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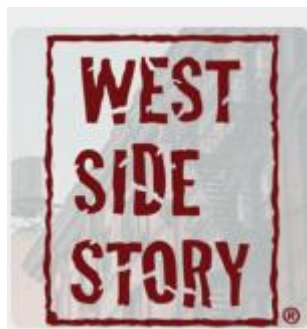
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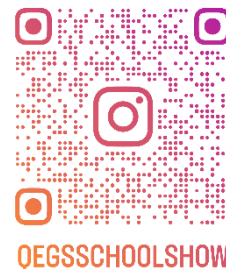
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #25



West Side Story – tickets available

Next week is school show week! Please come and support our fabulously talented students in their performance of **West Side Story**. Students have worked hard with staff to learn and rehearse the performance ready for show week. Tickets are available via www.qegs.link/tickets for each evening performance from **Wednesday 26th March - Saturday 29th March, from 7:30pm**. View our Instagram for updates on the rehearsals so far



https://www.instagram.com/qegsschoolshow?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=ZDNlZDc0MzIxNw==

Blue Multimedia Workshop

Last Friday, our CDM students had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with Blue Multimedia, a production company specialising in live broadcasting. With global experience and a portfolio that includes working with celebrities such as Tom Jones and Roger Moore, Blue Multimedia provided our students with hands-on experience using professional equipment, including broadcast cameras and a mobile broadcasting studio. Together, the students produced mock interviews, which they directed and filmed themselves. Rumour has it that something rare has been uncovered in Ashbourne! Everyone had a fantastic time and had the chance to ask industry professionals insightful questions about working in media and the potential career paths they could pursue in the field. A huge thank you to Blue Multimedia for offering our students such a unique and valuable opportunity!



Pi Day competition winners

Well done to the below students for competing in the Pi Day competition last week with Zach B reciting to 280 decimal places, amazing!

Pi Decimal Places

Y11	Zach B	280	Y7	Oliver FA	21
Y9	Penny T	165	Y13	Ewan B	20
Y8	Callie L	100	Y8	Lucy H	19
Y11	Naor V	56	Y8	Sam W	19
Y8	Hugo F	46	Y8	Evie B	17
Y10	Harri Q	45	Y8	Elsie C	15
Y9	Thomas S	39	Y8	Alissia D	15
Y7	Scarlet S	36	Y8	Abi C	14
Y10	Beatrice G	31	Y8	Grace C	13
Y9	Clio OI	26	Y8	George W	11
Y8	James B	25	Y7	Kyanne O	11
Y10	Ayaan J	21			

Year 11 Geography Revision

As we continue to move towards the GCSE exams, I would like to inform you of the continued support and resources available to our students.

Geography Revision sessions will be taking place on:

A Week Monday Lunchtime Rm 103. The focus will be on UK Human Landscape, the last topic we completed.

B Week Tuesday Lunchtime Rm 103. The focus will be on exam practice and technique.

We also have a wealth of resources available to support students in the 'files' section on our GCSE Geography Teams page, this includes revision guides and workbooks, past exam papers, key word lists, textbook pages and lessons taught.

To help with access to specific topic-based revision resources, please use this excel file [GCSE Geography Revision Hub.xlsx](#) that contains links to incredibly useful resources to support our students further.

Year 11- History Revision: Maximise Exam Success

As we move closer to the GCSE exams, please encourage History students to make the most of the support available to them during this time.

- Cold War sessions- Monday and Tuesday 3:25pm in Rm 854.
- Lunch time revision sessions in Rm 854 -
A Week: Tuesdays, B Week: Thursdays.

Students can bring their lunch with them to these sessions and skip the queue passes are available for Boothby!

Please also encourage students to be using the Year 11 History Teams page as there are many resources here to help support students with their independent revision.

**YEAR 11-GCSE
HISTORY REVISION
NEEDS YOU!**



Where: **BOOTHBY 854.**

When: **A Week Tuesday Lunch time.**

B Week Thursday lunch time.

Please bring lunch with you.

Rewards will be given for attendance and participation.

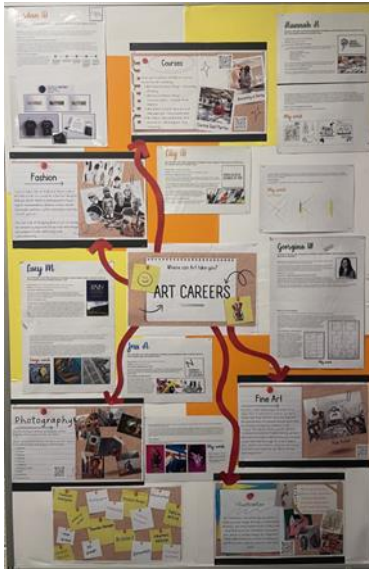
SUCCEED IN YOUR HISTORY GCSE



Year 13 students visit Sheffield Hallam University

On Wednesday, our Year 13 A-Level Biology students visited Sheffield Hallam University as part of their outreach programme. They had the exciting opportunity to use state-of-the-art lab facilities to carry out key practical techniques from the A level syllabus, including PCR, gel electrophoresis, and blood typing. Working within a real-world scenario, finding a donor match for a kidney transplant, students applied their knowledge of DNA and gene technology in a hands-on setting. In the afternoon, they attended a taster lecture and participated in a Q&A session, gaining valuable insight into university-level biology. It was an inspiring and educational day for all!





Art linked careers post-QEGS

Interested in further study or a job in a creative field? Our new careers display in the Art department highlights some of the many paths that Art students can take post-QEGS, along with real-life testimonials from former QEGS Art students. Come and take a look!

PE updates

On Monday, the KS3 girls' rugby team competed in their first T1 rugby tournament at Melbourne Rugby Club. QEGS took enough girls to have two teams entered in the competition, winning 3 out of the 5 games played. They also got to meet Loughborough Lightning rugby player Megan Davey! Well done to all involved and keep an eye out for more girls rugby next year!

The Years 7 and 8 boys rugby teams were in action against Ecclesbourne on Tuesday afternoon in what turned out to be two very competitive matches. Stand out performances from Felix in Year 7, and Joey in Year 8, but a massive well done to all players involved!



Congratulations to the U15 girls who competed in the County Indoor Cricket finals day, at Derbyshire Cricket Club this week. They played very well, but got beat by an excellent Repton team in the semi-final, before beating Friesland in the 3rd/4th place game to claim the bronze medal! The girls displayed an amazing attitude and excellent effort levels throughout!



BTEC Sport and Exercise Science Success!

On Thursday morning, students received results from their January exams in both Physiology and Functional Anatomy units. They worked very hard from September to January and achieved some outstanding results. 10/16 students received at least one distinction and 7/16 received distinctions in both units. We are unbelievably proud of their efforts and threw a little breakfast party to celebrate!



QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Currently live for QEGSMAT vacancies:

- <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 2 –

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/canteen/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- Monday 24th March – Meet Mr Walker, Deputy Headteacher, Boothby Campus, 2:15pm to 3:15pm
- 24th to 29th March – School Show week ‘Westside Story’
- Tuesday 25th March – Bronze DofE training – meal prep
- 31st March to 4th April – Year 10 Spanish, Madrid trip
- Tuesday 1st April – Primary Sports, netball
- Wednesday 2nd April – Pop up uniform shop, Canteen, 3:30pm to 5pm
- Friday 4th April – last day of Spring term

Finally

We want to thank parents and carers for attending our Parent and Teacher Meetings (PTMs) for their child’s year group this year. Following a few years of virtual meetings and in response to parental feedback, we wanted to trial ‘in person meetings’ again. It has been a resounding success and attendance figures have rocketed, thank you! Seeing parents with their child really gives teachers a chance to discuss what is going well and any areas for improvement. It has also enabled parents and carers to see the school site and to meet up with other parents and students.

We are also re-launching our coffee mornings and meeting key staff events. Starting with Meet Mr Walker (Deputy Headteacher) on Monday 24th March, 2.15-3.15pm at the Boothby Campus. This will be followed by meet the SENCO and other key themed events to provide an informal opportunity for parents/carers to have a tea/coffee and a chat with some of our staff.

The weather has been fantastic, and we have ended the week with lots of fundraising activities for Comic Relief and students wearing their red PE kits for the day. **Well done everyone, thank you #teamqegs**

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher