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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #35

Reminder for all Parents and Students

Each day your child should arrive at school fully prepared for the day ahead. The basics should include:

- **Full school uniform:** QEGS PE kit or uniform
- **A school bag** – this is not optional, all students must carry a bag to help carry and store the following
- **Stationery kit** (ruler, pens and pencils, protractor, compass, eraser, calculator), our staff carry spare kit to avoid delays in lessons but is not acceptable for students to take this for granted and not carry their own. We have a 'school shop' which sells these items, please direct your child to Student Services if they need to purchase replacement items
- **Subject exercise books/files/folders**, well cared for and well maintained, no graffiti etc.
- **A reading book** is required to be carried every day and will be used in form time and for the start of lessons if time permits

Checks will be carried out each day during Form Time to ensure that your child is ready and prepared for school.

Pupil Premium

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding please contact Mrs Starkie if you require any financial support.

World Music Day

On Tuesday, QEGS celebrated World Music Day with a series of workshops and lesson activities. Year 7 had a chance to experience either a Samba or Djembe drumming session, and some of our Year 8, 9 and 10 students got to try out a range of music recording and production techniques. A huge thank you to all those involved in organising and running workshops to provide these opportunities for our students.



Maths Problem of the Week

A big well done to Naor V who is the winner of last week's problem of the week - the answer was 17. Please come to 530 to get your prize.

This week's problem is:

In how many different ways can a row of five "on/off" switches be set so that no two adjacent switches are in the "off" position?

Please send all entries for this week's problem of the week to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

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Sports Day

Yesterday we held our 2022 Sports Day and wow what a day it was. After an adapted Sports Day last year due to COVID we were back to our normal scheduled day. We had more than double the number of students competing this year which was fabulous to see. Many Students gained new PB'S and we had some records broken. Details of individual records will be published in next weeks bulletin.

Final results were:

1st Spalden

2nd Hull

3rd Boothby

4th Cokayne

Thank you to all the competitors and helpers you were all amazing.



Sports Day at QEGS ... Another Perspective

For every successful Sports event at QEGS there is always a demand to provide the best equipment to help our students achieve their best. However, with sporting activity there comes damage through active wear 'n' tear on our equipment. Such was the case for our most recent Sports Day event yesterday, where-in over half a dozen athletics hurdles were deemed broken and not fit for purpose leading up to the event. Step in D&T technician Mr Kenway, Repair and Restore Year 10 students and some Year 11 Engineering student leavers (who gave up precious revision time) to help fabricate and weld up, prepare and paint these hurdles so that they can be used again. Bear in mind a replacement hurdle purchased new costs the school £150!

Other support our Engineering students and Repair and Restore cohorts have been to redesign basketball cages for more efficient operation by the PE department, redesign and repair table tennis tables, netball posts and hoops. It is a team effort, and we thank them all.



ABRSM Exams

Congratulations to all the candidates who took their ABRSM instrumental exams over the last two days. The standard was very high and the examiners were most impressed with the talent and commitment of our QEGS musicians. Results will be out in a few weeks – we are keeping our fingers crossed for you all!

Summer Concert

The Music Department Summer Concert will be taking place Thursday 30th June at 7:30pm in the Main Hall. There are still some tickets available to join us in the audience, and livestream tickets are also available via the website. Do join us if you can - the bands and choirs are rehearsing hard and it is shaping up to be a wonderful evening!

NSEA

Our amazing NSEA team have been successful again, this time at Beaver Hall in the Jumping with style and have qualified for the championships at Keysoe in September as a team. Grace has also qualified as an individual! Thank you to parents for all your support.



Art Exhibition

Our annual Art and Creative Digital Media Exhibition will be in the main hall, 10am-2pm Saturday 25th June. We really hope you have chance to call in and see the exceptional standard of work produced by our Year 11, 12 and 13 students!



Buy/Swap/Sell

We are hoping to set up a buy/swap/sell stall on Community Day Friday 8th July for any second-hand camping/DofE equipment as well as outdoor clothing/shoes. If you have any of the items below and you would like to buy/swap/sell/donate items please contact Ms Watson Jones or Mrs Wright.

Suggested items:

- Camping mats
- Sleeping bags
- Small or large walking rucksacks
- Walking boots
- Waterproof jackets/waterproof trousers
- Walking trousers
- Fleeces or technical tops

In addition, we will be running a school uniform buy/swap/sell too for blazers/skirts/trousers/PE kit and footwear. Again, contact Mrs Wright if you have any items for the stall.

Sixth Form Update

This week Year 12 participated in 'Young Drivers Day', an important event in the Sixth Form calendar, highlighting key road safety messages. We hope they found the day informative and, whilst some of the content can be difficult, that it helps them keep safety in mind when heading out on the road either as a driver or passenger.

The visiting presenters all commented on how mature, polite, and engaged the students were during the sessions; well done for representing yourselves and the Sixth Form so positively.

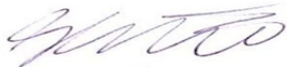
Sports Day was celebrated across the school and Year 12 ran their relay in style, with Mr Chow's form taking the win.

And finally, Year 13 will be celebrating the end of their exams! Congratulations to them on making it through this challenging period and we look forward to seeing them all at the Year 13 Prom.

Finally

Year 11 and 13 exams have concluded this week and next it will be Prom Time! With Sports Day, Community Day, Art Exhibition, Music Concert and Proms we feel like we have returned to what we had pre-Covid. Thank you to staff and students for getting involved and taking part. I already have enquiries from staff for a Ski Trip and Sports Tour in 2023-24 – watch this space for exciting things ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher