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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #11

Christmas Concert 2023

It is that time of year again. The annual QEGS Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Ticket Source: www.qegs.link/tickets. Get yours before they sell out! It promises to be an evening packed full of festive music performed by our very talented QEGS musicians. We look forward to seeing you there.



Observatory

Observatory open event. All are welcome, click on the link to book a place.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne/observatory-community-open-event/e-pgzddo>



Afternoon Tea

Each week Mr Garrity hosts an afternoon tea for students who have been nominated by their teachers for a 'well done'. The last few weeks have seen nominations from Maths, Dance and Drama, Art and Student Leadership to name a few.

Parent and Carers Coffee Morning

Our next parent/carer coffee morning is taking place on Wednesday 29th November 9:30 - 10:45am at Boothby Campus with Ms Morgan to discuss career options. Please click on the link to secure your place: www.qegs.link/tickets

DofE

All Bronze and Silver participants are now enrolled onto the eDofE platform. Please ensure you have logged in and are completing your program planners.

A reminder that we have drop in sessions on Wednesday lunch times in 314 for anyone needing support with eDofE or finishing of their Award from a previous year.

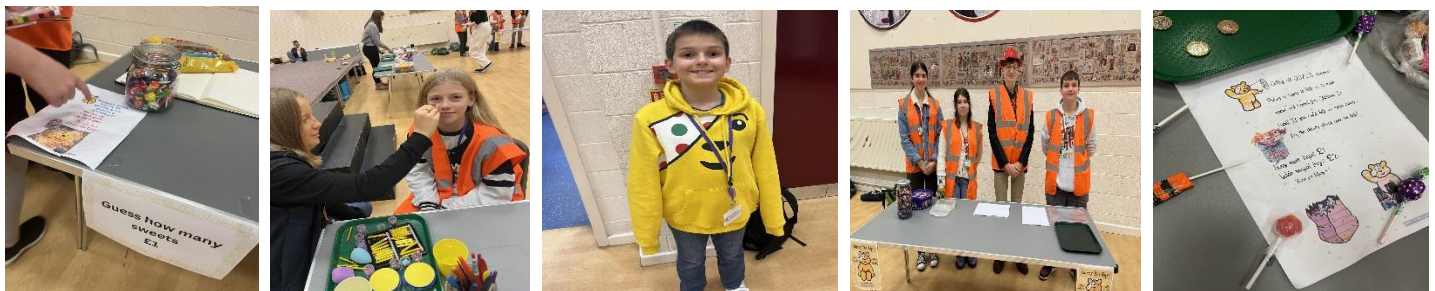
Do follow us on Twitter for updates to parents; @QEGS_DofE

Five Lamps Film Festival

We are proud to announce that four of our budding filmmakers are to have short films featured as part of the Five Lamps Film festival. The festival takes place on Wednesday 29th November at the Dubrek Studios in Derby, with a 7pm start. All are welcome to attend. Congratulations to the Digital Media students featuring: Callum, Toby, Ivan and Ben. For more information on the festival, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/fivelampsfilms>

Children In Need 2023

On Friday we had our very own Pudsey day celebrating Children In Need. We had so much fun in the hall at lunch time raising lots of money. It was a thrilling success - we raised £1,707 in total!! Thank you very much to all that donated. The different types of stalls we had were sweet stalls, guess the teacher by their eye, face painting, cupcakes and doughnut stalls (these went very quickly!) guess the number of sweets in the jar, throw a bean bag on Pudseys eye and lots more exciting stalls. We really enjoyed organising the day and we are already planning our next charity event. Thanks again for your donations.



STEM Clubs

We had a great time in our KS3 STEM club this week. We were environmental scientists trying to clear up an oil spill and save the wildlife. We had some help from one of our Gold DofE students (and A level Biologist) as part of their volunteering hours, inspiring the younger students to become great scientists! Great work everyone!



QEGS Oscars

Thursday 30th November sees our very first QEGS Oscars! It is another chance to see all of the short films made by our students in Year 12, as well as speak to the filmmakers over refreshments afterwards, and starts at 7pm in the main hall. Attendees on the evening will also be able to vote for the 'QEGS Best Picture' Award, that will be presented to the winner during Speech Day in December. The event is completely free, but registration is required. Please register using this form if you would like to come along: <https://forms.office.com/e/D7RNdYytF2>. Registrations close on Sunday 26th November.

Sports Update

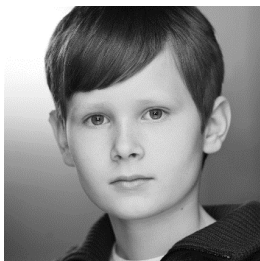
The U13 boys football team played in the county cup against St Philip Howard on Wednesday afternoon. The team created plenty of chances in the first half with Louis converting his first opportunity taking QEGS into the lead at half time. The boys rallied together and ran away with the match in the second half with 2 goals from Dan M, Alfie W and another from Louis, with the final score finishing 6-0. A great game played by all. On to the next round!



Congratulations to the Year 7 who played Abbotsholme boys in hockey. For many in the team it was there first time playing a hockey game; what a performance it! A real team effort with some excellent skills demonstrated. Well done!

Sixth Form Update

Year 13 completed their preparation for recruitment processes with a workshop on Assessment Centre group tasks. Led by ex-QEGS student, now JCB Degree Apprentice, Molly, the students worked together in a typical exercise used by employers to assess teamwork and leadership skills. The students have now had experience of all the elements of a typical recruitment process, having practiced presentation skills in Year 12 and had mock interviews earlier this term.



Congratulations

We are very excited to announce that one of our super talented Year 7's, James B, has been cast in Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'School of Rock - The Musical'. This amazing opportunity will see James head off to Korea to play the part of Billy/Lawrence. Break a leg James - we are very proud of you!

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/>

QEGS Parent Governor Vacancies

The QEGS Local Governing Body is looking to appoint two new parent governors from December 2023.

All governors are unpaid volunteers, who work as a team helping to contribute and support the school to ensure each and every child in school receives the very best education.

A governor is a responsible role, where you have the opportunity to make a difference, not only for your children, but for children in years to come and your community.

No previous experience is required, just a commitment to help drive school improvement.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and feel you have skills and experience to offer, please get in touch with our Clerk to Governors, Alison Griffiths-Brown: griffiths-brown@qegs.email to enquire and possibly make an expression of interest.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 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
- 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 - Music concert
- 20th December - Parent/carer coffee morning
- 21st December - Speech Day
- 22nd December - Last day of term

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Your menu					
Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B R E A K	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 sausage Ve Pizza 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 Croissant Ve Pizza slice V
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M A I N	Organic beef burger or Vegetable burger V Served in a bun with rice, herb potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw Cookie Caramel cake muffin Apple & cinnamon crumble	Chilli beef tacos or Vegetarian tacos Ve Served with spicy rice and zingy slaw Chocolate orange cookie Apple flapjack Strawberry sponge	Roast turkey with stuffing or Vegan cottage pie Ve Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and gravy Raisin oat cookie Chocolate cracknel Jam shortbread sandwich	Katsu chicken or Katsu Quorn Ve Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan Shortbread slice Banana muffin Sticky chocolate sponge	Buttered fish or Vegan sausage roll Ve 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 CENTRAL				

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

Finally

We are nearly in December and the school is beginning to feel festive! There is lots going on and lots planned for the next few weeks. Lots of student reward events and lots to celebrate.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents, carers and students at the up and coming events.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher