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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

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DSAA Track & Field Championships

On Saturday 12th June, seven of our students competed in the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association Track and Field Championships, at Moorways Stadium. All of the athletes performed extremely well and represented QEGS in a really positive manner. Overall, from twelve different events, the students won 2 silver and 6 gold medals! Special mention to Patricija N who achieved a National Standard in the shot putt with her throw of 12.85m!

- Patricija N (Inter Girl) – Gold medal in Shot (12.85m) & Gold medal in High Jump (1.63m)
- Amber W (Inter Girl) – 4th in 300m (45.44) & Silver medal in 100m (14.29s)
- Oliver C (Inter Boy) – Silver medal in 100m (12.50s)
- Imogen L (Junior Girl) – Gold medal in 75m Hurdles (12.43s) & Gold medal in High Jump (1.50m)
- Danny M (Junior Boy) – 4th in Long Jump (4.91m)
- Ewan B (Junior Boy) – Gold medal in Javelin (28.73m) & Silver medal in 1500m (4.42.00)
- Tom K (Junior Boy) – 6th in Long Jump (4.64m) & Gold medal in Triple Jump (10.71M)



Sports Day

We are still looking to hold our Sports Day, next week on Friday 25th June (weather permitting!). This week students have been working together to pick their teams. Next week, athletics practice is available every day from 2.30pm, for all sports day competitors who would like to practice their events. Fingers crossed for a dry day and good luck to all of those that are participating!

FPTA Summer Draw

The FPTA is holding a Summer Draw to raise money for resources for the school. The FPTA most recently contributed £2000 towards outdoor seating for the students but there are many other projects in school that we would like to help with if we have the funds. Tickets are available exclusively on Parent Pay and cost £2.50 each and you are welcome to buy several tickets if you would like.

The draw will be made on 5th July 2021, the winner will receive 10% of the total amount raised in ticket sales. A runner up prize of 5% of ticket sales will also be drawn. Winners will be notified by the school in the week following the draw. Good luck and thank you for supporting the FPTA and the school.

Access to the Library After School

Exciting news - starting from Monday 21st June, the Library will be open after school from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Students can choose or return books, do their homework with access to computers, or just read. Each year group will have access on a different day:

- Monday Year 8
- Tuesday Year 7
- Wednesday Year 9
- Thursday Year 10

Students will be required to sign in at the desk and will be allocated a seat if they wish to stay for a while. Mrs Roper and Mrs Bramwell are really excited to see students back in the Library in person and will still be delivering ordered books to students unable to call in.

Monday 21st June – Change of Lunch Timing for Year 9 & 10

For Monday 21st June, Year 9 lunch will be at 12.00 and Year 10 lunch will be at 11.30 due to Music workshops for Year 9 taking place.

Art Exhibition

The Art Department are happy to announce that school are holding an art exhibition in collaboration with the Dove Valley Arts Society.

Two of our Sixth Form students have been working hard to arrange this exhibition, consisting of work created by our wonderful students in lockdown.

The exhibition is suitably titled 'UNMASKED CREATIONS' and will be held from June 23rd - 30th at 17 St John Street 10am-4pm.

We are unable to host our usual annual art exhibition in school this year, so this is a great opportunity for us to showcase our talented students. We hope you will have the chance to pop down and have a look!

Success for Hannah in Year 8 at the British Power Lifting Championship!

Hannah D in Year 8, took part in the British Power Lifting Championships on the 29th May. The event consisted of 3 events, Squat, Bench and Deadlift, she was extremely nervous on the day but overcame all this and competed like someone way beyond her 13 years. The support she got from all the other competitors and the spectators helped her to succeed making it was a memorable day for all of Hannah's family.

The Deadlift record for the Female Junior Deadlift was 80KG, Hannah smashed this with an incredible 97.5kg, she did not know of the record and was surprised when it was announced. Well done Hannah!



June is Pride Month

It is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. Pride month is about teaching tolerance, education in pride history and continuing to move forward in equality. We are celebrating at QEGS

starting with an assembly delivered by Mr Bawden this week to start the discussion around Pride month. Students will then notice some of their lessons will have the theme of Pride weaved into them.

Did you know the library has also created a series of reading lists including one based on Pride call Rainbow Reads? Students can access novels by clicking on the library link via the intranet, logging in using their email address and normal log in password, click on the book they wish to have and then click Reserve. The novel will be delivered to them by our librarians. Easy peasy

We will be having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 30th June to mark the end of Pride month. Students can wear colours with a rainbow theme but clothes must be appropriate for school - no midriffs on show, appropriate length shorts etc.

Healthy Eating

We have noticed a rise in students coming to school with lollipops, sweets and energy drinks. Energy drinks and sweets (inc. lollipops) are not allowed on site and so will be confiscated. Please can you speak to your children about healthy eating and what they spend their money on particularly how healthy food and snacks can boost concentration levels and sustain energy throughout the day. We have fruit, healthy snacks and cakes/biscuits available in the canteen.

Reminder – Use of Mobile Phones in School

Use of Mobile Phones at QEGS:

- Mobile phones must be switched off during lessons unless being used with the permission of staff for an educational activity.
- Phones should never be used to capture electronic images or videos of other students or staff.
- Mobile phones should always be handed to a member of staff when requested.
- Mobile phones should not be taken into any exam room.

If these rules are not followed the mobile phone will be confiscated, labelled and taken to Student Services where it will be locked in the school safe ready for collection at the end of the school day by the student.

During each term if students are seen using a mobile phone (without permission) on more than one occasion it will be placed in the safe for collection by a parent/carer. Please note Student Services is only open between 08:00am – 16:00pm for collection of devices.

'ThankQEGSStaffDay'

Wednesday 23rd June is national 'ThankATeacherDay' but we all know there is more to a school than just the teachers so we have re-branded it as 'ThankQEGSStaffDay'. Students will have the chance to get involved and we will have some special treats for all of our staff on the day including a local, mobile 'barista' stall serving drinks and treats to the staff throughout the morning.

Our staff have been amazing. I clicked 'approve and send' today on all of the grades for Year 11 and Year 13. It has been a mammoth effort from all of the staff to help ensure our students could attend school, work remotely, marking assessments, providing feedback and working in teams to meet pretty tight exam board deadlines. Well done students and well done staff, you should be very proud.

Have a great weekend. Enjoy the football if that is your thing.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours faithfully



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