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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #14

Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all involved in the QEGS Christmas Concert last night. It was a fantastic evening of musical entertainment and, as always, the students shone like the star atop the Christmas tree. Thank you to all who came to support our students last night.



Rotary Young Musician Competition

Entries are now open for the Rotary Young Musicians Competition on 11th January 2025. It is always a lovely afternoon of music showcasing local young talent.

Please encourage your young musician to take part, for it is a chance to perform to a friendly small audience, to get some feedback from an experienced adjudicator, to listen and learn from each other - and a chance to win some money, or a big cup!

There is also the chance this year to be put forward for a bigger District Rotary concert on 25th January 2025.

Please note the different venue this year - in St. Oswald's Church Hall.

If you have participated before, please come again. If you have never done it - come and have a go!

Please note you can either take part as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, or both! Please let your teacher know if you are taking part. Please spread the word! Family and friends can come to support you. there is no charge to enter or watch. The Rotary fund this event for you.

Please return your form to Mrs Perry-Smith (details on the form sent attached to bulletin) before 8th January 2025.

Year 11 Careers talk

Charlotte Furniss from Assurant came in to speak to our Year 11 students last week. It was an inspirational talk, and Mrs Morgan would like to extend a huge thank you to Charlotte for finding time in her busy schedule to speak to our students. Her story was of her career journey from a degree in performing arts to her current role as Bid Manager and all that happened in between. She gave 5 excellent top tips for success in business and leadership:

1. Work hard - go above and beyond and be resilient
2. Build strong relationships at all levels of the business
3. Give and take and be flexible
4. Be authentic, honest and yourself
5. Be respectful and kind



Sixth Form Applications

On Monday 2nd December 2024, a welcome email was sent to all Year 11 students with a username to sign into the Applicaa system. This is the system used to apply to QEGS Sixth Form.

If your child is wanting to attend the QEGS Sixth Form taster day on the 15th January 2025, you must have applied to QEGS Sixth Form using the Applicaa system by Thursday 19th December.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with this please speak to your child's form tutor, Mr Walker or Mr Chow.

Sixth Form Taster Day

On Wednesday 15th January all Year 11 students who have applied to QEGS Sixth Form will take part in a Sixth Form taster day. This day will give year 11 students an insight into their chosen subjects and a chance to experience the culture of the QEGS Sixth Form. It is set to be a really interesting and exciting day. Next week the Sixth Form team will be visiting Year 11 forms to do final checks ahead of the deadline to attend the taster day. Please do get in touch with the Sixth Form team if you have any questions, queries or concerns.



Year 10 Church Lessons

Our Year 10 students have continued to explore the Eucharist and Baptism at St Oswald's Church thanks to Reverend Nigel Rode and Andrew Wright. This week students came up with some fantastically challenging questions for Reverend Nigel and the following won a caramel doughnut:

"What do you think to the decline in faith in the youth today?"

Derbyshire Dales Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students that represented QEGS in the Derbyshire Dales Cross Country Championships last week! The attitude and effort displayed by all of our runners was exceptional! QEGS won the Year 7 Girls team and Intermediate Girls team competitions, with the Year 7 boys, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Intermediate Boys teams all coming second. From an individual perspective, a special well done to the 30 runners who qualified to represent the Derbyshire Dales in the County Cross Country Championships, at Moorways, in January. Those that place in the top ten at this event will have the opportunity to represent Derbyshire in the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships in March. Finally, we would like to highlight the performances of Freya R (Year 7), Ben L (Year 7), Felicity dS (Year 8) and Poppy R (Year 11) who all won their individual races! Good luck to all in the next round!

QEGS running club is on every Thursday after-school and caters for all students that would like to start running or improve their running. We have several groups, so can cater for beginner, Couch to 5km level runners, all the way up to those that are more confident at running 7-8km, and we would love to see some new faces in the New Year.

Derbyshire Schools Team Table Tennis Championships.

Congratulations to the QEGS U13 Boys, U16 Boys and U19 Boys, who have all qualified to represent Derbyshire, at the Regional Schools Team Table Tennis Championships, at Wood Green Academy, Wednesbury, West Midlands on the 11th and 12th January. The teams played some highly ranked, national level, players in the qualifying round at Draycott Table Tennis Centre but responded with fantastic resilience and determination to qualify as a team.

Table tennis club currently runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes and all students are welcome to come along and play. We will also be holding a QEGS House Table Tennis competition in the New Year, for those that would like to play competitively at school.



First volleyball fixture VS Belper High - 5-3 win!

A handful of Year10 GCSE girls have been attending lunch club (Wednesdays - Sports Hall, Thursday - Gym) since September and we wanted to put their skills to the test. They recruited some Year 12s to help with numbers to form two teams who played a competitive match on Wednesday. There were some close games, but QEGS were victorious due to excellent teamwork and communication.

Message to Parents, Carers and Staff from Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, is asking YOU to help shape the future of local policing. As the Commissioner prepares the budget for 2025-26, she wants to know how much you're willing to contribute towards making your community safer.

If you haven't already had your say, please take a minute to complete the survey and let Nicolle know how you want to support the Police and protect your community.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Separately to this, the social media platform, SNAPCHAT, in conjunction with the charity Childnet, have just issued 'a new parent's guide to online safety'. This is a really useful guide which can be accessed here: [back to school booklet digital v8](#).

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Maths
- Deputy Head of Year

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

School Canteen

Next week's menu is week 3 –

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

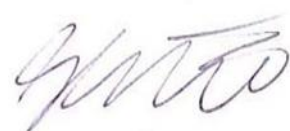
- 18th December – Sixth Form Xmas Fair, lunch and afterschool in the main hall
- 19th December – QEGS Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December – Year 7 Carol Service, St Oswald's Church
- 20th December – last day of term – only Yr7-8-9 onsite, Yrs 10-11-12-13 working independently from home due to staff attending Mr Illsley funeral
- INSET Days Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Term starts for all students Wednesday 8th January 2025

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 Stir-fry	Battered Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Pasta Mashed Peas
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Flatbread served with Potato Wedges	Broad Bean Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with vegetables & potatoes	Vegetable Mince Keema	Vegetable & Mince Bean Wrap served with Chips & Salad
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	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Load Chocolate Sponge	Apple Piejack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread
Meal Deal Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert  £3.00					

Finally

Thank you to parents and carers, staff and students for their positive engagement with our end of term festivities from Xmas jumper day, Yr11 Xmas shopping trip, Xmas lunches to the QEGS Christmas concert. Lots of students enjoying the end of term and being rewarded. Have a restful and safe weekend.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher