# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL SIXTH FORM BULLETIN

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# YOU SAID, WE DID!

In response to our Parents' Communication Survey, we are publishing a short overview each half term of what is coming up in 6th form, to keep you informed and up to date with 6th form activities.

# SO FAR THIS TERM....

In the Life Skills programme and Form times Year 13 have had talks from Lancaster university on choosing a university and personal statements. QEGS alumni have visited to talk about degree apprenticeships at JCB, Morrisons and Mercedes Benz. Students had practice interviews thanks to QEGS and Ashbourne community members giving their time to come in and support them in preparing for the future. QEGS governor, Nick Flux, came in to give leadership coaching to the Student Council, who then recommended that he speak to the whole of Year 13. Students have also had a talk from Gap Year employer, Yipiyap, with an ex-QEGS student currently working for them.

Year 12 have had assemblies on Duke of Edinburgh award and volunteering opportunities. They went on a trip to the UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair to find out more about options.

Sociology students had a trip to Derby theatre to see "Brassed Off", set in the 1992 cost of living crisis, strikes and pit closure.

Two former students, local photographer and filmmaker Clive Booth and graphic designer and brand strategist Hannah Wood, worked with Year 12 and 13 Digital Media and Art students to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. The results can be seen on QEGS website.

# UPCOMING TRIPS

#### Wednesday 21st November

Year 12 and Year 13 Art students - V&A museum in London to see the Chanel and DIVA exhibitions.

# Thursday 7th December:

Year 12 and Year 13 Art students Chatsworth house and gardens/

**December** – Y12 EPQ trip to Leicester university.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Go4schools:** Year 12/Year 13: an update for all students from last half term, including a book check reported on via all departments.

Year 13: students have access to their UCAS predicted grades, provided by all subjects (except for EPQ) Based on a holistic and aspirational assessment of the student's progress to date, sent to UCAS and/or apprenticeship providers when the students are ready to apply.

# **EXTERNAL SPEAKERS**

#### Wednesday 8th November:

Year 13 Form time: ex QEGS student, Careers in Defence

# Friday 10th November:

Year 12 ex-marine, Andy Grant, on his experience as an amputee, competing in the Invictus Games and the fundraising he now focuses on.

#### **Tuesday 28th November:**

Year 13 Human Sciences: Criminology Conference

# Wednesday 6th December:

Year 13 Life Skills: Criminal Justice System – introduction to different aspects of the CJS.

#### Friday 15th December:

Year 13 Life Skills: Sarah Dines MP (Conservative)

#### Wednesday 20th December:

Year 13 Life Skills: Liberal Democrat candidate and Labour

representative Question Time

# **UPCOMING DATES IN SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 15th November:** internal deadline for completed UCAS applications. Students are asked to submit their application so we can check it in detail before they send it to UCAS.

Thursday 14th December: 7pm Carol Concert Thursday 21st December: 7pm Speech Night w/c 15th January 2024 – Year 13 Mock exams w/c 26th February 2024 – Year 12 Mock exams