



14th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Years 8 and 9 Voluntary Contributions

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I have been so impressed with the work that has already been produced by students in years 8 and 9. We are delighted that our students are given the opportunity to take part in a curriculum whereby our students are able to learn practically.

The economic climate we are experiencing is challenging and will pose challenges for families, schools and all sectors of the national and indeed global economy. We know things will be tough and money tight and this letter is simply a request for your support as we move into the year to see if you can and we respectfully accept you may not be able to at present.

This letter serves two purposes:

- To outline our curriculum provision for Years 8-9 and request for associated voluntary contributions.
- To outline our plans for improving provision of facilities and resources at QEGS.

Year 8-9 curriculum provision and voluntary contributions

During the course of Year 8 and 9 your child will be provided with numerous school resources, which they will already have received, including:

- A student planner
- Wood, metal and electronic components for use in Design and Innovation lessons
- Textiles and Art resources such as paint, material, threads, buttons for Art lessons
- Items provided by school for Food Technology lessons

Rather than ask for multiple small amounts of voluntary contributions from various departments over the course of the year, we have established an amount, which covers these costs. **We are seeking a voluntary contribution of £12.50.** Your contribution will be spent directly on the curriculum and on providing good quality materials and equipment to enable students to develop a wide range of skills through worthwhile and relevant projects.

Improving facilities and resources at QEGS

We are also continually seeking to improve our facilities and resources at QEGS. We are fortunate to have had secure finances for a number of years and our sports, technological, scientific, artistic and performance resources are some of the best in the area. However, we are not complacent and we aspire to have high quality facilities so that students can excel in their areas of interest. You may well have seen a number of stories in the local and national press and on television about school funding recently and will therefore be aware that the current situation is extremely tough. Thank you for your support during 2021/2022. We were able to purchase a new bike shelter, some additional outside seating and new technology equipment. Your help and financial support would certainly go some way to help the school and benefit the students. **To support new facilities and resources such as outside seating, ICT and sports equipment we are seeking a voluntary contribution of £10.00.**

We must stress both amounts are contributions and are entirely voluntary, students will not be disadvantaged if you are unable to support this request.

If you feel able to contribute, payments are requested through our online payments system ParentPay and are most gratefully received. Contributions can be made in one lump sum or in smaller amounts over the course of

the year. In addition to this we would ask if you are able to complete and return the attached gift aid declaration. **This will enable us to claim an additional 25p for every pound you have donated.**

Your support in helping to develop the quality of education for your child is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher

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I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ to QEGSMAT for Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

I am a UK Taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of the Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

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Surname: _____

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