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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #13

Christmas Lunches - Each year group to go down to the canteen with their period 4 teacher at 1.15pm on their day as below. They must sit in the canteen but do not have to have Christmas lunch. We will have music, festivities, and raffles for prizes. They will then have normal lunchtime from there starting at 1.40pm:

Year 7 - Monday 12th December

Year 8 - Tuesday 13th December

Year 9 - Wednesday 14th December

Year 10 - Thursday 15th December

Year 11 - Friday 16th December

Student Advent Prizes

We have been randomly selecting a student each day who was present at school and did not receive a negative event to win our advent prizes. Well done to Sam Year 9, Louise Year 11, Amy Year 8, Seb Year 10 and Alfie Year 7 so far.

Last Day of Term (Thursday 22nd December):

- Year 11 will be out on a shopping trip all day. More information to follow
- Year 12 will have a remote learning day. Letter has been sent out.
- Year 13 will have normal lessons P1-3 and then will be invited to attend the church service at St Oswald's

Thurs 22nd December school day will change and lunch will be at 12.40 - 1.15pm with P4 and P5 after lunch:

- Year 7 and their tutors will be at the church service at St Oswald's
- Year 8, 9 and 10 will be in normal lessons P1-3 and then P4 and 5 in Christmas celebrations organised by tutors and Progress Leaders.

School Uniform - Pupil Premium Support

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.

Online Safety

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On the following pages you will find the details, as well as instructions, which will help you understand what is available and how to set up your child's devices.

Gaming consoles and devices - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Smartphones - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Broadband and mobile networks - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

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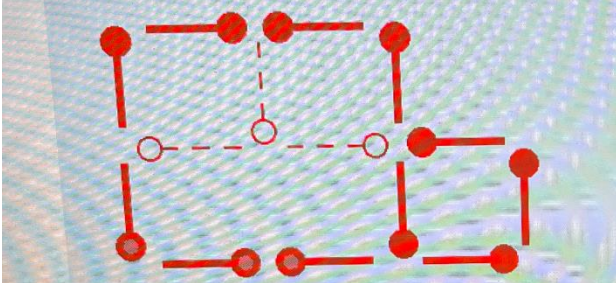
Ashbourne Churches Together

Churches across Ashbourne are opening a space to stay warm this autumn & winter. All warm spaces will provide free hot drinks and are open to all ages. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://ashbourneelim.church/warm-space/>

Maths Problem of the Week

The solution to last week's problem is:



Well done to this week's winner Amelia S! Please come to 530 to collect your prize.

This week's problem is:

- A man has to get a fox, a chicken and a sack of corn across a river in a boat which can only carry him and one other thing.
- The fox cannot be left with the chicken, and the chicken cannot be left with the corn.
- How does the man do it?

Send entries to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Art

The Sixth Form art ambassadors and Mrs Hall's key stage three classes have been collaborating on a display based on the theme 'light'. These 4 panels featuring collaged candles and stars will be displayed in town around the benches by Henmores and will be part of the Christmas Lantern celebration. Please go and check them out.



Food Technology

In food we have completed our first practical lessons with our current Year 7 group, they have started with fruit salad, learning knife skills and safe cutting techniques. As the students' progress through the school, they increase their knowledge and skill level, with the techniques becoming progressively more complicated. An example of this being Year 10 learning about lamination in pastry and putting this into practice making their own flaky pastry for cheese twists.



Construction

Year 10 construction students honing their hand skills as they nearly complete their tool boxes. They are also busy gaining experience using the CNC router to engrave logos on the outside.



Year 7 Football - Cup Match Win vs Chapel-en-le-Frith School

The Year 7 Boys' Football team won 3-0 against Chapel-en-le Frith School in their first match together as a team, which was also a Derbyshire County Cup match. The boys now progress to the final 16 and will play Frederick Gent School in the next round. The boys were superb ambassadors for QEGS, both on and off the pitch.



Goal scorers: Fred H., Max G. and Josh L.



U14 Girls County Cup Football

The girls won 2-1 in a hard-fought battle in the County Cup. Goals from Lily H & Bella and POM was Lily H. Well done ladies.

Running Club

Milestone - Mollie Busfield Year 12 received gold and Laura Stockwell Year 9 received gold. Charlie F Year 8 received silver and Sam A Year 9 received bronze.

NSEA

The NSEA team did brilliantly again at Eland last weekend, this time in the Eventer's Challenge. This was a qualifier for the Championships at Hickstead next May. We entered 2 teams of 3 riders -Team Red & Team Silver.



In what was a large 80cm class of 10 teams and 52 individuals, QEGS had a really good day with Libbie A (Carrick Diamond Craft) qualifying in 3rd as an individual and Team Red consisting of Brooke W (Golden Liberty), Eleanor C (I'm Spartacus) and Libbie A (Carrick Diamond Craft) qualifying having finished in 2nd place. Team Silver consisting of Grace D (Master Light), Chloe D (Calder Diesel) and Brooke W (Morgan) finished in 4th place.

A huge thank you to the parents for all their support.

Year 7 Science

he year 7 science groups have been learning about cells this half term. As part of this, some of them have made cell models at home. Check out these amazing examples from some of our budding scientists in 7XS! Well done year 7!



Sixth Form Update for the End of Term

Thursday 22nd December will be a remote learning day for Year 12 A Level students. This is to enable them all to consolidate the information and advice that they have received via their recent tutorial and personal development lessons, regarding how to plan and prepare effectively for their mock assessment period in January. Information and resources will be shared ahead of this date, with a reminder about how to utilise organisation and revision tools such as a 'big timetable'. This will hopefully ensure that students feel able to balance the workload associated with preparing for their January mock exams alongside enjoying the festive season/holiday. Mrs Allen, Mr Walker and Mrs Thrupp will be available for students to contact if they require any advice or support throughout the day. Students on BTEC courses may still be required to attend lessons, as they have external/final assessments in early January. Individual BTEC subject teachers will confirm this with their groups in advance.

On Thursday 22nd December Year 13 will be in lessons P1-3 only and that we hope they join us for the carol service at St Oswald's P4.

Timetables for Year 12 and Year 13 mock exams and arrangements for study leave will be sent out next week.

New Deputy Headteacher – Mr Amps

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Betty at the end of this term as she is relocating with her family. We will then be welcoming our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Amps on January 9th 2023.

I am very proud to be joining the team at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School from January 2023.



As deputy headteacher I look forward to supporting and developing further an already fantastic school with a rich history and wonderful staff, student and local community. It has been lovely to visit the school on a couple of occasions and meet some parents as well as staff and students. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the recent Christmas music concert on 1st December. Lots of amazing talent, great support from the FPTA and a wonderful Christmassy feeling. Have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to meeting and working with everyone next year!

Upcoming Key Dates:

- 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

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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



£2.60 Meal Deal
FOOD CENTRAL

Choose one item from each section:

Main Meal
Hot dish of the day
Jacket potato with one filling
Panini
Plated salad
Hot filled roll
Hot wrap of the day
Soup with roll
Filled naan
Large hot pasta with sauce
Tariff A, B or C sandwich

Dessert
Hot dessert
Small fruit pot
Piece of fresh fruit
Traybake or cookie

Drink
Radnor water 330ml

FOOD CENTRAL
DERBYSHIRE County Council

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week A:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1964268/week-1-qegs.pdf>

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


Finally

Christmas jumper day went down a treat, thank you for the students and staff who took part, photographs are on the Qegs Pastoral Instagram account.

Also, great to see so much sporting activity and success at this time of year. Please encourage your child to get involved and take part, it is good for the body and mind!

If you are attending Ashbourne Late Night Shopping tonight, look out (and listen out) for our school choir, they will be performing. Also, the QEGS FPTA will be in attendance with their own stall. We hope you enjoy the event and stay warm!

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher