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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #32

Student Absence

We are getting an increasing number of parents and carers who are not following the correct absence procedure for their child. Parents must call the absence line as soon as possible prior to or on the day of the absence. This will help our staff to be informed and spend less time following up with parents to confirm absence status.

Please support us in:

- Calling QEGS on 01335 343 685 and press 1 to report your child's absence with as much detail as possible and likely return date.
- Please call every 3 days if this is a longer absence.
- If you wish to request a Leave of Absence please fill in the form available from student services. This should be handed back into them with 2 weeks' notice prior to the absence date.

Year 8 and 9 assessments

At the end of June Year 8 and 9 will sit their English, maths and science assessments for the half term in the sports hall. We have found that starting that experience in Year 8 and 9 helps to reduce anxiety in Year 11, but please do get in touch with Miss Ward (for general exams questions), Miss Robinson (for Year 8) or Mrs Caton (for Year 9) if you have any questions. The timetable for these will be sent out early next half term.

Year 10 exams

Year 10 Summer Exams start on 27th June and will be in the sports hall for most students. A timetable for these will be sent out early next half term.

Year 9 Options

Confirmation emails will be sent today for Year 9 Options. Please do go click the link and confirm that you are happy with these. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Ward ward@qegs.email

Revision Guide ordering window closes Monday 6th June 2022, 9am

The opportunity for students in Years 9 and 10 to order/pay for revision guides at school offer prices closes on Monday 6th June at 9am for this ordering window. Please refer to the letter sent out in May

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2022/05/Year-9-Year-10-Revision-Guide-Ordering-Letter-May-2022.pdf>, and to the shop via www.qegs.link/shop

Year 11 Exams

Well done Year 11 on their first two weeks of exams. They continue to impress us with their behaviour and attitude. Study day cards are being issued today for the first week back, and the revision timetable for the remainder of the exams will be available on our website: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/exams/>

009 Bus reminder – 6th & 7th June 2022

009 Bus - please be aware that the west bound stretch of Derby Road from the A50/A515 roundabout at Sudbury will be closed to traffic on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June. On these two days, service 009 to QEGS will access Doveridge via the A50 from the Uttoxeter direction. The service will then operate along Marston Lane, Derby Road, Cook Lane, High Street, Sand Lane and will continue its normal route to school on Derby Road.

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Music Summer Concert

Our Music Summer Concert is on Thursday 30th June and tickets will go on sale on Friday 10th June at 9am. We do expect this to be very popular and have limited numbers of tickets so we also plan to livestream the event. You will be able to book seats or book to view the livestream via the tickets page on our website: www.qegs.link/tickets

A HUGE THANK YOU from the DofE Team!

We have had a very generous donation from the of £1,000 towards our Duke of Edinburgh Program.

One of our Silver students recently lost their Grandfather, who was a keen hiker and volunteered with Cheshire Wildlife Trust. One of our routes this year passes near his memory leaf at Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the family have kindly made this donation in his memory.

The DofE Team are very grateful for this donation, and it is lovely to know that his legacy will benefit future DofE students, igniting enthusiasm for hiking and community service in the younger generations. THANK YOU!!

For any DofE queries please contact Ms Watson Jones watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

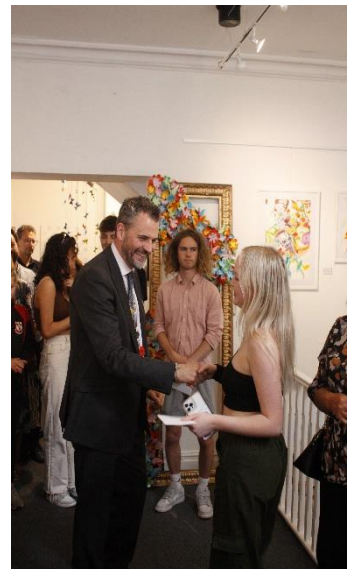
QEGS Celebration of Colour Exhibition May 2022

During Thursday 19th May the Courtney Gallery held an awards night for all the prize-winning students of the Celebration Of Colour Exhibition. The students and their proud families were able to see their artwork in the gallery and meet the Arts Society Dove Valley members who supported the exhibition and supplied both the prizes and money to assist setting up the exhibition.

The public vote prize winners for:

- Best in Exhibition - 1st Hugo A, 2nd Sienna W-F, 3rd Annie W, GCSE textile prize -Annie W
- GCSE art and design - Holly D
- Sixth form A-level art - Alice L
- Sixth form Btec art - Holly B, Maisy J
- Year 9 & 10 - Gregory P
- Year 7 & 8 – Ailsa S
- Teacher's choice award - Witeck Z.

We are so proud of all the students that have contributed to the amazing exhibition, it really showed off their varied talents. Visitor numbers doubled from last year and we are already planning for next year in this new venue.



Alton Towers Mardi Gras

Hundreds of students are behind a special art sculpture unveiled by Alton Towers Resort as part of its Mardi Gras celebration and is now set to be seen by thousands over the coming weeks as it takes pride of place at the event. Students from across Staffordshire schools have come together to create the colourful and poignant art piece as part of Mardi Gras taking place from 21st May to 19th June, which sees the Resort totally transformed into a carnival-style event thanks to an explosion of colours, sounds and high-energy entertainment – of which the sculpture will take centre stage for the entire run.

Our school umbrella is the crazy, yellow umbrella in the centre of the installation. The sixth formers had great fun working collaboratively to decorate the umbrella.

Umbrellas, which are the accessory of choice at Mardi Gras parades due to the seasonal rainy weather in the southern American states, were donated to schools in the local community for them to design and decorate based around several themes including 'celebration', 'carnival' and 'what community means to you'. From the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, wellbeing and mindfulness, to bright and vibrant flowers and traditional Mardi Gras theming, the umbrella globe is now displayed as a focal point as part of the Mardi Gras celebration. Ten schools were involved in the project and have been invited to the Theme Park to see their creations, including Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The students will now all be invited to see their artwork over the half-term holiday and bank holiday weekend when Mardi Gras is expected to attract thousands set to join the party atmosphere.



Golden Ticket Award

This week, we have had CrazyGolf4U in for our Golden Ticket Winners! Our QEGS Amazing students got to play the best of 4 rounds of a nine-hole Golf course with their fellow winners. Thomas in 9C1 got the winning score overall, with a brilliant score of 15, closely followed by: Noah in 7S1, Amy in 7C1 and Eva in 8H1 all with 16!

All Golden Tickets are rewarded every half-term in lots of different ways. We know there are some outstanding students, who sometimes win more Golden Tickets than we can keep up with! Too many students to mention, but a special congratulations to them.



Tunnocks Teacake Challenge

We are delighted to announce that the winners from the Tunnocks Teacake Challenge are as follows:

1st - Niamh K

2nd - Imogen P

3rd - Abigail T

Thank you to all students who entered, the entries were fantastic. All students have earned valuable house points. These entries will now be entered into the national competition. Good Luck to you all!



Co-curricular Gardening Club

Gardening club will run on the following dates for the final half term:

Tuesday 13th June

Tuesday 20th June

Tuesday 27th June

Please meet in 612 at 3.20pm. Sessions will run from 3.20pm - 4.20pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jubilee

Over this week and the week after half term students can expect to experience a Jubilee focus in some lessons. Our hugely creative Curriculum Leaders have found ways to bring the Jubilee into the curriculum to mark this special occasion. Lesson activities include; making bunting, investigating the Queen's role in defining our identity, taking part in the Radio 2 national sing a long, looking at street parties around the world and the Royal family in the press. In addition, after half term some of our students will be out and about in the community delivering boxes of handmade gifts with a Jubilee theme to local carehomes.

Our Apple tree planted for the Queen Green Canopy initiative is now on the map! Follow this link <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>



Year 11 Construction Class

On Tuesday this week the Year 11 construction students visited the Boothby Meadows development to see how the new build was progressing.

Here they learned from the construction site manager the roles and responsibilities on a construction site and about the phases of a construction job. This was a great opportunity for the students as they are sitting an exam based on this knowledge later this term. Good luck Year 11

Maths - Problem of the week

In this addition, a , b and c each represent a single digit.

What number does abc represent?

$$\begin{array}{r} a\ b\ c \\ +\ a\ c\ b \\ \hline c\ 4\ a \end{array}$$

Please send any answers to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Ashbourne Refugee Charity Walk

Would you like to support refugees? Join ARCS on a walk around Carsington Reservoir to raise funds for the resettlement of refugee families on 3rd July 2022. Event link: [ARCS Charity Walk](#)



Finally

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Gould (Cover Supervisor) who is off to pursue a new venture. Thank you Miss for all of the lessons you have covered and the Sports' Days!

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher