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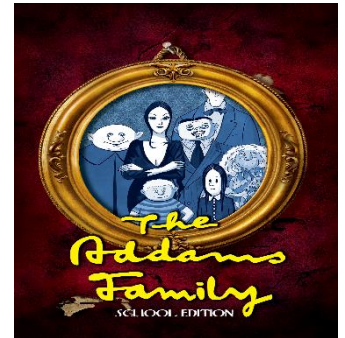
8th March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #23

The Addams Family

Well we have arrived and next week will be show week. Tickets are still available via www.qegs.link/tickets performances start from **Wednesday 13th - 16th March** make sure you do not miss out on the 'comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family'.



A New Look For QEGS Library

The Library has had a make-over by illustrator Luke Crump, taking two days to produce the 13 metre mural above the stage/computer area – see if you can spot the library ghost, dragon and the 'Thesaurus'. Thank you, Luke, it is amazing! Have a look at all Luke's great work on Instagram [@luke.crump](https://www.instagram.com/luke.crump)



Plus, the library has some very large books on show – with the original smaller versions to be borrowed of many classic titles.



Intermediate Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to all our Year 9 and 10 students who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Notable mentions: Macy G, Niamh M and Sophie S from Year 9 who all got Bronze and Silver certificates and James B, Will G, Fleur H, Oreoluwa I, Isabella M. Cameron M, Luca M, Dylan S, Naor V, Huxley W, Poppy W and Aden Y in Year 10 who all also got Bronze and Silver Certificates. An extra well done to Samuel S who achieved a gold, best in school and has qualified for the next round! Fantastic results for all who took part, well done!!

Congratulations

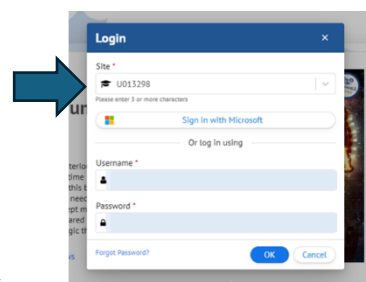
Friday the 1st of March Dylan S boxed and won by unanimous decision against the current National school boys champion Otis P. A great achievement. The bout was at Chesterfield in preparation for Dylan's campaign to win the National Championship next season. This is a great start to a very arduous yet exciting road to win a place at English Boxing Squad and ultimately win a place at the Olympic Team GB boxing squad.

World Book Day Activities

For World Book Day our students tried '**Speed Dating With Books!**' They had a great time discovering lots of new titles and authors that they had never encountered before – so much so, that lots of students were making notes of the books they particularly liked so they can return to the library and take them 'out on a date'.

Lists of all the books are available on the library website. Students can click on the Library tab on the School Intranet page. Once the library webpage has loaded just click on the 'Sign in with Microsoft' tab to access the Home page.

The Reading List tab is at the top of the page. Have fun exploring the thousands of books we have on offer!



Mrs Fairbrother's **Book Club** held a **Great Big Book Swap**. Staff and Students were invited to BRING A BOOK AND SWAP A BOOK. It was a great success, and the book club members are already planning their next endeavour to get QEGS reading.



Sixth Form

Year 12 completed their mock exams last week and we want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you and well done to them all. The students managed the whole week brilliantly, displaying hard work, resilience and positivity throughout. We congratulated them with a visit from the Coffee Cart (provided by Delicious Coffee) on Wednesday, when all students were treated to a hot drink and cake of their choice.

A reminder that it is Year 12 PCE on 21st March 3.30-6.00pm on schoolcloud (online/video platform). A letter has been sent to all Year 12 parents this week, which includes a link to the booking system. We are currently trialling some face to face events across the school and whilst this PCE is remote, we anticipate that the Year 13 PCE will be face to face next school year, to provide you with the opportunity to come into school Sixth Form in person.

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:

- 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

Police Crime Commissioners

Our area police crime commissioners office has been in contact to ask us to promote their 'Listening to You' survey.



Throughout the year, the Commissioner runs this survey asking for Derbyshire residents views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the County. Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner then aims to work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns.

They are currently keen to hear from parents, carers and other adult residents but would also like to promote the survey to young people with the support of their families.

Please note this is not a school survey and the content comes directly from the police crime commissioners office at the following link:

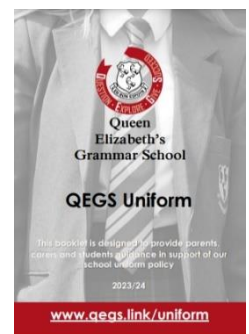
[Listening to you | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk)

Uniform

With fingers crossed that the better weather is now ahead of us, we want to send a reminder around uniform standard and expectations. The website page and downloadable booklets detailing each aspect is listed below:

Booklet: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/Uniform-QEGS-July-2023.pdf>

School Web page: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>



While we do not allow fake nails in school some students persist in wearing these and sadly do not heed the warnings around the injury risks they pose when engaging in standard school lessons and activities in and away from class. We have had an incident this week where a student has had an accident, and the nail has resulted in them getting injured – please can all parents ensure that these are removed over the weekend and in addition nose studs are only clear plastic from Monday.

Red Nose Day

As we have previously posted in our bulletin, Friday 15th March sees Red Nose Day charity events operate across the country. On this day we will be encouraging students to recognise and support the fundraising event by attending school without their tie. Students to ensure they have their lanyards with them as normal. Our Student Leaders have been busy organising lots of fun activities for Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. Due to the school show, we will be running the stalls in the Sports Hall. We will be selling sweets, cakes and have Red Nose Day themed activities, such as Stick the Nose on Mr Garrity!



A donation through ParentPay is optional but very much appreciated where you are able and we hope that all the students feel able to support the charity in engaging positively with this opportunity to support the work done by the

charity in projects in Derbyshire, across the country and elsewhere.

Finally

I hope you and your families have a super weekend and are looking forward to our school show next week! The Adams Family are coming to visit and I for one am very excited to see this musical performed by our students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Amps" with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Amps
Deputy Headteacher