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4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #5

### Headteachers Afternoon Tea

Well done to the students nominated by their teachers for a hot chocolate and cake treat hosted by Mr Garrity and Mr Amps last Friday in the Boothby canteen.



### DofE

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, 27 of our students received their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award. The awards ceremony saw parents and staff watch the students receive their awards from our Chair of Governors Nick Moore and Deputy Headteacher Mr Amps. It was wonderful to see so many achieving their awards which, in some cases, had been completed within a year and others over 2 years. Each student has gained so many skills from doing so and have various stories to tell - mostly from the expeditions. All have worked hard to complete their own unique journey, and we hope to see them moving up the levels of the award in the future.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting too - we know there have been many extras involved with transport, sorting expedition kit and the pile of extra washing after each trip!! Well done to all.



### Sixth Form Open Evening

A final reminder that it is the Sixth Form Open Evening next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm until 8pm. Please can all parents and students arrive for 5.45pm in the main hall for the presentation from Mr Walker. We have a great evening planned for the Sixth Form Open Evening where you will get the chance to walk around the school site visiting areas of study for Sixth Form subjects, meeting with teachers to discuss the courses available to you. We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

## Careers Fair – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 will be visiting the Careers Fair during the afternoon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Years 10 and 11 students are invited along with parents/careers to come along from 5pm to 7pm as part of the 'Countdown to Success' event ([please see Yr10-11 'Countdown to Success' letter sent today](#)).

Representatives attending include colleges, universities, agricultural, Army, Navy, Police, apprenticeship options and large multinational companies. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, collect information of future routes for Post-16 and Post-18 options available to them.

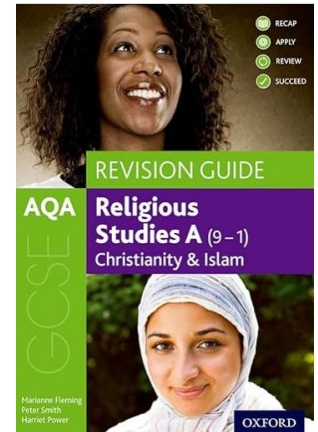
## Co-Curricular

Many of our co-curricular clubs and opportunities are up and running! There are lots to choose from - please discuss with your child what they might like to attend! Don't miss out!! [Please see the attached timetable](#).

## RS

Attention Year 11 students! Join us every Monday for dedicated RS revision sessions in Room 107 with Mrs Waker. These sessions are a great opportunity to enhance your understanding and preparation for your upcoming exams.

We also highly recommend the "AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide". This resource can be purchased via the Parent Pay Shop to help you effectively study and grasp key concepts. Do not miss out on these valuable sessions – let's ace those exams together!



## Congratulations

Licis Year 10 has secured a second season with Aston Villa women's Academy playing a year up this season for the U16s. Well Done!

## Land-Based Update

This week we saw 70 QEGS students from difference year groups attend the 118<sup>th</sup> Brailsford Ploughing Match.

Students were competing in ploughing or hedge laying, observing and/or interacting with trade stands and industry experts, across all areas of the local agricultural community.

One parent commented *'Thank you for arranging and supporting this very educational day in the farming calendar'*

We are so glad that our students had an enjoyable and educational day.





## Food Technology

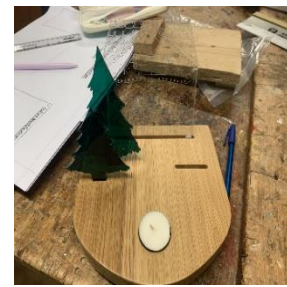
It has been wonderful getting back to cooking in our brand new food room! This week has seen students making cheesecakes, fruit salads, pasta and pizza. The students have loved using the new facilities.

Following on from last week's open evening, we are pleased to announce that the winner of our 'grime scene' competition was Olivia R from St Oswalds! Well done and thank you to all who entered.



## Design and Technology - Timber Tea Lights!

Our Year 10 GCSE Design Technology students have been busy making free standing Tea Light holders and we have truly spoilt them by giving them our stash of mahogany, oak and ash to work with! They are producing the most wonderful, high-quality outcomes. What a fantastic impression they have made with their first mini project!





## Sports Update

U18 Girl's National Cup - Well done on the girls win against a strong Painsley side. Goals from Bella, Emily and Mollie giving them a 3-2 victory. POM Sophie.



U13 Girl's National Cup. A massive 12-0 victory from these girls. Goals from Summer x 5, Mabel x 2, Scarlett x 2, Fliss, Rose and Ava. POM Mabel and Summer.

U14 Boys Rugby fought hard for a 24-24 draw, POM Dan P



U15 Boys National Cup. What a nail-biting game. The boys came from 2-0 to pull back to 3-2 up. In the last 7 minutes conceded to bring it to 3-3. In the dying seconds of the game just as the whistle was about to blow the opposition scored leaving us with a 4-3 defeat. Great second half boys!! POM and goals- Ihor.

U13 Boys National Cup -  
4-3 winners against John Port. POM Ryan P.



U15s Rugby against Lady Manners. QEGS coming away with a 36-24 win. Try's from Isaac x 3, Will, Milo & Eddie. POM Isaac.

Our first Primary event of the year - Year 5 and 6 football. What a wet day but a massive well done to all of our new Year 9 Sports Leaders you were fabulous. A big thanks to the Sixth Form and Year 10 helpers that stepped in to help too



## Canteen Rota

Next week from Monday and for the next 3 weeks, Yr9 will use the Boothby canteen Monday – Thursday, with Yr8 and 10 rotating on a Friday. Yrs 7/8/11 will use the main site.

## Sixth Form Update

A fantastic few weeks from QEGS Sixth Form. During tutor time this week, Year 12 have been starting to question careers post Sixth Form and looking into life skills in note taking. Year 13 have had an assembly lead by a tutor from Lancaster University, providing an overview about the university including the admissions process, the types of courses available and the different types of universities to consider i.e. campus, city. This is following our tutor and Lifeskills themes for Year 13 on post sixth form pathways having had degree apprenticeships talks last week

Four of our students took part in their gold duke of Edinburgh awards where Henry V, Lucas B, Barney T and William T explored in the DofE qualifying expedition in the Yorkshire Dales National Park through Rich Adventure from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024. They climbed the Yorkshire three peaks and completed over 70km whilst also writing a ghost story for 'our aim work, inspired by our expedition'. What a great experience for these four, well done.



Succeeding in more adventures - James P did fantastically well with his Gold DofE award in canoeing during some treacherous weather conditions, another fantastic achievement - well done.

Two of our students, Harry and Fallon gave their time to local elderly Ashbourne residents to effectively use technology in "tea and tech" sessions. This is to continue across the coming weeks - a great opportunity for students to give their time and expertise.

## Sixth Form Bursary

Sixth Form students may be eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary fund. If your household income is less than £37,000 per year. The Bursary fund can help support your child in multiple ways including transport to and from QEGS Sixth Form, revision guides, laptops/IT equipment, travel to open days for university and apprenticeships, school-based trips, uniform and stationery. Contact the Sixth Form Admin Team, [sixthform@qegs.email](mailto:sixthform@qegs.email) if you have any questions or think you might be eligible.

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 11 urban fieldwork trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Primary sport
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Sixth Form open evening 6pm – 8pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Award Ceremonies
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October – Food Technology exams – NEA 1
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – Staff flu clinic
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Countdown to Success and Careers Fair - Years 10 & 11 postponed from July, 5pm -7pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Primary sport
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Uniform pop-up shop from 3:30 – 5pm in the canteen
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 13 BTEC Business Bullring trip
- **24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term**
- **25<sup>th</sup> October – Inset (school open for staff only)**
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half term
- **4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school**



## School Canteen

Next week's menu is the following: -

Week 3:

<i>Lunch week 3</i>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Mexican Chicken & Rice	Beef Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Pork served with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Battered Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas & Mushy Peas
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b>	Vegetable Flatbread served with Potato Wedges	Broccoli Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with vegetables & potatoes	Vegetable Mince Keema	Vegetable & Mixed Bean Wrap served with Chips & Salad
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>STREET FOOD</b>	Vegetable Chow Mein	Chicken Fried Rice & Curry Sauce	Cheese Burger & Relish	Chicken Wrap served with mint yogurt	Southern fried chicken & Chips
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b>	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta Penne Arrabiata	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Bolognese Pasta Penne Arrabiata with Roasted Vegetables	Vegetable Fajita Pasta Piri Piri chicken Wings	Tomato & Basil Pasta Macaroni Cheese Pot
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b>	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sausage	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
<b>JACKETS</b>	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread
<div><div><b>Meal Deal</b> Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert</div><div></div><div><b>£3.00</b> <small>Includes 1/2 Pint Soft Drink</small></div></div>					

## 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/>

## Finally

We welcomed almost 400 families to our Open Evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September, our biggest number of visitors ever for an open event!! We are expecting a bumper year of applications and due to our Boothby expansion, we have the capacity to welcome families from out of our normal catchment for the next few years. Deadline for September admissions is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 via parents' Local Authority. We look forward to welcoming new and existing families Yr6 children next year!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity  
Headteacher