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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #5

Race for Life

We would like to thank everyone for all your help and support for last weeks Race for Life. We had lots of help from the council and many volunteers, with marshalling and stalls that helped us raise a massive £4396.79 – amazing thank you!



Co-Curricular

There is lots happening in school during lunch and after school. The **co-curricular timetable is attached** for students to have a look at what is on offer next week and join in!

Also **attached is a copy of the Year 11 Revision Sessions** – we want to see as many Yr11s attend these as possible. A great chance to get direct support from subject specialists, try sample questions, get feedback and advice – all free!

DofE News

Reminder; there is one more week to sign up for Bronze (Year 9), Silver (Year 10) and Gold (Year 12) DofE programs. Please do this by paying on Parentpay and over the following weeks we will be setting students up with an eDofE account.

For any questions, please contact dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning - Wednesday 11th October 9.15am-10.45am

Our second Parent/carers coffee morning is taking place with a focus on SEND – How do we support students with SEND at QEGS and a chance to meet the SENCO. Led by Steve Bembridge, Assistant Headteacher and SENCO.

The coffee morning will be based at our new Boothby Campus, in the new canteen, please sign in at the Boothby Reception. Timings will be 9.15am-10.45am and you can book a place via the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne/qegs-coffee-morning/e-ggrpdx>

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony 4th October

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed 21 students and their families to receive their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards on Thursday.

Nick Flux, one of QEGS governors gave a speech and presented each award, while Mrs Watson Jones and Mrs Wright spoke of how proud they were of the students and their hard work, as well as thanking the parents for their support throughout the programme. We all agreed that the expedition was the most fun, challenging, tough and memorable parts of the award – there is always a funny story to tell from each trip! Meanwhile the majority of the time was spent completing the skills, physical and volunteering sections of the awards, with students developing in so many ways which we were keen to celebrate. We are so proud of all of them and how they have grown as people over the preceding year or two. We hope that the resilience they have shown in completing their Internationally recognised awards will help them to achieve their goals in life.

For those students who missed the cut off date for us to get their awards externally verified, the next award ceremony is 20th March and we look forward to seeing them then.



Science STEM Morning

On Thursday Year 10 had a range of STEM activities ranging from paper bridge design/building/testing (we had some amazingly strong designs!!); to inspirational STEM careers talks; hearing about ergonomics in design, mimicking arthritis during hospital designs, how air force and Navy suits are designed; to understanding the life cycle of designing a new drug.

Well done Year 10 for your enthusiasm, questioning and designing!



Student Leadership

A huge congratulations to 80 students in Years 7-11 who have been selected to be a QEGS Student Leader. The following roles have representatives from every year group:

- Heads of Transition
- Heads of Charity & Events
- Heads of Aesthetics
- Heads of Environment
- Heads of Student Safety
- Heads of Wellbeing

Heads of Communications
Heads of Communications & Outreach
Secretary
Treasurer

Watch out for a student takeover in the next couple of weeks! Look out for more photos in next week's addition!



Year 11 Student Leadership

Primary Sports

QEGS have now held two primary events in the last two weeks.

Year 3 & 4 football, and Year 5 & 6 football with over 230 children taking part in each.

Both have been a great success with lots of fabulous feedback from our local schools.

A big thanks to our new sports leaders who have led both events and have been fabulous.

Our next event is primary cross country on Monday 23rd October.



Sport

Well done to the U18 Hockey Girls who won 2-1 against Denstone



The U14 boys football team played Ashfield in the ESFA National cup on Wednesday afternoon. After a slow start the boys found themselves 3-0 down, however, they rallied together to get two of their own goals through Will C before half time. The team showed great resilience and determination in the second half but unfortunately, they could not claw back any further goals. Well done to all involved! Player of the match - Tom W

Staff



Miss George – Deputy Head of Year 10

It has been really good to join the pastoral team as deputy head of year 10. I have a background of community work where I lived in Jersey for a year and then North Lincolnshire, and this involved working in schools. This was mainly spent working one to one with students doing therapeutic art practice, where we would use the arts to help them express themselves and to process emotions. It was from this that I realised how much I wanted to be in a school full time in a pastoral capacity, because I loved being around and working with the students.

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

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 3: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-3.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 9th October – Year 12 & 13 – Canon Project Young People project
- 10th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 11th October – Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair – Leicester
- 11th October – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning – 9:15-10:45 Boothby Campus
- 16th October – Student Flu Vaccinations
- 16th October – Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 16th October – Year 7,8 & 9 Tutor Evening
- 17th October – Year 10 & 11 Tutor Evening
- 17th October – A level Physics Alton Towers Trip
- 18th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 23rd October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 24th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 25th October - Parent and Carer Coffee Morning – 9:15-10:45 Boothby Campus
- 25th October – Dance and Drama – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theatre Trip
- 26th October – Last Day of Term
- 27th October – Inset (school open for staff only)

Your menu

Week 3

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Monday

Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V
(Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce)
Buttered toast V
Bacon cob
Buttered bagel V
Pizza crumpet V

Tuesday

Bacon with cream cheese bagel
Buttered toast V
Sausage cob
Buttered crumpet V
Pizza slice V

Wednesday

Bruschetta muffin V
(Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin)
Buttered toast V
Bacon cob
Buttered teacake V
Pitta pizza V

Thursday

Cheese and bean toastie V
Buttered toast V
Bacon cob
Buttered bagel V
Pizza wrap V

Friday

Curry folded naan
Buttered toast V
Bacon cob
Croissant V
Pizza slice V

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Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Tikka chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Mediterranean pasta bowl V
Sub
Mozzarella sub

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Sweet chilli chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Americana pasta bowl V
Burrito
Roasted Veg Burrito V

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Piri piri chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl V
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 V
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 V
Sandwich
Fish finger sandwich

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Organic beef burger or
Vegetarian burger V
Served in a bun with mini herb potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw
Cookie
Carrot cake muffin
Apple & cinnamon crumble

Chilli beef tacos or
Vegetarian tacos V
Served with spicy rice and singy slaw
Chocolate orange cookie
Apple flapjack
Strawberry sponge

Roast turkey with stuffing or
Vegan cottage pie V
Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and gravy
Italian oat cookie
Chocolate cracknel
Jam shortbread sandwich

Katsu chicken or
Katsu Quorn V
Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan
Shortbread slice
Banana muffin
Sticky chocolate sponge

Battered fish or
Vegan sausage roll V
Served with chips, peas, and baked beans
Cherry cookie
Chocolate brownie
Peaches with ice cream

All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal

Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily

Ve = Vegan
V = Vegetarian

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

FOOD
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Finally

Thank you to staff and students for making our Open Evening so successful. Lots of families were here to see our school and to reserve a place for September 2024. Now we have expanded, with our newly opened Boothby building, we have additional capacity for more students and those out of catchment too. We are still offering tours via www.qegs.link/open and the deadline for Year 7 applications is 31st October 2023, applications should be made to Derbyshire County Council via this link <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher