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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #17

We hope that you are keeping safe and well. The days are getting lighter and brighter and along with the vaccination roll out, the future is looking brighter already!

Year 9 Options Event

We hope that Year 9 parents, carers and students have had the chance to view the virtual 'Options Event' on our website. If not, it is not too late! You will find the prospectus, an overview video and videos from each subject there, and you can click on the link to view the live Q & A event that we held on Tuesday evening. The options form will open on Thursday 11th February. www.qegs.link/y9options

Microsoft Office

As we use a school license for Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc), staff and students have **free access** to all these products on up to 5 devices.

Installing Office:

Go to <https://portal.office.com>

Log in using your school account

Click "Install Office" top right of the screen and follow the on screen instructions

This will work for up to 5 computers that the member of staff/student uses.

Activating Office:

If you get prompted to activate an already installed version of office use your normal @queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk email address and current password.

These instructions are also on the remote learning section of the school website: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/covid-19/remote-learning>

Mass Covid Testing

We are now three weeks into the development of our in-school COVID-19 testing centre. This has been our first full week testing consenting key worker students and our second testing staff. We would like to thank the wonderful community and staff volunteers for helping to make this possible.

Please remember the importance of 'hands, face and space' to keep yourself and others safe.

YEAR 9 - Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) Vaccinations

The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for Derbyshire and Derby City will be offering all Year 9 students and Year 10 students who missed the vaccinations last year, the Teenage Booster at QEGS on 2nd February 2021. To make an appointment please call the immunisation team directly on 01283 707170. For further information regarding the vaccination please go to DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. Your unique school code for Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is DD136972.

QEGS Virtual Co-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted to announce that the QEGS Co-Curricular Club Flyer has been **emailed** to all students earlier today. Please do encourage your child(ren) to get involved!

Do Something Different Day/No Screen Time

A huge thank you to the very many parents and carers who filled in the survey about our 'Do Something Different Day' proposal - 95% of parents and carers were in agreement with it. We are delighted to announce that **our first 'Do Something Different Day' will be Wednesday 27th January 2021 from 12.15- 14.30**. This means students will have teacher presence lessons for form, P1, P2 and P3 that day finishing at 12.15pm. We will send out more details early next week. The Critical Worker and Vulnerable provision will still run as normal but students on site will also 'Do Something Different'.

Voluntary Contributions

QEGS is very grateful for all the voluntary contributions received from Parents, Carers and local businesses over the recent months and appreciate some are unable to do so this year due to changes in circumstances. Parent Pay is set up with reference to the amounts outlined in the 'Voluntary Contribution' letters sent out in September 2020. We recently received a substantial financial donation from a member of the community with which we were able to purchase additional computer equipment for students' home learning. We appreciate that many families are facing financial challenges. However, if you wish to make a contribution larger than the indicated amounts, please email Mrs R Steeples, steeplesr@qegsmat.com for further information.

Stay safe, stay well and support each other as WE move towards brighter times.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher