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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #23

NEU Industrial Action 15th and 16th March 2023

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March are the next two days of scheduled NEU industrial action (unless these are postponed or cancelled). A large number of QEGS staff have participated in the previous strike days and we expect this to be a similar number next week.

However, we aim to have as many students onsite next week as we can. Therefore, we have carefully planned to safely increase our onsite capacity with students in **Years 7, 11 and 13 being able to attend onsite learning and their normal lessons on 15th and 16th March.** Students in **Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 will have their learning for these days set on Go4Schools to complete at home.**

If your child does not have an appropriate **device** to access and use to complete their work at home, please contact their Head of Year or Mrs Starkie starkiek@qegs.email as we have devices in school which we can loan out. **Free school meals** will also be available for collection and via drop off points for any students not onsite, further details to follow. We appreciate this is difficult for families to plan and manage and we want to support in any way we can.

For those students using **school transport**, please arrive at your normal pick up point 10 minutes prior to the normal pick time as buses will be completing the routes slightly faster due to less students using the services.

Great Big Dance Off

This week the dance and drama department took 50 dancers from Years 7,8,9 and 10 to compete in the Great Big Dance Off against other secondary schools in the Midlands. They got the chance to perform on a professional stage at The Alexander Theatre in Birmingham, after working so hard for many months they had an absolute amazing day. It was great to watch other schools and their groups perform routines they had also been working hard on. We certainly are proud of our students and they are QEGS amazing to us, well done everyone.



Maths Puzzle of the Week and pi Day!

To celebrate pi day on the 14th March, this week we would like you to try and memorise as many digits of pi as possible! You can use this website to help you; <https://www.piday.org/pi-quiz/>. You can then volunteer in a Maths lesson next week to recite as many digits as you can to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

The answer to last week's puzzle was that pi day is celebrated on March 14th because the dates read the first three digits of pi - 3.14. Well done to those of you who made the connection!

For more information on the amazing properties and uses of pi then please listen to the following podcast; <https://uk-podcasts.co.uk/podcast/the-curious-cases-of-rutherford-fry/the-problem-of-infinite-pi-e>

Sixth Form Update

On Wednesday the Year 13 BTEC Business students went to Birmingham on a visual merchandising trip to research the displays used by the shops in the city. The purpose of the trip is to enable the students to conduct some research for their Visual Merchandising Assignment. Students visited a variety of stores to compare their approach to merchandising.

"The most interesting factor from the trip, was to see how stores use displays inside and in their window display to attract customers, as many used digital media, to attract customers' attention."

"I found it really interesting to see different cultures and ethnicities taken into consideration when shops and brands created their displays."



In Tutor time this week, Year 12 have completed a series of sessions on alternatives to university. They have considered apprenticeships, gap years and employment. Year 13 have looked at the transition from school to work and understanding payslips. This is alongside the topic of personal finance which they look at in Personal Development lessons.

Students were also treated to a visit by Delicious Coffee: a little recognition for everyone's hard work, hot drinks and homemade treats all round.

U16 Girls Football

Well done to the U16 girls who beat Chapel 5-1 in the Football County Cup this week which takes them through to the quarterfinals.

Goal scorers: Mollie, Emily, Phoebe and Adela x 2. POM Adela. The effort and attitude across the whole team was fantastic.



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 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:

- w/c 13th March – School Show Week
- 15th and 16th March – Strike Action
- w/c 20th March – Year 11 core mock exams
- 20th March – Year 10 PCE
- 22nd March – Primary Arts Day
- 22nd March – Bronze DofE Training session – P5
- 27th March – ABRSM Music Exams
- 28th March – Year 12 PCE
- 29th March – Dance and Drama performance evening
- 30th March – Last day of term
- 31st March – INSET (school open for staff only)

Finally

We hope that you are all safe and well. Thank you again for managing various demands and challenges yesterday and today. We hope that students have attended and engaged in their online lessons and completed all of the work set. However, we also hope that students have used their break and lunch to safely enjoy the snow and sunshine too!

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher

