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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #10

Quality Assurance

Thank you to all parents who sent in lovely messages of thanks and appreciation regarding our planning, organisation and communication during Covid-19 times. A simple email of thanks goes a long way and can sometimes be just what you need to read when we are faced with a challenging week.

Equally, we appreciate that there may be things on your mind and to help inform our plans and way forward, we want to pause, review and get feedback from all stakeholders (students, staff and parents).

Below are the links to the 'Forms Questionnaire' that will take no longer than 3 minutes to complete. Your feedback is invaluable to us and will help inform our plans, to either retain and/or make changes to existing systems. We are extremely proud of how our students and staff have adapted to the new way of learning and working, however, we are always striving to develop, improve and find solutions. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and we will update you with our findings before the end of this term.

Student survey to complete please: www.qegs.link/studentqasurvey

Parent survey to complete please: www.qegs.link/parentcarerqasurvey

FPTA:

Our FPTA have just supported the school with £2000.00 to purchase new outdoor benching for our students – thank you to all parents who contributed to the FPTA fundraising, this outdoor furniture will certainly make a difference to the students' wellbeing!

AmazonSmile – You can support our FPTA in raising school funds by simply doing your normal festive shopping! Simply shop at www.smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1092802-0n or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to our FPTA at no extra cost to you.

EasyFundraising - Did you know you can also raise free donations for our FPTA every time you shop online? It takes 2 minutes & 4,300+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them using #easyfundraising!

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qegsptaashbourne/payments/64/

Wellbeing Workshops - QEGS and the QEGS FPTA will be hosting a series of online Wellbeing Workshops run by Derwent Rural Counselling Service. We would encourage you to take part.

Each workshop has a different focus and is open to the parents and carers of all year groups.

The first session will run on Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm focussing on Supporting Students with Exam and Assessment Pressure. It will be possible to submit questions for the session in advance.

Tickets are available here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/QEGS-FPTA>

There is a nominal charge of £2 for the session but please contact your child's Form Tutor if that is not possible as we do not want someone to be unable to take part due to the charge.

Anti Bullying Week:

This week the whole school have been marking Anti Bullying week. We have been united against bullying and students have produced some fantastic displays and resources summarising important conversations. Please check out our QEGS Instagram account to see some wonderful photos of their hard work.

A special thanks in particular to Miss Fowler and 8XH who have created the most wonderful display of their pledges to stop bullying. Well done to 11C2 who did a fantastic job at sharing positive comments about each other and helping to improve self esteem and to 7XH who thought very deeply about the issues and solutions to prevent bullying. We now have some thought provoking reminders of how we can all be united against bullying.

Well done!

Well done to the following students who have received the most positive events this week. Yr7: Jessica B and Charlotte H, Yr8: Dow R and Shakira H, Yr9: Blaydon and Yajnish, Yr 10: Kieran B and Aaron B, Yr 11: Tom B and Libby B. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Y7 PCE

Just a reminder that Y7 PCE will take place week commencing 23rd November. Please ensure you have your phone close to hand at your allotted time slots. QEGS staff are looking forward to discussing the progress of your child with you.

Excellent Work:

Amazing History projects from Year 7 - Year 7 project, to come up with their own interpretations of 'Doom painting' have been amazing this year. Special mention to Aden in 7XR for his outstanding piece of work.

MFL Day of the Dead Competition - Congratulations to our winners & runners up. Thank you to everyone who entered, we have awarded distinctions for every student who participated. We received some stunning and very creative artwork including masks, cakes, papier-mâché skulls, drawings and painted rocks. All of these fabulous entries have been posted to the QEGS languages Instagram account.

1st Prize - Carla M in Y7 - £5 Amazon voucher

2nd Prize - Esme C in Y7 - Spanish Vocabulary Book and sweets

Runners Up - All received a bag of sweets; Y7s - Nevada B, George P, Fleur H, Liska F. Y9s - Jamie B, Caris E, Pippa S



PE Co-curricular

Co-curricular sport is thriving and the PE department are thrilled with the participation and level of engagement. A couple of changes have been made to the timetable, to accommodate more students, and these will be effective from Monday 23rd November. All students are welcome to attend any school sport club for their year group. The emphasis is on giving students the opportunity to take part in school sport and physical activities, in a fun, safe environment. Please make sure that a permission slip has been completed. If your child has not previously attended a school sports club, this reply slip should be given to the member of staff leading the club.

Children in Need

Update from last week's Children in Need events. The grand total now stands at **£2495.11** with many collective and individual achievements: In Year 8 Rory C raised £192.70, Shakira H - £250, Max T - £150, Jake R - £92.50 and Isobel H - £80. In Year 9 Jasmine L, £307 donated by 'Just Giving' and students Maisie W, Meri B, Harry M, Barney T, Martha G and Pippa S raised £1002.50 via 'Just Giving'. Our students well and truly smashed last year's total and have set the bar high for next year!

School Roof Repairs

We are about to commence a large roof repair project on the main building (entrance), which has been funded by central government. This will involve lots of scaffolding and additional health and safety measures which we will explain to students as this progresses.

Festive Plans

Do you have your decorations and tree up yet? It looks like a growing number of households have done early this year and we want to get into the spirit of things too and end the term on a high. We have many things planned:

- **Christmas lunches** will be held for each year group in the Main Hall as a special treat this year. Year 7 will be on Monday 7th December, Year 8 - 8th December, Year 9 - 9th December, Year 10 - 10th December, Year 11 - 11th December and Sixth Form will be spread out across the week. Groupings will be socially distanced of course and the canteen will be serving roast turkey and all the trimmings, plus a vegetarian option too, Christmas pudding and custard and some festive music played whilst students eat and chat! Further details will follow in a separate letter as well as options for those students who would like to join the festive lunch and bring their own packed lunch.
- **Panto-live** is an online Christmas **panto**, which we have purchased this year. Mrs Corboz will provide further details. Years 7, 8 and 9 will all be involved, plus some of Year 10 and 11. Details to follow soon.
- **Form Room Decoration Competition** will be held over the last two weeks of term for all year groups.
- **Sixth Form events** will include gingerbread making and decorating, a festive film and hot chocolate, plus a festive quiz.
- **Student and Staff Advent** will commence on December 1st when 1 student and 1 member of staff name will each be drawn at random and they will receive a little advent treat!
- **Christmas music concert** will be a pre-recorded event this year. Same amazing talent and humour and will be available on December 3rd. Book your table (at home), get comfortable with some festive treats and enjoy!
- **Speech Day** will also be a pre-recorded event this year. Prize winner letters and invites are on their way and our special guest this year is ex-QEGS Steven Alton, now CEO at the British Institute of Innkeepers. This year's Speech Day theme is 'Opportunities'. We will have musical performances and video pieces as usual. Available to watch from 4pm on Dec 17th.

I hope to be able to confirm next week some of our plans for January, such as school day timings and other operational matters that will help parents plan ahead. Whilst this will be in advance of any government announcements, we have to plan early and make decisions, which are in the best interests of our students, staff and parents. Should any announcements or guidelines affect our plans, rest assured we would review and adapt accordingly.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher

Enclosed:

Co-curricular Sport Timetable
Co-curricular Permission Slip



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Co-curricular Sport Timetable November - December 2020

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

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 08:00 - 08:30	Y7 Multisport Sportshall Mr Smith	Y8 Multisport Sportshall Mr Smith	Y9 Multisport Sportshall Mr Smith	Y10 Multisport Sportshall Mr Smith	Y11 Multisport Sportshall Mr Smith
After school 14:35 - 15:55	Y9 & Y10 Netball Courts/Sportshall Miss Clayton	Y8 & Y11 Netball Courts/Sportshall Miss Senior	Y7 & 1st Netball Courts/Sportshall Miss Brown		Sixth Form Sport Astroturf/Sportshall Mr Hallam
	Y7 & Y8 Hockey Astroturf Mrs Starkie & Mrs Caton	Y9 & Y10 Hockey Astroturf Mrs Starkie	Y8 & Y9 Football Playing Fields Mr Hallam		
	Y7 & Y8 Rugby Playing Fields Mr Bembridge	Y7 & Y10 Football Playing Fields Mr Hallam	Y11 & 1 st Football Playing Fields Mr Walker		
	Y9 & Y10 Rugby Playing Fields Mr Hallam		Y11 & 1 st Rugby Playing Fields Mr Smith		



Co-curricular Activities Permission Slip

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the following co-curricular sports clubs (please tick the activities that you consent for your child to take part in):

All ☐ Football ☐ Hockey ☐ Multi-sports ☐ Netball ☐ Rugby ☐

Child's Name _____ Form _____

Signed _____ Date _____
