all made memories that will stay with them for a lifetime.

## **Netball** (written by Kirsten Richardson)

After all the travelling it was good to get active, with Mrs Shoubridge and Miss West putting us through a range of drills and match play. The facilities were good, but we all struggled to adapt to playing in 30+ degree heat without air conditioning!

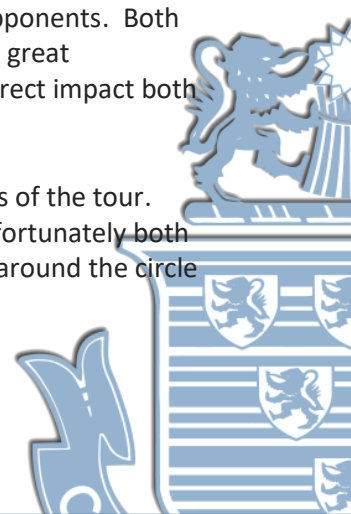
The following day we returned to Colombo for our first match. The B team played first and were all keen to put into play the things we had worked on the day before. A lot of the team had not played together before, but the teamwork developed over the course of the game, and everyone was feeling more confident by the final whistle. Our first Player of the Match was Isla for her remarkable determination and never-give-up attitude.

Then the A team played, also taking a while to get into the game, with some silly mistakes that allowed the opposition to turnover possession. After settling down, we began to be more consistent and finished with a victory to QEGS. The Player of the Match was Jasmin for her application of newly learnt skills and confidence when marking in the D.

Our second match was the next day, this time in a new venue which was closer to the hotel. Again, the B team played first and this time their efforts earned them a draw. The A team then followed them and settled quickly into the game, removing some of the silly mistakes from the day before and again getting a victory. Players of the Match for the two teams were Isadora for her improved defence and use of space and Evie for great defending in the circle.

We returned to the same venue two days later to play our third match against Sri Lankan opponents. Both teams played their best game of netball of the tour, with more consistent passing and some great interceptions. This earned both teams a win and Players of the Match were Laura for her direct impact both shooting and as wing and Hannah for her great use of space and overall improved play.

Following this, confidence was high in both teams and we were excited for our final matches of the tour. Our fourth opponents played some good netball and both QEGS teams worked hard but unfortunately both games ended in a close defeat. Players of the Match were Natalia for her great positioning around the circle edge and Ellie for her improved confidence on court.



## **Cricket** (written by Thomas Jeffery)

On the third day of our trip, we had a three-hour training session in the nets beside the pitch we would be playing our first game a day later. Some made sure their skills were up to scratch for the next day, and some put on a helmet and pads for the first time.

During the matches, when we batted, we made sure to keep the squad morale high by chanting and singing our support, which resulted in an increased confidence out on the pitch. When we fielded, the more experienced players in the team took charge, supporting and instructing the less confident players around the field.

We had many mind-blowing experiences, such as playing at a former International Stadium in Colombo - the oldest cricket ground in the country and the tenth oldest in the world. Whilst there, there was a marching band that made their way around the whole pitch before the match, showcasing their culture to the team.

In the second match we played against another talented local team, Mahinda College. After a much improved bowling and fielding display, we limited the opposition to 125 from their 25 overs. The cricketing highlight of the week came from Rowan Smith who scored an unbeaten 83 runs guiding the team home with a couple of overs to spare. To put this into context, this was Mr Stone's 22<sup>nd</sup> cricket match in Sri Lanka, and his first win!

It was an amazing experience to meet the Sri Lankan people and observe the skill that they showed during the matches.

## **Culture, Activities and Adventures** (written by Natalia Willson)

Sri Lanka was an unforgettable experience that will be engraved in all our memories. We were able to immerse ourselves in the wildly different culture and explore Sri Lanka's natural beauty.

We went on an exciting boat trip where we boarded small motorboats and cruised down a lagoon passing islands filled with fresh greenery which was incredibly picturesque. We stopped at a small island with a cinnamon plantation, where we learned how cinnamon is harvested and processed by local families. To finish our boat tour, we stopped off at a Buddhist temple on one of the river islands. It was truly tranquil with the peaceful surroundings encapsulating us.

The most wholesome and heartwarming experience of the trip was visiting a turtle sanctuary dedicated to protecting endangered sea turtles and helping injured adults. The highlight of the day was standing on the beach where we each had tiny, newly hatched turtles, eager for freedom. At sunset, we released the hatchlings and watched them move towards the ocean. As the waves rolled in, they were carried away, back to where they belong. It was an unforgettable experience as we all took pride in knowing that we were doing a good deed and taking the right step in protecting these endangered species.



As part of our trip, we had a city tour of the capital, Colombo. It was such a vibrant city with bustling streets, as we drove past interesting architecture it gave us an insight on the country's move from colonialism and its modern development.

To finish this once in a lifetime trip we had the opportunity to dress up in traditional Sri Lankan clothing. For the girls vibrant Saris and the boys, a dedicant Sarong. We celebrated all our achievements from the competitive cricket and netball, reflecting on all the wonderful memories made with our friends.

The staff on the trip felt immense pride watching our students grow beyond the classroom. They explored cultural landmarks, engaged with local communities, and navigated new experiences, students displayed maturity, curiosity and respect. From participating in traditional Sri Lankan customs to supporting each other during sporting fixtures, their behaviour reflected empathy and teamwork. We saw our students embrace local culture with open minds, representing the school with dignity. This journey not only enriched students' global understanding but also allowed them to create friendships and memories which will last a lifetime.

I would like to thank the students and parents for their support with the Sri Lanka Tour. Thank you to Nationwide Uniforms for supplying the staff travel t-shirts, and finally thank you to Lions Sports Travel for once again providing us with such an outstanding experience, and for sponsoring all of the student's playing kit. Lions Sports staff go above and beyond to ensure that every single student gains the very most from each day in Sri Lanka.

Mr Stone: Tour Leader

