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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #12

Student Sickness During the School Day

If your child becomes ill during the school day they must ask a member of staff if they can go to the medical room so that they can be assessed and parents will then be contacted. Arrangements may then be made for them to be collected from student services by a family member or relative. **Students are not to use their own mobile phones to arrange this.** This is in line with our safeguarding procedure.

Derbyshire School Bus routes

This week school has received messages from a couple of school bus companies' reference to students not paying for travel as they get onto the bus if student is not eligible for a free bus pass/home address out of QEGS catchment area. **The bus driver will refuse travel to/from school if payment is not made** – it is £1 per journey, exact money please paid to the driver as students get on. If students have lost their bus pass and is eligible for a free pass, please speak to Student Services who can organise a replacement (£5 for routes except 009 bus pass - £15). Students using public buses without a free bus pass must pay the fare set by the public bus company.

School uniform 'Pop-up Shop' – Wednesday 7th December – 3.30 to 5pm

Opportunity to make sure your child is ready for January 2023 return to school – the Schools In pop-up shop will be in the school Canteen on Wednesday 7th December from 3.30pm. If your child is eligible for free school meals, this also means they are eligible for Pupil Premium support in school to help with purchasing school uniform (<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/pupil-premium/>) – this includes a uniform bundle once a year – if you have not used this opportunity yet this year and would like to, please drop Mrs Starkie an email prior to the shop visiting school (starkiek@qegs.email) or your child's Progress Leader.

Parent Pay Shop – revision guide ordering

The Parent Pay Shop <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712> is where revisions resources can be ordered for students in Years 9 to 11. Students should check with their teachers of Maths/Science to make sure the correct Foundation/Higher or Triple Science options are selected. Orders received by school are placed at the beginning of each month. Orders placed during December 2022 will be ordered week beginning 9th January 2023. Currently, Pearson books/cards requested are delayed and all outstanding orders for these items will be fulfilled as soon as come into stock and delivered to students from orders placed during November 22.

Children in Need update

Thank you to students, staff and parents/carers supporting this year's fundraising for Children in Need 2022 – school raised a fantastic **£979.55!** Well done!

Sixth form Update

Our fundraiser for the Epilepsy Society, with purple accessory and bake sales organised by Hannah W, raised £280. Well done to Hannah for being so proactive and raising awareness of this very worthwhile cause.

This week Year 13 were offered a talk on Gap Years, both travelling and employment possibilities. Our Year 13 are encouraged to take all opportunities for learning more about their options.

Christmas Music Concert

Huge thank you and well done to Mr Atkins, the music team, Mr Daughtry, Mr Keeling and the FPTA for a wonderfully festive evening of music last night. So much talent - brilliant.
Great to see so many parents, families and QEGS staff too - thank you attending.



Christmas Jumper Day

The date for this year's Christmas jumper day is 8th December. Donations welcome, the Charity Team will be around to forms in the morning to collect donations for Save the Children.

Normal uniform with a Christmas jumper instead of a blazer.

Rewards this month!

December means it's Student Advent Calendar time. Each school day in December every student who has attended that day and not received a negative event will be in the running for a £5 Amazon voucher and a wrapped gift! Good luck to all. Students just need to attend and meet the 3Rs- Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Achieve

In other exciting news, we will be having a Headteacher's Autumn Reward. Form tutors and Progress Leaders are currently nominating students who have attended school well, behaved according to our 3Rs and may have made significant contribution to school or community this term. There will be two winners per year who are in for a very special prize of £50 Amazon voucher and commendation from Mr Garrity.

Carols from QEGS

The Ashburnian Society is hosting 'Carols from QEGS' come and join the QEGS Choir from 7pm till 8.30pm on Wednesday 7th December in the school canteen for a night of carols and mince pies. Tickets only £5 - book online. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-ashburnian-society/carols-from-qegs/e-qzzgag>

FPTA Meeting - Wednesday 7th December 6.30pm

Please join us in The Bowling Green (2 North Ave, Ashbourne, DE6 1EZ) 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. Any queries can be emailed to: fpta@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. All are welcome!

Online Safety

Internet Matters have, this week, released a series of interactive tools to help parents and carers talk to their children about online safety. The resources cover a range of topics, and you can access them via the links below: [PlayStation Safety](#) | [Find the Fake](#) | [Online Together](#)

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Y9 Girls - 1st Spalden, 2nd Hull, 3rd Cokayne, 4th Boothby

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Year 9 girls

1st Bella

2nd Poppy

3rd Maizie



Year 9 boys

1st Sammy

2nd Fin

3rd Dan G



U16 Girls Football County Cup

The U16 Girls beat Buxton 6-1 in the County Cup this week. Goals Freya x3, Adela x 2 & Bella POM Adela & Freya. Well done girls.



U12 Girls Football County Cup

The girls played their first ever match this week against Ecclesbourne. Sadly, losing the game but the girls never stopped working hard, and the second half kept a clean sheet & scored.

Goal- Alice & POM Laine.



Well done to the Year 10 rugby team who won the u15 Derbyshire schools rugby tournament!



The final Primary event of 2022 was held today- year 3 & 4 basketball. Well done to everyone that took part and a big thank you to our sports leaders for running the event.

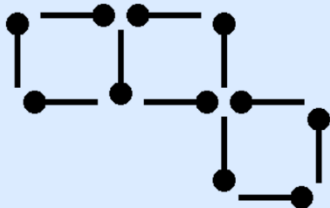
Maths Problem of the Week

The answer to last week's problem was $2178 \times 4 = 8712$.

This week's problem is:

In this diagram 11 matches make 3 squares.

Your challenge is to move 3 matches to show 2 squares.



Please send solutions to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

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/1964376/week-3-qegs.pdf>

The Meal Deal is the best value for those eligible for free school meals.

Upcoming Key Dates:

- Wednesday 7th December 2023 – After school pop up uniform shop
- Thursday 8th December 2022 – Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
- Thursday 8th December 2022 – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 15th December 2022 – Speech Day
- Monday 19th December 2022 – Year 7,8 & 9 Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 22nd December 2022 – Last day of term
- Monday 9th January 2023 – Return to school

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher