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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #1

We are pleased to announce our new Boothby Campus is officially open!

On Tuesday 5th September we welcomed guests from the local community to an opening ceremony where The Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Mrs Elizabeth Fothergill CBE cut the ribbon to declare the building officially open. Guests were given the opportunity to tour the new space and refreshments were enjoyed in the new canteen.

The £3 million project was joint funded by QEGS, ARUFC, RFU and DCC and comprises of nine classrooms, new study spaces, four sports changing rooms, match official rooms, a first aid room, an enclosed viewing area, a new canteen and kitchen, along with a new reception and office space. Local building developments are increasing the catchment population and this expansion ensures that QEGS can accommodate all the children who choose QEGS as their local secondary school.



PE Co-Curricular

The PE department are offering co-curricular activities as of Monday. The timetable for the activities is attached.

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Founders Day

Our new Year 7 students attended our Founders Day ceremony at St Oswald's Church on Wednesday. Led by Nigel Rode, with musical interludes from QEGS students, readings and prayers from QEGS students, staff and Governors. It was a lovely event and start for the new QEGS students.



Maths Update

We have been really pleased to welcome all the students back into maths lessons this week. Our students may have noticed a new format to the DO Now's we are using in lessons. We will be focussing on four main topics for the duration of each half term in our DO NOW's. These will be chosen carefully to help to refresh and embed some of the prior topics that students have covered.

Coming soon....

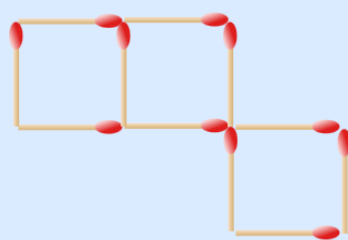
Whilst the official 'start date' is yet to be confirmed, we hope our students will be very excited by the return of Mr Wilson and Mr Cutts popular darts club on a Wednesday after school. This is a great opportunity to have some fun, be social and squeeze in a little bit of maths too! The dates will be confirmed soon and shared with students.



Lastly, I feel it would be remiss of us to break tradition so here is a little conundrum for you to puzzle over this week:

In this diagram 11 matches make 3 squares.

Your challenge is to move 3 matches to show only 2 squares.



We hope you enjoy some lateral thinking!

Sixth Form Update

It has been a fantastic first week for our Sixth Form students and it has been great to welcome our new Year 12 students and to greet our Year 13's after their summer break. The students have been busy learning more about what their courses entail this year, alongside having some introductory assemblies and tutor session to get them set up for a positive term ahead.

At the start of term, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind students and parents about the support available to our Sixth Form students, this includes access to the following:

- Our KS5 Learning Coach (Mrs Thrupp)
- Financial support via the KS5 Bursary

- A Sixth Form counsellor
- Our Sixth Form Tutor Team
- Mental Health Champions
- Careers advice

If you or your child would like to find out more about how to access any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Allen (Head of Sixth Form) or Mr Walker (Deputy Head of Sixth Form).

Please can we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to complete the 'permission to leave the school site' letters that the students were sent home with this week. These need to be returned no later than Tuesday 12th September.

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Miss Jones who has had a baby boy and Miss Ashton who has had a baby girl over the summer holidays.

Sarah Brankin – Head of Maths

I am very excited to have joined QEGS as the new curriculum leader for maths. Both staff and students have made me feel very welcome, a particular shout out to the amazing maths department who have been especially welcoming!

I have been teaching for twelve years and have held various positions from trainee mentor, teacher coach, lead practitioner, key stage 5 lead and much more. I was at my previous school in Heanor, Derbyshire for eight years and very much enjoyed being part of the wider school by getting involved in sports days, school productions and school trips. I love teaching and being with both the students and staff – even better I get to do maths at the same time! My aim is to help our students have high confidence and enthusiasm for our wonderful subject.



I have two young boys so when I am not in work, I enjoy being kept very busy by them! As a family we enjoy going out seeing new places but are equally happy at home for a pizza and film night. I have always loved animals and enjoy long walks in the country with our dog – even better with a picnic! When I find the time, I enjoy spending time horse riding.

I like getting to know new people and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at QEGS in lessons and around school.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Canteen School Meals

Please note that the meal deal price from Derbyshire County Council has increased to £3.55. The meal deal price includes a main meal, a dessert and a drink.

Secondary schools operate a café system where items can be purchased individually, so the total cost of a meal can vary. A selection of hot and cold items are available at breakfast, break and lunch time. Payment is cashless via ParentPay, can you please ensure your child has sufficient funds on their account to use the canteen.

Free school meal allowances have also been increased to £3.55 and remain an anonymous and discreet process for payment.

Your menu					
Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B	Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered bagel Ve Pizza crumpet V	Bacon with cream cheese bagel Buttered toast Ve Sausage cob Buttered crumpet Ve Pizza slice V	Brunch muffin V (Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin) Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered toast cake Ve Pitta pizza V	Cheese and bean toastie V Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered bagel Ve Pizza wrap V	Curry folded naan Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Crisscut Ve Pizza slice V
G	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Tikka chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Marmite pasta bowl Ve Mediterranean salad	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Sweet chilli chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot American pasta bowl Ve Burrito Roasted Veg Burrito V	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Hot pot chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl Ve Cob Roast of the day	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Mediterranean chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Pomodoro pasta bowl Ve Other Quesadilla	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini BBQ chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Macaroni cheese bowl Ve Sandwich Fish finger sandwich
M	Organic beef meatballs or Vegan meatballs Ve Served with pasta, Mediterranean sauce, homemade garlic dough balls, and vegetables. Chocolate orange cookie Strawberry muffin Jam & coconut sponge	Chicken on chilies or Quorn enchiladas V Served with potato wedges, homemade coleslaw, and crispy salad Bacon nut cookie Chocolate crunch Confetti tart	Roast gammon & stuffing or Crumb topped vegetable bake V Served with creamed potatoes, vegetables, and gravy Shortbread slice Lemon muffin Summer fruit crumble	Chicken tikka masala or Tomato and chickpea curry V Served with rice, vegetables, and naan Cookie Banana flapjack Berry sponge	Buttered fish or Quorn diggers Ve Served with chips, peas, and baked beans Cookie Chocolate cracker Rhubarb cobbler
A	All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal				
I	Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily				
N	Ve = Vegan V = Vegetarian				
	For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.				

FOOD
CENTRAL

The free school meal allowance is automatically credited to students enabling them to take advantage of the daily meal deal. If the full meal allowance is not used up daily, any surplus not be carried. However, it can be topped up by parents if required.

Please check if you may be eligible for free school meals via this link: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 1: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-1.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 12 – 13th September – Year 7 CATs
- 13th September – Uniform Pop-up Shop – 3:30 in the school canteen
- 13th September – Kefalonia Parents Meeting – 6:30 in the main hall
- 14th September – Awards Ceremonies
- 25th – 27th September – Year 13 Peak Centre Trip
- 26th September – Bronze DofE Year 9 Meeting
- 27th September – Opening Evening
- 2 – 3rd September – Year 10 London Maths Residential
- 3rd October – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 5th October – Year 10 girls STEM Workshop
- 5th October – Year 12 & 13 – Tutor Evening
- 6th October – Year 12 Volunteers Fair
- 9 – 13th October – Year 11 Geography Urban Fieldwork Trip
- 10th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 11th October – Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair – Leicester
- 13th and 16th October – Student Flu Vaccinations
- 16th October – Year 7,8 & 9 Tutor Evening
- 17th October – Year 10 & 11 Tutor Evening
- 26th October – Last Day of Term
- 27th October – Inset (school open for staff only)

Finally

Thank you to the site team who have worked all through the summer to decorate, renew, improve and develop our school site. They have done an amazing job. New LED lighting in all classrooms, new blinds, new flooring and painting in lots of school areas. We are really proud that our school site continues to look great.

It has been a really positive start to the new academic year. Students looking smart in their uniforms, meeting their teachers and being fully focused on learning and enjoying seeing their peers again. Clubs and activities start next week with lots on offer (see the PE rota attached, a full schedule will follow shortly). Please encourage your child to get involved and to look for opportunities available.

It has been a warm week, we should not complain really, the weather has been lovely. Please enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing your child again next week, for a full 5 days!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher