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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #22

### Boothby Campus

We are so pleased and excited with our new building with 10 classrooms, 4 changing rooms, new canteen, study space for sixth form and a new Boothby reception. It has not been easy to complete and we are nearly ready for opening. This new building and the Sixth Form Centre will be known as the '**Boothby Campus**'. The main site will be known going forward as the 'Green Road Campus'.

The new Boothby Campus building will be used by all year groups from September 2023. It will be the new home for Geography, History, Business and Economics. Other departments will have a 'shuffle' on main site ready for September with RS moving into Level 1, giving more classrooms to Maths and English on Level 3.

We will have a 'soft opening' of the new Boothby Campus building from Easter when some Year 12-13 lessons move into this space, along with small group exams, study space for Sixth Form and hopefully the new canteen will be trialing its new offerings too.

There will also be some 'Open Tours' for students and parents, look out for these dates and times in the coming weeks and come and have a look at our fantastic new facility.



### Attendance Rewards

It has been fantastic to see the positive improvements to attendance across last half term. Attendance draws have been completed for each year group and three Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students all won £20 or £30 pound amazon vouchers which are being sent to them this coming week. Year 9 won 4 vouchers from the draws complete and again they will receive these over the coming days.

We are running 100% attendance draws again this half term and all students have been told this in assembly led by our Deputy Headteacher. Well done to all the students who won this time and good luck to these students and everyone else in the next draw.



### Cocurricular Timetable

An updated list of cocurricular activities can be viewed on [www.qegs.link/clubs](http://www.qegs.link/clubs) Take a look and join in – there really is something for everyone!

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## World Book Day

Students and staff had a great WBD with over 200 students entering the QEGS Book Puzzle Competition, Year 7, 8 and 9 watching an author talk with the editors of "Being an Ally", Shakirah Bourne and Dana Alison Levy and the staff in the English Team dressed up as characters from books/series that we teach in school and invited the students to guess who we were as part of the competition. We were: Lady Macbeth, Eva Smith, Cat in the Hat, Jack Merridew, Noughts and Crosses, Scrooge and Luna Lovegood.

The QEGS Book Puzzle Competition entailed students listening to and reading along with the opening to four famous books at the start of lessons 1-4. They had to work out which books they thought each of the openings were from and they also had an additional task: hidden inside each reading was a word that didn't belong there. Students had to collect the misplaced word from each of the four readings and organise them to find the name of a fifth famous book and enter all five (or as many as they could) to take part in the competition. This created a great buzz around the school and in lessons with students discussing which books they were, whether they would read them, etc. The answers were: Hidden book was 'The Time Traveller's Wife' and the words were hidden in 'The Hobbit', 'To Kill A Mockingbird', 'Pride and Prejudiced' and 'Great Expectations'.

The KS3 students who watched the author talk were really enthusiastic about the book and found listening to the editors really interesting. Students can purchase the book featured, Being an Ally, for £1 using the WBD QR code included in the newsletter (this gives students a voucher to purchase the book for £1).

There are sweet prizes being distributed to all who took part in the competition on Monday during form and 16 lucky winners, drawn randomly, have won themselves a £5 Amazon voucher which will be given to them ASAP.



**Period 1: Which book is the opening from and what's the misplaced word?**

In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort.

It had a perfectly round door like a porthole, painted green, with a shiny yellow brass knob in the exact middle. The door opened on to a tube-shaped hall like a tunnel: a very comfortable tunnel without smoke, with panelled walls, and floors tiled and carpeted, provided with polished chairs, and lots and lots of pegs for hats and coats - the hobbit was fond of visitors. The tunnel wound on and on, going fairly but not quite straight into the side of the hill - The Hill, as all the wise people for many miles round called it - and many little round doors opened out of it, first on one side and then on another. No going upstairs for the hobbit: bedrooms, bath-rooms, cellars, pantries (lots of these), wardrobes (he had whole rooms devoted to clothes), kitchens, dining-rooms, all were on the same floor, and indeed on the same passage. The best rooms were all on the left-hand side (going in), for these were the only ones to have windows, deep-set round windows looking over his garden, and meadows beyond, sloping down to the river.

Courtney Gallery  
9th- 14th May  
Submissions due by:  
17th April  
Any media, any size!

**IN MY MIND**  
Prizes Available!

Art Exhibition-  
Artwork created  
by QEGS students

THE ARTS  
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DOVE VALLEY

## Art Competition

The Art Department are currently organising our annual Art exhibition, kindly supported by the Courtney Gallery and The Arts Society Dove Valley. The theme of this year's exhibition is 'In My Mind'. Organisers, Witek and Will (Year 12) are calling for entries from students in all year groups who wish to take part. Artwork can be of any media, technique and size. Please see poster for more details.

## Food Technology

This term our Year 10 students have been making meringues and practicing their bread making skills with focaccia, whilst perfecting their decorating skills with both. The level of effort and detail that they put into their designs was incredible and it really was a shame to eat them!



## Maths Escape Room

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we held a Maths based Escape Room! Over 100 students took part over the course of the day, and their aim was to solve the problems to unlock the boxes as quickly as possible. The students worked really hard and the Escape Room leader commented on the fantastic resilience of our students in problem solving.

The winning group from each year were as follows...

Year 7- Rowan S, Grace L, Blake C, Jacob O, Ethan C and Elijah M

Year 8 - George D, Frank W, Millie H, Evalyn B, Oliver H and Oliver S

Year 9 - Poppy W, Cameron G, Theo G, Will G and Lily B

Year 10 - Rasmus H, Roseanna G, Evie E, Amelie R, Liv H and Will T - these were the overall winners, completing the challenge in a very impressive 27 minutes and 32 seconds!

Well done all!



## Problem of the Week

The answer to last week's problem was;  $5305 + 2475 + 6595 = 14375$ . Well done to Niamh K in Year 8 for a correct answer! Please come to 321 to choose your prize.

For this week and next week, we have a slightly different version of the problem of the week... On March 14<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating world pi day. Can you work out why pi day is celebrated on this date?

We will be running a competition to see who can memorise the most digits of pi - you can use this website to help <https://www.piday.org/pi-quiz/>

The first 100 digits can be found here; <http://www.math.com/tables/constants/pi.htm>



[Pi Quiz, Memorize Pi \[Easy And Fun Memory Game\] | Pi Day](https://www.piday.org/pi-quiz/)

Pi Quiz Recite up to 150 digits of pi using your memory, how many digits can you memorize?

[www.piday.org](https://www.piday.org)

## Sixth Form Update

On Thursday 14 of our Year 12 students went with Miss Parkin to visit Magdalen College, Oxford. They were treated to a tour of the college, met student ambassadors, had lunch in the historic college refectory, a science talk and finally an additional tour of a second college, St John's. The students felt it was a very positive and useful experience.

"The Oxford trip provided a great insight into life as an Oxford student and allowed us to experience and view where/how the students live throughout their time at Oxford. It was great in understanding more about this university as one of our options for the future".

"I found the Oxford trip yesterday to be really helpful because we were able to talk to current students about student life and get information about how Oxford differs from other universities. I think that the trip has really helped inform my decisions about which universities to apply to".



## QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust.

At QEGS these include:

- **Head of Science**
- **Teacher of Science – Physics**
- **Clerk to Governors (part-time)**
- **Science Technician (part-time maternity cover)**
- **Midday Supervisor (part-time)**

Further details can be found at: <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:

- 7<sup>th</sup> March – The Alexandra Theatre Trip – Dance students
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Uniform Pop Shop – 3:30pm – 5pm in the canteen
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 8 PCE
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 13 Btec Business – Birmingham Bullring Trip
- w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March – School Show Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March – Strike Action
- w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 core mock exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 10 PCE
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Primary Arts Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Bronze DofE Training session – P5
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – ABRSM Music Exams



**£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

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- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 12 PCE
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Dance and Drama performance evening
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – INSET (school open for staff only)

**Finally**

We welcome two new colleagues to our staff team: Issac Payne (Cover Supervisor) and Olivia Pett (Family Support Worker).

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity  
**Headteacher**