



5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 11 Christmas Shopping Trip - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

I am just writing to inform you about the itinerary for the upcoming Year 11 Christmas Shopping Trip to Sheffield Meadowhall. We are proud of the efforts the students put into their mock exams and the conduct they showed throughout. As a result, we feel as last year, that they deserve this rewards trip. However, it is important that students and yourselves read this letter to familiarise yourselves with the itinerary of the trip and our expectations.

Students are not expected to wear their school uniform on this trip, but they must come appropriately dressed, wearing suitable footwear and not wear items such as low cut or cropped tops. They must ensure they wear their school lanyard; it is important that they have this form of identification with them so staff at Meadowhall can easily recognise who they are and who to contact if there were to be any issues. If students require any medication, please ensure they have this with them and staff are informed.

It is important students arrive at the QEGS Bus Bay no later than 08:45 in order for us to be able to leave on time. Students will be registered, on the bus bay, by their tutors and we will be leaving for Meadowhall approximately at 09:00. Our Estimated time of arrival is 10:15. Once we have got off the coaches and into the shopping centre, students will be informed about the meeting point. A member of staff will always be at the meeting point if a student needs to speak to them. Students will also be informed that they are to stay in groups of a minimum of three whilst they are going around the shopping centre. They must stay in the vicinity of the shopping centre and not leave.

There is a 'winter wonderland' experience at Meadowhall, but this is outside of the shopping centre, so students are **NOT** allowed to go to this.

There is a cinema at Meadowhall, but if students want to watch a film, they will need to first get permission from myself before the trip. If the film is not age appropriate, or if the finishing time of the film could impact the time, they are supposed to meet staff, then they will not be allowed to go the cinema. There is a bowling alley, and crazy golf, students can go to this if they wish, but they need to consider what time they are due back at the meeting point.

Students will meet staff back at the meeting point at 13:15. We will then register the students before we leave and once again when we are back on the coaches. We will be leaving Meadowhall at approximately 13:45 and estimated to arrive back at QEGS for 15:00. Once back at QEGS students will be supervised until instructed to leave at approximately 15:20.

As previously stated, we expect that our Year 11 students continue to set a good example to the rest of the school. Please note that decisions about the involvement of any student on this trip or future whole school of year group trips and events can be decided at the discretion of staff should those expectations not be met.

Students have been informed about the criteria they need to meet to be allowed permission to attend this trip, you will receive communication if your child is at risk of not being able to attend. If they fail to meet the criteria and you have already paid, then you will receive a refund.

We are looking forward to the students having this experience with their year group and finishing the year on a positive before the Christmas break.

Should you have any queries, or you do not wish your child to attend this trip and to be supervised in school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hamer [hamer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:hamer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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**Head of Year 11**