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Dear Parent/Carer

Years 8-9 Voluntary Contributions

This letter serves two purposes:

- To outline our curriculum provision for Years 8-9 and request for associated voluntary contributions
- To outline our plans for improving provision of facilities and resources at QEGS

Year 8-9 curriculum provision and voluntary contributions

During the course of Year 8 and 9 your child will be provided with numerous school resources including:

- Student Planner
- Wood, metal and electronic components for use in Design and Innovation lessons
- Textiles and Art resources such as paint, material, threads, buttons for Art lessons

Rather than ask for multiple small amounts of voluntary contributions from various departments over the course of the year, we have established an amount which covers these costs. **We are seeking a voluntary contribution of £15.00.** Your contribution will be spent directly on improving the opportunities we offer our students and on providing good quality materials and equipment to enable them to develop a wide range of skills through worthwhile and relevant projects.

Improving facilities and resources at QEGS

We are also continually seeking to improve our facilities and resources at QEGS. We are fortunate to have had secure finances for a number of years and our sports, technological, scientific, artistic and performance resources are some of the best in the area. However, we are not complacent and we aspire to have 'world-class' facilities so that students can excel in their areas of interest. You may well have seen a number of stories in the local and national press and on television about school funding recently and will therefore be aware that the current situation is extremely tough. Whilst, at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, we have managed to make significant efficiency savings without impacting on the quality of provision for students, the reality is that it has become almost impossible to find the money to fund improvements of some of these excellent facilities. As a result, we need to be very pro-active in the face of these pressures and are working hard to try to raise more money for the school. Your help and financial support would certainly go some way to help the school and benefit the students. **To support new facilities and resources such as outside seating, ICT and sports equipment we are seeking a voluntary contribution of £10.00.**

I must stress both amounts are contributions and are entirely voluntary, students will not be disadvantaged if they are unable to pay.

If you feel able to contribute, payments are requested through our online payments system ParentPay and are most gratefully received. Contributions can be made in one lump sum or in smaller amounts over the course of the year.

Your support in helping to develop the quality of education for your child is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher