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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #28

Online Responsibility - Very Important to Read

It is, with regret, that I must once more bring to your attention a very worrying Tik Tok trend where school students have set up Tik Tok accounts of school staff and students – these videos incite offensive and defamatory comments. I am sorry to say that some of our students have been involved in setting these up, commenting on them, following and therefore engaging. It is very sad to think that a small number of students have still not learnt despite many online safety and bullying events we have held. We do not tolerate the bullying of students online and will not tolerate the bullying of staff online either.

We have reported such accounts to Tik Tok and continue to communicate with the parents of those students involved. We have taken action with the account creators following our behaviour policy and will not hesitate to take further action when required. We strive to provide a safe environment for our school, and this type of disrespectful behaviour does not belong at QEGS. We urge you to discuss with your child the importance of not participating in these negative social media accounts and instead consider engaging in acts of kindness that help us build a stronger school community.

We will be holding a series of assemblies next week to remind students about their online use, safety and responsibility. We do hope that all take heed and we do not see any further content like we have.

Can I take a moment to thank the majority of our students who are kind every day and would not consider engaging in any trend like this- thank you!

I attach the link to our website where you will find help and guidance in supporting your child with their online safety <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/online-safety/>

Happy Birthday to HM The Queen Elizabeth II

A Happy 96th Birthday to Her Majesty The Queen in this Platinum Jubilee year of her inspirational & remarkable reign.

Here The Queen is meeting with children at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne during the royal tour of Derbyshire in March 1985.



Clif-Fest



Running Club Success

Darragh in Year 11 became the second student to achieve 100km at running club this year and will now proudly wear his badge to prove it on his blazer.

Our achievements to date:
31 students bronze (20km)
14 students silver (50km)
2 students gold (100km)



Sportshall Athletics Champions!

Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Derby University on Wednesday afternoon to each compete against 7/8 other schools, challenging to be the County Sportshall Athletics Champions.

They took part in several track races and field events over the afternoon and battled against some really tough competition, winning numerous races & achieving some personal bests over all areas.

Both teams placed 1st and were crowned County Champions!

A massive achievement and lots of praise deserved, very talented bunch of ladies.



Congratulations

Dylan Saleni becoming East Midlands area boxing Champion 2022. He will be representing the region in the nation Schoolboy Championship finals in May.

Could you be a host for a Ukraine Family?

We know many people in the area are considering or have already made the decision to host a Ukrainian refugee family. If that is something that you are considering doing, the Elim Church, Ashbourne would love to support you with that. The Elim Church have created a forum called Ashbourne 4 Ukraine with the aim of providing support to host families and Ukrainians arriving in Ashbourne and the surrounding areas. For information about what they are doing, go to ashelim.ch/ukraine.

This Saturday, the Elim Church are having their first Ukrainian Community Get Together at the Ashbourne Elim Church at 2pm. If you have an application in to host a family, you are most welcome to join them. See the flyer for information or feel free to get in touch with us at office@ashbourneelim.church



World Arts Day 8th April

QEGS recognised World Art Day on the last day of term providing students with the opportunity to question and explore the Arts in relation to their subjects. Discussing artworks of Christianity through history at Easter and what these represented. Designing 'Day of the Dead' masks in Art and building parachutes in Science and timing how long they took to travel when dropped from a height. Music succeeded in creating samba whilst in dance students gave performances of Bollywood dancing and Greek theatre in drama. Overall, it was a great way to end the term with something different and to recognise the Arts from other cultures.



Primary Arts Day

Yesterday the Dance and Drama Department welcomed 235 students from different primary schools from our catchment area. They had the opportunity to explore different arts subjects following on the theme of World Arts and designing their own Day of the Dead masks in Art, performing Greek theatre on our school stage, and writing a piece of creative writing in English. Students also enjoyed creating some samba music in the music department and had a tour of the school learning about the origins of QEGS. Students had a fantastic time and after enjoying a small showcase performed by a range of students across all year groups, they all got up to perform their Bollywood dance.



Reading Warriors

We will be announcing last term's Reading Warriors and awarding their prizes in next week's bulletin. This is a reminder that if you would like to be entered into the Reading Warrior draw, you need to either read a book from the genre of this month's 'district' (April = The Natural World, May = Local Tales and History), or partake in reading groups in school. There are lots of opportunities available and treats to be won, so just ask your teacher or the librarians for more details.

Head Student Appointments

Following a successful interview process, it gives us great pleasure to announce our new Head Students. Please join us in congratulating Millie A, Georgia B, Paddy W and Nia V on their new roles. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current Head Students, Alex F, Rebecca B, Laura B and Amelia B for all their hard work, excellent leadership and for supporting the Sixth Form/School over the past 12 months. You have all been amazing!

Year 9 Rap and Poetry Workshop

Year 9 will be taking part in a Rap and Poetry workshop on Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th May. 'One-Track Race' is Street Style Surgery's fresh school workshop designed to address and expand students' cultural awareness through poetry workshops. *If you have not already, please contribute towards the provision of this experience through ParentPay.*

Year 11 Library Revision

The library is available after school each day until 4:30pm for Year 11 independent revision. It has been fantastic to see so many students working productively together, and we do not think it is just because of the drinks and biscuits provided!

Spare Uniform Items

If you have any spare, clean uniform items please send them into school to the Medical Room. We often have situations where students lose or need a short term loan of an item and we like to carry a spare stock of washed and ready to wear items:

- School blazers
- White shirts
- School ties
- Black trousers/checked skirt
- Black school shoes
- QEGS Pe kit
- Football boots and trainers

Finally

We say goodbye to Ursula Blake today who has been a member of our Data Team for 8.5 years, good luck Ursula in your next challenge. Matthew Bawden is now our new Head of PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and he will be planning key events, guest speakers as well as leading the lesson provision in keeping our students healthy and safe.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
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