

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a great buzz in school this week. Pupils have worked hard and applied themselves with great enthusiasm. In the hustle and bustle of day to day commitments, we often find ourselves in a position of 'doing' lots of things and perhaps not completing these with any great quality. I have seen so many examples this week of pupils producing work of real quality that has required them to focus hard and show resilience in the task. Examples include knife skills in a year 7 food technology class with Mrs McGraw, measuring, marking and cutting in year 6 DT and year 5 attacking problem solving skills in maths. I also visited a year 8 science class who were quietly completing a task from the board whilst their teacher was preparing to demonstrate an experiment. It is wonderful to see this level of commitment to class work and long may this continue.

We hosted Paul Stevens Productions this morning for the Year 7 Time in a Bottle workshops. This is part of our Wellbeing curriculum and year 7 pupils have had lessons looking at drugs, smoking and alcohol awareness in the lead up to today. It is a very engaging workshop and I encourage you to talk to your child about their reflections from this morning.

Clubs have been well attended this week and year groups have gathered to select teams for the latest House competitions. We have over 80% of our pupils regularly attending clubs or representing their House. We are working hard to push this number higher and talking to pupils we know are yet to be involved. In PE lessons this half-term we are covering trampolining - the enjoyment from pupils has been tremendous. Mr Foord is also looking to arrange a basketball club after school.

Epraise reward experiences are also being scheduled, following on from the ones at the end of last term. Product Design, Horrible Histories and Jigsaw rewards are taking place over the next couple of weeks and bike riding to Moors Valley at the beginning of February. We will continue to encourage pupils to spend their credit and set targets for new experiences. Well done to all those who have booked their rewards.

We have finished the week with lovely cold, dry and bright weather. However, I strongly advise pupils to wear coats to school as when the sun disappears in the afternoon it does become very cold outside.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Christopher

Queen Elizabeth's School is back and ready to "Rock You!". Please join them in their upcoming production of *We Will Rock You!* 9th-12th February 2022. Tickets are selling fast and are available from - [www.ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/queenelizabethsschool)