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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #26

Year 8 Camping Trip

Our annual Year 8 camping trip is open for booking via Parentpay. The trip this year is to How Stean Gorge in Yorkshire <https://www.howstean.co.uk/>, where students will get to enjoy a variety of activities from canoeing to gorge walking and climbing. Everything from leaving QEGS on Monday 17th July to returning on Friday 21st July is included. The deposit needed to secure a place is £85 with a total cost of £340 for the week payable by 31st May. We know this is a lot of money and appreciate that flexibility may be needed - please contact Mrs Wright if you need help with this matter.

Outdoor Adventures in the Yorkshire Dales |

Nidderdale

Discover our range of outdoor pursuits, group activities, team-building days and visitor attractions all in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

www.howstean.co.uk



Prom Committee

On Wednesday 29th March 2023, the Year 11 prom committee are hosting a fund raiser in the main hall at lunchtime for student's Years 7-11. There will be the following events for students of Year 11 to partake in:

- Pay £1 to pie your favourite (or least favourite teacher): Mr Garrity, Mr Amps, Miss Walker and Mr Phipps.
- Pay 50p to help remove waxing strips off the Year 11 boys legs!
- There will be a raffle with the following prizes available: tea and cake for two at Brailsford Golf Club, Boxes of chocolates as well as others. £1 to enter.
- There will also be a sweet stall available for students to buy cakes and sweets throughout lunchtime.

Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to the thirteen students who study A-Level Chemistry and chose to take part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad in January. Results are now in with our students attaining a very impressive three silver and ten bronze awards. Well done to all who took part in what is a very challenging competition.

World Book Day Competition

The students who won the World Book Competition have been given their Amazon vouchers this week. A BIG well done and thank you to everyone who took part; in the end, this was upwards of 250 students. An incredible effort!



Maths Problem of the Week

The answer to last week's problem was $\frac{2}{3}$. It was tempting to put $\frac{1}{2}$ down, but we know that there are 3 options having picked a white ball; bag A with either white ball being chosen, or bag C where we have chosen the one white ball and will then choose a black ball.

Next week's problem is:

3 cards from a standard deck of cards are lying face down. Can you work out the 3 cards from the following information? 'To the left of the queen, are one or two jacks. To the right of the jack, are one or two jacks. To the right of the club, are one or two diamonds. To the left of the diamond, are one or two diamonds. Please send solutions to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with the chance of winning a prize.

Pi Day Results!

For Pi Day on the 14th March, students were asked if they could memorise as many digits of Pi as possible. In third place was Liv H in Year 10 with 60, second place was Will A in Year 13 with 63 and the winner with an amazing 101 digits was Harriet C in Year 11, well done!

Maths Challenge

Last week, 4 of our students took part in the next round of the Maths Challenge - the Grey and Pink Kangaroo's! Greg P achieved a qualification on the Grey Kangaroo. Max M and Maisie W both achieved qualifications in the Pink Kangaroo. Will T achieved a merit! Such a fantastic achievement for our students - huge congratulations to them!

Under 14s Netball

A huge well done to the Under 14 Netball Team, who travelled to Oundle School with Miss Clayton on Sunday 12th March, to represent QEGS, Derbyshire & the East Midlands in the England Netball National schools final.

The girls faced schools from across the country, such as Yarm, Bromshrove, St Albans and Clitheroe and had some tough competition throughout the day but battled well to finish 14th overall out of 18 schools.

Well done girls, we can't wait for next year's season!



U14 FINAL STANDINGS	
Position	Team Name
1	Putney High School
2	Willington
3	Walthamstow Hall School
4	Yarm School
Finals	
1	St Swituns
2	King's School, Worcester
Cup	
3	Hurstpierpoint
4	Bromsgrove School
9	Clitheroe Royal Grammar School
11	Taunton School
13	Milford School
15	Bradford Grammar School
17	St Albans High School for Girls
18	St Clare's
19	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School
20	RGS Newcastle
21	Ashville College
22	Repton School



U13 Football

The U13 girls football team travelled to Highfields to play in a local 9 aside football tournament. The girls won one game, drew one game and lost one. Player of the tournament went to Laine. Well done to the whole team.



Ashbourne Cubs

On Tuesday 14th and 21st March Ashbourne cubs came to learn about astronomy and work towards their badges. They enjoyed the information from David Greatbatch, our regular visiting astronomy expert and also from Millie who is a member of the QEGS astronomy and space science club. They also had a look at the QEGS observatory.



Sixth Form Update

Last week, after an extremely competitive selection process the Head Students for the 2023-24 were appointed. Congratulations to Archie T, Hannah W, Harriet R and James W. We look forward to working with them and the Student Council. Applications for the specialist roles on the council are open now.

This week Year 12 have had a presentation from the Adrian Sudbury Schools' Education Trust (ASSET). They visit QEGS Sixth Form each year with their Register and Be a Lifesaver presentation (R&BE), giving the facts about stem cell, blood and organ donation.

On Wednesday, 38 of our Year 12s gave a swab and registered with the Anthony Nolan Trust. Well done and thank you to them.

Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder for students to hand in their placement form to Ms Morgan, deadline is Tuesday 28th March. A fully completed form will be needed for all placements, regardless of family connection or location.

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.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

At QEGS these include:

- **Clerk to Governors (part-time)**
- **Student Services Receptionist (part-time)**

Further details can be found at: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 27th March – ABRSM Music Exams
- 28th March – Year 12 PCE – appointments are made via students' intranet PCE link
- 28th March – Bronze DofE Expedition Parent Q&A (TEAMS 7:30pm-8:30pm)
- 29th March – Dance and Drama performance evening 7.00pm Main Hall
- 30th March – Yr7 Epilepsy Awareness Charity fundraiser Disco 3.30-5.00pm (letters on parentpay)
- 30th March – Last day of term
- 31st March – INSET (school open for staff only)

Finally

Well done Year 11 on their efforts and conduct during this week of additional mock exams. A well-done treat has been organised for P5 next Thursday! Year 11 are also being offered the chance of additional subject revision sessions led by QEGS staff over the Easter break to help prepare for their forthcoming summer exams – please see separate letter. Please make sure your Year 11 child signs up for as many sessions as they can.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher

