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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #2

Co-Curricular Sports Timetable

All students are welcome to attend all clubs for their year group. PE clubs will start on Wednesday 11th September. All information relating to clubs will be updated daily on Student Notices. **Timetable attached.**

Congratulations

Today we had a visit from one of our ex-students who came to tell us her amazing news.

Adela had trials in the summer for the Albanian U19 International Team & successfully made it into the squad.

Adela will fly out in November to Albania for 2 weeks & will compete against Belarus, Montenegro & Moldova. From everyone at QEGS we wish Adela lots of success and a HUGE congratulations.



Student Summer Art Creation

A great start to Year 7, with a lovely gift from a student in 7S2 of a ceramic, glazed mushroom. Thank you and keep up the good work.



Canteen School Meals

Students seem to be enjoying the new food in the canteens. There will be a survey for some feedback from the contractor in the next few weeks. Next week's menu is the following:-

Week 2:

Lunch week 2

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Ragù	Chicken Curry Served with Pilau Rice	Roast Gammon served with Gravy & Thyme Roasted Potatoes	Beef Lasagna served with Garlic bread & Salad	Battered Fish served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Mince Pasta Bolognese	Spinach & Lentil Curry Served with pilau Rice	Vegetable Stir-fry with Egg Noodles	Vegetarian Lasagna served with Garlic bread & Salad	Vegetable Burger in a Bun served with Chips, Peas, or Baked Beans
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
STREET FOOD	Greek Style Chicken Flatbread	Caramelized Onion & Sausage Sub	Chicken Burger with Salad	Pulled Pork Nachos	Southern fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Penne Arrabiata	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Penne Arrabiata with Roasted Vegetables	Piri Piri chicken Wings	Macaroni Cheese Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margarita Pepperoni	Margarita Ham & Tomato	Margarita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margarita Hot & Spicy	Margarita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Homemade Flapjack	Pear & Chocolate Sponge served with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Lemon Shortbread

Meal Deal
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert

£3.00

All Of Our Main Meals, Sandwiches & Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day

In addition to the above meal deals, the following is available. Please explain these offers to your child to avoid any confusion when making their purchases:-

Sandwich Meal Deal £3.00

This includes a sandwich, a side, which will vary by day but could be a side salad, potato product, rice or pasta, a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

A sandwich sold on it's own would be £2.50, the side 95p and the home bake or selected desert pot 95p.

Baguette Meal Deal £3.00

This includes a baguette, a side, which will vary by day but could be a side salad, potato product, rice or pasta, a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

A baguette sold on it's own would be £2.50, the side 95p and the home bake or selected desert 95p.

Street Food Meal Deal £3.00

This includes the grab and go pot (which is a complete meal) of the day, a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

A Street food pot is on it's own would be £2.50 and the home bake or selected desert 95p.

Pasta Meal Deal £3.00

This includes the pasta and sauce and a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

Pasta and sauce on it's own would be £2.50 and the home bake or selected desert 95p.

Pizza Meal Deal £3.00

This includes a slice of pizza, a side, which will vary by day but could be a side salad, potato product, rice or pasta, a home bake and unlimited hydration station.

A pizza slice sold on it's own would be £2.50, the side 95p and the home bake or selected desert 95p.

There are full menus on display within the school canteen.

Sixth Form Update

Well done to all our Year 12 students who have joined QEGS Sixth Form. Students have settled in well and are making great starts to their new subject courses. A big welcome also to our new Year 12 external students who have joined from various other schools across Derbyshire.

Year 13 returned on Monday this week for their final year of studying at QEGS. It was great to hear all about their summer adventures, work experience and to see our students back in school. It has been a great first week all round.

A reminder to all Sixth Form, registration is compulsory to all students with a varied plan in place for each week of form time.

Staffing

There have a number of new starters to school this academic year; Mr Walker – Deputy Head, Mrs Waker – Curriculum Lead for RS, Dr Coulbert – Teacher of English, Miss Askey – Teacher of psychology (maternity cover), Mrs Maguire Turner – Teacher of Art (maternity cover), Miss Parr – Teacher of science, Mrs James – Teacher of Geography (maternity cover), Mrs Baugh – Teacher of Science, Miss Ball – Food Technician, Miss Forman – Cover Supervisor and Mrs Lockie – SEN administrator.

Over the next few weeks, we will introduce them to you:



Mr Walker

I feel incredibly proud and privileged to be the Deputy Headteacher at QEGS responsible for the Quality of Education. During my 15 years of teaching and leadership I have taught in Greater Manchester and Derbyshire.

I love my job, with all it entails; I simply have a need and love for helping others and freeing them from worry, concern and negative thinking. Therefore, supporting all teachers develop their passion and enthusiasm for teaching and learning is something I take great pride and responsibility in, which I feel incredibly honoured to do.

I believe that every teacher comes into this profession to help students achieve their best. It is therefore my job to help all teachers understand that you can't really learn everything about teaching from a book; the learning is out there, in our classrooms, in our corridors, in our schools. It takes time to develop the craft as a teacher and that is why we will help and support every teacher every step of the way!

I am a very keen sportsman and proud dad. I play squash for Derbyshire which is my main hobby and passion outside of school life alongside spending quality time with my family.

Mrs Waker

I'm Grace Waker, and after living in the south for 12 years, I have recently relocated from near Brighton to move back to Derbyshire. In my previous role, I was a trust coordinator, overseeing Religious Studies across eight schools, and I also wrote the locally agreed syllabus for KS3 and KS4 for West Sussex County Council. I enjoy spending my time outside school with my husband and two children, and I love holidays and shopping.



I am excited about my new role at QEGS, where I am not only focused on improving academic results but also on helping students understand the world they live in. I am passionate about fostering character growth and encouraging a love for learning by teaching students about different cultural and religious beliefs. I believe this understanding is crucial for shaping their lives and helping them make meaningful contributions to society.



Miss Parr

I am a teacher of science and I am looking forward to getting involved with the department and also with other activities within the school.

Mrs Baugh

I am a science teacher specialising in BTEC Applied Science and teach across all science disciplines. I have previously worked in an inner city FE college and have just recently come from another secondary school in Heanor. I am looking forward to the extra curricular offers available at QEGS, including the science clubs and music opportunities, as I am also a grade 8 flautist.



Miss Askey

I am excited to be teaching A Level Psychology at QEGS. Having studied Psychology at university, I am passionate about exploring how people think and behave, and I am thrilled to share that enthusiasm with my students. Outside of teaching, I am a big fan of reading and usually have a fiction and a non-fiction book on the go at the same time. I love discovering new ideas and stories, and I am always eager to discuss what I am reading. In my role, I look forward to helping students navigate their studies and seeing them grow as they work towards their goals. It is rewarding to be part of their journey and to see what they achieve in the future.



Miss Ball

My name is Miss Marie Ball and I am the new Design & Technology Food Technician. I am looking forward to meeting all the students in the new Food Tech room and helping out where needed. At home I enjoy spending time with my children, reading and watching films.



Dr Coulbert

I have temporarily joined the English Department at QEGS this year to cover maternity leave. I have been an English teacher for thirteen years teaching in two grammar schools in Kent and on the undergraduate degree programme at Nottingham Trent University. I have published academic research in the field of travel writing, and I am currently working on my first novel. I look forward to bringing my enthusiasm, experience and passion for English into the classroom and working collaboratively with the students to achieve their potential.



Miss Forman

I have joined QEGS this year as a cover supervisor after previously working in the Probation Service. I studied criminology at university and love to speak with students who have an interest in the Prison and Probation Service. I am really looking forward to forging relationships with the students and participating in extra-curriculars. I love reading and anything creative, so I am always looking to get involved!



Mrs Maguire-Turner

I am working in the Art and Design Department as Maternity cover for Miss Fowler. I have been teaching for 17 years now and am still as enthusiastic about it today as I was on my first day as an NQT. I absolutely love the Arts. My degree is in textiles, but I would say I am a mixed-media artist. I enjoy experimenting with new materials and techniques by attending courses, anything from basket weaving to silversmithing. I am most looking forward to getting to know the students at QEGS and hopefully getting them to be as passionate about Art as I am.



Mrs Lockie

I am Kay Lockie and I am the ELD Administration Assistant. I have worked in education for a number of years and my previous role I worked as an administrative officer in a support centre setting. I am really looking forward to working with the SEND Department and getting to know the students. I am also looking forward to getting to know and supporting parents in my role.

In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym and have recently taken up yoga. I particularly like this as you start off the session lying down and end the session lying down!



FPTA Fundraising event – Quiz Night Sat 28th September 7.30pm:

The QEGS FPTA do an amazing job in supporting the school. The Quiz Night will be fun and a great way to support the school. Staff, students, parents, carers and other family members are all welcome to take part.

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024
STARTS AT 7:30 PM, DOORS OPEN 7PM

Quiz NIGHT

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR KNOWLEDGE & HAVE FUN ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

BAR AVAILABLE **£20 PER TEAM** **CHIPS & SNACKS ON SALE**

MINIMUM TEAMS OF 2, MAX TEAMS OF 6

**Organised by the FPTA: More Fun, Less Boredom:
Help Us Upgrade Lunchtime with better equipment**

BOOK NOW

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/QEGS-FPTA/T-DVMQNYL](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegs-fpta/t-dvmqnyl)
MAIN HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, THE GREEN RD, ASHBOURNE, DE6 1EP

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/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

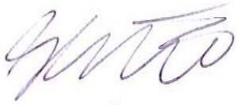
- 16th & 17th September – Year 7 CAT Tests
- 18th September – Uniform pop-up shop from 3:30 – 5pm in the canteen
- 19th September – Dear Evan Hansen trip
- 25th September – Open evening – 4:30 – 6:30
- 26th September – Year 12 – Biology ecology trip
- 28th September – FPTA quiz night – 7pm
- 30th September – Year 7, 8 & 9 – Tutor evening
- 30th September – Year 10 & 11 – Tutor evening
- 1st October – Primary sport
- 2nd October – DofE awards ceremony
- 3rd October – Year 12 tutor evening
- 7th – 11th October – Year 11 urban fieldwork trip
- 8th October – Primary sport

- 8th October – Sixth Form open evening
- 14th – 18th October – Food Technology exams – NEA 1
- 17th October – Countdown to Success and Careers Fair - Years 10 & 11 postponed from July
- 22nd October – Primary sport
- 23rd October – Uniform pop-up shop from 3:30 – 5pm in the canteen
- **24th October – Last day of term**
- **25th October – Inset (school open for staff only)**
- 28th – 1st November – Half term
- **4th November – Return to school**

Finally

We near the end of the first full week back at school and the students have really enjoyed being back. The new 4 period day with added break time between lessons is a success, the new catering provider is going down well with canteen traffic really busy, uniform is smart and students are being punctual to lessons. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with our changes and improvements.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher