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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #6

Another great week of school passes by. Who would have thought that we would have made it this far when we drafted our re-opening plans back in June. So much uncertainty and yet our staff, parents and students have been amazing in working with us to keep our school safe, open and able to deliver high quality teaching and learning both in and out of school.

Thank you also to all of our parents for engaging with and using our online payment system 'ParentPay'. We are at our highest level ever with 97% of all parents using this platform.

Updates and Reminders

Changes in Examination Dates for 2021: Please see the link for current information on the changes to 2021 examinations dates for 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-to-be-given-more-time-to-prepare-for-2021-exams>

Key Information:

- Exams will start from 7th June and end on 2nd July 2021 for almost all AS and A levels and GCSEs.
- Results days will be Tuesday 24th August for A and AS levels and Friday 27th August 2021 for GCSEs.

Student Reports: We are currently collating data from staff on 'Aspects of Learning' (for all year groups) and 'Flight Path' and predicted grades (for Years 11 and 13) and will be releasing this data via GO 4 Schools early next half term. Students will be continually receiving regular feedback in lessons about what they are doing well and how they can improve.

Well done to the following students who have received the most 'positive event' entries on Go 4 Schools in their year group this week:

Yr7 Naor and Holly Marie

Yr 8 Freya H and Paul S

Yr 9 Jamie B and William A

Yr 10 Emma L and Annie W

Yr 11 Abby B and Hannah D

We are very proud of your hard work, effort and commitment to being a fantastic student at QEGS.

School Transport: Our students have been fantastic in school with hand sanitiser, face coverings and our staggered/route mapped systems around school. We need all of our students to be as vigilant and disciplined on school transport too. Some concerns has been raised by members of the public noticing QEGS students at bus stops not following social distancing/separation of bubbles whilst waiting for their bus. We will be carrying out spot checks to ensure students are following the rules and any further breaches of the rules may mean the student will not be able to use school transport to/from school for a period of time. The rules are in place for students and the driver's safety to make the journey to/from school as safe as possible.

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Uniform: Another reminder about uniform. The school and local community are proud of our smart school uniform. Please ensure that your child is ready and equipped for school with the correct attire, worn as it should be every day.

Most notable points of concern are currently:

- Lanyard and ID for all students worn on arrival, not in pockets please - this is how we identify students, how students can safely access buildings via locked doors and coloured lanyards are used for our quick visual ID of a year group for zone and route separation.
- Blazer must be worn under a coat not carried in hand or bag and a coat should not be worn in place of a blazer.
- Sweatshirts - not allowed at all. School jumper (black V neck) only. QEGS PE Hoodies for PE, Dance or Drama only.
- School shoes - not trainers.
- Piercings - one stud in each lobe, nothing else, no clear retainers or other alternatives anywhere else.

Students must be in correct uniform when they arrive at each lesson, when they depart a lesson, during lunch and at the end of the school day when they leave the site.

Zumos: We are delighted to announce that our students will have access to ‘Zumos’ as of Monday 19th October. Zumos is an online wellbeing tool, builds students’ self-confidence and wellbeing. It helps them to practise being a mindful person and builds their inner strength to be a resilient person. It helps our students to find happiness in their lives every day. It shows them how to be their own best friend, their greatest motivator, personal trainer and wisest mentor.

Our form tutor team have been trained on how to use Zumos and have been shown all of its exciting links and videos. Students will be shown how to access and use it in form time on Monday and will then receive an email showing them how to log on. We may use aspects of Zumos in school but it is largely a tool for independent use at home if students wish to do so. We do hope your children find this extra resource a useful one.

Co-curricular activities: We are very keen to keep our students active and we will be offering some sporting activities before and after school, starting after half-term. A separate letter will follow from Mr Hallam (Head of PE) with details for sign up and kit details. The proposed timetable is below:

Co-curricular Sport timetable November - December 2020

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 08:00 - 08:30	Y7 Multisport Sports Hall (RSM)	Y8 Multisport Sports Hall (RSM)	Y9 Multisport Sports Hall (RSM)	Y10 Multisport Sports Hall (RSM)	Y11 Multisport Sports Hall (RSM)
After school 14:35 - 15:55	Y9 & Y10 Netball Courts/Sports Hall (LCL) Y7 & Y8 Hockey Astroturf (KBO & HCN) Y7 & Y8 Rugby Playing Fields (SBE) Y9 & Y10 Football Playing Fields (BHA)	Y8 & Y11 Netball Courts/Sports Hall (KSE) Y9 & Y10 Hockey Astroturf (KBO) Y7 & Y8 Football Playing Fields (BHA)	Y7 & 1st Team Netball Courts/Sports Hall (KBN) Y9 & Y10 Rugby Playing Fields (BHA) Y11 & 1st Team Football Playing Fields (LWR)		6th Form Sport Courts/Sports Hall (BHA)

All Year Groups will be kept separate, work in their own space and not share equipment.

Sixth Form Open Evening: We will be holding a virtual Sixth Form open evening on Tuesday 20th October. More details will follow in the next bulletin.

Thank you: To the Rotary Club. 6 new benches will be arriving this week. Very much appreciated, thank you!

On a personal level. I have seen first-hand this week, the effect of this pandemic on my family and friends back in Liverpool. These are challenging and emotionally draining times for us all. It is important that we seek out the positives and keep our own spirits up to keep all of our students safe and happy.

Stay safe. This weekend, maybe take a moment to speak to family and friends who you do not see as often as you would like. They will really value hearing your voice and you giving up your time.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher