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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #6

DofE Update

Firstly..... a HUGE thank you to all of the Year 9 and 10 students who have enrolled in their Bronze and Silver Awards this year! We have over 150 students participating which is absolutely fantastic!!

Over the course of the next week, we will be setting up participants with an eDofE account (please do not worry if you do not hear from us during this time.... and rest assured your child will be getting enrolled).

Secondly, this is the final week for GOLD enrolment; please enrol by paying the enrolment fee on Parentpay.

Please follow us on Twitter for updates; @QEGS_DofE or email Ms Watson Jones watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any questions.

World Mental Health Day

This week we marked World Mental Health Day with many students and staff wearing yellow in support of young people who are struggling with their mental health. All students attended assemblies reminding them about where they can access mental health support in and out of school. We also held yoga sessions for some students to share some tools to help manage anxiety. Thank you to all who took part. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact their form tutor who can signpost you to the most suitable person.

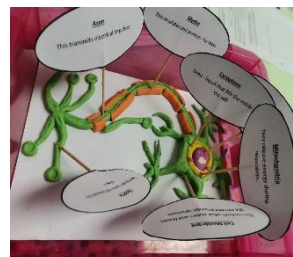


#QEGSamazing.... In Science

We have had some wonderful 3D models of cells from our challenge task in 9X1.....

James created a well labelled specialized nerve cell and Dan made a cheesecake 3D model of red blood cells, showing the concave shape to increase surface area!! Great thinking outside the box (and a thank you from the Science staff – it also tasted delicious!)

Well done boys!!



U15 Girls National Cup

QEGS U15 girls took on Thomas Alleyne's in the 2nd round of the National Cup!

The girls put on a great performance coming away with a 10-0 win.

Goals from Freya x5 Bella x2 Mollie x 2 & Maizie. Player of the match from the opposition was Phoebe & Player of the match from Mrs Barrie was Freya! Well done everyone



Clubs and Co-curricular

Did you know we have over 100 clubs at QEGS? Check out these photos of basketball club, engineering club and textiles club.



Reminder of the clubs and co-curricular timetable <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/>

Revision Guides

Revision guide purchases can be made via the ParentPay Shop via the QEGS website:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712>. The next orders will close on 31st October and books will be delivered into school early in November for distribution to students.

Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form staff and students are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students and their families to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 18th October**. The event will start in the Main Hall at **6pm**, with a presentation from Mrs Allen, Head of Sixth Form, and Mr Walker, Deputy Head of Sixth Form. After this there will be the opportunity to speak with subject teachers, tour the Sixth Form Centre and speak with students about their experiences.

Sixth form Update

Year 13 Meet the Tutor evening will be on Tuesday 1st November, straight after half term. Letters will be issued soon and you will need to book your appointment before half term please. This is a **face-to-face event** and an opportunity to catch up with progress and how we are preparing students for next steps after Sixth Form. Please bring any questions you may have about support for university, apprenticeship and employment applications.

Online Safety

Internet Matters are regularly bringing out new, updated resources for parents. They have recently put together 3 useful pages which contain a parent pack, common online safety issues, top apps and platforms and a few other resources, all split by age to make things easier. You can view their secondary aged resources [here](#).

Maths Problem of the Week

The solutions for last week's problem were 2 and 3, 3 and 4, 7 and 8 and 8 and 9. The winner was Isabel H in Year 7! Well done - please come to 530 for your prize.

This week's problem:

6 wolves catch 6 lambs in 6 minutes. How many wolves would be needed to catch sixty lambs in sixty minutes?

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

QEGS FPTA 'Welcome Meal'

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/the-green-road/queen-elizabeth-grammar-school-ashbourne-main-hall/charity-welcome-feast-fundraiser-supporting-qegs-fpta-and-ashbourne-refugee-community-sponsorship/e-pprbzb>



[Charity Welcome Feast Fundraiser - Supporting QEGS FPTA and Ashbourne Refugee Community Sponsorship at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Ashbourne - Main Hall](#)

Friends, Parents, and Teachers Association invites you and your family to our Charity Welcome Feast Fundraiser on Friday 11th November 2022 at 6.30pm to 9.30pm for just £7.50 per person (food included)
www.ticketsource.co.uk

Free School Meal checker

In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to check if help is available through Free School Meal checker to support you and your child at school. Please take a look at the following for more information: link <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/pupil-premium/>

If your child is in receipt of FSM - breakfast is available in the canteen before school from 8.15am. For FSM students they can help themselves to a slice of toast/fruit and a bottle of water and Rm 540 to collect snacks before start of school day, plus snacks for break can be collected from their Progress Leader's office.

The school meal deal is available to all FSM children each day and is the best value for money for the £2.60p allowance - hot dinner, dessert and a bottle of water.

Lunch Provision for Half Term



Ashbourne Elim Church are offering half term lunches to the families in our school. Please see website for more information ashelim.ch/lunchables

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster, wants to hear your views on crime and community safety.

Throughout the year, the Commissioner runs a survey asking for Derbyshire residents views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to you, wherever you live in the City or the County.

Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns.

The Commissioner needs to hear from as many people as possible, from all age groups and backgrounds, to ensure the results are fair.

To complete the survey, please click the link: <https://bit.ly/ListeningToYou22-23>

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>
These are our current vacancies; Midday Supervisor, Senior Science Technician and Head of Year 7.

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-


Week B:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1956232/QEGS-Week-B.pdf>

Finally

The library has partially re-opened but there is still ongoing roof replacement work going on which means the capacity and access is still a challenge. Students can access the library via the rear fire doors before school from 8.15am, at break and at lunch.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher