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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #2

Upcoming Tutor Afternoons and Parents Consultation Evenings

Below is a reminder of our key dates to speak to staff about your child's progress at QEGS. Based on parental feedback, our PCEs for 2021-22 will be via 'School Cloud' again this year. School Cloud is a virtual Parents Evening Platform which enables video meetings to take place. Previous onsite events meant that staff/parents sometimes ran late, had to move around the site and find rooms. This new system removes these problems and still ensures a quality conversation be had. Letters will be sent prior to each PCE to explain/remind how to use the platform.

Tutor afternoons will be onsite and face to face giving you the chance to meet your child's form tutor. If you cannot make the afternoon or do not wish to attend onsite, you can also arrange a phone call for the same day. Students will sign up to these in form time so please do discuss with your child as to when you can attend and if it will be face to face or a phone call. The appointments will be 5 minutes long.

Please remember that if you ever need to speak to a member of staff, you can email them to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

School Cloud PCEs – 3:30pm – 6:30pm	
Year 13	Tuesday 12/10/2021
Year 7	Wednesday 24/11/2021
Year 9	Thursday 09/12/2021
Year 11	Monday 17/01/2022
Year 8	Wednesday 09/03/2022
Year 12	Thursday 17/03/2022
Year 10	Monday 21/03/2021.

Onsite Tutor Afternoons Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th October 2021 – 4pm - 6pm	
Year 7	Monday 04/10/2021
Year 8	Monday 04/10/2021
Year 9	Tuesday 05/10/2021
Year 10	Wednesday 06/10/2021
Year 11	Thursday 07/10/2021
Year 12	Tuesday 05/10/2021
Year 13	Thursday 07/10/2021

Breaks and Lunchtimes Zones

We have now had an opportunity to experience both weeks with all our students being back for breaks and lunches, and to see how this works when it is a 'wet break' and 'wet lunch'. Consistency is important for everyone. As a result, we will be changing some of the locations and practices. These will be reviewed at the end of this first half term.

When it is a dry break or lunch, bags must be left in the area shown in the table below before students go to the Canteen. They must not take bags to the Canteen.

Student Zones				
Year	Zone	Bags	Break Wet Zones	Lunch Wet zone
7	Front of School	Benches	Main Hall	Main Hall
8	Front at break Quad at lunch	Benches at break Quad at lunch	Main Hall	Main Hall
9	Courts	Canopy and Courts	Main Hall	Gym
10	Front of School	Benches	Canteen	Canteen
11	Courts	Canopy and Courts	Canteen	Canteen

Staffordshire School Transport update to 'Temporary Vacant Seat Scheme'

If you are a parent/carer affected by the suspension of the 'temporary vacant seat scheme' by Staffordshire School Transport due to Covid restrictions and compliance to Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations; please visit their webpage for more information:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schooltransport/VacantSeats/temporaryvacantseatscheme.aspx>

An online survey on the page will enable parents/carers to share their views and ideas. The survey closes Tuesday 12th October 2021.

Year 8 Students to the Rescue

Year 8 students ran to the aid of a member of the public following a fall in Ashbourne yesterday. Their quick assistance to get adult help and to be ready to ring for an ambulance if required was noted as exemplary in dealing with the situation. Well done!

Finally

Thank you to students, staff and parents for making the first two weeks of this term such a success. I am sure there will be many challenges ahead and I have every confidence that together, we can overcome them.

Take care, stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher