

31 October 2017

Dear Parents

Congratulations to:

- The following pupils in the Lower School who have all attained their **Bronze Merit Awards**:

Megan Lake (7C)	Darcy Evans (7S)	Henrietta Mossop (7T)	Libby Stow (8S)
Amelia Marsh (7C)	Charlotte Johnson (7S)	Kayleigh Alexander (8C)	Kiara Sweet (8S)
Joshua Mowbray (7C)	Isobel Lees (7S)	Georgie Johnson (8C)	Libby Arnold (8T)
Sophie Bird (7S)	Sophie Wyman (7S)	Harriet Santus (8S)	Leila Hall (8T)

- The following pupils in the Middle and Upper School who have attained 25 merits:

Elliott Cooksey (9C)	Alice Pridgeon (9S)	Daisy Holt (10S)	Imogen Reeves (11S)
Kitty Evans (9C)	James Gilliatt (9T)	Georgina Oliver (10S)	Oak Scotney-Spencer (11S)
Analise Taylor (9C)	Emie Mettam (9T)	Emily Barker (10T)	Darcie Radford (12T)
Laura Thackray (9C)	Rebecca Millward (9T)	Florence Baxter (10T)	
Rosie Wimsey (9C)	Leilani Sydenham (10C)	Jack Leverton (10T)	

The **Friends of QEGS AGM** will take place next Tuesday 7 November at 7.00 pm in the Lecture Theatre. The Friends of QEGS is a group which meets with the aim of raising funds which are used to enhance resources in school. New members (and ideas) are always very welcome and I hope you will attend if you can.

We have recently received information about **CyberFirst Adventurers** which is a free one-day development course aimed at students in Y7, Y8 and Y9 and their parents. The course is designed to showcase the varied roles and jobs that both exist and involve the use of technology in the workplace, to enthuse and inspire the participants into an interest in technology. The courses are open to both pupils and their parents. There are a number of dates available, one of which is in Nottingham on Saturday 25 November. To book your place on a course and to find out further details please email: [info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk) or call 01926 333 200.

The **Christmas Fayre** this year is on Sunday 3 December, from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the school hall. Raffle tickets will be distributed later in the term. We would also be grateful if pupils could bring in books, toys and games (new or nearly-new please), toiletries, Christmas novelties and any other items suitable for raffle and tombola prizes. Baskets are also needed which could be used for the prize hampers. All donations would be much appreciated and should be taken to the school office.



#### First Silver Merit Award

Congratulations to Eden Scotney-Spencer (8S) who is the first pupil to attain 40 merits.



Our charity work continues this term with a **12-hour Spinathon** at The Greyhound's Spinning Studio in Louth on Sunday 26 November (7.00 am – 7.00 pm). Participants pay £10 per hour. There are currently spaces available from 7.00 am – 11.00 am and if you are interested please phone the main reception to book a session (or two).

Finally, a reminder that the **Y12 'Meet the Tutors'** evening is this Thursday 2 November, 5.00 – 8.00 pm in E1 with talks in the Lecture Theatre at 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Francis  
Headteacher

### Whole School Literacy Focus: punctuation

TERM 2 – full stop (.) / question mark (?) / exclamation mark (!)

- **All** sentences **must** be finished with one of these punctuation marks.
- **All** questions starting with one of *who, what, where, when, why, how* - whether they are rhetorical or expecting an answer - should be finished with a **question mark**.
- The **exclamation mark** should only be used to indicate shock or surprise, never in place of a full stop on an ordinary statement. Only one should be used at a time – multiple exclamation marks do not make a statement sound more exciting or shocking.
- All other sentences (statements) should be finished with a **full stop**.

### Whole School Literacy Focus: easily confused words

TERM 2 – there / their / they're

- **There** is an adverb – it indicates the position of something e.g. It is over there. It can also be used before part of a verb e.g. There are a number of shops in Alford.
- **TIP:** you can remember this definition as it has the word 'here' in it.
- **Their** is a possessive pronoun showing ownership of something e.g. Their car has broken down.
- **They're** is a contraction of 'they are' and should always contain an apostrophe in place of the missing 'a'.



**YOUNGMINDS**

**QEGS Spinathon  
Sunday 26 November 2017**

