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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #39

Race 4 Life – Friday 11th July

A massive well done to the Max P and the Year 12 Business BTEC class for organising and hosting this years Race 4 Life event. The team have been busy working behind the scenes to ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible as one of their units for the BTEC Business Level 3 qualification. The event saw each year group run, jog or walk around their carefully thought-out course before getting the opportunity to enjoy, BBQ, Ice Cream, treats and a variety of different stalls and games organised by our school and sixth form councils. An enormous £1,908 has been raised for Cancer Research so far, however our JustGiving page will remain open for a final week, if you wish to contribute. Well done Year 12 BTEC Business students and well done everyone that participated and raised sponsorship money for this great cause.

JustGiving Link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/qegs-btecbusiness-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015&fbclid=PAQ0xDSwLlpvFleHRuA2FibQlxMQABp-M6H83NvlXztujT0p9wsNXXVB_7m0-C52E3QBzksfvYILNVPekM3Q6CKhUX_aem_MMb4gcY9nSNU3yNO3O0NpQ



Year 12 student volunteering in Ghana

This summer, Year 12 student Izzy T, takes part in a life-changing volunteering trip to Ghana with Scouts. Izzy will be working on teaching and maintenance projects to support local communities, helping in schools, delivering lessons, and contributing to vital improvements in classrooms and facilities. The trip is all about making a lasting impact while stepping out of the normal comfort zone to experience a completely different culture. Izzy is especially excited to learn from the people the group will meet, build connections, and return with a new perspective on global education and development. Izzy cannot wait to share what they will achieve and will update the school community on her return. School is sending Izzy with a large suitcase of school resources to provide children with much needed sport and classroom equipment – from chalks to footballs.



Creative Writing Competitions

Wow! We have some talented writers in our school. *Appreciating the Natural World*, comprised of creative writing from students and staff. Congratulations to Year 7 - Flori P, Flora C, Ella Z), Year 8 - Rose D, Zofia H, Amelia S, an anonymous Year 11 student, and Benjamin R Year 11, who will all take part in a creative writing **workshop with a professional writer** in the new school term, as a reward for their efforts.

Year 7 students Erin L, Olivia A, Oliver R, Lily W, Freya B and Year 8 students Felicity W and Edward V, will also join them for winning the World Book Day creative writing competition earlier this year.

Mia in Year 9 also wrote a meaningful speech about protecting the environment. What's most impressive is that Mia managed to write that in 40 minutes during her English mock exam! It is both inspirational and refreshingly practical about how and why we should do better for our planet.

There is still time to enter to enter the English Department's current competition: **Flash Horror QEGS Short Story Competition**. Write 500 - 1000 words on your worst future Dystopian scenario and match your story to horror and fantasy genres only. Submit your entry (handwritten or typed) to the horror box in room 210 on Level 2 by 12.15 on Wednesday 23rd July 2025. Winners will receive immortal fame and selected prizes!

Happy writing!

Year 12 Geography field trip

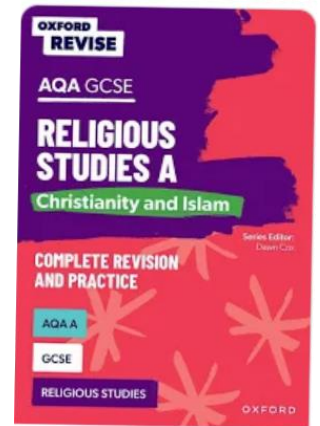
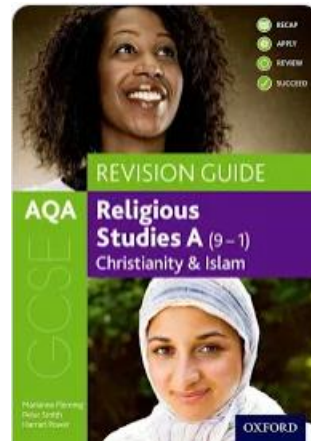
Year 12 Geography students had a wonderful four-day residential field trip this week to collect data for their upcoming coursework, focusing on regeneration in Liverpool and Chester, hydrology and flood management in Llanrwst as well as coastal processes and management in Conwy. The inevitable Welsh weather didn't dampen the spirits of the students who were amazing throughout the entire trip, it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with a wonderful group. Whilst the essential element of the trip to collect data, the experience of a residential, social interaction and different places to visit were equally as important. Thank you to Mr Machin and Miss Tomlinson for giving their considerable time and energy to support the trip.



Year 10 drop down day

This week on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Walker, Mrs Waker and Miss Wilband ran drop down days for Year 10 students in order to provide extra support and curriculum time for their GCSE course. Students were amazing and engaged well with the Religion and Relationships unit - getting to grips with debates around 'Gender Equality' and 'The Nature and Purpose of Families' to name a few topics! We were really impressed with how hard students worked and the commitment shown.

We would like to advise all students to get prepared over the summer break for Year 11 RS by ensuring they have a relevant revision guide. We recommend either of the ones below which focus on the Religions and Ethical Themes we study at QEGS. Well done Year 10, we look forward to seeing you in Year 11 RS.



Athletics at Moorways Centre

On Friday 11th July, QEGS competed in the Derbyshire Dales Athletics event at Moorways. Over 120 students took part.

The weather was extremely warm but that didn't stop the students competing to a high standard.

There were lots of new PB's and QEGS came away winners of the event overall.

Well done everyone and a special thanks to Jo and Freya for their help on the day.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Inclusion Officer

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 1 –

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 21st to 24th July – Year 10 & Year 12 Work Experience
- 24th July – Year 7, 8, 9 trips and in school activities day.
- 24th July – Last day of term
- 4th & 5th September – INSET Day (school open for staff only)
- 8th September – Students return for Autumn Term, Year 7 only
- 9th September – Years 7, 10 and 12 only
- 10th September – All students in school

Finally

Such a busy week with trips and visits, World of Work for Year 10, the junior show and much, much more, I am sure we are all ready for the weekend.

On another note, please remind your child that canned drinks and in particular, energy drinks are not allowed on the school site. They will be confiscated.

In addition, offsite also concerns me with the increasing trend of students visiting local stores on the way to school to purchase and consume high sugar content products and energy drinks. The cans of energy drinks contain on average 23g of sugar per can! With a sugar rush comes a sugar low, dental problems and other health concerns. Please check what your child is spending, eating and drinking before they arrive at school and on their way home. We want all our students to be healthy and happy, now and in the future.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher