

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent, Carer, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin#12

After writing this, I am just heading off to pre-record our Speech Day award ceremony. Great that we can still run the event even if the way it is being done is slightly different this year!

This week, a high number of absent staff meant that a different year group had to work from home for the last three days. Next week, already looks much better and we can confirm that all classes and year groups will be able to attend school on Monday, including 8yE who will be back in school on Monday too.

### New Parent Governor appointment:

Thank you to parents/carers who voted in the recent ballot to appoint a new Parent Governor. We are pleased to announce Louise Davies was the successful candidate following the ballot; the Local Governing Body look forward to welcoming Louise to her first meeting in the near future.

### ESPO, Sainsbury's and Argos, My School Fund Reward Scheme:

School has signed up to 'My School Fund', an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents/carers to help boost school budgets. By registering, you can link your spend to QEGS, meaning every time you make a purchase with participating retailers you both benefit through an innovative Card-Linked Rewards scheme. For every £1 spent in participating retailers, 1% will go to QEGS and 2% will go directly to you (please visit the 'My School' website for terms and conditions). <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/parent-home>.

### Festive Forms:

Students have been bringing Christmas cheer to their form rooms with fairy lights, baubles, trees, snowmen and snowflakes. Apologies in advance if favourite decorations are disappearing from home - some forms are going for the full Santa's grotto effect with no limit to their imaginations or skills to make them, well done! We will be sharing some of the transformed rooms on the QEGS Twitter page [https://twitter.com/QEGS\\_Ashbourne](https://twitter.com/QEGS_Ashbourne) next week.

### Well done!

Mrs Howson and Miss Brown went to classes yesterday to spread some festive joy and awarded our Golden Ticket winners with presents. Well done to those students who got a Golden Ticket- they are hard to come by and exceptional effort, behaviour and attainment has to be witnessed before awarding one so a huge well done!

### Mobile Phone and Online Safety

Unfortunately, we seem to be dealing with a few incidents where students are not using their mobile phones safely. This has usually occurred outside of school. As parents and carers please do have conversations with your children about their usage, do check their phones and talk to them about any WhatsApp groups they are part of or how they have used any other apps. If they have witnessed or received anything that is not appropriate, please encourage them to report it to their form tutor. It is important we all do our bit to keep children safe online.

Have a good weekend, stay positive and safe and remember, hands, face and space.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher