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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Dates 2017-18

This is always a very busy term, so to help you with your planning here are some of the events we have coming up.

- Tuesday 11th September Early closure for staff training
- Tuesday 11th September FPTA Meeting @ 7:15pm in school library.
- Tuesday 18th September Countdown to Success 6-8pm (Year 11 only)
- Tuesday 25th September Open Evening
- Friday 28th September Early closure for staff training
- Tuesday 2nd October Year 7 Tutor Evening
- Tuesday 2nd October FPTA Meeting @ 7:15pm in school library.
- Friday 5th October Early closure for staff training
- Tuesday 9th October Early Closure for Year 13 PCE
- Tuesday 9th October Online Safety Evening
- Thursday 25th October End of half term for students (early closure)
- Tuesday 7th November FPTA Meeting @ 7:15pm in school library.
- Friday 26th October INSET Day (school closed to students)
- Friday 23rd November FPTA fundraising event – Wine Tasting Evening
- Tuesday 27th November Early Closure for Year 7 PCE
- Tuesday 4th December FPTA Meeting @ 7:15pm in school library.
- Thursday 6th December Music Concert
- Friday 21st December End of term (early closure)

A separate letter has been resent this week with an overview including all INSET and early closure dates for the year. On early closure days, lessons start at 8:30 and finish at 2pm. There are special arrangements for bus transport, and they are enclosed with this letter.

Term dates and the full school calendar are available on the school website.

Yours faithfully

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Early Closures

1. Timings

On early closure days, the pattern of the school day changes. The school day starts early at **8.30am** and finishes early at **2.00pm**.

Period 1:	8.30am – 9.20am
Notices	9.20am – 9.25am
Period 2:	9.30am – 10.20am
Break	10.20am – 10.40am
Period 3:	10.40am – 11.30am
Period 4:	11.35am – 12.25pm
Lunch	12.25pm – 1.10pm
Period 5:	1.10pm – 2.00pm

Academy closes at 2.00pm

2. Transport details

Dedicated School Buses

Students who travel to QEGS on a dedicated school bus should be at their bus stop **20 minutes earlier** than normal on the morning of all parent consultations.

Buses will be on the bus bay at **2.00pm** to make the return journey home.

Service Buses (Swift, 110, 111, 113, 114, 442)

Please note service bus times **cannot be changed by the academy**. It is very important that students travelling on service buses familiarise themselves with bus times and where to catch them, particularly for the journey in the morning, to ensure that they are here on time.

However, arrangements have been made for those students who normally travel on the Swift bus from Derby via Brailsford to be collected and brought into QEGS by an additional **Glovers** Coach. Please note the pick-up point/time:

7.55am - pick up from Brailsford, Rose and Crown

8.20am - drop off at QEGS bus bay

At the end of the day, these students are required to catch the Swift bus, as per the service bus timetable.

Students needing to leave QEGS before 2.00pm in order to catch a service bus, will be permitted to do so. However, they **must** collect an early release pass from Student Services to present to their teacher.

Service Buses depart from the bus station, not the QEGS bus bay, at the following times:

Swift – 2.25pm 110 – 2.00pm 111 – 1.00pm or 4.00pm 113 – 3.00pm 114 – 2pm 442 – 2.05pm
(Departure times correct at time of writing, but are subject to change).

Students wishing to catch the service buses will be permitted to leave the academy 15 minutes before their bus departure time, providing they have collected an early release pass from Student Services.

Students may use their bus passes to travel on earlier buses. Service bus timetables can be found online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses Hard copies can be made available via Student Services.

Parents do have the option of leaving their children at QEGS under supervision until 3.55pm and should inform student services if this is required. Please note that no dedicated school transport will be provided at 3.55pm. Most service buses (114, 110, 111, 442) will stop in the bus bay at their usual time, but the Swift bus will depart from the bus station.