

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #18

This week saw changes to Covid guidance and procedures nationally and at QEGS. We want to thank students, parents, carers and our staff for their support and cooperation whilst we have been navigating our way to a safe return to school. We have been able to keep Covid cases low and we want to keep things this way. Whilst wearing face-coverings are now a personal choice in all areas of school, many staff and students are still choosing to follow the habit they have become used to. Sanitising hands and keeping windows open also remains key to keeping our school environment safe and any transmission risk low. Please support us and your child in keeping our community safe. Please make sure your child tests twice a week, they sanitise hands regularly, wear a face covering (or respect others that choose to) and they respect the personal space of others.

## Voluntary Contributions 2021-22

Thank you to parents and carers who have voluntarily contributed funds via ParentPay since September 2021; the additional monies really help to support new facilities and resources such as ICT, sports equipment, D&I and Art materials.

If you feel able to contribute, payments are requested through our online payments system ParentPay and are most gratefully received. Contributions can be made in one lump sum or in smaller amounts over the course of the year. In addition to this we would ask if you are able to complete and return the gift aid declaration. This will enable us to claim an additional 25p for every pound you have donated.

For further information, please refer to the letter links below:

- Year 7 - [www.qegs.link/vcy7](http://www.qegs.link/vcy7)
- Year 8&9 - [www.qegs.link/vcy89](http://www.qegs.link/vcy89)
- Year 10&11 - [www.qegs.link/vcy1011](http://www.qegs.link/vcy1011)
- Year 12&13 - [www.qegs.link/vcy1213](http://www.qegs.link/vcy1213)

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 – No Co-curricular Clubs

Please note, due to a staff training event taking place, co-curricular clubs will not be running on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

## Lockers

Please can we ask that any student, that is currently using a school locker, to inform their form tutor with their name and the locker number by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. After this date, all remaining lockers will have their padlocks cut and will be cleared out so that other students can make use of these. We will inform you when vacant lockers are ready and how to claim a locker.

## Maths Breakfast Club

The Maths department is running a breakfast club every Friday morning from 08:15 until the start of school for Year 11's in 524. This is a free opportunity for your child to practice their maths over a hot drink and cereal or pastry. The perfect way to set them up for the day, and their maths exams! It does not matter if you are studying higher or foundation, all Year 11's are welcome! If you require more information, please contact Miss Vora or Mrs McNulty.

## QEGS Cross Country Running Success

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Derbyshire Schools' held its County Cross Country Championships at Mount St Mary's College. The championships were a huge success and we enjoyed some excellent races on a challenging course. QEGS had several students who had qualified to run and represent the Derbyshire Dales team, consisting of QEGS, Lady Manners, Anthony Gell and Highfields.

### Results

The Derbyshire Dales Year 7 Girls team came 4<sup>th</sup> as a district.

- Scarlett A 29<sup>th</sup>

The Derbyshire Dales Year 7 Boys team came 2<sup>nd</sup> as a district.

- Noah W 11<sup>th</sup>
- Oscar C 14<sup>th</sup>
- William C 18<sup>th</sup>

The Derbyshire Dales Junior Girls runners (Years 8&9) came 1<sup>st</sup> as a district.

- Maizie G 7<sup>th</sup>
- Pheobe T 21<sup>st</sup>
- Mollie D 49<sup>th</sup>

The Derbyshire Dales Inter Girls runners (Years 10&11) came 1<sup>st</sup> as a district.

- Elena A 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Molly B 33<sup>rd</sup>

The Derbyshire Dales Inter Boys runners (Years 10&11)

- Ewan B 1<sup>st</sup>
- James G 10<sup>th</sup>

The Derbyshire Dales Senior Boys runner (Years 12+13)

- Paddy W 5<sup>th</sup>

Special congratulations to Ewan B and Paddy W for qualifying to represent Derbyshire at the National English Schools' Championship finals in Kent in March.

### Netball Fixtures

U19 game was full of talented players on both sides but unfortunately, we lost 26-5 POM Amelia (GD) and Phoebe.



U16 won 22-12 with some great direction on court from captain Millie POM Iona and Bella.



### U14 Girls English Schools Cup

The U14 girls English Schools Cup run sadly came to an end yesterday after losing 4-1 to an outstanding Wright Robinson Sports College. The girls had an amazing experience & all left with their heads held high. We are so proud of them all for reaching the last 16 out of 400 schools. Goal - Mollie POM Freya, Sophie & Lucy

### Golden Ticket Winners

Some of our Year 7 and Year 8, Golden Ticket winners, enjoyed a wonderful workshop with The Clay Rooms this week. They had the option to make either a dog or a cat sculpture. They have been taken away to dry and be heated in the kiln, then they will return to school to be taken home. Well done Golden Ticket Winners!



### Save the Date! A Level and GCSE Music Recital

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm, our A level and GCSE students will be showcasing some of their performance work for their upcoming exams. It would be wonderful to see you there to support our students, especially as it has been nearly two years since they had a live audience!

Further information, including the link for tickets, will be available in next week's bulletin.

### Online Safety

Fake news has been a growing area of concern for years, but particularly in the last couple of years. Internet Matters have a great page with information and resources for parents to discuss tackling fake news with their children. You can access the information [here](#).

### Finally

During this half term we say farewell to a couple of long-standing members of QEGS staff. Barbara Smith, who most recently has been working as Director of Secondary Education for our trust, formerly Head of Sixth Form and prior to that Head of History at QEGS, has moved on to a new challenge after 20 years with our organisation. Dave Roberts, Head of Music and more recently also our trust's Data Architect, will be retiring after 32 years with QEGS. Sue Lovatt, Data Assistant is retiring after 20 years of support to the school. All colleagues have contributed so much to our school, our students' lives and education, but also the community as a whole. Mr Roberts and Mrs Smith were already at QEGS when I arrived in 2002 and they have been a great source of support to me on a personal and professional level and I know our staff team will miss them a great deal. We wish them both well in their life beyond QEGS.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity  
Headteacher