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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 11 Leavers' Events

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we will be hosting a celebration assembly and BBQ for Year 11 students in recognition of their dedication and hard work. We are rightly proud of our students and want to recognise their efforts and successes. The levels of stress and anxiety that the lockdown and assessment season have caused are well known and we wish to use these celebration days as a way of allowing our students to relax, enjoy and reflect on their time spent at QEGS.

We must stress that if concerns arise on either day student will be sent home and will be the responsibility of their parents. If concerns arise on the 21<sup>st</sup> May then this would jeopardise their eligibility to attend the BBQ on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Leavers' Assembly

Friday will be the last school day for Year 11, so we have arranged a special leavers' assembly and brunch to mark this occasion. The plan for the day is:

- Students to arrive at 8.40am in full school uniform or QEGS PE kit, student are required to report to the main hall for registration. We ask that students do not bring a school bag in on this day.
- Our leavers' assembly will commence at 8.50am; we have 5 performances, student awards and speeches from key figures.
- At 10am, students will enjoy a buffet brunch in the foyer along with having their shirts signed, photos taken and an opportunity to speak to their teachers and tutors.
- Shirt Signing: We are happy for students to sign shirts; however, they are not to be worn and comments must not be offensive, otherwise these will be confiscated. Writing must also be confined to the shirt and not parts of the body. Students should bring in a shirt to be signed.
- At 11am, our students have two options: **Option A** is to go to the sports field and play sports with their year group and staff until 12.25pm, or **Option B** is to leave the premises at 11am and go straight home.

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Leavers' BBQ

We are delighted to invite your child to our final celebration day, 'The Red-Carpet BBQ'. The plan for Thursday's BBQ is as follows:

- The dress code for this event will be smart-casual, we ask that students do not bring a school bag on this day.
- Students will arrive at the Sixth Form Centre at 10.15am and will go straight to their allocated form room; Mrs Bowbanks will be greeting our students on arrival to ensure they know where to go.
- Students will register with their form tutors and receive their leavers hoody at this time. Students will be given time to mingle with one another during this time.
- We will then invite our wonderful Year 11 students to the playing fields where they will enjoy a red-carpet photo point, a BBQ provided by Nigel's Butchers of Ashbourne, a bouncy castle, 'Beat n' Traks' DJ (as seen at the 'YNot?' Festival) an ice-cream van, a popcorn cart and plenty of time to say a final farewell to their peers and QEGS staff.
- The event will end at 1.15pm, students will then need to make their way home. We ask that students are respectful when in the community and do not cause any disturbance of the peace.

### **Summer 2021: Youth Residential Offer**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May we had 8 representatives from The National Citizens Service (NCS) deliver a dynamic and fun filled presentation to all our Year 11 students during form time. Your child was given the option to sign up for this fantastic opportunity.

‘The **National Citizen Service (NCS)** is a voluntary personal and social development programme for 16–17-year-olds. The programme takes place in the spring, summer, or autumn coinciding with school holidays. Groups of teenagers undertake a residential visit, usually to an activity centre for an outdoor education-style course in the countryside involving physical and team building activities. After this, participants undertake a residential phase, gaining a taste of independent living and learning a variety of skills for their future. In the third (and sometimes fourth) phase, participants plan and deliver a "social action" project in their local community, often to raise awareness of or fundraise for a particular cause. Those completing the course receive a certificate at a graduation ceremony. The certificate is signed by the Prime Minister in office at the time of graduation’.

For more information or to sign your child up for this experience, please visit [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to you as a parent for being involved with QEGS life over the past 5 years. I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to work with such a friendly, caring, likeable Year 11 group; I am not going to lie, some of my students are responsible for a few grey hairs!

In the meantime, we continue to value your support and we wish all our students the very best of luck in the future.

Students have been reminded of the above points in a recent assembly. If you have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter, please contact Mrs Bowbanks by email, [bains@qegs.email](mailto:bains@qegs.email).

Yours faithfully

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