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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #7



Parent/Carer Coffee Morning - Wednesday 25th October 9.15am-10.45am

Our third parent/carer coffee morning is taking place with a focus on rewards. How does the rewards system work at QEGS and what helps motivate students to do their best. Led by James Amps, Deputy Headteacher. 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

Rewards

We have recently launched a new page on our website with information about how we reward students at QEGS. Click here to view the new page.

Want to find out more? Why not join us for our next Coffee Morning - find out more above.





Safeguarding recourses and advice for Parents, Carers and Students

We have recently updated the safeguarding page of our website to include information on the PREVENT duty.

Click <u>here</u> to find out more.

Army Officer Sixth Form Scholarship

James W in Year 13 has been awarded an Army Officer Sixth Form Scholarship. This means he has been recognised as possessing exceptional leadership potential and has secured a confirmed place to train as an Army Officer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Well done, James!



Did you know you can follow QEGS on social media?!

There's always lots happening at QEGS, keep up to date by following us on <u>Twitter/X</u> like us on <u>Facebook</u> or follow us on <u>Instagram</u>.







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Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all our Sixth Formers who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. Great results achieved by all. Added well done to May P, James M, Louis DS and Will T who have qualified for the Senior Kangaroo too.

Design and Innovation Update

Year 8 students have been learning about bio-diversity and the importance of pollinators as part of their DI module. This has been combined with learning key construction techniques and reinforcing the importance of accuracy in their project work.









Online Safety

Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Police are hosting a free Online Safety webinar for Parents, Grandparents and Carers on Thursday 26th October, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

The webinar is focussed on sharing top tips for keeping your children safe online as well as promoting the 4 key behaviours of "Cyber Security Awareness Month" which are:

- · Strong passwords and password management
- Multi-factor authentication
- Recognising and reporting phishing
- Updating software

Please click on the link below to sign up for the free Webinar. Once you have registered, you will receive a link in your email inbox to join the webinar. Feel free to share this with your wider family.

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Sport Update

The U14 girls football team beat Kirk Hallam 7-0 in the second round of The National Cup.

On a very wet and muddy pitch the girls played some excellent football. Goals from Rose x3 Lulu x2, Mabel and Imogen. POM Alice and Fliss. Well done girls.



Sixth Form Update

This week, Year 13 had practice interviews, drawing on their skills matrix completed in Life Skills lessons to answer questions about their experiences and skills in teamwork, communication, problem solving and working to deadlines. Thank you to Mrs Bramwell for superb organisation, so that every student met with an interviewer, and many thanks to the members of QEGS and Ashbourne community who generously gave their time to support our students in preparing for life after school.

The Sixth Form football team were also in action this week, playing in the national cup against Highfields. The boys did themselves proud storming back from 3 nil down at half time to draw 3-3 (goals from Tom M and a brace from Kieran C). The game went to penalties, and they eventually won after 8 nail-biting penalties with Dan G the hero saving 2 in the shootout. The team move on to face Lady Manners away in the next round which will be played next week.



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 2: https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-2.pdf

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 23rd October Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
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- 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)

Week 2 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Friday Frid

Finally

It was lovely to have the police join us this morning to deliver a safeguarding and crime awareness assembly to years 7-11 around the theme of county lines. PC Stanton and our other local officers continue to work with to deliver these key messages and help send safety messages to our students.

Thank you to parents, students, and staff today for supporting us and the bus companies in getting our students off site and home safely. I was rather sad not to have had my fish and chips as is our Friday tradition, so we will be having our fish and chip lunch Monday – something to look forward to.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Yours faithfully

James Amps

Deputy Headteacher