

7 September 2021

Dear Parent and Student

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new school year and especially to our new Year 7 and 12 parents and students. It has been a pleasant and purposeful start to the school year, despite the inevitable interruptions caused by lateral flow testing. I must again thank the entire school community for their support, both last week and this, that has ensured that we were able to undertake the testing efficiently and as a result minimise the impact on the start of the school year. It is always good to see students back in the school after the summer break, we look forward to what we hope will be a more 'normal' QEGS experience.

Congratulations go to:

- **Poppy Atkins 11T** who has gained a place in the Loughborough Lightning U17 Academy competition squad; Loughborough Lightning are the East Midlands regional netball team.
- **Alyssa Collier 10S** (and Juno) for competing in the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Junior Academy at the British Show Jumping National Championships at Stoneleigh during the summer, achieving 7<sup>th</sup> place.

Following our notification last term regarding **Flu Vaccinations**, flu vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 2 November 2021**. Could we ask that you read the attached letter from the school nursing team and give your consent following the link therein.

We are looking forward to our school production of '**Chicago**' on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 February 2022, a date for your diary! Tickets will go on sale next year.

Students aged 16 to 19 who are most in need will be eligible to receive a **Bursary** of up to £1,200 a year. This bursary will be administered and paid by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford, in three instalments of up to £400 at the end of October, February and April. This money can be spent on transport, school meals, books, school trips, school uniform and equipment. Further information and an application form are attached.

**The President's Award Scheme** can provide educational grants and scholarships to the children of serving and ex-Service non-commissioned ranks up to university age. One-off grants of up to £500 are available to help pay for course fees, public transport costs, textbooks, course equipment, specialist clothing and more. Alongside the grants, scholarships are available for applicants who are going to university and aged 21 or under. A continuation application is required each year and is accepted up to age 23. Up to £1,500 per year can be awarded to Service children going to university to study for their first undergraduate degree; usually awards are made to help with accommodation costs. The awards are decided by committee who will look at the circumstances of each applicant. The Committee meets tri-annually in January, July, and September. Full information can be found here:

[https://support.britishlegion.org.uk/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1359/track/AvOA4wrvDv8S~Y1bGuke~yL5FOsqCy75Mv9s~zj~PP](https://support.britishlegion.org.uk/app/answers/detail/a_id/1359/track/AvOA4wrvDv8S~Y1bGuke~yL5FOsqCy75Mv9s~zj~PP)



Poppy Atkins 11T



For students entering **higher or university education**, there are various local funding streams which might be of interest. Information and application forms are attached:

- Dorothy King Charitable Trust
- Sir W L Travers Educational Charity
- The Ralph Parrish Foundation

**Sporting extra-curricula clubs** for 2021-22 are scheduled at the following times:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCH	Y8 Netball (Mrs Shoubridge)	Cricket / Sri Lanka (Mr Stone)	Y7 Netball (Mrs Shoubridge)	All Years Volleyball (Mr Felton)	All Years Fitness (Mr Stone)
	All Years Badminton (Mr Grayson)	All Years Fitness (Mr Grayson)	All Years Basketball (Mr Felton)	All Years Fitness (Mr Grayson)	All Girls' Football Indoor (Mrs Shoubridge)
		Y9 and Y10 Netball (Mrs Shoubridge)	All Years Table Tennis (Mr Grayson)		
AFTER SCHOOL	All Years Fitness (Mr Grayson)	All Years Fitness (Mr Felton)	All Years Fitness (Mr Felton)	Meetings	Staff
	All Years Basketball (Mr Stone)	All Years Badminton (Mr Grayson)	All Years Netball (Mrs Shoubridge)		

And finally, Wrates Photographers will be in school next Tuesday to take **school photographs**.

Adjustments to the Covid-19 Plan - No changes.

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Mr G Thompson  
Headteacher



Alyssa Collier 10S