

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #31

### Changes to Homework

Please see the attached letter regarding changes for homework.

### School Transport

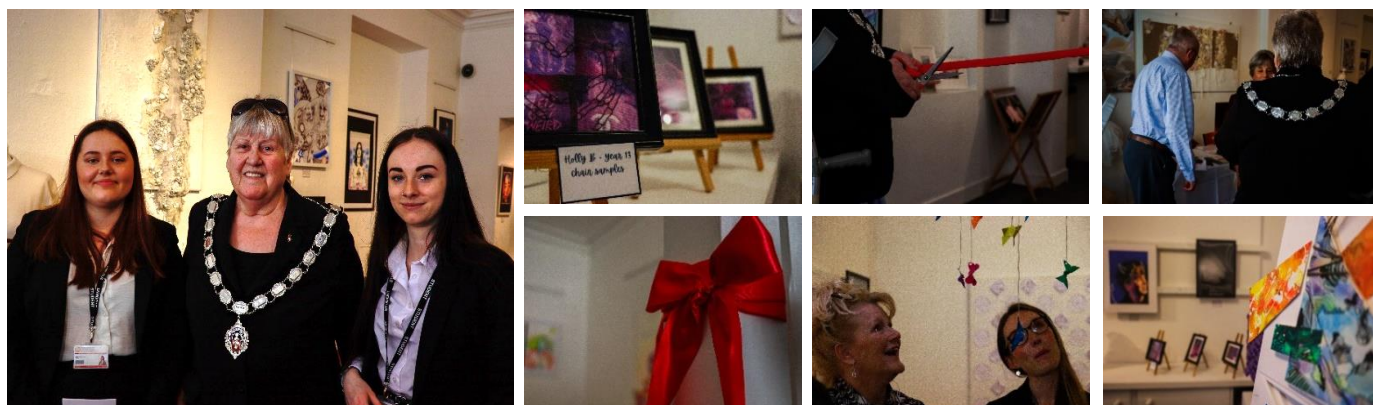
There will be a road closure which will affect the Hulleys service from Hopton and Carsington.

A section of Main Street at Hopton will be closed to traffic from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May for three days and service 110/111 will not be able to serve the village. The bus will still access Carsington but will turn around at the junction of Woodside and return to the B5035 to continue its journey to Ashbourne. The same arrangement will be in place for the afternoon journey.

Also, please be aware that the west bound stretch of Derby Road from the A50/A515 roundabout at Sudbury will be closed to traffic on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. On these two days, service 009 to QEGS will access Doveridge via the A50 from the Uttoxeter direction. The service will then operate along Marston Lane, Derby Road, Cook Lane, High Street, Sand Lane and will continue its normal route to school on Derby Road (east bound).

Disruption to students should be minimal but please contact [schooltransport@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransport@derbyshire.gov.uk) if you have any queries.

### Celebration of Colour



Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is incredibly proud that the Celebration of Colour Exhibition (Organised and co-ordinated by our wonderful students Maisy J and Holly B) this was exhibited at The Courtney Gallery, 50 St John Street, Ashbourne, DE6 1GH last week.

The exhibition included work from across the school's year groups with over 40 students presenting work from GCSE, Fashion and Textiles, A-Level, BTEC students and group projects created by over 50 of our younger students. As a school we are immensely proud of the hard work of the students and the exceptional standard of the work.

On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May the Lady Mayor Jane Harris kindly opened the gallery and had a guided tour, this was her last day in office and a fitting end to her term. During the open day we had a variety of people from the Mayor, the

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Headteacher and art teachers of QEGS voting on their favourite pieces. The Arts Society Dove Valley kindly provided some prizes and have helped the school to organise this amazing exhibition.

Please pop in and see the student's work. The exhibition is open till Saturday 10-4 every day.

### Craft Club Jubilee Celebration



### DofE Practice Expedition... what a success!!!

A huge **thank you** and **well done** to the 70 Year 9 Bronze and 14 Year 10 Silver students who were absolutely fantastic during their practice expedition over the weekend! The Rich Adventure leaders were really impressed with their efforts and teamwork skills. They persevered through tricky navigation, windy tent set ups and a warm finishing day! A fantastic effort by all!! Well done 😊

Thank you also to the QEGS staff members who volunteered their time to come camping on the Friday night; Mrs Wright, Mr Bembridge, Mrs James and Mrs Allen!

The qualifying expedition will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June. All Bronze and Silver participants should now have received the letter with the details. Please email Ms Watson Jones if you have any questions; [Watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)





## Gold DofE Awards – Buckingham Palace



Miss Wilband got to speak to HRH Edward (Earl of Wessex). There were over 2,500 young people celebrating their Gold Award on Monday morning and the same that afternoon. There were many guest speakers and afternoon tea. Our past students Joy and Emily completed their Awards in 2020 and 2019. Both are now 21. Well done!

## Sixth Form Update

Year 13 had their Leavers' Day event on Wednesday, with a final assembly and awards ceremony, a BBQ hosted by Mr Garrity, Miss Ward and Mr Bembridge and of course, shirt signing. Thanks you to Mr Daughtry for taking the photos. We wish all our students the very best as they prepare for exams and complete courses over the next few weeks.



## “Buggingham” Palace

D&I after school club for Year 7 & 8 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> are starting a new project to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Timings will be 3:20 – 5pm. Come along to help build a home fit for a Queen (bee).

## Sporting News



### Running Club

Scarlett A and Esme K in Year 7 have achieved their 100km gold award in running club this week, congratulations to both of them on their fantastic achievement.

### Track and Field Cup

QEGS had a really successful day at the Derbyshire round of the Track and Field Cup this week. Over 50 students competed at Moorways, with each athlete taking part in one track event and one field event. The intermediate girls finished second overall in their competition and the junior girls, junior boys and intermediate boys all won their competitions. All of the students showed incredible determination and effort to try to achieve personal best performances in every event and we are incredibly proud of their attitude and achievements. Special mention for Isabella M (Year 8), Alfie D (Year 8), Imogen L (Year 10) and Ewan B (Year 10), who were the top scorers in each of our four teams. We are still waiting for some results from other counties, but as it stands all four teams are on course to progress through to the Regional A Finals! Congratulations to all of those involved!

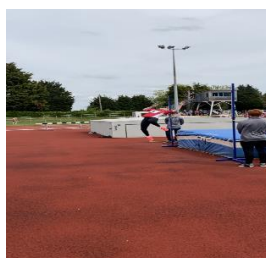
### Results

Junior girls - 1st

Junior boys - 1st

Inter girls - 2nd

Inter boys - 1st



### House Swimming Gala

Over 50 students took part in over 200 swims at a fantastic event at Ashbourne Leisure Centre! The performances, effort and attitude of all those involved was excellent. Well done to all of those that took part and big congratulations to Hull who won overall

	Boothby	Cokayne	Hull	Spalden
Junior Boys	4th	3rd	1st	2nd
Junior Girls	3rd	4th	1st	2nd
Inter Boys	2nd	4th	1st	3rd
Inter Girls	2nd	4th	1st	3rd
Overall	2nd	4th	1st	3rd

### Thank a QEGS Member of Staff

It is National 'Thank a Teacher Day' on May 26<sup>th</sup> but we would like to all staff at QEGS, not just teachers! So, why not make someone's day and make them smile! Show them your appreciation by taking two minutes to tell them why they have made a difference to you and your child. It can be for anything - helping you through a difficult time, understanding something tricky or just being supportive, kind or funny!

Use this link to say thank you:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QhSHGsGQFY>

### Parkrun comes to Ashbourne!

We have been delighted to see Ashbourne get its very own parkrun recently and some of the QEGS staff were involved in getting it off the ground. There are parkrun events all over the country on Saturday mornings and the first two weeks of the Ashbourne event attracted 160 and 165 participants respectively. Parkruns are free, weekly, timed 5k events and are open to runners and walkers of all abilities. Before coming for the first time, register

at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/> download or print off your barcode and bring it along with you. There are welcome talks for first timers at 8.50am, before the event starts at 9.00am. It is a great way to get yourselves and your family more active and you will receive a very warm welcome. Please consider coming along if you have not yet done so!



### Online Safety

Internet Matters have released a set of resources aimed at supporting foster carers with online safety. The resources are excellent, and not just for foster carers, contain four modules (Understanding, Empowering, Nurturing and Flourishing) and can be downloaded [here](#).

Recent events again highlight the importance of having conversations with our young people. Whenever the opportunity arises, please engage in conversations with them about what they like to do online. We know young people spend time online for a variety of reasons, many of them positive, but we also know that regular dialogue between them and their parents/carers is the best way to allay any fears they may have and keep them safe from harm.

### Finally

Well done to all Year 11 students who completed their first week of exams. Their behaviour, attitude and effort has been exemplary. In fact, our Exams Officer and the Invigilators have said they are the 'best ever'! There will be a little treat on its way for Year 11 to say 'well done'.

Remember:

- Year 11 free breakfast available every day through the exams in the main hall from 8.15am.
- Teacher-led Revision Schedule is on the website <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2022/05/Y11-Revision-and-Exam-Timetable-Summer-1605-to-270522.pdf>
- Study Leave cards can be submitted and signed by Miss Ward.
- Year 11 BBQ, Leavers' event and Prom all coming up soon – we want to see all Year 11 make it to these events!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity'.

Mr S Garrity  
Headteacher