



28th April 2023

Dear Yr11 Students, Staff, Parents and Carers

Year 11 End of Term Plans

As we move closer to the start of exam season, we wanted to inform students, parents and carers of our plans to celebrate the end of Year 11. We also wanted to ensure that parents are aware and able to support the same standards we expect at any time of the year, particularly through these final few months.

1. Conduct and expectations through this term and exams

Year 11 have been exceptional this year. They have set high standards for the younger year groups to follow. We expect this to continue as we move closer to the end of the year. Expectations for **uniform** will be upheld throughout this final term and into the exam season. Failure to meet uniform standards will be followed up using the school's behaviour policy.

When exams start, students are required to be **punctual** to every exam, line up where instructed and listen to the member of staff in charge for key information. The **correct equipment** for every exam is essential. If you have any concerns your child's equipment for the exams, please contact Mrs Starkie (Starkie@qegs.email) or your child's form tutor.

2. When will year 11 attend lessons until?

Your child is expected to **attend all lessons up until the end of P3 on Thursday 15th June**. This is the date when there is a significant break in the frequency of exams and we feel this is an appropriate time to change from a 'whole year group model' to a much more bespoke pattern of attendance for students. Teachers are the best source of knowledge, guidance and feedback in preparing for exams. It is important that students maintain high levels of attendance throughout this period. We find that students who attend regularly, engage with their subject teachers and respond to feedback.

3. Study Leave Passes

Students who have been working hard in their revision, completing past papers, attending study sessions will have collected staff signatures on their 'Countdown to Success' cards. A fully completed card entitles the student to a pre-booked half-day session of study leave, where students can study at home. Students that have filled and handed in countdown to success cards should report to Mr Bowbanks in 405 or the pastoral support office in 540 to book the session they wish to take as their half day study leave. It is important that students confirm with either Mr Bowbanks or pastoral support before taking their leave, or this will impact their attendance and will be followed up with the relevant sanction.

Students will be able to **book half day study leave to be taken from Monday 5th June 2023**. Students must book sessions with at least 48 hours notice. Those who have not had their leave authorised by Mr Bowbanks are expected to attend normal lessons.

4. Leavers' Celebrations

A **Year 11 Leavers' Assembly** will take place from **11.15am on Thursday 15th June**. This is always a fantastic event of memories, laughter and a few tears (for students and staff!). Students will have a complimentary 'brunch' from 11.15am, followed by an assembly. The leavers' assembly will consist of performances, speeches, edible goodies, music and shirt signing. Form tutors, Mr Bowbanks, Mr Amps and Mr Garrity will be present to say a few words of goodbye and well wishes. **The assembly is expected to finish at 12.45pm and students will be allowed to leave site at this point - there are no exams in the afternoon on this day**. We expect excellent behaviour as always and we

would hate for any students to spoil the day for themselves or others. We expect sensible and safe conduct as they leave site and enter the community. We will not hesitate to consider a student's presence at the Prom or Leaver's BBQ if their conduct does not meet our QEGS expectations.

On Tuesday June 27th at 11.00am there will be a **Year 11 Leavers' BBQ**. This will take place at the new Boothby site. Mr Garrity and Mr Bembridge will be on the grill serving up the leavers with their BBQ. There will be lots of surprises at the school field (think Glastonbury meets QEGS), a chance to collect leaver's hoodies and a chance to reunite with form groups, tutors and the whole year group to raise a non-alcoholic toast to end of exams. **The leavers' barbeque will end at 2.00pm and all Year 11 students are expected to leave site at that time.** We expect sensible and safe conduct as they leave site and enter the community. We will not hesitate to reconsider a student's presence at the Prom if their conduct does not meet our QEGS expectations. Parents are responsible for organising transport for their child on this day.

Prom Attendance Review & Expectations

The **Year 11 Prom will be on Friday 7th July** at Uttoxeter Racecourse. For those students attending 95% or more over the course of this half term, each will receive a £10 discount on their ticket cost as launched to students before our Easter break. A review of which students are permitted to attend prom is taking place now and over the next few weeks. Students who fall short of meeting the school's expectations will be told in advance that their attendance at the prom presents a concern to the school before a final decision is made. Should Mr Amps or Mr Bowbanks deem it unsuitable for any student to attend prom, then a refund for that student's ticket will be issued to their parents. The school reserves the right to refuse entry to any student who falls short in meeting the QEGS expectations.

We have agreed with the venue that bag searches will be carried out for all students before entering. Students will not be permitted entrance if they are carrying any alcohol or vape/tobacco products. Should any student not conduct themselves in a respectable manner at the prom, then parents will be notified to come and collect.

The vast majority of this letter is about what we want to celebrate and how we want all students to be able to take part. We will be emphasising this in assemblies and in form time over the next few weeks. Please read through this letter with your child and point out the risks and consequences should they make the wrong choices. Clearly, we hope they make the right choices and have a great end to Year 11.

We wish all of Year 11 good luck in their exams, 'you can do it!'

If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact Mr Bowbanks (bowbanks@qegs.email) or Mr Amps (Amps@qegs.email)

Yours faithfully



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