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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #28

Year 7 Rewards Assembly

Year 7, you've smashed it! We've celebrated your hard work and positive vibes at our Rewards Assembly this week for the BEST of the best! Shoutout to our stars who:

- Entered the Spirited Arts RS Competition
- Had ZERO lates
- Rocked 100% attendance
- Scored NO negatives
- Ranked in the Top 10 for positives
- Wowed us in the Poem/Short Story Competition

We are so proud of you — keep up the great work!



Year 11 Easter Revision

It was great to see so many amazing Year 11 students take time out of their Easter holidays to attend our RS revision session. Year 11 students sit paper 1 which includes the following topics: Christian Beliefs, Islamic Beliefs, Christian Practices and Islamic Practices on 13th May. That's 2 weeks on Tuesday!

Mrs Walker and Mrs Waker will be running sessions on Wednesday after school and Thursday lunchtimes. You can also find both Teachers at the start of lunch on Level 1 if you require any help or want any past paper questions marked.



Year 11 Maths Drop Down Day

On Thursday the 24th April over 50 students were involved in a Maths Drop Down day where they attended additional sessions to support with preparation for their upcoming Maths GCSE exams. These sessions were delivered by subject specialists from both QEGS and the wider Trust.

We would like to thank the staff involved in delivering the sessions; Ms Vora, Mrs Foster, Mr Hudson and Mr Moore. Also, a very big thank you to the students involved who engaged with the sessions positively and made great use of this opportunity.

We are also continuing to run our additional intervention sessions after school on Mondays (Higher) and Tuesdays (Foundation). We would love to see more students attending these in the run up to exams. Also, please remind students to refer to the revision support booklets that were handed out before Easter to help support with independent revision at home.

A special lunchtime treats for our Year 11s on the maths dropdown day yesterday – chips! Needed after all their hard work. We are so proud of all the effort and enthusiasm from our students and staff and we're excited to see what Year 11 will achieve this summer.



We wish all of our students the best in their exams.

Still time to enter 'The Big Green creative writing competition'

Students are invited to celebrate nature, care for the environment and create a better world for the future by writing a poem or mini saga (a story told in up to 100 words) that gives young voices a chance to be heard by being published in our school bulletin. **What would you stop or change to help planet Earth?** This is an amazing opportunity to explore climate change and learn about the local environment as well as help you understand the impact of our actions from dropping litter, or recycling, to the destruction of rainforests, and supporting Fair Trade. We encourage all young writers to believe that they can change their world. Writing a poem or story is the first step in being heard and we are ready to listen. Please speak to an English teacher or the librarians if you would like any help or inspiration! **Submit your entries to the library by Tuesday 6th May.** Good luck

Volunteers to help support Year 10 students' Careers and Employability Day

Thank you to parents/carers already volunteering to help on Friday 18th July 2025 with the Year 10 Careers and Employability Day – Ms Morgan and Mrs Bramwell are still seeking more willing volunteers; Year 10 students will have the opportunity to listen to occupational talks and take part in mock interviews from a variety of business/professional representatives providing 10-minute talks during the morning to small groups and/or to ask the questions provided by school in the mock interview during the afternoon. If you would like to support the day, please contact Mrs Bramwell via enquiries@qegs.email and further information will be provided.

Chess tournament

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the chess tournament which started this week on Thursday at lunchtime in the canteen.

The matches will be listed on a poster which will be displayed in the canteen at AM break so please come and check who you are playing and when.

Good luck and enjoy!



Reminder for DofE students

DofE Bronze and Silver expeditions are coming up in 2 weeks' time! Bronze students have had their final training and equipment they are borrowing has already been given out.

Silver award students have their final training on Tuesday 29th April which finishes at 4pm. They will also be given the equipment that they are borrowing for their expeditions. Reminder of upcoming dates below:

- Silver expeditions are Weds - Fri 7th and 9th May
- Bronze are Thurs - Fri 8th and 9th May

Just a gentle reminder that consent needs to be completed on the Rich adventure website as they are providing all our support and instructors.

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

- 28th April to 2nd May – GCSE & A Level Music Recording
- 29th April – Silver DofE training (equipment)
- 29th April – Primary Sports, Quad Kids
- 1st May – Year 12, University Experience Day at Sheffield Hallam
- 5th May – Bank Holiday, school closed
- 7th May to 9th May – Silver DofE practice expedition
- 8th May to 9th May – Bronze DofE practice expedition
- Friday 9th May – GCSE exams commence
- Friday 9th May – Year 13 Leavers' Day
- Monday 12th May – A Levels commence
- Tuesday 13th May – Primary Sports, cricket
- Wednesday 14th May – Primary Arts, Day 2

Finally

We have had a great week returning to school. A busy week in a busy term already!

Don't forget to follow our school social media accounts for lots of daily updates and more news of student successes and achievements from #TeamQEGS:

Keep up to date by following us on **Twitter/X** like us on **Facebook** or follow us on **Instagram**.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Garrity', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark.

Scott Garrity
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