



19th April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #27

QEGS PE Update

Medals for QEGS Students at the Derbyshire County Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to our QEGS students who recently competed at the Derbyshire County Swimming Championships. The annual event, where the top swimmers from across the whole of Derbyshire compete, took place over 2 weekends. Elena A (Year 12), Connie H (Year 9), Daniel M (Year 8), Isabella M (Year 10), Jacob B (Year 7) and Jess W (Year 9) all qualified through many hours of training and determination at Ashbourne & District Swimming Club.

Every swimmer achieved new PB's, plus Daniel M was awarded the overall 2nd place silver medal for 14yrs 400m IM and also overall 3rd place bronze medal for 14yrs 200m butterfly. Isabella M was awarded overall 2nd place silver medal for 16yrs 200m breaststroke.

Ashbourne & District Swimming Club is currently welcoming new members, catering to all levels of swimmers, for fitness, social, or competitive swimming.

Netball

QEG's Under 15 (Year 10) continue their outstanding record of achievements to finish the netball year as County Champions (again!). The team played 7 games back to back against Repton and Trent College to name a few, to win the Championships. Not only did they not lose a game, they won convincingly and were praised by other members of staff for playing well and conducting themselves in a professional manner.



Rugby

Well done to the u15 7's rugby team who competed on Wednesday at Derby Rugby Club, although the official county tournament was rained off, we managed to get 3 wins out of 3 in the friendlies that were played with a total of 13 tries scored and none conceded. Keep an eye out for the rearranged date!

The PE team are immensely proud of their achievements. Well Done!



Derbyshire School Transport Routes

It has been brought to school's attention following the change of provider for the 009 route this week the incorrect amount has been charged since the increase was implemented in September 2023. Students who pay for travel (out of natural catchment/Post-16 students) should be paying £1.20 per journey. The previous provider allowed students to travel paying £1 per journey which was incorrect since the increase.

Please make sure your child has the correct money for each journey as travel may be refused if correct money is not paid to the driver. This also applies to all Derbyshire school bus routes which accept paying students, please see link to timetable for more information: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2024/04/DCC-Bus-route-timetable-updated-April-2024.pdf>

Available Maths Interventions for Years 11 and 13

A reminder of all the intervention opportunities for Y11 and 13 students:

- Monday after school Maths drop in for A level and Further Maths A level in 906 with Mrs Kaul and Miss Clamp.
- Tuesday lunchtime GCSE Maths drop in with Mr Taylor in 322.
- Tuesday after school GCSE intervention with Mrs Brankin in 322, Miss Bill in 320 and Mrs McNulty in 318 (Foundation and Higher).
- Wednesday after school GCSE Further Maths with Ms Vora (invite only).

Please make use of all the extra support and intervention available, your exams are fast approaching!

Year 11 CGSE

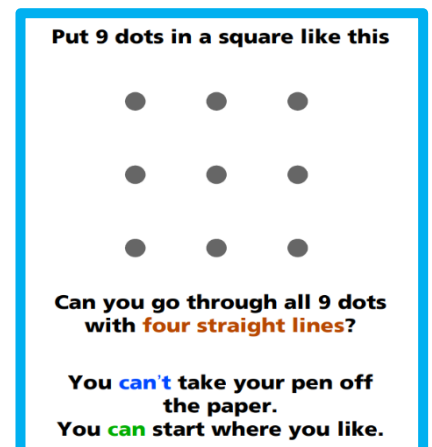
We are getting nearer to the first maths exam and it is crucial that all students are not only engaging in lessons but also finding time to do some work outside of lessons. Year 11 maths teachers will be sharing a power point with useful tips and resources on how to revise, including a reminder of the revision sessions we offer and key information about the exam dates. Included within this information will be a suggested topic list for revision alongside codes for SPARX which correlate directly to the topics.

Homework

All students in Years 7 – 11 have access to SPARX which is an online homework platform. Tasks are set weekly for students, and it is an expectation that students log in each week and attempt the tasks set. Every student was issued with an additional A5 exercise book to record their answers to the questions they attempt. If students are struggling with access to electronic devices, they may use the library at break and lunch times or after school where there are laptops available. There is also a drop-in maths help session on a Tuesday straight after school in room 318. Please can you encourage your children to engage with this as it is proven to help improve students' progress.

Maths Conundrum

Finally, if you would like to test out your problem solving skills please see below for a little puzzle:



Year 10-11 Revision Guide Ordering Via the ParentPay Shop

Revision guides are available to order at discounted prices through the Parent Pay Shop on the school website: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712>

Orders are placed once a month by the Pastoral Team and your child will be notified when orders arrive in school e.g. if you order on the 10th May via the shop, the order will be placed first week of June. If your child receives Free School Meals, they can also receive free revision guides - please email/speak to your Form Tutor to order guides. For Maths and Science revision guides it is a good idea to check with your subject teacher to check whether ordering Triple, Foundation or Higher options of guides.

First Gear Pre-Driver Training Days

Year 11 have received the following information this week regarding pre driver training for 16 year olds.

First Gear Pre-Driver Training days are for young people who are 16 and either living in or in education in Derbyshire. They give young people their first experience behind the wheel of a car, in a safe, controlled environment with fully qualified driving instructors. First Gear also offers trainees valuable information to help them prepare for their theory, hazard perception and practical driving tests as well as getting them to consider how they will continue driving safely once they have passed their test.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/road-safety/young-drivers/pre-driver-training/first-gear-pre-driver-training.aspx>

Year 10 PCE

Thank you for your attendance at last night's PCE, please use the link below to provide us with feedback on the event and support our continued improvement of these events. <https://forms.office.com/e/X51xGUqf8S>

SEND Update

Thank you for the support so many of you have shown to our new SENCO Emma Robinson, your communication has been appreciated, from an opportunity to put a face to a name, to giving an update on your child and their needs. To make it easier to get in touch with the SEND team we have set up a central email address, please use this for all communication you want to make with the department. sen@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Sixth Form Update

As we welcomed back our students this week, we are well on the way to recruiting the Student Council for 2024-25. The deadline for applications is 19th April and interviews will be next week, so watch this space for announcements!

In tutor time and Life Skills Year 13 have moved on to a revision focus. They also had assemblies this week on health topics - testicular cancer awareness and the importance of physical activity for health and wellbeing. Year 12 are completing their series of Life Skills sessions on Personal Safety and moving on to look at Next Steps.

Finally, Will A, Alfie B, Lilly G, Lorena I and Charlotte B responded to a request for volunteers and joined Ashbourne Parkinson's Group for a drop-in event on Thursday. They welcomed guests to the event, which aimed to provide support and information to people living with Parkinson's, and provided refreshments. Well done to the students; this will form part of their commitment to volunteering and QEGS' Futures Award.

Exam Timings

From Monday 6th May, we will change our timings of the school day to meet with exam regulations for the start of the afternoon session, ahead of GCSE exams starting on Thursday 9th May. This means that lunch will be after period 3 for the rest of the academic year:

Form Time	08.50 - 09.10
Period 1	09.10 - 10.10
Lesson Changeover	10.10 - 10.15
Period 2	10.15 - 11.15
Break	11.15 - 11.35
Period 3	11.35 - 12.35
Lunch	12:35 - 13:15
Period 4	13:15 – 14:15
Lesson Changeover	14:15 – 14:20
Period 5	14:20 - 15:20

School Day September 2024 Onwards

Last term we surveyed staff and students on possible models for the school day, and we also met with groups of students who had chosen the different options to find out the reasons for those choices. We have taken on board feedback about form time activities as we look at our plans for next year and are looking at options for how food and drinks are purchased at break times. Most students were in favour of an earlier lunch, with the break, lunch, break option, and this also means that we should not have to change the timings of the school day for exams next year.

Thank you to all staff and students that have filled in the surveys and discussed the changes with us. Work is already well underway for next year in each subject, ensuring we have a variety of activities and teaching techniques in the longer lessons to enable all to succeed.

08.50 – 09.05 - Form Time (15mins)

09.05 – 09.10 - Changeover (5mins)

09.10 – 10.25 - Period 1 (75mins)

10.25 – 10.40 - Break (20mins)

10.40 – 11.55 - Period 2 (75mins)

11.55 – 12.35 – Lunchtime (40mins)

12.35 – 13.50 - Period 3 (75mins)

13.50 – 14.05 - Break (10mins)

14.05 – 15.20 - Period 4 (75mins)

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:

- 19th April – Easter Alumni Music Concert
- 22nd April – Great Big Dance Off – Year 10&11 Dance
- 24th April – SEND Coffee Afternoon – 2:45- 2:15
- 25th April – Junior Maths Challenge
- 25th April – Years 10-13 Artist in Residence (ceramics and watercolour)
- 30th April – Silver DofE Training (equipment)
- 1st May – Uniform Pop-up shop
- 3rd May – Years 10-13 Artist in Residence workshop (photography only)
- **6th May – Bank holiday – school closed**
- 8th May – Year 12 Young Drivers course
- 8th May – Silver DofE Practice Expedition
- 9th May – Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
- 10th May – Year 13 leave
- 13th May – 5th July – Year 13 A Levels
- 13th May – 21st June – Year 11 GCSEs
- 14th May – Year 10 Sandheim Theatre Trip
- 15th May – Year 10 Business - Leek Building Society - funding for day programme delivery
- 17th – 24th May – Year 10 Geography fieldtrips
- 21st May – Primary Arts day
- 24th May – Last day of term
- 3rd June – School reopens



Finally

I am sure will all agree, the weather has been awful! The students and staff have kept their spirits high and kept on going. Let's hope for some dryer and warmer weather over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

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

Scott Garrity
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