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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #15

We were honoured and proud to recently be ranked 2nd in Derbyshire and 10th in the East Midlands for our students' 2022 exam results in The Times Parent Power article. We know there is more to education than just grades and league tables. However, we know that strong results in 2022 was the culmination of a broad and rich curriculum, where our students could flourish, taking advantage of sports, arts, academia, creativity and many other opportunities at QEGS. Well done class of 2022!

Uniform and PE Kit for January

Please remember that all students will be required to wear full school uniform each day from Monday 9th January 2023, bringing their 'named' PE/Dance/Drama kit with them to change into for lessons. Students will be guided through a presentation on expectations and rules W/C 9th January to help support and clarify any questions. Full uniform and PE kit details can be found here <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

QEGS Choir at Christmas



The choir have been busy spreading festive cheer around Ashbourne this Christmas season. By the time you are reading this, they will have taken part in eight separate events: four in-school performances (including the Christmas Concert and Speech Night), visits to the Parkinson's Group Christmas party and Ashbourne Lodge Care Home, the Lantern Parade (pictured above) and the Carol Service. Their fantastic singing at every event is a testament to the many, many hours of rehearsal that they have put in this term, while their impeccable behaviour and cheerful attitude has made them ambassadors for the very best qualities of QEGS students. A huge thank you and well done to the choir and thank you to all those who have come to support them at these events.



Food Technology

In food technology Years 9 and 10 have been showing off their baking and decorating skills making Christmas cakes and chocolate logs, they were almost too good to eat...almost!



Art Update

Here we have some amazing Year 9 work which they are designing clocks designed around Pop Art. This is one of 7 projects they work through in their Design and Innovation lessons to prepare themselves for their GCSE studies.



Year 9 Options - Creative Digital Media

We have produced a new video to help parents and carers better understand what's involved in the Creative Digital Media option. If you have any questions after watching the video, please email

illsleyj@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or speak to Mr Illsley at the Options Evening after the holiday. You can view the video here: <https://youtu.be/si37eBKEbB0>

PE Update

Year 7 House Matches:

Year 7 Netball

1st - Cokayne

2nd - Hull

3rd - Spalden

4th - Boothby

Player of the tournament: Olivia Male Cokayne



Year 7 Football House Matches:

1st - Spalden

2nd - Boothby

3rd - Cokayne

4th - Hull



Year 8 Girls Netball House Matches:

1st - Boothby

2nd - Joint Spalden and Cokayne

4th - Hull

Players of Tournament Connie & Bea. Boothby WINNERS



Year 8 Football House Matches:

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



Year 9 Netball House Matches

- 1st – Spalden
- 2nd - Hull
- 3rd - Boothby
- 4th - Cokayne

Players of the tournament - Eva, Taylor and Autumn



Year 10 Netball House Matches:

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

Players of the tournament - Edie H, Phoebe T and Ezara Y



Year 10 Football House Matches

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



Online Safety

Christmas is a time where some young people may be getting a new electronic device, or even their first one, whether it is a smartphone, smart watch, smart speakers, laptop, games console or tablet. Please remember to communicate your expectations about usage to the children in your care. If you would like to find out more about new connected devices, [this guide](#) from Internet Matters, is a good place to start.

Online safety and use of phones in school

It is with regret that we must outline this in the last bulletin before Christmas but we are aware of a number of videos that have been recorded of incidents between students on site and then shared on social media.

Firstly, we do not condone students fighting in school or bullying of any kind. These are dealt with in line with our behaviour policy and can result in severe sanctions. While these incidents are very serious, fortunately they are not commonplace, and the vast majority of our students behave in a calm and safe manner.

We must also outline that **mobile phones are not to be used on site between 8.50am and 3.20pm**. Any student who is seen using their phone will have it confiscated and parents will be expected to collect it from school after the second confiscation.

But most importantly we must outline that any student found or suspected to have recorded an incident in school then shared it on social media will be issued with severe sanctions including suspension and being reported to the police. Our students have the right to receive their education in a school where they feel happy and where they do not feel threatened or frightened by others around them. It is, therefore, important that students not only understand that they have this right but that with it they also take on the responsibility of ensuring that everyone else has the same right.

Please speak to your children about the following:

- if you receive a video online of an incident between students please do not forward on- you could also be at risk of severe sanctions
- Report this immediately to an adult
- Do not use your phone in school hours!
- Do not record any incident between students or anyone in general. Please be a good citizen and rather than stand and record, report immediately to seek assistance

We will be doing some more focussed work on cyber bullying and digital footprint upon our return in January. Thank you for your support with this.

Maths Problem of the Week

Well done to this week's winner Ethan C in Year 9, who got the correct answer of 179. Please come to 321 in January to collect your prize!

This week's problem is:

Dasher spends half as much as Prancer on Christmas gifts this year. Cupid spent three times more than Dasher. If the total spent between the three of them was £720 how much did each spend on gift?

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

Support available this Christmas

Christmas can be a difficult time for many, here is a few useful support organisations.

You're not alone this CHRISTMAS

AnxietyUK
03444 775 774
www.anxietyuk.org.uk

SAMARITANS
116 123
www.samaritans.org

mind
0300 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk

PAPYRUS
0800 068 41 41
www.papyrus-uk.org

ChildLine
0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

Refuge
0808 2000 247
www.refuge.org.uk

YOUNG MINDS
TEXT YM to 85258
www.youngminds.org.uk

Switchboard LGBT+ helpline
0300 330 0630
www.switchboardlgbt

shout 85258
here for you 24/7
TEXT SHOUT to 85258
www.giveusashout.org

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY CALM
0800 58 58 58
www.thecalzone.net

Beat
Eating disorders
0808 801 0677
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

AA RECOVERY
0800 9177 650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Other support organisations are available
Please don't suffer in silence

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.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Upcoming Key Dates Next Term:

- Monday 9th January – Return to school
- 12th January – Year 9 Options Evening
- 13th January – Year 13 Biology trip – Sheffield Hallam University
- 16th – 27th January – Year 12/13 mock exams
- 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

FOOD CENTRAL

£2.60 Meal Deal

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

Finally


Today we say farewell to the following staff:

- Justin Lowry – Deputy Progress Leader, moves on to another position in education.
- Ashley Joyce – PE Teacher, his temporary contract at QEGS comes to an end and he joins another school in January.
- Sam Geeson – Maths Teacher, is relocating to Devon and near the coast!
- Ella Thomas – Maths Teacher, is taking a break from the profession and pursuing other interests.
- Stef Munday – Family Support Worker, takes on a position for Derbyshire County Council in their Early Help Team.
- Deborah Davis – Head of Art, semi-retires and will return on a part-time basis in the Art department.
- Heather Watson – Cover Supervisor, is changing career and moving into care work.
- Laura Betty – Deputy Headteacher, is relocating with her family to Birmingham and will be the new Deputy Head at an all-girls school.

Each departing member of staff has contributed to the wellbeing and education of our students and we thank them and wish them well in their new venture.

Have a restful festive break, please keep safe and well.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher