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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #20

Prom Saver!!

Attendance linked to discount - for a limited time only; Monday 19th February – Friday May 3rd

If your attendance is 95% attendance or above, you will receive a 10% discount, 100% attendance = £10 refund for your Prom ticket.

Changes to Lunch Time Arrangements

After half term Year 10 will no longer be having lunch down at Boothby. Year 11 will now swap with Year 10 and will be down at Boothby every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week after half term.

DofE Update

Our Bronze Award participants have been busy starting their route planning with Rich Adventure this half term. One of our Gold Award students is also training to be a 'DofE Young Leader' and was there to give advice on route planning for our Year 9 students.

Next Bronze Parent Information Evening; Online, Tuesday 20th February 7.30pm. Please see group-call messages for the link to join.

Next Bronze pre-expedition training session; Tuesday 26th March, 2.20 - 4.20pm.



B_line Discount Travel Card now links to Trentbarton's Mango App

The b_line card discount is now available on Trentbarton bus routes by using the mango app, meaning you can take advantage of single fares capped at £1.50 on Trentbarton. Plus discount also available on Kinchbuses, TM travel and Nottingham & Derby services.

<https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/mangoapp>

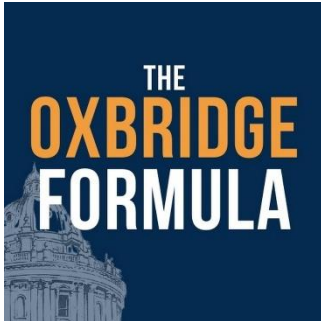
Students just need to apply for the discount on their mango account by entering the 18-digit code from their b_line card and the rest should take care of itself. For Trentbarton and Kinchbus services students will only be able to get the discount via Mango – not through the driver.

Please see the link to the b-line information page and how to apply for a card if you do not have one already:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-tickets-passes/b-line/b-line.aspx>

Science

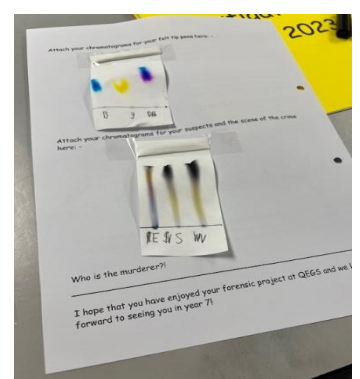
Year 12 chemistry students have been sent some information from Mr Smith on Teams regarding online talks that are available in the next week to support those students thinking about applying to Oxbridge for a STEM subject or Economics. They are hosted on YouTube via the following channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@OxbridgeFormula>



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Mission The Oxbridge Formula empowers students to confidently sit Admissions Tests when applying to read STEM subjects at the best and most competitive universities in the UK. Vision The Oxbridge Formula believes that no student should find Admissions Tests inaccessible due to financial circumstances, geographical constraints or lack of support at school. Our Story The Oxbridge Formula was the brainchild of Maths teachers, teaching in schools with very bright pupils, but few teachers to engage with them or stretch them to fulfil their potential. Doing further research into schools in and around London, it appeared that only rarely did schools have teachers with the expertise to help students to succeed with the challenging MAT and STEP papers, which are now being requested by increasingly many universities as offer requirements. Even some independent schools did not have that much experience in preparing students for Oxbridge entry. Find out more: <http://oxbridgeformula.co.uk>
www.youtube.com

Year 6 Osmaston and Clifton students completed their 5 week science club investigation with some chromatography.



Year 11 Food and Nutrition GCSE

Our Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition students have this week completed their practical cooking exam, which forms 35% of their overall final grade. They were given a brief, which they have had to research and investigate. They have had lessons to practice their recipes and adapt or completely change if necessary, culminating in this week's exam where they have created three dishes which showcase their skills, knowledge and presentation ability. They have all been exceptional and we couldn't be more proud!

Sixth Form

Please look out for letters about Year 12 mock exam study leave and timetable, the Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening and a Student Finance talk for Year 13s and their parents/carers.

Year 12 Exam week is w/c 26th February. If you are happy for your child to be on study leave in that week, please complete the online form via the link on the letter.

Year 13 PCE is on Thursday 22nd February from 3pm-6pm, in person in the Sixth Form Centre and Boothby Campus. Please book your appointments via the link in the letter which opens at 10.30am on Friday 9th February.

The Student Finance talk is on Tuesday 27th February, at 6pm in the Sixth Form Common Room. It is open to Year 13 students and their parents/carers. It is a great opportunity to find out about the student loans application process and to ask any questions you may have.

PE

On Monday we held the Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics competition where over 250 primary students took part.

It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves. Well done to all that took part. We look forward to the students becoming part of the QEGS sports teams in the future. Thank you to the Year 9 Sports Leaders who yet again were amazing.

The U16 played in the County Cup football this week and the game was looking likely to go to penalties as the game had continued at a 1-1 draw. Both teams made substitutions ready for the penalties, and the ref had his whistle in his mouth in the last seconds of the game.

Then came a miss kick which led to the opposition to fire the ball into the goal just as the ref blew his whistle. A truly disappointing way for the game to finish, especially for the Year 11 girls as it was their last game. POM Mollie & Sophie, Goal from Kacie.

A big thank you to the Year 11's for 5 amazing years of watching your football skills grow - carry on shining.



Music

An opportunity for young singers from the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership.

Online Safety Awareness Day

February 6th of this week was Online Safety Awareness Day. With the increased use of social media and mobile phones, it is really important that young people are mindful of how to stay safe online. To help increase awareness, we are running a competition of; who can make the best looking and most informative leaflet to share how we can protect ourselves online, based on information that was sent to form tutors this week. The prize for the best leaflet across KS3, KS4 and KS5 will win a £20 Amazon gift card with 2 runners up each receiving a £10 voucher each for each key stage.



The deadline for submission is 23rd February. Please bring all entries to Miss George in 540. We are looking forward to seeing your designs!

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:

- 9th February – Last day of term
- 19th February – Return to school
- 20th February – Bronze DofE parental meeting
- 22nd February – Year 13 PCE
- 26th February – 1st March – Year 12 mock exams
- 27th February – Year 13 student university finance talk
- 28th February – Primary Arts Day
- 5th March – Year 13 Business btec Bullring trip
- 6th March – Uniform pop up shop – 3:30-5:30
- 7th March – Hadestown Lyrical Theatre trip
- w/c 11th March – Show Show week
- 19th March – Year 9 Art Harry Potter trip
- 19th March – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 21st March – Year 12 PCE
- 26th March – Year 7 PCE
- 27th March – Dance and Drama Performance evening
- 26th March – Bronze DofE training (meal prep)
- 28th March – Year 13 Physics Sheffield Hallam Trip
- Last Day of term

| Your menu | | | | | |
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| 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 bûgét 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 toastcake 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 |
| | 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 Ve Sub Mozzafal 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 miso 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 rice 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 Savory muffin Sticky chocolate sponge | Battered 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. |

Finally

Thank you to all our staff for managing the online learning day yesterday, and to parents for your understanding and support as a result of the one-day closure. We saw great lessons still taking place and lovely outcomes submitted across year groups. It is never a decision that is taken lightly. With the weather warnings in place from the meteorological service and the way roads deteriorated through the morning, it was certainly the safest option on this occasion.

I, like many of you, are looking forward to the Shrovetide this half term. This week, it has been great to have past scorers and players in to conduct assemblies celebrating the history of this local event and I wish all those involved an enjoyable and safe Shrovetide.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Amps
Deputy Headteacher