

NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING OFFICE

MARCH 2025

Welcome to latest edition of the QAC newsletter. In this edition we will update you on what's been going on over the last few months and what's coming up in the next few.

New Look for Court Oak Road College Site

The signage across our Court Oak Road campus has been updated to fit the new branding that launched in July 2024. The new signage showcases different areas of the college and labels the different buildings in a far clearer way. Whilst uplifting the surroundings, the new signage supports accessibility and navigation for students, clients, staff and visitors. The new signs on the frontage reflect our work as a college and a charity.



Christmas Fundraising

We had a number of students, clients and supporters putting on their Christmas Jumpers and donating a £1 on Christmas Jumper Day raising a fabulous £266.



A huge thank you also to Barry Jevons for his continued support of QAC. Following his previous support on behalf of Thomas Dudley last Christmas, we were delighted to receive a further £500 donation when he paid us a festive visit.

QAC's annual calendar featuring pictures of art pieces created by our students also attracted sponsorship of £750. The calendars are sent to all of our corporate and professional contacts with spare copies being sold for donations which attracted a further £125. Thank you to Spencer Shaw, PIB Insurance Brokers, Jigsaw Print Solutions, VI Social and Acc-Unique Solutions for their support.

GREAT GRANTS!

(FROM CHARITABLE TRUSTS/ORGANISATIONS)

New Archery Equipment to support Visually Impaired

Thank you to the Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust who provided a £1,000 grant to purchase adaptive archery equipment to enable our visually impaired clients and students to partake in our archery clubs. Their funding has allowed us to purchase archery kit including custom made bright yellow arrows, foot locators and tactile sights. The specialist archery equipment for visually impaired users will allow them to take part in a greater range of activities at QAC, but it will also allow them to further enhance their skills set, abilities and socialise through the sport.



Community Services attract huge grant to support their work

A huge thank you to William A Cadbury Charitable Trust who kindly provided a £20,000 grant to support Community Services provision at our Umberslade site. Their generosity will support the costs of rent, travel and activities. Most importantly, it will provide a welcoming and fun environment where our young clients can receive support through our Support Worker Service.

Tesco Stronger Start Grants Scheme supports various initiatives

Thanks to people voting in the token schemes in local Tesco stores last year, QAC received funding towards staffing costs and the new Thursday social club for residential students. In addition, each of our Residential Homes across Harborne received a nice £50 Christmas gift to spend on some festive treats.

West Bromwich Building Society get involved with Community Services and College

Not only have the West Bromwich Building Society recently donated £500 through their community grants scheme (Mercian Community Trust) to support with the refreshments at our Community Services site, they also kindly delivered two interactive money management workshops to students in our Step Up Sage, PFL Blue and PFL Red groups. The students enjoyed learning more about the various denominations of money and the value of different items as well as putting their maths skills to the test. We are also looking forward to welcoming a team along to our Umberslade site for a volunteering day.





Painting the Charity red, green and pink and orange etc...

Wickes Starchley and Crown Paints have kindly donated 26 tins of paint to QAC. This is being well used by both our Trades Students at the College and Community Services Clients in their projects and to improve the environment at our Umberslade site.

QAC Football Team receive new kit

Thanks to some brilliant fundraising by Ricoh Europe, who raised an incredible £1,250 through a series of mini fundraising events, the college football team have been provided with a brand-new football kit. A huge thanks to Ricoh Europe for their ongoing support and for attending QAC to surprise our students with the purchases.



SporTea

A coffee morning with a twist



Following on from a successful SporTea event on 14th Feb, our next corporate engagement event is set to return in May. These sessions provide an opportunity for businesses to learn more about QAC, engaging in a great morning of networking whilst taking part in student led sessions. Unsurprisingly, given its name SporTea, it involves a range of fun sporting activities followed by delicious refreshments all organised and carried out by our students (with a little help from their staff members!) Get in touch if you'd like to book your business in.

Join our Corporate Supporters

We have several corporate opportunities available or you might like to consider becoming a Corporate Partner or Corporate Champion. We also have several upcoming events which you can get involved with and show your support of young people with disabilities. Please get in touch if you are interested in working with us.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Community Services Open Day

Community Services are holding an Open Day on 3rd May giving you the opportunity to have a look around our Umberslade Campus on Umberslade Road, Stirchley. Between 10.30am and 1.30pm the site will be open for you take part in a variety of different activities including archery, dancing or forest school type activities. There will be different stalls from local craft makers and tasty treats. Clients will be showcasing some of their work and talents. Come and join the fun!

Birmingham Half Marathon and 10k Run - 4th May

AJ Bell

great **birmingham**
run

We are delighted to have a team of runners taking part in this year's event. From QAC, Ewan (Finance) and Briony (Marketing and Comms) are taking on the 10k and Colin and Gemma (QAC Gym) are running the Half Marathon. In addition we also have Cammy, a former student, now working in the NHS who will be Colin's guide runner. They will be joined by Liv, a senior NHS physio. If you'd like to join our cheering squad for the day please get in touch. To find out more about our team of runners please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/runbrum25>

WHEEL'N'WALK: BIRMINGHAM'S WALK FOR INCLUSION



JOIN US: SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE 2025, STARTING AT 11 AM | LOCATION: THE BANDSTAND AT CANNON HILL PARK, B13 8RD
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For wheeling or walking check out our Wheel N' Walk. Participants can take on as little or as many laps as they wish. If you'd like to take part and raise some funds for QAC please get in touch, we'd love to see you there. To set up an online fundraising page for your challenge please visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wheelnwalkbirmingham>

WILL YOU JOIN US?

Friends of Queen Alexandra Charity

We are excited to launch a new 'Friends of QAC' initiative. When a supporter gives to the charity regularly it enables us to budget and work out how best to wisely use our resources. For anyone signing up to support the charity for £25 a month (equivalent to £300 annually) we would like to invite them to become a 'Friend of QAC'. To acknowledge their support they will be gifted a charity pin badge, receive our newsletters throughout the year and also be invited annually to attend an event as our guest which will vary from year to year. If you would like to become a 'Friend of QAC' please get in touch with the fundraising team or you can set up a regular giving payment by visiting:
<https://www.justgiving.com/queenalexandracoll>
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Birmingham Community Lottery

This lottery enables you to support the charity for just £1 a week whilst also giving you the chance of winning a variety of prizes up to £25,000! Join the Birmingham Community Lottery by clicking the QR code:



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QAC Charity Newsletter?

Sign up to the QAC Charity Newsletter here
<https://forms.office.com/e/CWx5q1u28b>

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