## QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of QEGS' students starting Year 7 in September 2021

## **Summer School 2021**

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Laura Betty and I am the Deputy Headteacher-Pastoral Lead at QEGS.

We are very excited to meet our new starters on our transition days - we hope they are looking forward to experiencing QEGS in the next few weeks.

It has been quite an unusual year to say the least! Your children have not had the experience of Year 6 we would have expected and, as a result, it may not feel as though they are about to start secondary school. With having two children of my own, I can empathise greatly with these feelings and I am writing to inform you of something very exciting we are organising which should go a long way to helping your children prepare for secondary school life in September...

## **QEGS SUMMER SCHOOL!**

**Dates**: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Ideally students who wish to attend should do so for every day and for the full day unless in extenuating circumstances)

Times: 9am- 2.30pm daily

Location: QEGS

Theme: Spies and Detectives

Cost: Free - this includes food and any activities offered to students

**Rationale**: Pupils leaving primary school this year may have missed a significant proportion of Key Stage 2 face-to-face teaching and therefore missed valuable preparation for secondary education. They are likely to need additional support with English and Maths, for example, to make it easier for them to access the secondary curriculum. A summer school gives an opportunity to offer that face-to-face support before they start a new school. Summer school also offers an important opportunity to support pupils' wellbeing. QEGS' Summer school will include enrichment activities, such as art, Design and Innovation, sporting activities and finishing off with a celebration day on the Friday full of wonderful surprises.

## Benefits:

- Build a community with their fellow pupils
- Forge relationships with new teachers
- Familiarise themselves with their new school environment

We are currently in the planning stages and so need to know how many students we are likely to expect. If would like your child to attend, please fill in the form below to book your slot by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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If you wish to ask any questions please email <u>vernon@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</u> and ensure the email has the subject 'Summer School'.

Please follow us on Instagram @qegsashbournesummerschool for more updates as the planning progresses and updates of the week.

Yours faithfully

Laura Betty

**Deputy Headteacher**