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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #22

Mr Garrity's Afternoon Tea

Well done to the students nominated by their teachers for Afternoon Tea, great to see so many happy students being rewarded for hard work and great effort.



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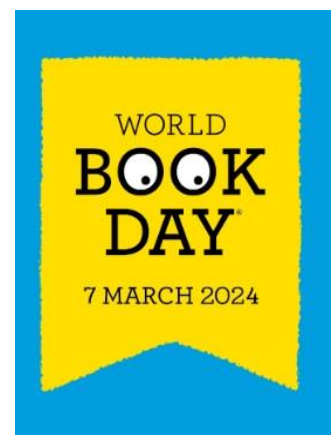
Please be assured that we are working to find a suitable date to hold the Artist in Residence workshops that were cancelled due to the recent snow day. As soon as we have a date confirmed, we will communicate this.

World Book Day

QEGS are marking World Book Day this year with a Book Swap in the library at lunch time. Please bring a long a book or two and swap them with someone else or one of the many donations that we have had to bolster our ranks of choice.

Key Stage 3 students are also having dedicated lessons in QEGS Reads for the week as well as World Book Day lessons on the day itself. Also, look out for teachers sharing what they are reading and their book recommendations - always interesting what some people's choices are.

At QEGS, we value reading every day but it is nice to have a day to do something a little extra - we hope you will join in.



National Careers Week

Next week is National Careers Week. We teach Careers Education to all year groups every week as we see it as hugely important. Next week the focus for each year group is as follows:

Year 7 - Businesses and profits

Year 8 - Exploring possibilities

Year 9 - Networking and LinkedIn

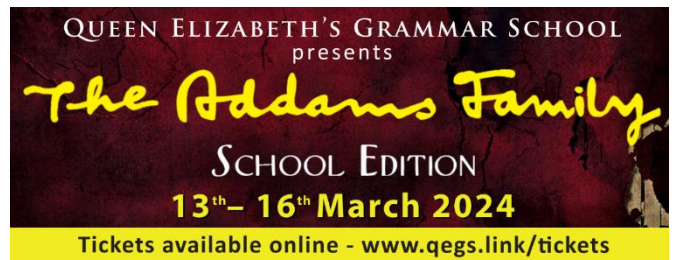
Year 10 - Working aged 15-18 and the law

Year 11 - Finalising post 16 destinations and application help

As always, we welcome parental input. If you would like to be involved in anything from assemblies to small group talks about your industry, mock interviews, the careers fair or teaming up with a department for a project please get in touch. Miss Morgan would love to hear from you.

School Show 'The Addams Family'

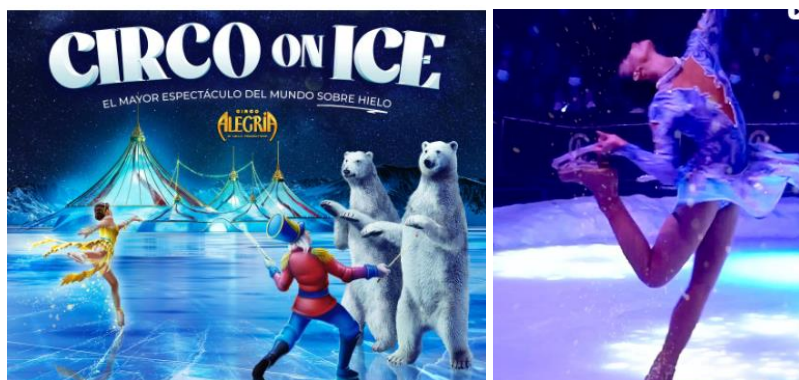
We are so close to the school show and cannot wait to share with you what students have been working towards. For months they have worked hard learning lines, songs, blocking, choreography, learning music and painting the set already for our production.



Tickets are still available on our online box office at www.qegs.link/tickets for 13th - 16th March so make sure you book your allocated seat in advance. As always, the show promises to be a night to remember but we cannot guarantee it will be a 'normal night' as the Addams are less than ordinary.

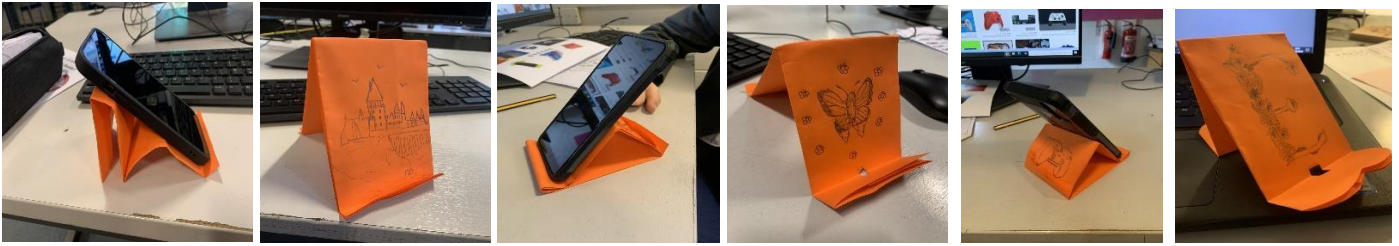


The Dance and Drama department would like to wish **Alysha Fleeman** in Year 12 all the best of luck. She has left us to work in Spain with *Circo Alegría on ice*. Alysha has been training for five years, and dancing for a lot longer and will be touring regions of Gijón, Valladolid and Valencia with the company until May as a performer.



DI Update

The Year 7's have been creating prototypes to scale for their mobile phone holder stands. When product testing; some even functioned! Now that is some high quality paper engineering! Well Done!



Down on the farm this week

Amelia in Year 11 evidencing 'Maintaining Accommodation' as part of her Animal Care qualification. Students completing the Animal Care qualification have a day on placement each week to practice and evidence skills. A big thank you to all of the businesses that support us in delivering this program, it is a valued part of our curriculum.



PE

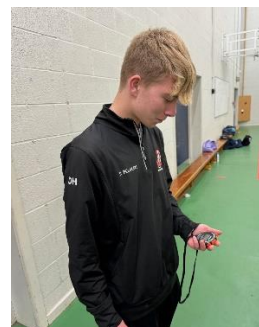
The U15/14 rugby team played Chellaston Academy on Wednesday afternoon. In tough conditions and a very soggy pitch the boys played some great rugby scoring some fantastic tries. Final score 36-7, player of the match Dan M. Well done to all involved!



The U14/13 combined rugby team played Ecclesbourne on Thursday afternoon. The boys scored some great tries from all areas of the pitch and won the game by an impressive margin 66-10. The team led by number 8

Jonty demonstrated the core values of Rugby throughout the match and remained modest with their victory! Well done to all involved! Player of the match Will C.

This week we held the Year 5 & 6 High 5 Netball. We had 17 primary teams competing which was a great success and lots of talent spotted. Well done to everyone that took part and a huge thank you again to our Year 9 Sports Leaders and Oscar in Year 12 for helping. Another thank you to Aydon in Year 8, Megan and Thea in Year 9 and Jess in Year 10 who helped with the umpiring alongside Connie, Scarlett, Francesca and Olivia.



Girls Football House Matches

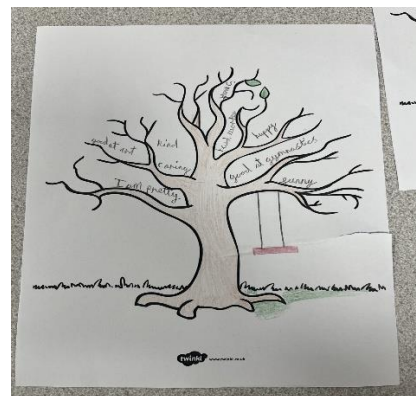
In support of the #Let Girls Play initiative and to celebrate International Womens Day, on Friday 8th March, we are holding our girls football House Matches. We have done girls football at QEGS for a very long time and had a lot of success with our co-curricular girls teams, in terms of both participation and progression through County and National competitions. To reflect this success we are delighted that the number of girls signing up this year has enabled us to offer 11-a-side football house matches for the girls for the first time. Year 7 and 8 girls will join together to represent their House during P1&2 and then Year 9-11 will do the same during P3 and 4. We are very much looking forward to this event and hope that even more girls will start playing football regularly as a result of this opportunity.

All students have had the chance to sign up to house matches this week. As well as the girls football, the girls netball and boys netball and football House Matches will take place during the week commencing 25th March. All students were sent a link to complete a quick sign-up process, so please check that your child has done this, if they would like to take part.

Swimming Success - Congratulations to the students that took part in the recent Derbyshire ASA or Staffordshire ASA.

Primary Arts Day

This week we welcomed 167 primary students from around Ashbourne and the surrounding villages to join our Arts team at QEGS. Students had workshops in Art, Dance, Drama, Music, PE and mental health to support with transition to secondary school. *"All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and came back buzzing and so proud of themselves!"* Students finished the day by performing the dance routines they had prepared in their own schools or with the dance team from QEGS on the stage under our professional lights to everyone. All students had worked so hard to prepare for their performance and enjoyed the chance to perform on the stage. These workshops were supported by our Year 7 student leaders who lead each school around the site and stayed with them all day. They were a credit to the school and true ambassadors of the 3Rs. There was a fantastic atmosphere all day and it was great to meet all our future young people before they move up to QEGS. Well done and a huge thank you to everyone who took part.



Free Career Tasters for Students

Online workshops dedicated to giving students a snapshot of their future career



Ahead of National Careers Week, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting another series of free online career tasters for students aged 12-18. These interactive sessions serve as a great introduction to a range of industries, while giving students an opportunity to hear from a professional and participate in an interactive career simulation.

Please encourage your students to bring any questions they may have to the webinars - we're here to help them on every step of their career journey.

If students are unable to join live, they can still register to receive the recording and our follow up resources.

Please click here to view a PDF of this email to share with students. Alternatively, you can forward this email directly to them.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Career Taster Schedule

Not sure which webinar to choose? Signing up to multiple webinars is a great way for students to explore different careers and find out where their interests lie!

12th March – 6pm
[Breaking into Creative Arts](#)
[Breaking into Psychology](#)

13th March – 6pm
[Breaking into Engineering](#)
[Breaking into Law](#)

14th March – 6pm
[Breaking into Medicine](#)
[Breaking into Banking](#)

All webinars will take place online via Zoom at 6pm UK time.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN AND MOTHER'S DAY

SPORTS EVENT

Ashbourne Recreation Ground
SUNDAY 10 MARCH 1PM-3PM

Come and discover sports available to girls and women

Come and have a try!
Sports on the day -
football, rugby, hockey,
cricket, running.
Score a goal, run a lap,
kick a conversion, have a
try at batting and much
more!

CONTACT SALLY FOR MORE INFO: 07944992467

All girls and women
welcome from the age of 6!



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 March – Year 13 Business btec Bullring trip
- 5th March – Bronze DofE Parental TEAMS meeting 7:30pm
- 6th March – Uniform pop up shop – 3:30-5:30
- 7th March – Hadestown Lyrical Theatre trip
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 8th March – Girls Football Festival and House Matches
- w/c 11th March – Show week
- 19th March – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 21st March – Year 12 PCE – online via SchoolCloud and normal 3.20pm finish
- w/c 25th March – House Matches
- 26th March – Year 7 PCE – face to face onsite, 2.30pm early closure finish
- 26th March – Bronze DofE training (meal prep)
- 27th March – Dance and Drama Performance evening

- 28th March – Year 13 Physics Sheffield Hallam Trip
- 28th March - Last Day of term

Finally

At Easter Mr Bembridge will be moving into a new role within the Pastoral Team and our new SENCO from April 15th will be Miss Robinson (currently Assistant Headteacher and Head of History). We want to thank Mr Bembridge for the support and leadership of the SEND team and he will continue to work closely with many SEND students and parents in his new role. Miss Robinson will be writing to parents to introduce herself and arranging 'meet and greet' sessions for parents and students in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher