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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #9

Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you to the 366 parents and carers who completed our feedback survey in the first half term. The key areas you wanted us to follow up on where:

- Information on the Curriculum that your child is following at school
- Communication on how your child is doing at school (reports and information on Go4S)
- Communication on meeting children's SEND Needs
- Information on how we reward and motivate students to achieve

We made each of these a key foci of our recent Coffee Mornings so that we could get face to face feedback from parents and discuss how we are developing these areas. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend and discuss their views and ideas on these themes with my team. Next week, I will provide some updates on what we have done so far. In the meantime, please see the item below on the next Coffee Morning and we would love to see you if you can attend.

Parent and Carers Coffee Morning

Our next parent/carers coffee morning is taking place on **Wednesday 15th November 9:30 - 10:45am** at Boothby Campus with Mr Amps to discuss the importance of student attendance and the ways we support families. Please click on the link to secure your place: www.qegs.link/tickets

Year 11 Core Mock Exams and Revision

There is an array of study sessions available to Year 11 to support with their revision for their mock exams and beyond. A copy of the revision sessions is attached together with a copy of the exam timetable.

Student Leadership

As promised in Bulletin 5 – please find below our Year 9 and 10 Student Leaders.



Form Tutor Afternoons

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the face-to-face Form Tutor Afternoons we held recently. We are always looking for ways to improve events like these and value your feedback. Please complete this short survey to provide your feedback. <https://forms.office.com/e/vb6M3M7uuB>

Art Ambassadors

A big thank you to our Art Ambassadors from all year groups, who collaborated to create the fantastic **Remembrance Day artwork** on display in the main hall. The ambassadors spent their lunchtimes creating dozens of poppies, which were integrated into the final design. A special thank you to Iona P and Imogen S in Year 13 for designing and creating the final piece.



PSHE Lessons for this Half-Term

In this half term our students will be developing their understanding of issues concerned with living in our wider world. These include lessons in financial education for our older students, and lessons on the qualities we need for success with Years 7 and 8. In addition, we have more specialised lessons in such things as consent, responses to violence against women, and the importance of British values that are targeted towards individual Year Groups.

We have also introduced hot topic lessons this year. The first of these focused on the importance of Protected Characteristics under the 2010 Equalities Act, and latterly we have used a session to introduce our new work with Solutions Not Sides, a charity who look at conflict recognition and resolution in Israel and Palestine.

We have also expanded our collaborations with other external organisations to include Derbyshire Children's Services, who are now advising us around our drugs and alcohol education. This means we are adding their expertise to our already strong links with the Department for Education Mental Health teams, Department for Culture Media and Sport, RSA and more.

Food Technology

This week in Food Technology our Year 7 students have been making fruit scones, they have used the rubbing in method and then glazed them before they went into the oven. They all did a fantastic job and only in their second lesson with us!



QEGS Oscars

On behalf of the Sixth Form Digital Media students, we would like to invite you to the very first QEGS Oscars!

On Thursday 30th November at 7pm in the main hall we will be screening the short films created last year by the current Year 13 Digital Media cohort, with light refreshments served afterwards. Attendees on the night will be able to vote for the 'QEGS Best Picture', a (soon to be) highly coveted award that will be presented to this year's winner during Speech Day in December. Friends and family are more than welcome to come too.

To give us an idea of numbers, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/D7RNdYytF2> if you are planning to attend.

STEM/Science Club

Some KS3 students had a great time in STEM/Science Cub where we looked at endothermic reactions. They got to make their own instant ice packs, which they thought were amazing! Next time we will be making Ooblek! STEM/Science Club takes place on Thursday lunchtime (Week B-Room 401).



Some students have made Ooblek, which is a non-Newtonian fluid. They had a great time investigating the fluid and how it behaves under stress and without stress. A non-Newtonian fluid is one that has a variable viscosity under stress, so it can become runnier or more solid. Other non-Newtonian fluids are ketchup, custard, toothpaste and paint.

STEM Club runs on Thursday lunchtimes and is available for all KS3 students.



Ashbourne Rotary Club Shoe Box

Ashbourne Rotary Club, in conjunction with Teams4U and Derby Rotary Club, are collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts/toiletries etc for children in parts of the world where they would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Boxes are filled for age groups, 3-5, 6-11 and 12+ years old. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair accessories, socks, toys, games and sweets are some examples of what could be included in the shoebox. This year boxes are going to **Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.**



If you would like to make any donations to the shoeboxes, please send the goods in to school with your child or feel free to drop off at Student Services. We can also add donations to current shoeboxes.

Information on how to create the box can be found here:

<https://teams4u.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Teams4u-Leaflet-2022-A4-1-copy.pdf>

Collection is Tuesday 28th November 2023. Any questions please contact Mrs Starkie:

StarkieK@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. Thank you for your support.

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/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 6th - 15th November - Year 11 core mock exams
- 15th November – Parent/carer coffee morning
- 20th November - Year 11 Geography Field Trip - 11P2
- 21st November - Year 10-13 Art Textiles V&A Museum trip
- 22nd November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q2
- 23rd November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q1
- 24th November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11P2
- 27th November - Year 11 Geography field trip – 11P1
- 28th November - Year 13 Psychology & Sociology - Hodder Criminology Conference
- 28th November - ABRSM exams
- 29th November - Hamilton theatre trip
- 29th November – Parent/carer coffee morning
- 30th November - Year 9 PCE
- 30th November - QEGS Oscars - 7pm onwards
- 4th & 5th December - London Performing Arts trip
- 5th December - Primary culture day
- 6th December – Parent/carer coffee morning
- 6th December - Uniform pop-up shop
- 6th December - Six the Musical - Stoke
- 7th December - Year 10-13 Art - Chatsworth House and Gardens
- 14th December - Carol concert
- 20th December - Parent/carer coffee morning
- 21st December - Speech Day
- 22nd December - Last day of term

Your menu

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V

(Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce)

Buttered toast V

Bacon cob

Buttered bagel V

Pizza crumpet V

Bacon with cream cheese bagel

Buttered toast V

Sausage cob

Buttered crumpet V

Pizza slice V

Brunch muffin V

(Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin)

Buttered toast V

Bacon cob

Buttered ice cake V

Pizza pizza V

Cheese and bean toastie V

Buttered toast V

Bacon cob

Buttered bagel V

Pizza wrap V

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

Marrinara pasta bowl V

Sub

Meatball 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 meatballs or

Vegan meatballs V

Served with pasta,

Mediterranean sauce,

homemade garlic dough balls, and vegetables.

Chocolate orange cookie

Strawberry muffin

Jaw & coconut sponge

Chicken enchiladas or

Quorn enchiladas V

Served with potato wedges,

homemade coleslaw, and crispy salad

Raisin oat cookie

Chocolate crunch

Cornflake 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

Battered fish or

Quorn dippers V

Served with chips,

peas, and baked beans

Cornflake cookie

Chocolate cracker

Rhubarb cobbler

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

Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily

V = Vegan

V = Vegetarian

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

FOOD
CENTRAL

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

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

Finally

We will have staff and student representatives at the Ashbourne Remembrance parade on Sunday 12th November. We look forward to seeing the community come together to remember all those affected by conflict and war, past and present.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher