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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

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Change to School Calendar for 2021-22

An extra Bank Holiday is given in 2022 during the end of May half term break for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This means that an extra school term day should be taken as a holiday. Therefore, we have decided to reduce the autumn term by one day. Students last day of term will be Tuesday 21st December 2021. Wednesday 22nd is now an Inset Day for staff only. School will reopen for 2022 as planned on Monday 10th January.

Warm Weather Uniform

Due to the warm weather predicted for next week, students do not have to wear a blazer or tie for the final week. Normal expectations are in place for other uniform items (shoes, skirts, trousers, lanyard, ID card). Some trips next week require non uniform such as the Year 7, 8 and 9 walks.

Our Superstar Students

This week has been wonderful celebrating the outstanding effort and achievements of many of our students. We had about 200 students receive Golden Tickets and an ice cream treat for being QEGS Amazing.

We were also informed that Molly D in Year 8 was the Physics Society's Year 7 and 8 winner for the Mission CAPS 21 Poster competition- well done Molly. We have SUPERSTAR STUDENTS!



Award Ceremonies Year 7 – Year 10

We had the pleasure of hosting Awards Ceremonies this week to Year 7-10. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we could not invite parents or whole year groups. Hopefully, next year will look more normal and we can celebrate in style. The restrictions did not dampen the mood, however, and we were able to award hundreds of students for their effort, attainment, sporting successes, attitude to lockdown learning and much more. A huge thank you to Mrs Vernon and Mrs Howson for organising the events and well done to our winners!



Work Experience at Lichfield Festival.

Annis B, Sophie H and Natashia L (Year 12) and Izzy L (Year 11) have just finished a 10-day work placement as part of the concert management team at the Lichfield Festival. They have worked backstage with festival staff and crew to keep all the events running smoothly and had the opportunity to see performances of ballet, music, comedy and drama. They even met The Yorkshire Shepherdess! They have worked fantastically hard and the festival could not have managed without them. Judging by the smiles, they seem to have enjoyed themselves too!



Derbyshire U14 Cricket Selection

Congratulations to George P in Year 8 in his recent selection to play for the Derbyshire U14 Cricket Team; his first match is next Friday against Worcestershire. Good luck George!

Sport Day 2021

Sports Day held on Tuesday 13th July was a great success. It was ran in year group bubbles due to the current restrictions.

We had three records broken - Bella Year 7 in the 300m, James Year 8 in shot put and Freya Year 8 in javelin.

It was fantastic that the day could run. The students were fabulous and with the help of our Year 12 students the day ran smoothly. Congratulations Hull!



Sporting fixtures this week

PE Staff were really pleased to be able to take Year 7 and Year 8 cricket and rounders teams over to Lady Manners School for fixtures this week. There were wins for both cricket teams and the Year 8 rounders teams, with a narrow defeat for the Year 7 rounders. Fantastic attitude, effort and behaviour from all.

'Unmasked Creations' art exhibition

Members of the Ashbourne community and visitors passed on many great compliments regarding the talented QEGS students who recently exhibited in the 'Unmasked Art' exhibition during the last week of June.

The winners chosen were as follows:

- 1st: Hugo A, Year 12, Charcoal Portraiture
- 2nd: Marcus P, Year 13, Mixed Media Illustration
- 3rd: Millie N, Year 12, Charcoal Portraiture

Thank you to everyone who provided work to exhibit this year. Well done!



Reports

Reports have been published today for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Reports can be accessed via GO 4 Schools, but you will need to be signed onto the website to be able to view the report. There should be a link at the top of the page saying there is unread report, or you can scroll to the bottom to the 'Progress and Reports' section. Information on attendance, behaviour and progress grades can be viewed in GO 4 Schools at any time.

A separate letter has been sent to Year 7 parents and carers explaining the grades that will be in their reports for the first time.

Finally

We are ending the term with many students and staff unable to attend school. We hope all stay fit and well. We also remain committed to providing the best remote education and alternative activities for those at home. Please read the separate summary information on Covid guidance which will commence on Monday 19th July.

Stay safe, have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
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