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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Weekly Bulletin #31

ITV News Social Media Experiment – A Proud Moment for #TEAMQEGS

Wow – we feel incredibly lucky to have been involved in the recent doing without Social Media experiment with ITV news. Our students were outstanding throughout: committed, honest, and absolute naturals on camera.

The ITV team commented repeatedly on how impressive our students were, both in their approach to the challenge and in how they represented the school. They truly showcased the very best of our school. A sincere thank you goes to all the students involved, as well as their parents and carers, for their support and willingness to take part in such a powerful experience. Together, they have helped show the nation what TEAMQEGS is all about.

You can catch up and share the feature with others here: www.qegs.link/itvnews0526



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Year 11, Well done!

A big well done for your excellent behaviour, focus and strong attendance during your exams so far—you've represented yourselves really well. Our exam invigilators have commended all our Year 11 students on their conduct, effort and attitude.

Enjoy a restful and productive half term: take time to recharge while maintaining a good balance with your revision. When we return, it's about locking in, leaving nothing to chance, and giving every exam your very best. We're proud of you—keep going.

Assessments for years 8, 9 and 10

Towards the end of the GCSE and A level exam season next half term, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will take part in a series of formal assessments. Some of these will be held in the sports hall, giving students a valuable opportunity to experience exam conditions, routines and expectations in a supportive setting as they prepare for future GCSEs.

The timetable for the assessments is attached to the bulletin.

Key assessment information:

- **Year 10 (w/c 15 June): English, Maths, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics papers) and RS**
- **Year 9 (w/c 22 June): English, Maths and Science**
- **Year 8 (w/c 22 June): Geography and History**

Assessments in other subjects will take place within normal lessons during the assessment window.

Assessment windows are:

- **Year 10: 8–19 June**
- **Years 8 and 9: 22–26 June**

These assessments are designed to be meaningful while helping students build confidence and experience ahead of GCSEs. We encourage all students to prepare well, revise, attend school consistently, and approach these assessments with a positive and focused mindset.

Year 9 Options confirmations

Emails are being sent out today confirming Year 9 students' option choices for Year 10. Please use the form linked in the email, to confirm that you are happy with these. Any questions, please email Miss Ward (Ward@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Sixth Form news

A huge well done to Mr Hughes' Year 12 tutor group for organising this week's 'Fun Friday' Sixth Form activity. They did a fantastic job of running a good old-fashioned game of bingo, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. We are already looking forward to next half term, when each tutor group will take turns leading their own 'Fun Friday' activity.

A reminder to all Year 12 students that mock/progress exams will take place during the w/c 8th June. Over the past few weeks, students have received lots of advice and guidance during lessons, assemblies, and tutor time on how and what to revise. This has included support with creating effective revision timetables, completing past papers, and preparing thoroughly for each subject.

When Year 12 students return after half term, the old common room will also be set up as an exam hall, giving students the opportunity to complete past papers in real exam conditions on the lead up to mock week. We hope this will support student to continue their focus, build confidence, and ease any worries they may have about the exams.

The Ripple Effect



We are incredibly proud of Isobel B, Year 9 contribution to a local community Arts project called 'The Ripple Effect'. The project explored how reclaimed materials can be used to challenge fast fashion and encourage more sustainable choices. As part of the project, Isobel upcycled a denim jacket, learning new textile and design skills along the way, and then modelled her work at the community fashion show at Riddings Community Centre on Friday 8th May. This took a great deal of confidence, resilience and commitment.

She also spoke at the event, encouraging participants to think about their 'circle of control' and the small actions individuals and families can take to make a meaningful difference. She shared examples of changes she has introduced herself and encouraged others to think more carefully about our own habits and choices.

We look forward to hearing more about Isobel's work on the project following the half-term break.

Moorways athletics

Well done to the athletes who took part in the Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire combined events championships at Moorways this week. Each student competed in 5 events: Hurdles, shotput, long jump, high jump and 800m and gave it their all.

A big well done to Joey who placed 4th, Koby 2nd and Felix for winning the competition and all receiving an invite to represent Derbyshire in the next round.



Skins event

Hara, Year 7 attended the Staffordshire swimming Skins & Relays event last weekend, at Sandwell. This is a fast-paced elimination-style sprint over 50 metres swimming. Hara was selected to enter the Skins event which she won representing Dove Valley swimming club. An amazing achievement, very proud of her hard work and commitment to the sport.

Golf success!

A HUGE congratulations to Oscar in Year 7. Oscar has been selected for the Derbyshire Golf under 14s squad. His first match is this Sunday against Staffordshire. Good luck Oscar #golf

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 1st June will be week 3.

Prices for items purchased in the canteen can also be found on the below page:

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



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

<https://mynewterm.com/trust/Tapestry-Learning-Partnership/145491> Current QEGS vacancies:

- Teacher of Spanish & French
- Teacher of Music

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- Mon 25th to Fri 29th May – Half term break
- Mon 1st June – school returns, Summer Term 2
- 1st to 24th June – GCSE & A Level exams period
- 8th to 12th June – Year 12 mock exams
- 11th June – Year 7 Parents Teacher Meetings, on site 3:45pm to 6pm
- 15th to 19th June – Year 8 trip to Rome
- 15th to 19th June – Year 12 work experience week
- 16th June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 15th to 19th June – Year 10 core mocks
- 22nd to 26th June – Year 10 work experience week
- 23rd June – Primary Sports, rounders

Finally

As summer weather arrives, we would like to help our students feel comfortable in and around school. From Monday 1st June, students can choose to wear jumpers and blazers if they wish – for the last half term these items will be optional. No other clothing item can replace a jumper or blazer (no hoodies, no sweatshirts, no sports jackets). If students are cold, the only options are either a school jumper (black v neck) or a school blazer. IDs and lanyards must be worn everyday as normal.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weather and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 1st June.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity

Headteacher

Enc: Timetable for Year 8, 9 and 10 June assessments.