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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #36

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

What a wonderful morning we had on Thursday celebrating Year 11 and their leavers' celebration. Once again, they were impeccably behaved! The DJ in a Land Rover, ice cream van and BBQ seemed to go down a treat. Now for the prom tonight!



Although we said goodbye to our Year 11s yesterday, if any of them feel they need extra advice on their next steps or a little help with an application do not hesitate to contact Miss Morgan who will be please to assist.

100% Positive Rewards

A huge well done to the 558 (that's above 60%) students across Year 7-10 who have achieved 100% positive events and not a single negative event since Easter. What an incredible achievement. They will be rewarded with a treat from the ice cream van on Monday and Tuesday of next week!

Trial of Single Break and Lunch

Once our expansion project is complete late 2022, early 2023, we will have an additional canteen space to use. We want to see what is possible and so on Monday 4th July we will be trialing a single break and single lunch for all year groups. This will mean that Years 7-10 and 12 will have break at 10.15am and lunch at 12.35pm. A canteen queue order will be in place with each year group having a specific time to arrive and gain access. For those students wishing to play ball games on the courts, a year group rota will still be in place.

We will update you on the outcome of the trial and next steps. If you have any medical or health matters to raise for your child based on this trial, please contact your child's Progress Leader.

Exam Success!

Congratulations to those students who took ABRSM exams last week - the results are starting to come in and we are very proud of your achievements. Particular successes include Will S who passed his Grade 8 alto saxophone exam and the following students who received the highest possible mark of Distinction (130+ marks out of 150):

Evalyn B in Y7
Esme C in Y8
Rocco H in Y9
Artemis S in Y12

Music Concert

Last night, 100 students, staff and alumni took to the stage to perform in the Music Department Summer Concert. This extraordinary team came together in tribute to our retiring Head of Department, Mr Roberts. Thank you so much to everyone for your efforts, and for a truly wonderful concert!



Reading Warrior Awards

These are the winners of the £10 National Book Tokens.....

Oliver King 7C1
Ruby Mace 7S1

Annabel Williams 8B1
Emma Hanson 8H2
Will Glossop 8S1
Rory Naylor 8S1
Hannah Breeze 8S2



Heather Smith 9H2
Anna Mageste 9S2

Izzy Hosking 10C1

Sixth Form Update

This week in tutor time we launched the UCAS Hub to our Year 12 students, for researching universities, apprenticeships, and careers options. Lancaster University also visited and gave a talk on how to create an amazing supporting statement. Whether they are hoping to go to university or applying for apprenticeships and jobs, this is a crucial skill, and we look forward to seeing the first drafts created over the next few days and weeks. Next week there is an Apprenticeship Festival in Birmingham on 8th July and in Manchester on 4th July. Universities are opening their doors to prospective students too. We encourage all our students to make the most of the opportunities to research their options either on the Hub, or attending online or in-person events.

Year 13 enjoyed their Prom at Morley Hayes, an event organised and co-ordinated by the Heads of Events on the outgoing Student Council. Impeccably turned out, ready to have fun and to enjoy the opportunity to celebrate together, our students were a credit to QEGS and to themselves. We wish them all a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing them on results day in August.

An Update on our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) provision this term:

This term has seen some amazing developments in our PSHE and RSE lessons. One student favourite has been the introduction of formal debating into our curriculum. Every half term one of our lessons runs as a formal debate, focused upon an issue within Personal, Social, and Health Education for Years 7 to 9, or Relationships and Sex Education for Years 10 to 11. Our students love the chance to discuss and raise questions in this new way and appreciate the skills this format is giving them for later life. Our hope is that we can start running small in-school debating competitions next year, and then look for other schools to compete against. Dan in Year 8 said, 'this type of lesson is great because it gives structure to our debates and makes it easier to ask questions.'

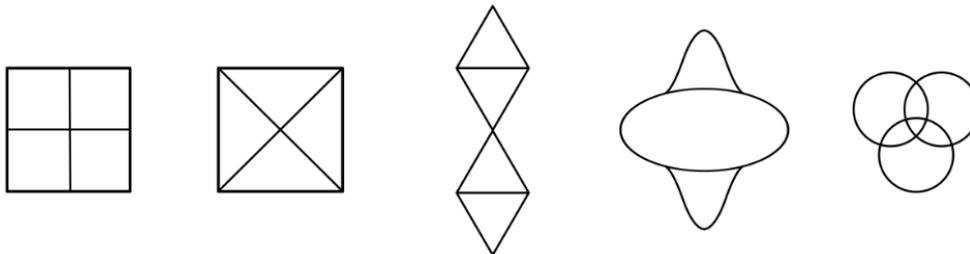
June also saw PSHE and RSE join with other subjects in marking Pride Month. QEGS Reads focused in on related literature, MFL explored Pride in other cultures, and we reintroduced a student society who will meet for the second time next week, where they will decide on a group name, what they wish to do during their meeting time, and how we might better support students who identify as either LGBTQIA+ or their allies. We in PSHE RSE very much look forward to saying more about this in next week's bulletin, and also explaining our new student-focused academic levels and how we will assess our students going forward into the new school year.

Maths Problem of the Week:

The solution to last week's 'switch on' problem was 13- a huge well done to our winner for Martha W. Please come to 530 to collect your prize!

This week's problem is as follows:

Which of the five diagrams below could be drawn without taking the pen off the page and without drawing along a line already drawn? Can you explain your reasoning?



Please send all entries to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Camping, Outdoor Clothing and Uniform Bring and Buy

If you have any items of outdoor clothing or equipment or QEGS school uniform to donate for us to sell at Community day on Friday 7th July, please send it to Mrs Wright or Ms Watson Jones in the science department. We will be grateful for walking boots and shoes, sleeping mats, waterproofs, walking trousers, QEGS blazers, PE kit and QEGS skirts. Thank you.

Fundraising for Refugees



A THROUGH REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Charity Walk

Fundraising for refugees

3rd July 2022
2pm
Carsington Reservoir
8 miles

Would you like to support refugees?
Join us in a walk around Carsington Reservoir to raise funds for the resettlement of refugee families. All funds raised go to Ashbourne Refugee Community Support Group (ARCS).

To register follow the link, scan the QR code or email us at:
ashbournerefugees@aiaa.com

£10 adults
£5 children (under 18)

You may not be able to walk, but if you would like to help us, please visit our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashbourne-refugees-support-group where you can make a one-off contribution or a monthly pledge.

Many thanks.

Girls Football

To celebrate the Womens' Euro Football Championships, we were invited to a football festival this week at Derby High School, organised by Derby County Community Trust. The girls took part in a series of adapted small-sided games throughout the afternoon, with the emphasis on skill development and having fun! The girls conducted themselves excellently and had a great time!



U13 Derbyshire Girls Cricket

Megan B, Martha W, Emily E, Sophie S and Abi T are all in the Derbyshire Under 13 Girls Development cricket squad, Ashbourne Cricket Club.

Finally

Thank you to parents for supporting our drive on students being prepared for school with a suitable bag, stationary equipment, reading book and the correct uniform. Due to warmer weather, we have now decided to relax the expectation for a blazer to be worn until the end of term. This does not mean that another jacket, coat or sweater can be worn instead. Only a school blazer or school jumper can be worn or correct QEGS PE kit for days when permitted.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher