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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #17



Ice and Water Safety

Please talk to your child about the dangers of cold weather, ice and water (rivers and lakes). In the past few days we have had reports (thank you) from members of the public and our community staff whereby they have seen students playing on and around the ice at the Fishpond. Quite clearly this is very dangerous.

Warning signs clearly inform people that this is 'deep water'. Students should not be venturing onto the ice and we really want our students to warn others and report any unsafe behaviour immediately to the emergency services.

Year 11 Feedback

We appreciate your feedback on the events we hold, please use this link to give us feedback on Year 11

PCE. <https://forms.office.com/e/uSu7t51DVe>

Year 11 Mock Exams – Breakfast and Registration

- Breakfast will be available in the hall from 8.30am for all Year 11 every day of the exams.
- For core exams please line up in CLASSES in the hall for 9am.
- For options exam mornings, if you do not have an exam, go to your form room. Please bring some revision material and/or complete Sixth Form and college applications.
- Where stated on the timetable 'plus revision', can students please bring some revision material, should they need it.

Exam Timetable - <https://www.qegs.link/y11mocktt>

Canteen Food and Parent Pay System Notification

Please be aware that the Derbyshire Dales County Council Service operating our canteen break and lunch facilities provide food to students on the basis that funds are available for them to spend at the till.

Where an account is topped up on the day, these funds do not always appear with immediate effect on the student's account, and we would ask that parents check the evening before to ensure accounts are in credit well in advance of them purchasing food through the canteen. Some parents have made us aware of inaccuracies with top up and we have asked Derbyshire Catering to follow up and investigate if there are errors in their system. We will update asap.

We will always support families facing financial hardship to ensure their children have access to food in school. However, Derbyshire catering services cannot operate an ongoing debt and credit facility for students and parents. For support with finance, not just free school meals, please contact Mrs Starkie starkiek@qegs.email

Hepp – Parent and Carer Virtual Event - Student Finance

The session is being delivered by Hepp and Student Finance England. This session will explain all about student finance, how it works and what to do. The session is beneficial for all but mainly focussed to Year 10 onwards.

As a parent or carer, we know the cost of higher education study can be daunting. Come along to this 45-minute information session where Hepp and Student Finance England will explain how student finance works for higher education.

They will give you the facts on:

- How much money students can receive as a loan or non-repayable bursary/scholarship
- The extra financial support they may be eligible for
- Repayments

- Explain how finance is not a barrier to higher education

Parent and carer session taking place online on 8th February 2024 17:00 -17:45:

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Year 7 Maths Escape Experience

Yesterday we welcomed 'The Problem Solving Company' in to school to run a Maths Escape Experience for Year 7. We saw some fantastic teamwork, great leadership skills and lots of excellent logic and problem solving. Our fastest team saw Georgia H, Beth E, Phoebe W, Evie C, Koby S and Holly S complete the task in a fantastic time of 40 minutes and 39 seconds! A prize will be on its way to you!



PE

The Key Stage 5 BTEC Sport and Exercise Science group are about to embark on Unit 8 - Specialised Fitness. The students have lots of practical lessons to plan, lead and evaluate.

We are looking for **donations** of the following pieces of equipment to help us:

- Wobble boards/cushions
- BOSU ball
- Pilates/Swiss balls
- Resistance bands (of any type)
- Kettle bells
- Weighted ball/medicine balls

Any donations of these items would be gratefully received. Please leave at reception or take them to the PE office.

Primary Science

Mr Smith and 4 Year 13s were invited to Ashbourne Primary on Friday 12th January to give a variety of half hour demonstrations to 3 different year groups of Year 1, 2 & 3 to promote science and foster a love for learning science; as an exciting end to the afternoon on their Science Day. The classes heard about liquids and gases. They saw how to test for different gases including Carbon dioxide, and learnt how it is used in fire extinguishers. They saw liquids in a 'coloured beakers' demo with a succession of impressive colour changes that looked like magic- but is Science! It was a fantastic afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Staffing – New Starters

We welcome new starters this term: Mrs Dyer – MFL Teacher, Miss Tilly – Art Teacher, Mrs Mocock – Science Teacher, Miss Lister – Art Teacher, Miss Wroe – English Teacher (Maternity Leave for Miss Angris).



Miss F Wroe

Many thanks to QEGS staff and students for the warm welcome to this lovely school. I will be covering Miss Angris's lessons while she is on maternity leave so will be teaching English Language and Literature at KS3 and KS4 level.

I look forward to getting to know my class groups and sharing my love of English literature with them all. I am from the Westcountry, and I love to write, read and hike in my spare time so I expect I will be enjoying exploring the beautiful Peak District during my time here!

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:

- 22nd January – 2nd February – Year 11 mock exams
- 23rd January – Year 9 and 10 DofE Training
- 25th January – Year 8 Art - Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum
- 30th January – Year 9 Vaccinations
- 31st January – Intermediate Maths Challenge
- 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th February – Food Tech NEA2 exams
- 7th February – Uniform pop-up shop
- 8th February – Year 8 PCE
- 8th February – Artist in Residence Day – Years 10-13 - Art, Art Textiles and CDM students
- 9th February – Last day of term

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 pattie & poached egg in a muffin) Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered teacake 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 Croissant Ve Pizza slice V
	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Tikka chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Marinara pasta bowl Ve Sub Mushball 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 Ve 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 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
	Organic beef burger or Vegetable 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 Ve Served with spicy rice and singy 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 Pasta pot Pomodoro pasta bowl Ve Other 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				

Uniform

We are proud of our uniform and the students who regularly attend with everything correctly worn. We want help minimising problems and we rely on parents checking that children have everything they need before they leave the house. Please remind your child that they must wear their **blazer** at all times around school. Students must arrive with their blazers on and must leave lessons wearing their blazers. Outdoor coats if worn to go outside must be over blazers, not instead of a blazer.

Plain Black V or Crew Neck Jumpers and Sweatshirts (same as PE permitted ones) are allowed, with no logos or badges visible. No other jumper is allowed. Hoodies are not allowed at any time in or around school.

For students who do not have a blazer or other item, Heads of Year will visit Form Time on Monday to assist with loan items and parents will be contacted about any ongoing concerns.

Finally

Well done to Year 13 on their recent mock exams and good luck to Year 11 for next week. You are ready, give everything a go, answer all questions, your teachers need to see your best efforts to give you the best feedback!

The 'face to face' Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening was well attended last night, thank you to parents and students who we met. We hope to trial some further face to face events this term for other year groups, to strike a balance between virtual and onsite events.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'SG', is positioned above the printed name.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher