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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #12

Santa has arrived at QEGS:

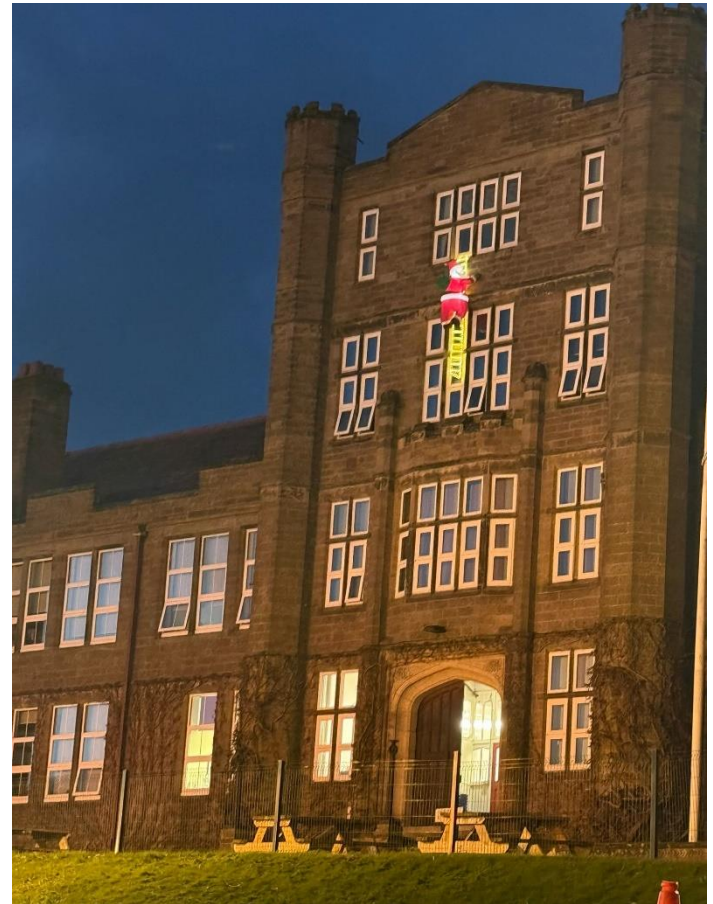
On a crisp winter night, beneath stars so bright,
Santa hatched a plan that gave him delight.
With a twinkle and grin, he thought, *What a tool!*
"I'll spread some cheer by sneaking in school!"

A shiny yellow ladder he propped by the wall,
Climbing so nimbly, not fearing a fall.
With sack on his back and boots that did squeak,
He chuckled, "This will be my finest sneak!"

Through the window he slid, as quiet as snow,
His beard catching glitter from the French room below.
He left treats in lockers, in desks, on each chair,
Hoping to spark some festive flair.

But the janitor spotted him—what a surprise!
"I know that red suit and those merry blue eyes!"
Santa just winked and said with a cheer,
"Don't tell the kids—just enjoy the year!"

Then down his bright ladder he climbed out of sight,
Shouting, "Merry school days, and to all a good night!"



Year 10 Development Group

Miss Morgan took the Year 10 Child Development group out to Parkgate Nursery. They have been studying developmental milestones and how play can help development. They were able to see this in action thanks to the Nursery. A big thank you to all the staff for welcoming us. Vicky is keen to invite us back again and encourage the next generation of childcare professionals.



Year 10 RS Lessons

Over the next fortnight, all Y10 students will be attending St Oswald's Church for their RS lesson. The lesson will be focused on the Eucharist and Baptism and will be led by their RS Teacher alongside Reverend Nigel Rode. We are really excited for this opportunity for students to link subject matter to practice. Students will register in their normal classrooms prior to walking down to the Church together.

Class	Date
10X1	P3 Tuesday 10 th December
10X2	P1 Wednesday 11 th December
10X3	P3 Friday 6 th December
10X4	P3 Wednesday 4 th December
10Y1	P1 Wednesday 4 th December
10Y2	P4 Thursday 5 th December
10Y3	P3 Monday 9 th December

Afternoon Tea

Sixty students enjoyed hot chocolate and cakes on Wednesday this week following invitations to Afternoon Tea for going above and beyond in lessons, doing their best and showing enthusiasm to learn. Students also participated in a 'Just Dance' session lead by Miss Hambly.



Senior Kangaroo Maths Challenge

Massive congratulations to Will T and Charlotte H on achieving a merit on their Senior Kangaroo maths challenge. This is the highest result anyone can get and only given to the top 25% of candidates in the country! We are extremely proud of their hard work and results. Well done.

GCSE Geography Revision Sessions

Every lunchtime, B-Week in R853. Each session will look at key content, exam practice and easy ways of getting more marks in your GCSE's. See Mr Machin for a lunchtime jump the queue pass.

Students visit Ashbourne u3a Art Appreciation Group

Head of Art, Miss Adams and 4 Year 12 students – Leo B, Lottie C, Megan C, Katie S, Daisy C visited the u3a Art Appreciation Group on Wednesday. Miss Adams gave an overview of the Art curriculum and how much choice the students have in the aspects of art they would wish to pursue. U3a member noted in the 1950s they had not been allowed to study art at A Level at their school and had to take Latin instead. The members had an opportunity to chat with the students and look through their portfolios. Thank you to all who attended.

Duke of Edinburgh's award

Please remember that support is available every Weds lunch in 314 with Mrs Wright. Everyone should be currently setting their personal goals and working through the edofe app. Ideally at least 1 section should be underway, and evidence being uploaded each time. Some students will be working on 3 sections at a time, but not all.

We will have some more D of E meetings/assemblies in the next 2 weeks - please keep your eye on notices.

More NSEA success

Another good weekend for the NSEA team with Libby winning the 90 cm class for Arena eventing at Eland Lodge and Brooke coming in 2nd in the 1 metre class. Both rode brilliant clear rounds.

Both students therefore qualify for the Hickstead championships in May!

As usual a huge well done to our riders and a big thank you to parents for all their support

Rugby update

The Year 11 Rugby team played against JCB Academy on Tuesday, the boys dominated the game from very early on in the match leading to some fantastic tries being scored, they continued to play some great rugby throughout the game with the final score finishing 49-0 to QEGS! Great work boys!

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
- Teacher of PE (Maternity Cover)

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

School Canteen –

Next week's menu is week 1 –

Lunch week 1

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	Crispy Chicken Wings served with potato wedges.	Beef Chilli Con Carne served with fluffy Rice & Tostito Chips	Roast Turkey served with Roast potatoes & Pan Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala served with steamed Rice	Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Plant based Vegetable Burger served with Cajun potato wedges	Vegetarian Chilli served with fluffy rice & Tostito Chips	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Bites	Vegetable spring rolls served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
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STREET FOOD	Phi Phi Chicken Wings	Roasted Vegetable Pita	Beefburger with Salad & Sauce	Chicken Tandoori Fajitas	Southern Fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Penne Arrabbiata	Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry	Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Phi Phi chicken Wings	Macaroni Cheese Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Banana Cake & Custard	Apple Crumble & Custard	Orange & Caramel Cooke

Meal Deal
Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert
£3.00

Upcoming Key Dates This Term -

- 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
- 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December - Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December - Christmas Service
- 20th December – last day of term

Finally

As we come to the end of another week at QEGS, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful moments of learning, achievement, and connection that have taken place. It has been a week full of energy and enthusiasm, both in the classroom and beyond.

Our students have been fully engaged in their studies, demonstrating hard work, creativity, and a true commitment to their personal growth. Whether through class discussions, projects, or hands-on learning experiences, it has been inspiring to see them so invested in their education. I would also like to celebrate the success of our extracurricular activities this week; from sports fixtures to music rehearsals, it has been heartening to see our students pursuing their passions and developing new skills. We are so proud of how they balance both academic excellence and personal interests.

Looking ahead, I would like to bring your attention to a key focus for next week: punctuality. We will be reinforcing the importance of being on time with all our students, and we ask for your support in encouraging this. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed, punctuality plays a crucial role in their academic and social development.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the deeply sad news we received earlier this week. One of our beloved ex staff members, sadly passed away. This has been a difficult time for all of us, and our thoughts are with their family and friends. Mr Illsley was a valued and cherished member of our school community, and their loss is felt by students, staff, and parents alike. It is during times like these that the strength of our school community becomes even more apparent. I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on the fragility of life and to remember the importance of supporting one another. We are, and always will be, here for each other.

It is important that we come together as a community, please continue to check in with your children, listen to their thoughts and feelings, and let them know there are staff in school able to support. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a restful and reflective weekend.

Yours faithfully



Matthew Walker
Deputy Headteacher