



11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### Key Dates/Early Closures

Now we are a month in to the new term I felt it would be helpful to supply you with the remaining key dates to help with your planning, I have listed below all of the INSET and early closure dates for the remainder of the year.

#### INSET Days

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

#### Early Closures

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| • Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October     | Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening |
| • Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October   | Last day of term                    |
| • Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November   | Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening  |
| • Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening  |
| • Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | Last day of term                    |
| • Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January     | For staff training                  |
| • Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January    | Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening |
| • Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February | For staff training                  |
| • Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February  | Last day of term                    |
| • Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March      | Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening  |
| • Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March     | For staff training                  |
| • Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March      | Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening |
| • Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March      | Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening |
| • Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April        | Last day of term                    |
| • Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July        | Last day of term                    |

Note that school will be closed for the May Day bank holiday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Additionally there is no early closure at the end of half term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May as this is during the external exam period.

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.

#### Whole School Events

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| • Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October  | Sixth Form Open Evening                       |
| • Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Music Concert 7pm                             |
| • Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Speech Day 7pm                                |
| • Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January   | Year 9 Options Evening 5pm – 7pm              |
| • 16-21 March                        | Rehearsals, matinees and evening performances |
| • Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June       | Sports Day                                    |
| • Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June     | Reserve Sports Day                            |
| • Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June     | Summer Music Concert 7pm                      |
| • Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July        | Community Day                                 |
| • Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July       | Countdown to Success (Year 10)                |

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

Yours faithfully

Mr M Bawden  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## 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:	08.30am – 09.20am
Notices	09.20am – 09.25am
Period 2:	09.30am – 10.20am
Break	10.20am – 10.40am
Period 3:	10.40am – 11.30am
Period 4:	11.35am – 12.25pm
Lunch	12.25pm – 13.10pm
Period 5:	13.10pm – 12.00pm

**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](http://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.