

# SCHOOL NEWS

WEEK OF  
26/01/2026

## YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CNES!

THE YEAR 11 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT RESPIRATION, INCLUDING THE RESPIRATION OF YEAST.

AS PART OF THIS, THEY MADE THEIR OWN SOURDOUGH STARTERS USING BREAD FLOUR AND WATER.

THEY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND FEED THEM OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

WE SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE THE DOUGH RISE, AS THE YEAST RESPIRES AND CREATES CARBON DIOXIDE BUBBLES.

WE ARE THEN HOPING, ONCE WE HAVE OBSERVED OUR LIVING SOURDOUGH STARTERS, THAT WE CAN COOK THE DOUGH TO MAKE OUR OWN BREAD!

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS!

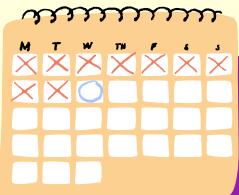


THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

## UPCOMING DATES

3<sup>RD</sup> FEB - PEAK TRIP

4<sup>TH</sup> FEB - Y6/7B - AZTEC ADVENTURE





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2026

# Open Days

Explore what Queen Alexandra College has to offer at one of our Open Days for potential students and their families/carers.



Wednesday 14th January  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Thursday 29th January  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 11th February  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 3rd March  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 25th March  
4.30pm - 7.00pm

Tuesday 21st April  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 6th May  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Thursday 21st May  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 10th June  
9.45am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 24th June  
9.45am - 12.00pm



Call us on  
0121 803 5484  
to book  
your visit

These events provide the opportunity to meet our staff and students, learn about our programmes and support services and get a feel for life at QAC.

Please note that you need to attend for the full duration of the event and must reserve a space.

## BLACK COUNTRY RADIO MEDIA TRIP

THIS WEEK A SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS, FROM ACROSS THE YEAR GROUPS, TRAVELED UP TO THE STUDIOS OF BLACK COUNTRY RADIO. ALL STUDENTS HAVE A CONNECTION TO THE DIGITAL MEDIA COURSE THAT IS OFFERED HERE AT SCHOOL.

UPON ARRIVAL WE WERE MET BY THE WONDERFUL BRIAN DAKIN, WHO IS A PRESENTER FOR BLACK COUNTRY RADIO XTRA. HE TOOK US INTO A RECORDING BOOTH AND EXPLAINED WHO HE WAS AND WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE RADIO PROGRAMMES THEY BROADCAST ARE. STUDENTS WERE THEN INVITED TO FILL AN HOUR OF PROGRAMMING WITH THEIR CHOICE OF MUSIC TRACKS AND CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AND THEIR INTERESTS. ALL THE STUDENTS WERE BRILLIANT. ALL PARTICIPATED AND ALL SEEMED TO THOROUGHLY ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE.

THE BROADCAST WAS AIRED ON THURSDAY 29/1/26 AT 6PM AND IS AVAILABLE ON CATCH UP.



**GREAT  
JOB!**

## Y11 KIDDERMINSTER FOODBANK

THIS WEEK OUR Y11 PUPILS WORKED IN THE STOCK ROOM ORGANISING DONATIONS INTO THE CORRECT CRATES. THIS INVOLVED ORGANISING BY PRODUCT AND ALSO BY SELL BY DATE. PUPILS WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TEAM WORK AND SOCIAL SKILLS THROUGH ASKING QUESTIONS OF THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND THE VOLUNTEER LEADER. DUE TO THE FAMILIARITY FROM THE PAST WEEK, STAFF WERE ABLE TO OVERSEE PUPILS AND ALLOW THEM TO COMPLETE THE TASK WITH MINIMAL SUPPORT. PUPILS STATED HOW MUCH FUN THEY HAD ENGAGING IN THIS ACTIVITY. ALL PUPILS RECEIVED GLOWING FEEDBACK FROM THE VOLUNTEER LEADER AND AN OPEN INVITATION TO RETURN AND VOLUNTEER IN THE FUTURE.



## PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Parents must ring the school office by 8.30 am or leave a message to report the reason for your child's absence

### NO CONTACT

Attendance Office will ring first contact to try and ascertain why your child is absence from school

### CONTACT MADE

No further action

### NO CONTACT

Attendance Office will ring for a second time so you can advise us of the reason you're your child's absence

### CONTACT MADE

No further action

### NO CONTACT

Attendance Office will ring once more so you can advise us of the reason for your child's absence

### CONTACT MADE

No further action

### NO CONTACT

If we have not received a response regarding your child's absence and we are concerned about your child's welfare, we may send a member of staff to make a home visit. If there is no answer a compliment slip will be posted through the door asking you to make urgent contact with the school office

### NO CONTACT

The Senior Attendance Champion may contact children's services to report your child missing in education and raise a concern