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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #24

School Show – The Addams Family



What a week! Students will have performed seven shows by the time we get to Saturday night. Everyone involved has worked so hard in contributing towards the production in the band, cast, crew, designers, staff and front of house team. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved. The show has been phenomenal, it really has.

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We are very lucky to have such talented students, each night the audience have shared their experience and how much they have enjoyed the characterisation, the singing and the band. The Addams Family are certainly not your average family like the Beinekes but sharing our experiences and embracing others enriches our lives and makes us better people. Our cast portrayed this exceptionally well and gave an amazing performance to enrich our experiences. This week always comes with its drama where students lose their voices or microphones stop working mid show and everyone has overcome these challenges with mature and professional attitudes.

We also welcomed over 400 primary students to watch the matinee performances this week and they laughed and loved every minute of it. Said it was a 'fantastic afternoon' and 'absolutely loved it', it was great to welcome these schools to QEGS to share the amazing talent of our students.

We have two more evening performances to go and hope to see you there. If you do not have your ticket yet there are some still available at www.wegs.link/tickets

Sports Hall Athletics

The Derbyshire Dales Sports Hall Athletics competition was held at Anthony Gell school on Thursday afternoon. QEGS students from Year 7 and 8 competed in both track and field events against Lady Manners, Highfields and Anthony Gell. All students involved competed to the best of their ability with plenty of fantastic performances throughout the afternoon. We will find out if we progress to the next round early next week! Fingers crossed!



Sixth Form update

With 6 school weeks remaining before Year 13 leave on Friday 10th May, for the start of the exam period, we want to let you know some of the plans in place to support our students.

- Each student will have a 1-2-1 meeting with their tutor to discuss exam readiness and revision. It is important students are in school for form time for these to take place.
- In the majority of form times (8.50-9.10) we will also provide time to plan and undertake short revision tasks.
- Additional study time in PSHE lessons after Easter.
- Students have been given a Revision Tips booklet to assist with planning their revision. They should schedule revision activities into their free periods and plan their study time at home, especially during the Easter holidays, with specific tasks. Practice papers done in the set time will really help rehearse what is required on exam day.
- Subject support sessions will continue as usual, students are encouraged to take these opportunities for additional time with subject teachers.

Any students needing assistance with revision planning, organisation and undertaking of revision can make an appointment to see Mrs Thrupp, our KS5 Learning Coach.

George I, Year 13, arranged an opportunity to help clean up our local area. He got in touch with the council and the people who maintain the park next to us, organised equipment and time to help tidy up around the park and surrounding areas, in support of the great British Spring Clean:

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

Students from Year 12 and Year 13 donned their Hi-Viz jackets, took up their litter pickers and went to the park and around the town to clear up litter.

This was a great opportunity to:

1. Gain volunteering hours for the QEGS Futures award.
2. Give back to the local community.
3. Spend some time with friends doing something really positive for the environment.
4. Gain volunteering hours for DofE.



Well Done All!

Representatives from the Adrian Sudbury School's Education Trust visited Year 12 this week to encourage them to Register and Be a Lifesaver. This is the 11th year Keith Sudbury has visited, previous students have been matched as donors and he and his colleagues were delighted that nearly 50% of Year 12 students registered this week. We look forward to seeing Keith again next year.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at: <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 1: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-1.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 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

We are proud to announce that QEGS has recently been awarded Artsmark Gold status <https://www.artsmark.org.uk/> This award recognises the breadth of offer and provision of the arts at our school. It is also testament to the amount of community and cross-phase work we do using music, art, performance, technology and many other media to develop our students' talents and skills. Well done to Mrs Corboz who led on this and submitted our evidence base for the award, a superb achievement.

On top of Gold Artsmark, we have had Comic Relief fundraising today, The Addams Family performances this week, and over 80 students attending Afternoon Tea today – what a week! Thank you staff and students, you make this school a special place to be. I am so proud of what we achieve together.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Garrity', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher