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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #19

Curriculum Information

We would like to remind parents that details on all the curriculum areas, for each year group, detailing what students are studying at any point in the year, can be found on the 'Curriculum Hub' section our website. This can help with advance reading and independent study, talking with your child about topics of interest, sometimes even holiday destinations and family expertise:

<https://content.qegsmat.com/curriculum/school.php?sch=1>

Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

It is great to see so many Bronze, Silver and Gold students well underway with their DofE activities – well done everyone!!

All Bronze and Silver participants should now have started their Expedition online training through the Rich Adventure website (all details are on the DofE TEAMS pages).

Please note we have in person training sessions coming up in March and April for Bronze, and May for Silver. If you have any unwanted tents, large rucksacks, sleeping mats or sleeping bags we would be happy to take them off your hands please do get in touch with us; dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshiresch.uk.

Please follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with key information, especially in the lead up to the expedition season! [@QEGS_DofE](https://twitter.com/QEGS_DofE)

Careers News

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week. A key objective of our careers education is to ensure students are well informed about all potential future pathways. The apprenticeship route is growing in popularity for students following Year 11 and we have a growing number pursuing degree level apprenticeships following Year 13. If you would like to find out more about supporting your child in achieving an apprenticeship or if you are interested in employing an apprentice please follow our social media channels next week. We will be promoting a range of resources and webinars to demystify this route. In school students will have an apprenticeship focus for their World of Work tutor session.

Where possible we seek to bring subjects to life with a career focus. Miss Rogers has arranged for Lubrizol to come into school next week to run a workshop to support the science curriculum for Year 11. Lubrizol state they provide unmatched chemistry to deliver solutions used in a variety of products and markets. I am sure it will bring purpose to their learning and make it 'stick'.

Uniform Pop Up Shop

The new date for the Uniform Pop Up Shop is 28th February 3.30pm – 5.00pm in the school canteen. This replaces the 1st February and 1st March.

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Over 150 students from Years 9 to 11 took part in the external UK Maths Challenge on Thursday, answering a variety of questions designed to probe student's mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Well done to everyone who entered - we are looking forward to receiving the results!

Math Problem of the Week:

Faith G in Year 7 is last week's winner - please come to 321 to collect your prize. The answer was $2178 \times 4 = 8712$.

This week's Maths problem of the week is a special one! We are lucky enough to be having an external Maths based Escape room company coming in to visit some of our students in Year 7 - 10 during the school day on 2nd March. There are limited spaces available, and they are on a first come, first served basis! The first students to email their responses to the following problem to Mrs Statham statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk will secure their place on the escape room (all students have been emailed too).

The problem is:

Mrs Smith buys a set of garden furniture costing £70.

She gave the shopkeeper what she thought were two £50 notes but were actually two £100 notes!

The shopkeeper also wasn't paying much attention, and he gave Mrs Smith what he thought were three £10 notes but were actually three £50 notes!

Who ended up better off than they should?

Under 14 Regional Netball Winners

On Saturday 28th January we took the Under 14 netball team to Oundle school to represent Derbyshire (along with Repton) in the East Midlands regional tournament. Facing the top 2 schools from Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

QEGS won all games beating some really tough opposition to make it through to the semi finals, where they beat Kesteven 15-8. Leaving them to play the other Derbyshire team, Repton in the final. 4-4 at half time and going on to win 13-8.

Please congratulate these girls on Monday, they are a super talented bunch, who train hard and more importantly are absolutely lovely and a pleasure for Mrs Barrie to spend her Saturday with.

They now go through to the National Tournament in March. We wish them luck!



Year 5 & 6 Primary Sports Hall Athletics

Yesterday we held the Primary Sports Hall Athletics for Year 5 & 6. We had over 300 children taking part in running, throwing & jumping. Lots of talent and lots of fun during a busy afternoon. Well done to everyone that took part and to our Sports Leaders for running the event.

Sixth Form Update

This week Year 12 and Year 13 had an assembly focussing on our expectations for the remainder of the year.

- Sixth form dress code:
 - Jackets must be worn when moving around the school; they may be removed in class. If students are wearing a jumper and are too warm, they should take the jumper off and keep their jacket on.
 - Jumpers should be fine knit and plain.
 - Lanyards must be worn at all times.
 - Students have been issued with uniform cards which will be signed if they are not following the dress code.
- Mock exam reflection:

Students are receiving their grades and have been encouraged to reflect on the effectiveness of their approach to their exams. We remain ready to support where necessary and there are many extra help sessions scheduled in the co-curricular plan. Students should ask their teachers if they are not sure when these sessions take place.
- Normal routine resumed:

Students are expected to attend all their lessons punctually. Form time starts at 8.50am and before half term students will have 1-2-1 meetings with their form tutor. Our Personal Development and Study Skills programme has restarted. All students must attend these lessons which take place once per fortnight.

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 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.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 6th February – Year 11 Lubrizol Workshop
- 8th February – Year 13 BTEC Mark Your Escape Trip
- 10th February – Year 9 Options online form closes
- 17th February – Last day of term

Finally

It is a 'Big Bright Beautiful Day', please come along and join us for our 'Holiday in Duloc'. 'I know it's, today' that you will buy your tickets for this production of Shrek. Follow Shrek and Fiona tell their 'Story of My Life' before the 'Sunsets' for the 'Arrival of Farquard' and the fairytale creatures 'Stop the Wedding'. 'I'm a Believer' that you will join us in Duloc and let your 'Freak Flag' fly.

'Shrek the musical' is coming! 14th – 17th March 2023.

Link for tickets: www.qegs.link/tickets

We have posted links on our social media channels, please can you share so we can reach 'far, far away!'

Yours faithfully



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