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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #15

Speech Day 2025

Well done to all students receiving awards last night, it was a special evening. Thank you if you attended or watched the live stream. Thank you to Max Jeffery for being our special guest and for inspiring our Year 11 students in the daytime and our evening guests too. His advice, top tips and thoughts on the way ahead for our young people and future generations really hit the right cord with our audience and special guests. Farewell to Mrs Martin our CEO, as she retires from her role with QEGSMAT, we wish her well for the future.



Flu vaccinations - if missed before

The immunisation team will be back in school on **Friday 17th January** to administer the flu vaccination to any pupil in Years 7 to 11 that missed the opportunity in November – the permission link will be sent out to parents and carers in the first week back in January.

Year 11 Prom fundraiser and Rewards

Our Year 11's have been working hard at fundraising for their end of year prom. They have held cake stalls across two lunchtimes, making all the cakes and brownies themselves at home beforehand. Then they ran a disco for Year 7, also selling drinks and sweets and leading the way with the dancing!

The students organised a penalty shoot-out competition over two lunchtimes, many thanks to Mr Hamer, Mr Bembridge and Mr O'Keefe for their goalkeeping prowess and congratulations to Harry Dyer in year 7 who was our winner!

On Wednesday they went on a rewards trip to Meadowhall in Sheffield, this was in thanks for all their hard work during their recent mock exams, they conducted themselves so well and we were so impressed.



CDM students

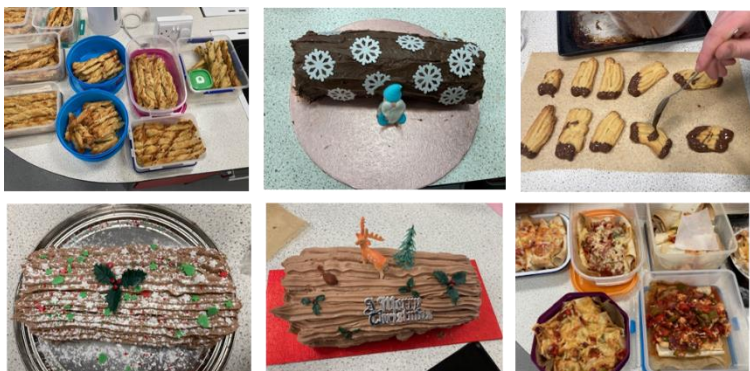
Well done to Jamie M, Greg P and Anna C in Year 12 CDM for recording the St Oswald's School nativity on Wednesday 18th December. You are all a credit to the school and the local community.

D&I - Food Technology update.

KS3 and KS4 students have been very busy in their food lessons this term.

- The Year 7's have really impressed us so far. They have been keen to learn and responsible in lessons. They have produced some excellent quality dishes including beef cobbler, toad in the hole and apple crumble. Students have now moved onto the next D&I area and we welcome the next groups.
- Year 8 and 9 have been building on their skills from the previous year and have produced some outstanding dishes including enchiladas, sausage rolls and brownies.
- Year 10 students taking GCSE Food preparation and Nutrition have been attempting higher skill level dishes such as making their own pasta and pastry. They have also completed some fantastic festive bakes.
- Our Year 11 students have been working hard on their NEA work, with some outstanding results.
- We would like to thank all students for their hard work and parents for purchasing the ingredients that make the lessons possible.

If over the festive period, you have any spare tins left over from the chocs or biscuits - we would love any donations as they come in handy for students to take their dishes home in. Finally, we wish you all a merry Christmas from Food Technology.



Well done Sam C

Good luck to Sam C in Year 8 this weekend as he has his first European Training and tour in Spain with the UK Lions U14 Hockey team. Sam was selected for the squad as one of the goalkeepers in the summer following a regional tournament. He has completed two training camps in the UK, has an Indoor Competition over the Christmas holidays before tours in Holland and Ireland later in the year. Good Luck Sam!



Year 7 & 8 Rugby update

On Saturday morning the Year 7 & 8 rugby teams travelled to St Joseph's College in Stoke. The Year 7s had a great win with plenty of tries scored winning the match 6 tries to 3, and although the Year 8s didn't manage the win this time losing 9 tries to 6, they showed great determination and battled on with 1 less player for half of the match! It was great to see so many boys playing rugby! Thanks to the parents & Ashbourne coaches for their support.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Maths
- Student Services Receptionist
- Cover Supervisor
- Administrative Officer

Further details can be found at: <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Menu following Christmas break is week 1 –

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- INSET Days Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Term starts for all students Wednesday 8th January 2025
- 9th January – Year 9 Options evening onsite 5pm
- 13th – 17th January – Year 13 mock exams
- 20th – 24th January – Year 12 mock exams
- 29th January – uniform pop-up shop, 3:30 – 5pm, school canteen

Lunch week 1

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Crispy Chicken Wrap served with potato wedges	Beef Châc Con Carne served with Fuffy Rice & Tomato Chips	Roast Turkey served with Roast potatoes & Pan Gravy	Chicken Fillet Mince served with Steamed Rice	Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Plant Based Vegetable burger served with Cajun potato wedges	Vegetarian Châc Served with Fuffy Rice & Tomato Chips	Mozzarella Cheese	Vegetable Burger	Vegetarian spring rolls served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Roasted Vegetable Pile	Beefburger with Salad & Sauce	Chicken Tenderloin Fried Rice	Southern Fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Cheddar Pasta	Tomato & Mozzarella Pasta	Butterbean Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Panino Arrabbiata	Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry	Panino Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Piri Piri chicken Wings	Mozzarella Cheese Piri
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Peas & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Fish & Spring	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Reverse Cake & Custard	Apple Crumble & Custard	Orange & Caramel Cakes
	Meal Deal Mince Meal With Vegetables And Dessert  £3.00				


Finally

We say farewell to Mrs Robinson (Head of Year 7), Mrs McNulty (teacher of Maths) and Mrs Platt (Deputy Head of Year) who all move on to pastures new. We welcome Mrs Vernon and Miss Foreman to the Pastoral Team as new Deputy Heads of Year (Year Groups TBC).

We hope all our students and staff have a safe and enjoyable festive break. Christmas is most certainly a time for Giving, which is one of the QEGS key values. Please encourage your child to give their care, give their ear and give their time to others. Gifts are lovely, but it is our time and love which really make the difference when we give at Christmas.

Thank you to staff, parents and carers. You do an amazing job in caring for young people. Sometimes really difficult and equally at times, hugely rewarding. Enjoy your Christmas.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher