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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #4

Safeguarding Information

Report it!



At the bottom of our website we have a 'Report an issue' button. Students and parents can anonymously report any safeguarding concerns they may have and it will report back to Mrs Betty (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mr Drake (Child Protection Officer) and Mr Illsley (Online Safety Coordinator). The more information you can give the better so we can investigate any issues that may arise.

Attendance

Thank you to parents and carers who are following our process of reporting student absence. Can I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that we expect students to attend school every day. Genuine illness or authorised 'Leave of Absence' requests are the only exception. If your child is unwell at home and unable to attend school because of illness, then you must phone school to report the absence, before 9.00am. To do this simply phone 01335 343 685 and press 1 to speak to Student Services.

A polite reminder of our actions around student attendance:

Attendance %	Action
98 - 100 (Best chance of success)	We will celebrate with a half termly postcard sent home
96 - 98 (What we expect or better)	Your child's form tutor will talk to your child about how to support their attendance improving
93 - 95 (Cause for concern)	A letter will be posted home outlining our concern
90 - 92 (A serious cause for concern)	A letter will be posted home and then an invitation to meet with Progress Leaders to create an action and support plan
Less than 90 (Unacceptable absence)	A letter will be posted home and then an Attendance Panel meeting arranged. Should this not be successful the school can pursue fines and court proceedings

Sixth Form Open Evening

Preparations are under way for our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening, on Tuesday 18th October, from 6pm-8pm, starting in the Main Hall at 6pm with a short presentation from Mrs Allen, Head of Sixth Form and Mr Walker, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, together with members of our Student Council. We look forward to meeting all our Year 11s at the event.

Book Checks

You may have noticed 'Check' behaviour events appearing on GO 4 Schools over the past couple of weeks. Once per half term, staff are checking students' books and giving them a rating of Blue, Green, Amber or Red. These are then entered on GO 4 Schools and will be issued in reports.

Book Check	
Blue	Classwork always shows commitment to learning and presentation
Green	Classwork mostly shows commitment to learning and presentation
Amber	Classwork rarely shows commitment to learning and presentation
Red	Classwork never shows commitment to learning and presentation

For any queries about book checks for individual subjects, please contact your child's class teacher or form tutor.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

A reminder that the cut off dates for enrolment:

- Bronze and Silver - Friday 7th October
- Gold - Thursday 22nd October

Please enrol by paying the enrolment fee on ParentPay. Following enrolment, participants will be added to a DofE TEAMS (W/C 10.10.22), where information will be distributed about upcoming DofE meetings and how to access eDofE.

Our Awards Ceremony has also been rescheduled for Tuesday 22nd November, 4.30pm and written invites will be being sent out shortly.

Follow us on Twitter [@QEGS_DofE](#) to keep updated on key information.

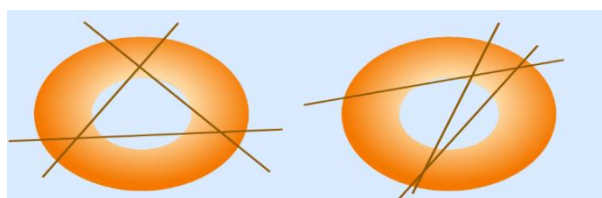
FPTA

Please join us in The Bowling Green, 2 North Ave, Ashbourne, DE6 1EZ, Wednesday 5th October from 6.30pm to discuss fundraising ideas and how we can spend existing funds! You are welcome to order food as we meet, and will also be able to meet other friends, parents and teachers of the school.

We are currently planning a fundraiser for the 11th November, so save the date and come along to the meeting if you can lend a hand in preparing for it. Any queries can be emailed to: fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. All are welcome!

Maths Problem of the Week

Here are 2 examples of solutions to last week's problem of the week:



Well done to Isabel H in Year 7 who is this week's winner! Please come to 530 to claim your prize.

This week's puzzle is a really tough one:

Solve the following (each letter represents a particular digit 0 to 9):

$$ABC + DEF = GHIJ$$

Please send in any entries (or if you would like any hints!) statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Golf Congratulations



George won his semi-final 2&1. Then lost the final on the second playoff hole, coming second out of 60 golfers that entered the competition. He was disappointed but still a great result. Well done on your achievement.

Primary Events at QEGS

Yesterday was the first of many primary events at QEGS. The Year 3 & 4 football was our first event of the year and it was fantastic. We had over 200 primary students taking part and there was some fabulous football played.

It was also our first event for our new Year 9 Sports Leaders and they really did step up to the mark. The feedback from the primary teachers was so amazing they have even requested to have the same leaders next week. WELL DONE EVERYONE.



Sixth Form Update

This week Year 12s have been looking at volunteering opportunities in school, in the community and internationally, culminating in the Volunteers Fair on Friday. Students will sign up to volunteer over the course of Year 12 and this contributes to their Futures Award.

Letters for next week's Year 12 Meet the Tutor evening on Thursday and their UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair trip on Friday were also emailed out this week. Please follow the booking instructions for each event.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week C:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1956235/QEGS-Week-C.pdf>

Parent Governor Vacancy

A quick reminder from our Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Bramwell if parents/carers are interested in applying for the parent Governor vacancy please submit your application form by 12noon Friday 7th October.

Uniform Pop Up Shop

SchoolsIn will be visiting school on Wednesday 5th October from 3:30-5pm in the school canteen.

Finally

Thank you to parents and carers for attending our Open Evening this week. We had a record attendance and we hope you enjoyed seeing our school and speaking to students and staff. If you couldn't make it and/or would like to take a tour of the school, please follow this link and book in: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne>

Reminder that applications for Year6 places at QEGS should be made before Oct 31st 2022, using this link if you are a Derbyshire resident: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

This link if you are in Staffordshire: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/home.aspx>

Or this link if you are in Derby City: <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/secondary-schools-admissions/>

Any questions or queries on any QEGS admissions matters, please contact Assistant Headteacher, Kate Morgan
morgan@qegs.email

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher