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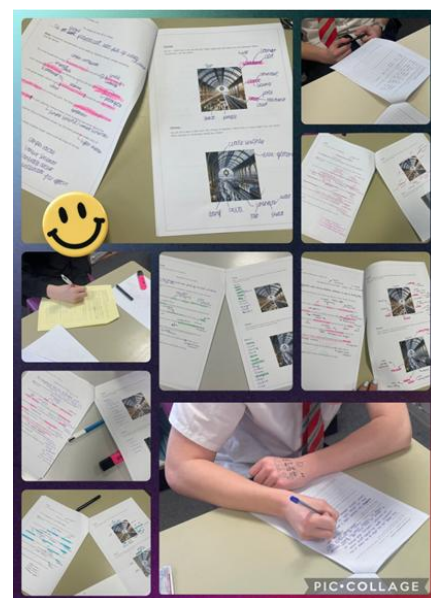
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #17

Year 11 taster days this week

Thank you to all Year 11 students for engaging so well with our taster days this week. Whether it was to see QEGS Sixth Form or explore other options. A small number of Year 11 students are planning on a different route to QEGS Sixth Form Post-16. These students spent the day on Wednesday in very small groups getting an intensive revision session in each of the core subjects. They also spent a session with Miss Morgan and Lydia from Luminate Careers (this is the company we use to deliver our impartial careers advice). Quote from Miss Morgan 'It was such a useful day for these students. Students had one to one support and guidance tailored to their stage of decision making. The kind of things Lydia and I helped with ranged from; additional careers advice, help to prepare CVs, help submitting applications to college and for apprenticeships, help to prepare for upcoming college and apprenticeship interviews. Some students were ahead of the game and have already applied, been interviewed and secured places, these students planned out their revision schedule to ensure they meet the entry criteria for wherever they want to go. I was so proud of how they have taken on board the advice and guidance they have been given, and all have been taking their planning and research very seriously and maturely. I wish them all the best. I hold a drop-in session every Monday B week in Rm526 for any students requiring additional help.'

Well done to all the Year 11 students who took part in the English sessions on the Alternative Routes Day (that ran alongside the Sixth Form Taster Day). Lots of great work on developing writing skills especially and targeting those grades that are key to their next steps after GCSEs. They were a pleasure to work with.



Mosque visits

Year 11 students visited Jamia Mosque in Derby to enhance their knowledge and understanding of Islam as part of their Religious Studies. During the visit, students were able to ask questions, observe the prayer areas, and gain a deeper understanding of Islamic traditions. Afterwards, students had the opportunity to purchase samosas for their journey home which went down well!



Update to Year 11, GCSE NEA 2 Food Technology practical exam dates

The dates for the practical Food Technology exams will take place on the following days in school and students will be informed of their allocated day to complete the exam.

- 07.02.25
- 11.02.25
- 12.02.25
- 13.02.25

D of E Bronze update

Please be aware that the initial payment for the expedition part of the award is now overdue. Financial support IS available if students are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals. We also have equipment to lend out to any participant too.

DofE also provide a discount card for students which is valid for several shops including 'Go outdoors'.

Charity shops can be a great sources of good quality equipment.

Expeditions dates will be Thursday 8th – Friday 9th May 2025 and Thursday 5th -Friday 6th June 2025

Here is a reminder of the costs.

DofE Costs;

If for some reason your child cannot attend the dates stated above, please let me know as soon as possible via email (wright@qegs.email). Costs for the expeditions are not refundable, however further opportunities to undertake the Expedition Section of the Award may be available to students next year.

The cost for the Bronze Expedition section of the Award is **£225.00** (this includes both trips, camping and the online and in person training). Costs are kept to a minimum and the academy does not receive any profit from this. Most of the costs are for assessors/supervisors, qualified staff with Mountain Leader qualifications with many hours of experience in their field. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award risk assessment and safety requirements now insist that qualified and approved staff must be used.

Payment for the Expedition must be paid via Parent Pay.

50% due by 4th Jan 2025.

50% due by 28th Feb 2025

If parents and carers have any questions or require financial support, please email Mrs Wright wright@qegs.email .

Sport fixture update

A mixed Under 15 & Under 16 netball team travelled to Repton on Tuesday to face their Under 18 A squad.

The girls took a little while to settle into the game but came away with a 22-20 win. Player of the match Maizie G.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

QEGS current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Maths
- Cover Supervisor
- Administrative Officer
- Deputy Headteacher

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 3 –

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 20th – 24th January – Year 12 mock exams
- 28th January – Year 9 Booster vaccinations
- 29th January – uniform pop-up shop, 3:30 – 5pm, school canteen
- 4th February – Year 8 Art, Pitt River Museum visit
- 4th February – Primary Sports, athletics
- 9th February – Year 7, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat theatre trip
- 7th, 11th, 12th & 13th February – NEA 2 exam days for Food Technology
- 12th February – Year 12 & 13 Sports Science trip to Derby Uni
- 14th February – Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings onsite
- 17th to 28th February – Year 11 mock exams
- 20th February – Year 13 Parent Teacher Meetings onsite
- 21st February – Year 12 & 13 Experimental Physics trip to Sheffield Hallam
- 25th February – Primary Sports, netball
- 26th February – Primary Arts Day
- 28th February – Year 13 Business trip to Bullring
- 28th February – Last Day of Spring 1 Term

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 whenever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Meatless Chicken & Rice	Beef Bourguignon served with Crusty Bread	Meatless Pork served with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetables Steady	Sautéed Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Pasta Saucy Pies
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Fajitas served with Potato Wedges	Beefless Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Toast in the House with vegetables & jam	Vegetable Mince Korma	Vegetable & Bean Soup served with Chips & Buns
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD	Vegetarian Chow Mein	Chicken Fried Rice & Curry Sauce	Cheese Burger & Fries	Chicken Wings served with hot sauce	Southern Fried Chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Cheese Pasta	Tomato & Mushroom Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	*Pasta Available	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Piri Piri Chicken Wings	Moussamou Chicken Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita	Margherita	Margherita	Margherita	Margherita
	Pepperoni	Ham & Tomato	Chicken & Sweetcorn	Hot & Spicy	BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Red Chocolate Sponge	Apple Fritter	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread

Meal Deal
Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert

£3.00

Finally


We said thank you and farewell to Mrs White (Admin Officer) last week as she moved into a new role with DCC. We also want to thank Mr Amps (Deputy Headteacher) who leaves QEGS, and we wish him good luck in his next venture. Whilst we recruit new colleagues, there are some temporary changes to roles and responsibilities:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead until further notice will be Mr Garrity
- Mrs Starkie is also working closely with the Pastoral Team and supporting Heads of Year and Deputy Heads of Year
- Leadership Team links for Year Groups 7-11 are:
 - Year 7 - Mrs Starkie
 - Year 8 - Miss Ward
 - Year 9 - Miss Robinson
 - Year 10 - Mrs Walker
 - Year 11 - Mr Walker
- First point of contact for parents/carers remains your child's Form Tutor

We had a great start to the term last week and we have continued in the same vein this week too. Year 13 have been sitting their exams and Year 12 have their exams next week – good luck all!

Now the cold weather has cleared, school sport is back in full flow and lots of fixtures are already complete or in the planning. Other clubs and activities are also up and running and getting busier each week – please check out the school co-curricular schedule on the website – encourage your child to get involved in something and/or ask us to start up something new if we don't have it already!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher