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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #38

We were shocked and saddened this week that a very serious assault took place in Ashbourne involving a QEGS student. We do not tolerate this kind of behaviour and we have responded fully and appropriately to the incident, including sanctions for those students who filmed and shared footage. The police have taken the matter very seriously and we are continuing to support them with their investigation.

Your child may have been exposed to video footage of the assault which is very upsetting. Please talk to them about what they access online. Please reassure them that this kind of behaviour is not typical of QEGS students and is very rare. Please talk to them about not sharing any such videos further, for the sake of the student and family involved and for the continuing police investigation.

It is important to note that any student who films and shares inappropriate content is acting immorally but also risking their online footprint in addition to receiving a sanction that could deeply affect their future aspirations. We are committed to each student feeling safe and happy at QEGS. The very large majority of our students act respectfully towards each other and would not consider behaving in such a way as in this incident.

Plans for Week Commencing 18th July 2022

We are excited and looking forward to our final week in school. Lots of staff hours have gone into the organization of events and trips - There have also been some late changes to the Ilam walk for Yr7 due to the weather warnings – see below.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	X side Ilam Walk Y side normal lessons	Y side Ilam Walk X side normal lessons	Trips and visits or onsite activities
8	Camping Trip Or Normal Lessons	Camping Trip Or Normal Lessons	Camping Trip Or Poetry workshops	Camping Trip Or Poetry workshops	
9	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Y side Army Challenges	X side Army Challenges	
10	Work Experience Or Remote Careers and Work Experience	Work Experience Or School based projects	Work Experience Or School based projects	Work Experience Or School based projects	Work Experience Or School based projects
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Weather Forecast for Monday and Tuesday

Due to the weather warnings for heat on Monday and Tuesday we are making some modifications to how we will operate onsite next week:

- Students can wear either QEGS PE Kit or shirt, trousers/skirt – no tie or blazer is required
- Sun hats, freshly filled water bottles and sun cream are advised
- An indoor break and lunch area will be available each day
- Water stations will be available around the school site

Yr8 Camping Update

We are very conscious of the weather for the camping trip and cannot reply to every email. Thankfully both camp sites are wooded and cool. All activities are risk assessed daily and during so there are back up plans for each. Activities at Brimham rocks are in shaded areas with the only unavoidable open sunshine being the walk to the toilets. We have a minibus with us to shuttle students if we need to change plans during any activity, plus 2 staff are taking cars for any emergencies.

We do ask that parents insist their children have water bottles to refill at refill opportunities, sun hats, appropriate clothing to cover up with (full length leg wear and long-sleeved tops if possible) and plenty of sun cream. We will monitor that students are drinking well and we will remind them to apply sun cream. We really don't want any sunburnt or unwell students.

Update on SEN Information

As we approach the end of another busy school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students and the parents for their support for the SEN department. For some students the summer holidays can be a great break, but for others they can be a stressful period as established routines change.

To help support some of our students over the summer break we have included links to a few websites that offer practical and sensible ideas for activities to do over the summer break.

<https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/special-educational-needs/schools-and-sen/school-holidays>

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/blog/10-top-tips-for-surviving-the-summer-holidays>

Over the summer break we intend to work on the SEN part of the school website and hope to include an information section for staff and parents on some of the main conditions that we support in school.

May we take this opportunity to have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Join us for an FPTA Social!

Come along just to meet other parents and carers, and to chat about ideas for the FPTA going forwards (you don't have to then attend future meetings, although we would very much welcome you). Staff are welcome too.

Wednesday 20th July, 18.30, The Bowling Green Ashbourne

For more information, please email fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or Angris@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk



Bugingham Palace - rooms to rent, at least for bugs

After lots of hard work and upcycling 'Bugingham Palace' can be declared open to all bugs

Thanks to Emily, James, Oscar, Sophie and Carla's tireless efforts a huge bug hotel has been constructed to improve the Quad area of QEGS. It is hard landscaped with the added Bugingham Palace its centre piece. The palace has been filled with a variety of plants, chopped wood and other bug friendly materials to encourage bugs into QEGS. There is even a laser cut Queens Jubilee motif and wicker crown to commemorate the occasion



Maths coding week

Y7,8 and 9 have spent time this week looking at the different types of codes used throughout history, and the vital part that they have played in shaping the modern world. We then finished off the lessons by solving our very own murder mystery puzzle using the skills acquired over the course of the week. Students really enjoyed the problem solving and team work required, and were very successful in solving the codes!

Maths problem of the week

A huge well done to those of you who correctly answered last week's problem. The answer was J = 1, M = 9 and C = 8. Well done to our winner for this week, Izzy T in y9! Come and collect your prize from 530.

Race for Life & Community Day 2022

Last Friday we hosted our annual Community Day, where our students spent the afternoon on the school fields. We started with the Race for Life event which raises money for Cancer Research UK. Students from all years had a dance warm up led by Miss Hambly before running, jogging or walking the 2 lap, 5km route around the school fields and recreation ground. On finishing, they were presented with a medal before heading off to the various stalls laid out by staff and sixth form students, including but not limited to - penalty shoot out, soak the teacher, BBQ, whack a rat and ice cream van.. Anyone who still wishes to donate and sponsor their child for completing the race for life can visit this link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/queen-elizabeths-grammar-school-5>



Thank you to our Level 3 BTEC Business students (pictured) organised the race this year as part of their "organising an event" unit of work, and what a fantastic job they did - well done to Pip, Scarlett, Eliza, Josh and Freddie for making it a success!

The final totals will be revealed in next week's bulletin as sponsorship is still coming in!! Thank you to everyone who took part or sponsored a student to make the afternoon a great success!

Success at English Schools Track and Field Championships

Four students took part last weekend at the English Schools Track and Field Championships – Patricija N, Ben P, Imogen L and Ewan B. A wonderful experience for the students and all will keep training at the level they do to qualify and compete for the Derbyshire Schools Team again next year.

Patricija took the bronze medal in the senior girl's shot put with a throw of 11.68m - an outstanding achievement.

Imogen was delighted to run a new personal best in the intermediate girls 80m hurdles with a time of 11.81.

Ben cleared 1.82 in the senior boy's high jump.

Ewan ran a new personal best time of 4.07.52 in the intermediate boys 1500m.



Well done to all, you did yourself proud!

Sport Leaders visit Spring Lakes

43 Sports Leaders were rewarded with a trip to Spring lakes after completing 20 plus voluntary hours over the course of a school year. The trip was fantastic, and the students took part in knee boarding, paddle boarding, the water inflatables and then had some time on the beach. There were so many smiles all round, and the trip overall was a huge success.

Use the link for some pics of the day: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/spring-lakes-reward-trip/>

The Sports Leaders have been a huge asset to Primary Sport this year and this was our way of saying thank you.

Sixth Form Update

This week we welcomed Year 11 students to the Year 12 Transition event. Students tried taster lessons in their chosen subjects and spent some time getting to know their new form and their form tutor. Each student was given a welcome pack full of information and will have received an email asking them to complete an online data access form.

Applications for Sixth Form Bursary are now open. The bursary aims to assist with the purchase of uniform and equipment. Please contact Mrs Smith (smithv@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) for an application form or download one from the Sixth Form section of QEGS website. Year 12 students who have been in receipt of the bursary this year need to renew their application.

Next week Year 12 students are on work experience, and we wish them well. Those students who are not on a placement or field trips next week should come to the Sixth form to assist with in-school projects.

Finally

Thank you to all of the local businesses and members of the community who came into school this week to support with Yr10 mock interviews as part of their 'World of Work' week. Also lots of guest speakers and activities to help prepare Yr10 students for life beyond school. The feedback from our guests was amazing – so many talented students with great potential – well done!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity'.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher