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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #4 **V2**

Student Leadership

Thank you to all the students who helped at the Open Evening on Wednesday. We had over 500 families visit our school and 130 students helping and every student did a wonderful job. Many visitors commented on how polite, helpful and enthusiastic the student leaders were- we are very proud of you, thank you.



Year 11 History Students: Revision Sessions

Please come along to weekly revision sessions in preparation for your assessments and exams.

They are in room 854 in Boothby building.

Week A: Tuesday lunch time with Mrs Ward-Argument

Week B: Thursday lunch time with Mr Hamer

Please bring your lunch with you so you can make the most of the revision session.

SPARX Homework

Maths homework has now gone live on SPARX and will be set weekly. KS3 (Years 7-9) are expected to spend a minimum of 30 minutes per week on this and KS4 (Years 10-11) are expected to spend 60 minutes per week.

We have the following sessions available starting from w/c 23rd September for support:

Tues 3.20pm in 526 with Mrs Brankin

Wed lunchtime in 322 with Mr Taylor

Students may also access laptops from the library at lunchtimes if needed. We very much welcome support from home in encouraging our students to engage with this as regular practice is proven to help improve student progress in maths.

Maths Support Clubs:

Week A:

Extra-curricular WEEK A	MON		TUE		WED		THUR	
	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch
KS4 Intervention		BCL - Higher 308		LAL/RCU - Foundation - 314				
KS5 Intervention		UKA/EWI - 906						
SPARX and general maths support				SBR - 526	RTA - 322			
General maths support				LMC - 318				
Further Maths GCSE				NVO - 316				
MESME					Year 8 - LAL 314 Year 7 GB 320		Year 9 GBI - 320	

Week B:

Extra-curricular WEEK B	MON		TUE		WED		THUR	
	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch	Lunch	After sch
KS4 Intervention		BCL - Higher 308		LAL/RCU - Foundation - 314				
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Duke of Edinburgh's Award

All of Year 9 and 10 have had an assembly about DofE and now have the opportunity to sign up via ParentPay. The deadline is 4th October and once that deadline has passed, we will begin to register students with edofe. Once registered we will meet with the students and show them how to begin their journey through to the award and how to collect their evidence and upload it.

We have held a meeting for Year 9 parents and the recording of that is accessible by clicking the link you were sent to join the meeting.

Any further questions please email dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Biology

On Thursday our Year 13 A level biologists completed a field trip to Crowden to carry out practical work. They used a range of techniques to investigate the effects of different factors on the species found. The field work was led by the Peak Park Ranger Team and enabled our students to have specialist input and see some of the types of work carried out by conservationists in real life.



Music

QEGS is now a Music Mark School. This shows that, as a school, we are committed to providing a high-quality music education for our students. Music at QEGS is an exciting and diverse community of musicians who experience a wide variety of music, whether this is through individual instrumental or vocal lessons with highly specialist teachers, whole-class musical learning as part of the curriculum, performing in one of our co-curricular ensembles, or through studying GCSE and A-Level music. It truly is a joy to work with such talented young people.



**MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL**

2024 - 2025

We are still accepting applications for instrumental and vocal lessons. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone wanting to learn to play a brass instrument. Did you know that you can loan an instrument through the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership if you apply for brass lessons. Please email atkins@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk for further information.

A reminder that our comprehensive co-curricular program is now up and running. New starters are always welcome. It is a great way to use your instrumental or vocal skills, meet new people and have fun making music!!



Co-curricular in Music 2024-25 Lunchtimes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ukulele Club (RTU) 758 All years Instruments provided		School Show Vocal Rehearsal (CPE) 757 Show cast principals	QEGS String Ensemble (TAT) 758 All Years	Saxophone Group (NLI) 758 Clarinet Group (CRI) Practice Room 3



Co-curricular in Music 2024-25 After School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Show (CPE/TAT/SCO) 3.30-5.30pm Main Hall All years	QEGS Choir (CPE) 3.30-4.30pm 757 All years	Concert Band (TAT) 3.30-4.30pm 757 All years (Woodwind and Brass players of all grades)	Show Band (CPE/TAT) 3.30-4.30pm 757 Invitation only (senior ensemble)	Chamber Choir (CPE) 3.30-4.30pm 757 Invitation only (senior ensemble)

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/>

Macmillan Fundraiser

Staff at school enjoyed some delicious cakes as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning 2024, raising £92.59 for Macmillan cancer support. Thank you to the staff that organised and donated to this cause.



The Phantom of the Opera – Youth Group Production

A number of your students, Lucas S, Oscar D, Eleanor C, are performing in the upcoming production of Phantom of the Opera, at Derby Theatre from 7th to 11th November and they would appreciate your support.

Tickets are available now from Derby Theatre box office <https://derbytheatre.co.uk/event/phantom-of-the-opera/>

Alternatively, seats can be reserved and paid for later by telephoning the box office, groups of 10 will get the 11th ticket free of charge and a complimentary program will be made available to accompanying teachers, please let us know teacher numbers once you have booked.

Rugby

A big congratulations to Will and Alfie who are in the U16 Leicester Tigers rugby academy, having trialled and completed a season for the U15s last year they have impressed the coaches to remain in the squad for another season. We have also nominated 4 students from this year's u15s team for trials later this year, well done to Jonty, Isaac, Will & Kaylen.

Upcoming rugby fixtures:

30/09 - U15 v Trent College - Home - 3:45pm KO

01/10 - U18 v St Mary's College Liverpool - Away

11/01 - U12 & U14 v Lady Manners - Away

15/01 - U14 v Mount St Mary's - Home - 2:15pm KO

School Equestrian Team - NSEA

Our QEGS NSEA team took part in the National Championships qualifiers at Eland Lodge last weekend, where Team QEGS had some great results.

In the show jumping 70/75cm class - we had a great clear round from Ava-May Y to qualify for the National Champs.

In the 80/85cm class there was a field of 32 individuals and 7 teams, the QEGS riders put in a great team performance to qualify for champs in 2nd place in the team competition, completing on a zero team score. Team comprised: Brooke W-A, Chloe D, Jack F & Emily L. Jack F's round, finishing in 8th place overall also qualified him as an individual for the Plate competition. Ava-May Y competed as an individual and finished 12th.

In the 90/95cm the team comprising Brooke W-A, Chloe D, Emily L and Libbie A put in great rounds, each with an unlucky fence down, which placed the team in 3rd, narrowly missing out on 2nd place by just 5 seconds. 3rd place qualifies the team for the Plate competition.

Libbie A entered the 1.00m class as an individual and finished a brilliant 4th, so qualifies for the Championship.

A great start to the 24/25 NSEA season for Team QEGS. Thanks to parents for all their support in making this possible. Well done to everyone who took part.



School Canteen

Next week's menu is the following: -

Week 2:

<div>Lunch week 2</div> <div>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.</div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Ragu	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
<div> Meal Deal Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert <div> </div> £3.00 <small>All Our Meal Deals Sustainably Sourced & Delivered All Freshly Made On Our Street Cafe</small> </div>					

Languages

To celebrate the European Day of Languages (Thursday 26th September), Years 7 to 9 are being encouraged to greet one another using a different European Language to say 'Hello':



- Year 7 - Ukrainian: 'Привіт' (sounds like 'Pray-vit')
- Year 8 - Turkish: 'Merhaba' (sounds like 'Mair-ha-ba')
- Year 9 - Romanian: 'Bună ziua' (sounds like 'Boo-nah zee-wah')

They are also invited to take part in a fun activity that will help them get to know their teachers better: 'Find Someone Who...' with a range of different language-related criteria - only using 1 teacher per answer! For example, find someone who has lived in another country. Rewards and prizes on offer for a whole range of successful completion, including any who manage to complete without using a Languages Teacher for their answers!

Completed sheets to be handed in to your Languages Teacher or the Languages Office by Tuesday 1st October.

Find someone who...

European Day of Languages – 26 September

<p>...has a language A Level</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...can count up to 20 in another language</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...speaks another language at home</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>...can say their name in another language</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...has lived in another country</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...has family members in a different country</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>...can speak another language fluently</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...got an A* (grade 9) in an MFL GCSE</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...is currently learning a foreign language</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>...travelled abroad last summer</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...gets nervous when speaking another language</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>...learnt another language abroad</p> <p>_____</p>

(Hint: lots of possibilities here!)

The European Day of Languages celebrates linguistic diversity in Europe and promotes the importance of language learning.

Sonríe in Spanish

- Collect a blank copy from the **Languages Office at the back of 524**
- Ask your teachers over the coming days if they fit any of the categories. **Each teacher can only be used once!**
- Hand in to **your Languages Teacher/the Languages Office** no later than Tuesday next week (1st October)
- **Prizes** available for:
 - 1st / 2nd / 3rd place completed sheet per Year Group
 - Any sheet that is completed without a single Languages teacher
 - Best handwriting
 - Best additional illustrations/drawings

Madame Dyer and Madame Pontet ready and eager to welcome prospective students and parents alike to Languages with learning games and insights into our curriculum on Open Evening: A World of Adventures awaits!



Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 30th September – Year 7, 8 & 9 – Tutor Evening (in-person) 4pm – 6pm
- 1st October – Year 10 & 11 – Tutor Evening (in-person) 4pm – 6pm
- 1st October – Primary Sport
- 2nd October – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 3rd October – Year 12 Tutor Evening (in-person) 4pm – 6pm
- 4th – 11th October – Year 11 Geography Urban fieldwork trip
- 8th October – Primary Sport
- 8th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 10th October – Student Awards Ceremonies
- 14th – 18th October – Food Technology exams – NEA 1
- 14th October – Staff flu clinic
- 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

You may be aware that yesterday in school, a small number of students' actions jeopardised the safety and wellbeing of other staff and students. Whilst we have a vigilant safeguarding culture and incidents such as this are extremely rare, we have taken this very seriously and we have acted swiftly to sanction the students involved. A bigger concern in some ways, was the actions of a wider group who acted to encourage, incite and some who chose to use their mobile phones to film the actions of others. These students have also received significant sanctions.

We will not accept any behaviour from any student who chooses to make other students feel threatened and/or acts physically to harm another student. Sanctions will be significant for anyone who chooses to ignore this. Sanctions will also be significant for any student who chooses to breach our long-standing school mobile phone policy which is in line with the recent DfE advice. We want to support families in being able to communicate with their child during the journey to and from school. Also, at times in school, teachers will give permission for students to use their device for an educational purpose. However, a reminder for all students and parents: mobile phones should be turned off and out of sight (in bags) from when students arrive onsite each morning until they leave the school buildings at 3.20pm. Mobile phones will be confiscated if they are seen or used without the express permission of a member of staff. If mobile devices are used in any incident to put at risk the safety and wellbeing of others, they will be handed to the police to aid any of their investigation and follow up.

We want all students and staff to feel safe and happy at school. Please read though these details with your child and explain any concerns must be reported to a member of staff and no student should ever take actions into their own hands.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher