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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #6

### A Joint Letter from The Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care

Nadhim Zahawi and Sajid Javid have recently written a joint letter to thank parents across England for their engagement in keeping education safe for all and explaining the importance of vaccination and testing. It is an interesting read, and the letter may be viewed by following this link: <https://www.qegs.link/tehletter>

### MFL Poster Competition Winners

Thank you to all students who entered the MFL Poster Competition on Endangered Languages and the European Day of Languages. We had some stunning entries. Our Year 11 Language Leaders, alongside Madame Parkin judged the entries and selected the following winners. Our Year 10 Language Leaders have created some displays on the MFL corridor of these posters. Make sure you have a look whilst on level 3! Congratulations to our winners!

Endangered Languages Poster Competition Winners:

Year 7: Joint winners - Franciszek L and Niamh K

Year 9: Saffron McC

Posters on the European Day of Languages:

Year 7: Abigail T

Year 8: Joint winners - Matilda B, Eboni B and Lucy D



### Rewards

We have implemented a few changes to our rewards system that we wanted to update you on. Firstly, rewards will now feed into the House System and at the end of the year there will be an overall House winner, who will have the House name on a trophy for that academic year.

Once a student has achieved 20 Merits, they will receive a Bronze badge to attach to their lanyard. 40 Merits means they will receive a Silver badge and 60 Merits in total means they will receive a Gold badge. All Merits are worth 2 House Points. We have 38 Bronze Winners already which is brilliant!

A Gold badge will automatically enter the student for a Golden Ticket. Students will keep their Gold badge and start the process again. This ensures that students are regularly acknowledged for their achievements and have clear goals to work towards.

There are many more awards to win, such as Form of the Fortnight and House Hero all with prizes and rewards to celebrate the many different achievements our students reach.

The form of the fortnight challenge was to create a spooky poem or opening to a scary story and we have had brilliant entries from 9S1, 9B1 and 9B2 and a wonderful independent entry from Charlotte, Freya and Matilda from 9H1.

### **Student Voice**

We always welcome student voice at QEGS. A student survey has been emailed out to all students and we would like to ask for your help to encourage your child to complete this by Monday 18th October. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 11 Construction**

Construction students getting to grips with wall papering. As part of the construction course students are taught a range of practical skills including painting, decorating and wall papering. If you have any unused rolls of wallpaper and decorating supplies in the garage/loft etc that you no longer need they would be gratefully received by the DI department. Please bring any donations to Mr Phipps at the Old Tech Block.



### **Sixth Form News:**

#### **Open Evening**

Students in Year 11 who want to hear all about Sixth Form and talk to subject teachers need to book a place on the Open Evening booking portal on the QEGs website. We are looking forward to sharing loads of information with our prospective BTEC and A Level students.

#### **Well-being Week**

Last week was Well-being week, culminating in a whole school event on Friday. In Sixth Form, Sports Captains and Heads of Well-being organised mini Zumba sessions and to complete the day, a Sports event for Year 12 and Year 13. All the events were keenly contested, and everyone enjoyed being outside on a fine day. The Tug of War result (2-0 to Year 12) confirmed that a return match will have to be scheduled in the Spring!



**Lord Lieutenant's Cadet**

Congratulations to Will S, who has been appointed the Derbyshire Lord Lieutenant's Cadet. He will serve in this prestigious role for a year.

Take care, have a great weekend, stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Betty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Betty  
**Deputy Headteacher**