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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #19

Mr Garrity's Afternoon Tea



Well done to the students nominated by one of their teachers to attend last week's Afternoon Tea with Mr Garrity. This week, we have another group of students being rewarded with treats and tea!

Uniform

Uniform pop-up shop is in school next Wednesday 3:30- 5:30pm in the canteen. Our uniform expectations are:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/school-uniform/>

Year 8 camping – Last Week of The Summer Term – Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July

We still have places available. Please contact wright@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk if you would like a place.

Every year our students have the chance to enjoy a camping trip – its great fun and also a chance to really enjoy learning about themselves, build their communication skills and grow in their mindset.

This year the venue is Great Tower near Newby Bridge in the Lake District. We will have sole use of our area of campsite although there will be other users on site using the amazing facilities and the other residential zones. QEGS staff will be present at all times, to supervise your child in addition to staff from Fearless Adventure.

All activities are provided by Fearless Adventure and will include a range from the following; canoeing, high ropes, climbing, bushcraft, axe throwing, team building, orienteering and trekking. Fearless Adventure and Great Tower also provide evening activities, tents and all meals once on site. The total cost is £424.50 per child. Included in the price are also return coach travel from QEGS and a camp t shirt. Your child will need minimal spending money once there (only for a treat like an ice cream). Payment is in instalments but £100 deposit is required.

Students who qualify for Pupil Premium are eligible for financial support.



Artist in Residence Day

There are a few places remaining on the upcoming Artist in Residence Day next Thursday (8th February). The cost is £22. It is a great opportunity to work with professional artists on a whole day workshop. If you have been invited and are intending to sign up, please do so as soon as possible to secure your space.

Food Technology

Our super talented Year 10 Food and Nutrition students have been making curry and chapattis. Over 2 lessons they have selected and toasted spices to create their own curry paste, which they have then used to make their curries and they have also hand shaped and cooked chapattis.



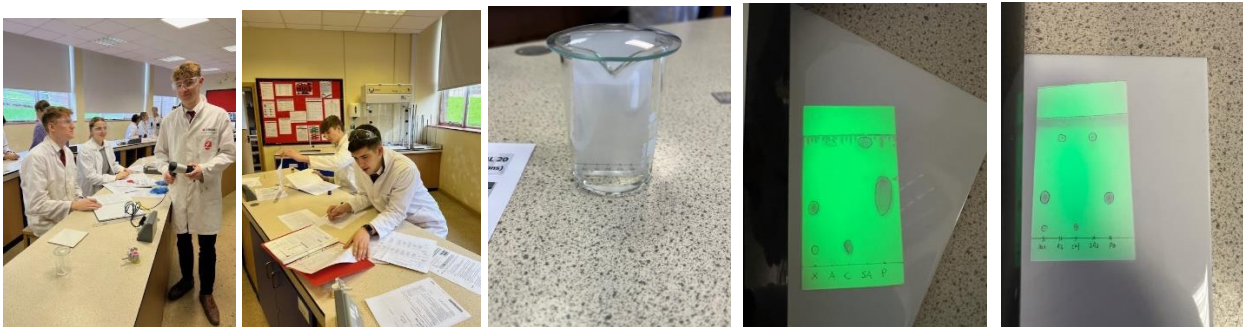
Design Technology

Year 10 Design Technology students have been working on their 'Kinder Surprise' project which encourages our students to hone their 3D modelling techniques which is a crucial skill to evidence the development stage of a project.



Science Update

This week our Year 13 chemists completed one of their 12 required practicals that they need to complete their A level course. Thin Layer chromatography of analgesics.



It has been a busy week in science for Microbiology. Year 10 used aseptic technique to create streak plates from cultures of ecoli.



House Swimming Gala

Over 80 students took part in the House Swimming Gala before Christmas, which was the most that have ever taken part in this event. The standard of swimming was fantastic, and it was lovely to see all the swimmers supporting each other in the different events. Hull won the event overall, with Boothby second and Spalden third. Special thanks to the Sixth Form students that helped officiate and team manage, in order for the event to take place.

Derbyshire Schools County Cross-Country Championships

Held at Moorways Stadium on a very cold and windy Saturday afternoon, the QEGS athletes did the school proud when representing the Derbyshire Dales in this event. Congratulations to Lulu H and Fliss DS, who ran in the Year 7 girls race, Lexie P and Scarlett A, for the junior girls, Max G and Noah W for the junior boys, Poppy R, in the inter girls, Joe Y and George M, in the inter boys, and Elena A and Molly B in the senior girls. All showed excellent determination to battle the elements on a tough course, with several of our runners qualifying to represent Derbyshire in the National Finals! Special mention for Ewan B, who won the senior boys event, to be crowned Derbyshire County Champion! Well done Ewan!

Derbyshire Schools County Badminton Championships

Congratulations to the QEGS U16 boys team who qualified to represent the Derbyshire Dales in the County Finals last week. The standard of play was very high, but the team of Henry N, Freddie B, Rory C, James S and Jake R showed great resilience and a positive attitude throughout, finishing 5th overall.

Sixth Form Update

Year 12 has begun a series of Life Skills lessons on the theme of Safety. They will have visiting speakers on the topics of Drugs and Alcohol Awareness and Sexual Health, tutor-led sessions on Online Safety and Driving Safety, and a session on First Aid delivered by our very own Mr Daughtry.



Year 13's focus is Next Steps - preparing for independent living, with sessions on Finance, including budgeting, credit and mortgages. They will also have a brief introduction to basic car maintenance, cycle maintenance, food budgeting and laundry.

The Year 12 Btec students have been learning about tissue types in their lessons this week. In order to see firsthand how different tissues can work together as an organ, they dissected a lambs heart.



QEGS Governors

We have recently had several new governors join our governing body, so we warmly welcome Rev Nigel Rode, the Church Appointed Governor, Mrs Liz Braithwaite, the Co-opted Governor and Miss Georgy Wilband, the new Staff Governor.

We also say farewell to Colin Smith, the Chair of Governors to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. We wish to thank Colin sincerely for the many years of support he has given to Queen Elizabeth's and the wider community of Ashbourne. The post of Chair will be filled by Nick Moore, who is the current Vice Chair. This will be on a temporary basis whilst due process is followed to recruit a replacement.

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:

- 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 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B R E A K	Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V (Egg based in spray) (veggie sauce)	Rice with cream cheese burger	Branch muffin V (Quorn sausage pattie & poached egg in a muffin)	Cheese and bean toastie V	Curry fold of naan
	Buttered toast V	Buttered toast V	Buttered toast V	Buttered toast V	Buttered toast V
	Bacon cob	Sausage cob	Bacon cob	Bacon cob	Bacon cob
	Buttered bagel V	Buttered crumpet V	Buttered bap V	Buttered bagel V	Crossant V
	Pizza crumpet V	Pizza slice V	Pizza slice V	Pizza wrap V	Pizza slice V
G R A B & G O	Panini 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 Meatball sub	Panini Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Sweet chili chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Americana pasta bowl V Buncho Roasted veg Burrito V	Panini 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 sprout pasta bowl V Cob Roast of the day	Panini 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 Causa'llita	Panini 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
	Big breakfast or Vegan breakfast V Served with hash browns, baked tomatoes, and baked beans	Spaghetti bolognese or Vegan V Served with homemade garlic bread and fresh salad.	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Baked egg, spinach, and cheddar tart V Served with roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables	Chicken Korona or Cauliflower and green bean Korona V Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan	Battered fish or Macaroni cheese V Served with chips, peas, and baked beans
	Apricot oat cookie Chocolate brownie Sticky apple sponge	Lemon shortbread slice Chocolate cracked Fruity yoghurt crunch	Cherry & coconut cookie Berry muffin Straw sponge	Cookie Confetti bar Chocolate pear cake	Chocolate cookie Rajack Lemon sponge
	All meat and Great & Go menu options are part of the local deal				
	Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily V = Vegan V = Vegetarian				

FOOD CENTRAL

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

Finally

We always value and rely on the support of the local community and we need your help. Over the last 2 weeks, out of school hours, some of our school property has been vandalised beyond repair. Specifically, two outdoor bins have been set on fire. The risk from fire to people and property does not need detailing, I am sure. We have reported the incidents to the police, and they are reviewing our CCTV. If you have any information, please let us know. If you see anyone on the school site, out of hours and acting suspiciously, please call the police straight away so that we can help stop the individuals who are putting themselves and others at risk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher