

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #27

We have returned to a full and busy school this week. It is great to be back and we have lots planned for this term already.

### Covid-19 Home Testing Kits

COVID-19 Home Testing: New '7 use' kits sent home today (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April). Please remember to test regularly on Monday and Thursday mornings before school and to log your results.

### Year 11 and 13 Assessments

We have asked teachers to share with students this week the assessment evidence that we will be using to inform the grade that we will submit to the examination boards for GCSE and A Level qualifications. This has been shared in lessons and on Teams. We are sharing this information so they and you can raise any concerns about any of the evidence being used; for example, if they were unwell or did not have access arrangements to which they are entitled. For further information on this, please see the link below from the Joint Council for Qualifications. Please contact [ward@qegs.email](mailto:ward@qegs.email) if you have any further questions.

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

### Maths Update

This week we are wishing Mrs Statham all the best as she begins her maternity leave for her second child. Hopefully, she enjoys the chance to binge-watch TV series and get some sleep before baby arrives. There will be some staffing changes for some classes in Mrs Statham's absence, and we are delighted to welcome back Mr Geeson to the team. Any questions, please email Mr Barnhurst [barnhurst@qegs.email](mailto:barnhurst@qegs.email).

### Online Safety

Events in the news this week remind us of the importance of communication with children. Simply having an interest in what they are doing online and talking to them about it, can go a long way to keeping your child safe. The NSPCC have launched a new resource which will be useful for parents of children with SEND. In conjunction with Ambitious About Autism to bring online safety tips, advice and activities. You can access the resource [here](#).

### D&I Co-curricular Activities

A reminder to Year 7&8 students that the D&I co-curricular activities have started this week. There are still places on the following options:

	Tue	Wed	Thurs
A week	Y7 Metal monsters Room 657 <a href="mailto:kershaw@qegs.email">kershaw@qegs.email</a>	Y8 Bug Hotels Room 600 Mr Phipps <a href="mailto:phipps@qegs.email">phipps@qegs.email</a>  Y8 COVID safe toys Room 657 Mr Walker <a href="mailto:walker@qegs.email">walker@qegs.email</a>	

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Please email the teacher running the sessions to book a place for your child.

### Online Wellbeing Workshops run by Derwent Rural Counselling Service - 'Living With Hormones'

Get practical advice on how to support your child as they develop through the transition to young adulthood. The next session will run on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm to 7pm. It is possible to submit questions for the session in advance to [fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

All parents/carers are welcome. The sessions are not suitable for students to be present in, to protect confidentiality.

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

There is a nominal charge of £2 for the session but please contact a member of the Pastoral Team if that is not feasible as we do not want someone to be excluded due to the charge. You can also choose to donate more by selecting the ticket amount option you wish to donate. All proceeds go towards QEGS FPTA and back into the school for projects such as new seating areas, workshops such as these and much more...

### Join the FPTA

If you are interested in helping the FPTA to raise vital funds for the school, please email [fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk). Our next meeting dates are 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and will take place online (you will be sent an invite to join the meeting). If possible, we might try to meet in person on 22nd June.

### QEGS Library World Book Day Competition Winners

Four fabulous winners were chosen for the QEGS Library World Book Day - Design a Poster Competition. They were Emmie and Kacie in Year 7, Freya in Year 8 and Kerryn in Year 9.

Each student won an Easter Egg and a £20 voucher. Well done and thank you for the fantastic designs – the artwork will be able to be seen on the walls in the Library soon. Thanks too, to all students who that took part.



### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Award is open to Year 9 - Bronze, Year 10 - Silver and Year 12 and 13 - Gold. If you have any questions about the Award please email [wilband@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:wilband@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Please click on the link below for the letter and more information.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/04/Friday-Bulletin-01.04.21.pdf>

**Student behaviour and conduct in the community:**

Warmer weather, along with recently changed outdoor restrictions has meant that our students have been able to see their friends in small groups, maintaining social distancing and respecting the local environment and members of our community.

Unfortunately, some of our students are not being respectful of each other, the local environment and local residents when they are away from school.

We will work with parents, the police and the local community to keep our young people safe and ensure we have a safe and welcoming environment. Therefore, we ask for your support:

- Please check where your children are going/have been and with whom.
- We have found that many concerns either stem from or are exacerbated by inappropriate use of mobile phones, photographs/videos and social media. Please check and challenge how your child is using their phone to ensure they remain safe and are being kind to others.
- Remind your children of their responsibility to keep themselves and others safe (your family too!), by maintaining social distancing and respecting the current Covid laws when mixing outdoors.
- If you observe any anti-social behaviour, trespassing on school property (specifically our Astro-Turf) or other private land/property – please call the police straight away on 101 for non-emergency, 999 for emergency matters. Please also inform us at school. We want to keep everyone safe and we will cooperate fully with the police and support parents when concerns arise.

**Thank you!**

Thank you to all of the staff leading and running clubs and activities. There is a great mix of things on offer and it is great to see so many students taking advantage of what is on offer. Check the school website 'letters' section for further details and encourage your child to get involved.

Help us all to reach and meet the government targets for covid relaxing of restrictions and ensure your child is observing the 'hands, face and space' protocol.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity  
**Headteacher**