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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #17

School shoes

We relaxed the school shoes expectations for the last 3 days due to snow and ice. Normal, smart black school shoes expected for all students on Monday please.

Year 9 Options

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 options evening last week, and for all of our staff who supported it. It was lovely to be able to run this event face-to-face again, and the comments we had from students and parents as they were leaving and by email afterwards, showed how useful they found it.

All of the Options information, including the video shown on the evening, the full prospectus, and the option blocks, are available on our website.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/year-9-options-2023/>

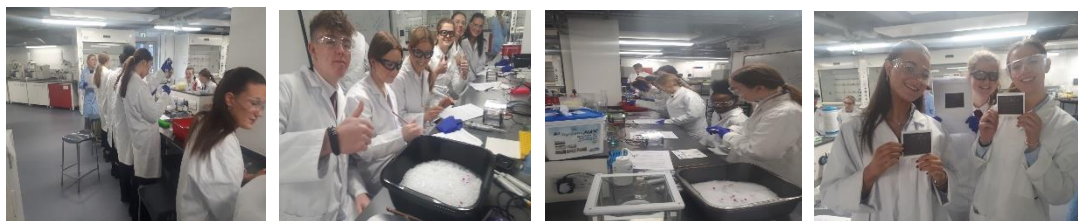
The online form for selecting three option subjects and the science course opens on Friday 27th January and closes on Friday 10th February at midday. Students access this via the intranet so must be logged onto the school system. Form tutors can help with resetting passwords.

Year 13 Bio Trip to Sheffield Hallam STEM Centre

Our Year 13 Biology students attended a Biomedical sciences laboratory session at Sheffield Hallam University - Hertha Ayrton STEM centre, on Friday 13th January.

They were taught various techniques, including micro-pipetting, PCR and gel electrophoresis and blood typing. They then applied this in a real-life scenario of a 20 year-old who needed a kidney transplant. The medical staff had narrowed down three 'live' donors; her cousin, brother or sister. Our students had to complete each diagnostic section and then decide who was the best donor.

Fantastic effort from all who came on the trip and were brilliant ambassadors for QEGS.



Math Problem of the Week

Well done to Niamh M in Year 8 who is this week's winner - please come to room 321 to collect your prize!
The answer was that the dog has travelled 10km because the speed that he is going at is 10km/h.

This week's problem is:

Find a 10 digit number where the first digit is how many zeros in the number, the second digit is how many 1's in the number, until the tenth digit, which is how many 9's etc.

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

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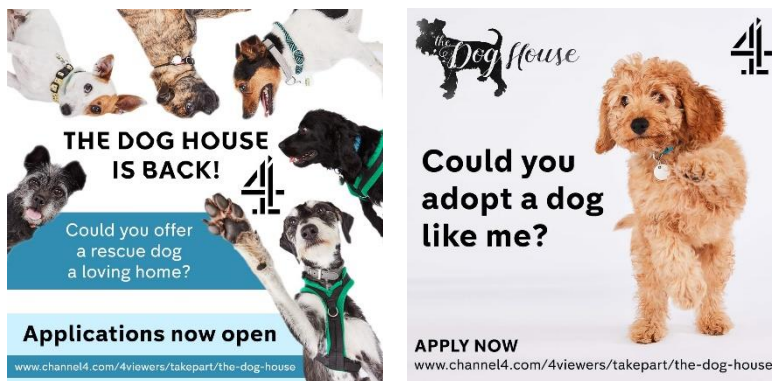
Attendance Booklet

A guidance booklet is included with this letter (see attached), containing information relating to the attendance of Year 7-11. A paper copy of this booklet will be given to students next week.

The Dog House – Channel 4

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House have asked us to support their search for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Please follow this link to apply: <https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>



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 B

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1964322/week-2-qegs.pdf>

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 23rd – 27th January – Year 12 mock exams
- 18th January – Year 9 workshop 'Making Decisions'
- 20th January – Year 7,8 & 9 flu vaccinations
- 24th January – Year 9 TDP & Men ACWY Vaccinations
- 25th January – Year 10 trip – Chesterfield College
- 27th January – Year 9 Options online form opens
- 1st February – Pop up uniform shop on site
- 2nd February – Year 12 Btec Sport and Exercise trip – Derby University
- 10th February – Year 9 Options online form closes
- 12th February – Year 12 PCE
- 17th February – Last day of term



Finally

You will have seen in the news that one of the teaching unions, the NEU, will be holding strikes on a series of dates through Feb-March. Next week, I will be sharing with parents and students our plans for our provision on the first of these dates, 1st February 2023.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher