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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #11

Winter Safety

Students have been reminded in form this week on winter safety; wear a coat, bring a hat, gloves and scarf, plus taking care when travelling to and from school during dark mornings/evenings. Safe behaviour crossing the roads and waiting for school buses. Finally, please stay away from ponds, rivers and lakes frozen in this weather. Stay Safe.

Vaccinations – Thursday 28th November, Years 7 to 11 Students

The Vaccination Team have extended the deadline to give permission if you wish your child to receive the flu vaccination. Please complete by end of Sunday 24th November:

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/810a5634>

Children in Need

Children In Need 2024 - what a success! A huge thank you and well done to our fabulous Student Leaders who yet again organised a fantastic fundraising event. The grand total raised was £1086!

Thank you to everyone who donated. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the day with students showing their support by visiting stalls and taking part in activities or buying sweets and cakes. Our wonderful staff surprised students by dressing up - for the reason to simply make them smile. 😊



Year 11 Coffee Cart Visit Today

Year 11 students welcomed the coffee cart today and enjoyed hot chocolate and cakes. The reward is for their amazing conduct during the recent mock exams and trying their best. Students have also been supporting each other with studying and revision since September – a privilege to see – keep it up!



Religious Studies – Buddhism – Meditation Lessons

Year 8 students are currently studying Buddhism. This week, they had the chance to practice meditation during their lesson, starting with some yoga to help them relax and get into a comfortable position for meditation. The Buddha meditated under a Bodhi Tree to achieve enlightenment. Students had mixed reviews; "it was relaxing" "I felt sleepy" and "I would prefer to do it with no friends around".



New display in the Library

The library is prepared for the wintery weather with a great new display and book suggestions to borrow for all ages! Our Librarians are happy to recommend a great read.

Partnership With Schools in Hefei, China

In October, Ms Crofts had the fantastic opportunity to visit Hefei in China to visit different schools and experience the Chinese education system. We are pleased to share that our school has partnered with Hefei No. 6 High School and Hefei No. 168 High School in Hefei, China. The collaborations will provide opportunities for cultural and educational exchanges, including joint projects such as pen-pal programmes. These activities will enhance students' understanding of different cultures and languages. The partnerships will offer valuable experiences for both our school, community and our partners in Hefei. More information about an exchange and projects will come out soon!



Sixth Form Update

Due to the snow day, we have had to rearrange a couple of Sixth Form events. The JCB assessment centre is being rearranged for Year 13 students in the new year to help support their future applications. Year 12 have a rearranged Unifrog assembly next Tuesday 26th November.

All parents should have received a letter this week with details for the Unifrog system ahead of their preparation for work experience in July next year.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2024/11/Year-12-Unifrog-placements->

The four political parties will be coming into school to speak to the Year 13 students, before Christmas during form time. We would like to encourage Year 13 students to read through the political policies before this assembly to be ready to ask them questions about their policies.

Year 11 Sixth Form Applications

Year 11 are due to have their training on the Applicaa Sixth Form application system at the beginning of December. Our aim is for all students applying for QEGS Sixth Form to have completed their applications before Christmas in preparation for the Sixth Form taster day taking place on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Year 12 vs Year 13 Rugby Match

The highly anticipated Year 12 vs Year 13 rugby match took place on Friday 15th November. The final score was 19-7 to the Year 13s. Over £50 was raised towards the Year 13 prom as well as the charity fund.

Well done to the Sport Captains for organising this exciting match and to Emma W and Matha G for holding a cake and hot chocolate stall. Thank you to everyone who took part and came to watch.



County Champions!



The Year 7 rugby team are County champions! The boys had a great afternoon at the county championship at Derby Rugby Club on Monday! The team scored a total of 23 tries and conceded just the 1!

A massive well done to all the team and congratulations to Andrew F for receiving the player of the tournament award!

Equine Students

Our Year 11 Equine students have been honing a key skill for their qualification: caring for leatherwork and mastering the art of dismantling and reassembling bridles.

This hands-on learning not only prepares them for their weekly placement at local yards, but also sharpens the attention to detail and practical skills they will be assessed on as part of their qualification.

While it may seem a little unusual to see this in a school classroom, it is all part of the broad curriculum we offer at QEGS. If any Year 9 students would like more information about selecting 'Land Based - Equine' as one of their options, please speak to Mrs Sargeant or Miss Hindes!



Primary Sports



Tuesday 12th November, QEGS hosted 18 Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby teams, who played in 3 leagues of 6 teams and showed some exceptional play, passing, tagging and some lovely tries were scored.

QEGS love hosting the Primary Sport events and would love more Primary schools to attend. It is open to all primaries in our cluster and provides students with competitive opportunities that they might not get outside of school. Most primaries use their Primary School premium to fund the events and transport, and we think this is a fantastic way to use their sports budget.

Further info can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools>

Once again, thank you to our lovely Year 9 Sports Leaders, who run this event!

House Cross Country

The annual House Cross Country event took place last week. Over 500 students participated, competing for their House by completing a 2.5km course around Ashbourne Recreation Ground and the QEGS playing fields.

Congratulations to all the students that competed, but special mention to; Freya R, Dex B, Felicity d-S, Koby S, Dan M, Scarlett A, Frank W and Poppy R who all won their individual year group races.

The overall House results are shown below:

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Y7 Girls	Spalden	Boothby	Hull	Cokayne
Y7 Boys	Spalden	Cokayne	Hull	Boothby
Y8 Girls	Boothby	Hull	Cokayne	Spalden
Y8 Boys	Spalden	Boothby	Hull	Cokayne
Overall	Spalden	Boothby	Hull	Cokayne



Very well done to Spalden, who won 3 three out of four events and were the overall winners, taking an early lead in the quest for the QEGS House Cup!

Shoe Box Appeal Reminder

Still time to contribute to the Shoe Box Appeal for Ashbourne Rotary Club, in conjunction with Teams4U and Derby Rotary Club. Donations for the shoe boxes will be gratefully received in school or if students wish to create their own box at home - this is also fine. The boxes will be collected from school on Friday 29th November 2024.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust:

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Maths
- Deputy Head of Year

Further details can be found at: <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Next the week's menu is Week 3:

Lunch week 3

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	Mexican Chicken & Rice	Beef Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Pork served with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Skewer	Battered Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas & Mashy Peas
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Flatbread served with Potato Wedges	Broccoli Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Tost in the Hole with vegetables & potatoes	Vegetable Mince Keema	Vegetable & Mince Bean Wrap served with Chips & Salad
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD	Vegetable Chow Mein	Chicken Fried Rice & Curry Sauce	Cheese Burger & Relish	Chicken Wrap served with mint yogurt	Southern fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta Penne Arrabbiata	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Bolognese Pasta Penne Arrabbiata with roasted vegetables	Vegetable Fajita Pasta Piri Piri chicken Wings	Tomato & Basil Pasta Macaroni Cheese Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Pepperosi	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Load Chocolate Sponge	Apple Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread

Meal Deal
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert



£3.00
Includes 100% Recycled Paper Plate, Paper Cup & Paper Napkin

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 19th November – Primary Sports
- 25th November – Sixth Form applications open
- 25th November – ABRSM Exams
- 26th November – Primary sport
- 27th November – Uniform pop-up shop, 3.30 to 5pm, canteen
- 28th November Year 9 PTM
- 2nd December – QEGS Oscars, Year 13 CDM (new date)
- 3rd December – Primary event, Culture Day
- 5th December – Year 11-13 Art/Art Textiles Chatsworth trip
- 12th December - Carol Concert, 19.00-22.00
- 19th December - Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December - Christmas Service

Finally

We wish to say a BIG thank you to students, parents, carers and staff for their help and support throughout this week managing the wintry weather conditions. The productive learning environment which we have seen throughout this week has been a privilege to observe.

We would like to say a special thank you to our Site Team for their continued support to make the school site safe for all. Please take care over the weekend as the weather will continue to be challenging with Storm Bert on the way. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Matthew Walker
Deputy Headteacher

