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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Headteacher: Mr S Garrity Chair of Governors: Mr C Smith

# Weekly Bulletin #39

### **Enrichment Week**

We hope that students have enjoyed the variety of educational activities taking place this week. Thank you to staff for leading and supervising. An amazing week, thank you!



























#### **Lichfield Festival**

From Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July a group of QEGS students took part in a work experience programme at the Lichfield Festival. These students formed the Concert Management Team and worked backstage with artists such as folk star Kate Rusby, Musical Director of Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club James Pearson, classical cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and the musicians and sound engineers of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales (to name but a few). The students manned three venues across Lichfield including the beautiful Lichfield Cathedral and over the eleven days they ran errands, looked after the artists, worked front of house and learned how to cue a concert. They also had the opportunity to visit video control to see the camera crew at work during performances.

The exceptional behaviour, willingness and hard work of these students was commented on repeatedly throughout the week and they made a huge contribution to the successful running of the festival. A massive thank you and well done to Artemis, Alasdair, Ava, Imogen, Jay, Meri and Lucas for everything you did, and for being wonderful ambassadors for QEGS.















## Sixth Form

This week has been work experience week for Year 12 students, with placements ranging from the University of Edinburgh to local doctors' surgeries and legal firms.

Students with placements on alternative dates or without a placement came into school and worked as a very effective team to paint and smarten up the Sixth Form Centre. The results are terrific - please follow @qegssixthform on Instagram for pictures and updates.

We wish all our students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

#### LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

This is open to students in Years 7-11 in Derby and Derbyshire to take part in a competition to design a Water Safety Partnership Logo. All entries should be emailed to <a href="mailto:competition@derbys-fire.gov.uk">competition@derbys-fire.gov.uk</a> by 11:59pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The Derbyshire Water Safety Partnership is made up of various stakeholders including the Canal and River Trust, Severn Trent Water, Derbyshire Constabulary and the RNLI. The Partnership aims to maximise water safety, reduce cases of drowning and water related injuries through prevention, education and awareness. We are looking for a logo that embodies this message for us to use.

A winner and two runners up will be chosen by Mr and Mrs Ndlovu; the parents of Thando Ndlovu who sadly passed away in the River Trent in 2021 at the age of 15.

The prizes will include: A seasonal parking permit for use at Carsington, Tittesworth Water, Draycote Water, Linacre Reservoir and Shustoke. A Markeaton Park voucher booklet giving access to the Mundy Play Centre where equipment includes bouncy castle, mini-golf and canoes (age restrictions may apply). A days free cycle hire for a family from the visitor's centre at Middleton Top, High Peak Trail. A bug hotel from the environment agency and a £25 Waterstones gift card.

The winner will also be invited to their local fire station for a tour of the station and meet and greet with the crew.



#### **Staffing**

We say farewell to Miss Cookman, Miss Parkin, Mr Tapia-Meza, Mr Bowden, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Briggs,

Mr Meecham, Mr Barnhurst, Mrs Statham, Mrs McKinley and Mr Kershawall heading off to pastures new. Mrs Hill and Mrs Bathurst are retiring and Mrs Ashton is commencing maternity leave. New staff joining us for September have been in school this week getting ready for the new term. We will introduce new staff in the first bulletin of the new academic year.

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# **QEGSMAT Vacancies**

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at: <a href="https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/">https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/</a>

#### **Canteen School Meals**

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk

The Meal Deal is the best value for those eligible for free school meals.



### **Upcoming Key Dates This Term:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of term
- 5<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 3pm in the Sports Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 3pm in the Sports Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> August A level results from 8am
- 17<sup>th</sup> August Pop up uniform shop 10am to 3pm in the Sports Hall
- 21st 25th August Year 6 summer school
- 24<sup>th</sup> August GCSE results from 8am
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September Inset school open for staff only
- 6<sup>th</sup> September Year 7, 10 and 12 return to school
- 7<sup>th</sup> September Year 8, 9, 11 and 13 return to school

#### **A Few Reminders**

Available on our website are key documents to reference over the summer break in preparation for the return in September.

The updated Uniform booklet and information can be found at the links below, and our uniform shop is open on the dates listed. Please remember we will be back to full school uniform for September (ties, blazers, shoes etc).

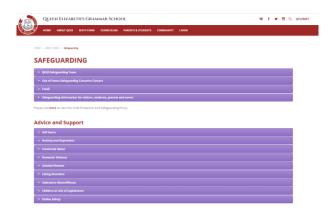
https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/





We recently sent out a letter to all parents and students around safeguarding support over the summer and this can also be accessed via the link below. We aim to provide lots of information around safeguarding and mental well-being so do explore both our website and those of the organisations we link to, to stay informed of the help and support that is available.





https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding-sign-post/

# https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/Safeguarding-Booklet-JULY-2023-Final.pdf

### Finally

Thank you to students, staff, parents and carers for another successful year at QEGS. Some fantastic memories and highlights. The previous bulletins are great to look through if you have some spare time whilst on your holiday!

We are very much looking forward to the full opening of our new Boothby building in September. Additional canteen space and provision will ease the pressure on the main site and provide some variety of service for the students using this new facility. Due to increased numbers of students accessing the Boothby campus, we will also be staffing The Green Road crossing for each changeover and break/lunch slots to keep everyone safe as they move between sites.

Please enjoy your summer and ensure your child is respectful of the community and the environment they live in. We want to see all students return in September safe and well. Have a good break everyone.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity

Headteacher