



31 January 2012

Dear Parents

Our Y10 have returned to school this week after a successful week's **work experience** and I am grateful to Miss Evison (Library Officer) who co-ordinates this. Also out of school last week were the **Y8 ski group** who spent an enjoyable week in the Italian resort of Pila. My thanks to the staff who accompanied the trip: Miss Dougall, Mr Hood, Mrs Murphy, Miss Reid and Mr Mountain.

Congratulations to **George Osborne** (9C) and **Maisie Ruddock** (11T) who took part in a national kick-boxing event in Ipswich on Sunday. Maisie came 3rd in her category (Under 60 Kg female) and George came 2nd in his category (U60 kg male).

- We also congratulate Daniel Hissey (9T) who has achieved the **Gold Merit Award**
- And the following pupils who have achieved the **Silver Merit Award**:

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| Olivia Hockenhull | 7S |
| Chloe Henman | 7T |
| Annaliese Limage | 7T |
| Ben Stevenson | 7T |
| Billie Early | 8S |

Our **Charity Week**, in aid of **Alzheimer's**, has started well with a wide variety of events organised by form groups. Friday is a non-uniform day (with a charge of £2 each) and there will also be a disco at lunchtime (50p entrance fee). Tickets for the **Spring Celebration Charity Concert** on Friday 24 February at 7.00 pm will be available from tomorrow, price £5, from the school office.

May I remind Y12 and Y13 parents and students that the **Sixth Form Parents' Evening** is tonight, 5.00 – 8.00 pm in the school hall.

The **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on Tuesday 28 February, 6.30 – 9.00 pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents of Y11 pupils to learn more about the various courses on offer and discuss with subject leaders the appropriateness of the courses for your son/daughter. The Sixth Form Prospectus has been distributed to Y11 students – additional copies can be obtained from the school office.

Thank you from the **Friends of QEGS** to everyone who donated DVDs or CDs for recent fundraising efforts. The Friends have raised around £100 from the sale of these and they would be grateful for any more you may be willing to recycle, or any Playstation / DSi games etc. They are also fundraising by **recycling computer ink cartridges**. With this Tuesday Letter they have distributed a cartridge recycling envelope; you simply put the used ink cartridges inside and put it in the post – no stamps are required. You can request





further recycling envelopes at the same time. If you use a high-volume printer or know someone who does, the recycling company also welcomes larger cartridges.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday 15 – 17 March we shall be staging **The Mikado**, our 2012 musical production. Set in Japan, it has the usual combination of a silly story, beautiful music and colourful characters, and it is easy to see why it is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's best-loved works. This lively operetta with full orchestra lasts approximately two hours and should appeal to all ages. Tickets will be available this Thursday and Friday for cast members only, and then to everyone from Monday 6 February, price £6 (concessions £4). Please note that on the Thursday night students at QEGS have a reduced rate of £1.

On Saturday 10 March, from 2.00 – 5.00 pm, Judith Hedley (former Head of English at QEGS) will be running a course entitled '**Dining with Great Writers**'. The works of authors such as Dickens and Austen will be looked at and food will be provided. The session will cost £8 (including food) and places need to be booked in advance with our school office.

Several unnamed items of **uniform**, including a number of school coats, have been brought to the school office recently. They can be claimed from the school office at any time. It would be very helpful if you could check that all items of your child's school uniform are clearly named so that when they are mislaid, we can identify the owner. For the benefit of parents of Y10 and Y8 students, who may not have received last week's Tuesday letter, there were some difficulties in obtaining **longer length skirts** from Trutex earlier in the year but these are now available both via school and at CoJo's, Louth. There are a significant number of girls whose skirts are too short and I would be grateful if replacements can be purchased as soon as possible.

A reminder that on Wednesday 8 February students in Y10 – Y13 will be learning different and effective ways to revise at an "**Exam Busters**" **revision day**, which will be run by an external company. You are invited to join them between 4.00 – 5.00 pm in the hall for a special session for parents, to give insight into the variety of ways in which revision can take place. Please return the slip (from last week's letter – spares from the office) to the school office by this Friday, 3 February.

I am out of school from this Friday until half term as I am taking a group of Y12 students on a **Study Tour to Sydney, Australia** (with Mr Stanley) so there will be no Tuesday letter next week. The purpose of the trip is to develop student leadership and share good practice. During their eight days in Sydney the students will visit Sydney University and spend a day at Meriden School, where they will give a presentation and observe lessons. Other highlights will include seeing The Magic Flute at the Opera House, visiting the





Olympic Park, climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge, travelling to the Blue Mountains and going to Taronga Zoo to see kangaroos and koalas close-up. The students will be writing a daily blog which will be available via the school website.

The school will close for **half term** at the end of Friday 10 February and will recommence on Monday 20 February.

Best wishes

Miss A Francis
Headteacher

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