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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #28

Another fantastic and busy week in school. Year 11 and Year 13 teachers and students are finalising teaching and assessments before grade submissions are made to the exam boards. Well done to all involved with Year 11 and 13. This has been a mammoth effort and despite the very strange and disrupted year, the students are showing amazing resilience and determination to do their best.

Survey

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the feedback you have given us via the surveys we send out. A summary of the survey from February 2021 can be found below. We always value the feedback we get from parents and we are giving parents another opportunity via this link: <http://www.qegs.link/pcqaam21> This survey also includes the opportunity to assist our planning for the next academic year as well as comment on the current academic year. We would like responses by Friday 21st May.

February 2021 Survey

We asked questions about Form Time, the school day, remote learning and Maths, with questions averaging a score of a minimum of 3 out of 4. Form Time at the start of the day you told us was a positive way for students to start the day and feedback on the current school day was that the 2.30pm finish gave more opportunity for students to explore interests outside of school. This feedback helped to inform the school day proposal sent to you earlier this week. Additional comments were provided on the 'do something different' days introduced during the last lockdown, based on this feedback we will be looking at potential opportunities for students after May Half Term.

False Eyelashes

A reminder that false eyelashes should not be worn to school. As part of our uniform expectations, no excessive make up is also permitted. If a student is wearing false eyelashes, they will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated. Repeatedly ignoring this will result in lunchtime detentions.

Online Safety

Simply having an interest in what your child is doing online and on their mobile phones and talking to them about it, can go a long way to keeping them safe. If you would like more guidance on how to support your child with their use of social media and online safety, please see our website under 'At QEGS' and then follow 'Online Safety'.

Lates

We have started to send email notification and Go 4 Schools notification to parents if students are late. This does not happen if they are late due to the bus service. Persistent lateness to school will result in detentions at lunchtime. Being prompt to form time is very important in terms of setting the tone for the day and key information is shared. Please support your child in leaving on time and being organised the evening before to ensure a prompt arrival to school.

Art Exhibition

Year 13 BTEC Art students are planning to put on an Art Exhibition in town and we want to see your artwork that either you, your parents or your siblings have created over lockdown. We will select and exhibit chosen artwork to feature in the exhibition, however all entries will be included in the event. The art can be any style, medium or size. If you do wish to submit artwork then your name, your year, the name of the artwork and the size of the artwork will be required. For example (Name: Marcus P, Year: Y13, Title: Urban Decay, Size: 20cm x 30cm). If this is something

you would like to get involved with, please contact Mrs D Davis davis@qegs.email or Miss P Hellaby hellaby@qegs.email. Students can drop off artwork at the Art office on Level 4 (Years 10 -13) and at Student Services office (Years 7 -9) by end of Thursday 6th May 2021.

Free Maths webinar

Free webinar on "Helping your child overcome maths anxiety and build mathematical resilience". This is being run by Eedi, a company set up to help students with their maths.

The webinar will focus on actionable strategies on how you can help your child cope with negative emotions towards maths and homework and powerful solutions to help boost performance and build mathematical resilience. Link to access: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qillACidQ7K0PwZ9Tx6tHg

Congratulations to Year 13 BTEC students

Year 13 BTEC students have been awarded the Bishop Grosseteste Pre-Teaching Award for their work in understanding the teaching profession. It also gives them the option to apply and have a guaranteed interview at BGU for teaching qualifications. Students undertook 10 days of voluntary classroom experience, working as TAs. They had to write about their philosophy of education and present their ideas.



Congratulations!

(left to right)
Alexy K, Abby H, Jess A, Tom Mc
and Megan E (not in photo)

WOW in KS3 Form Time

Last week all KS3 forms took part in the spaghetti and marshmallow tower challenge; students were asked to demonstrate soft skills such as teamwork, good communication, leadership, listening skills, problem solving and critical thinking. Mrs Bowbanks was very impressed by all tutor groups.



Year 7 students'
marshmallow and spaghetti
tower.

Enjoy the three-day weekend. Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity'.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher