

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #33

### When did you last check your child's school bag and blazer?

This may seem an odd question, but it is something that all parents should be doing on a regular basis to help keep their children safe. Although very small in number, we are seeing a rising number of banned items being brought onto the school site and evident in the local area: Vapes, alcohol, tobacco, energy drinks to name a few.

All young people are exposed to temptation and the teenage years are usually where risky behaviour is explored by every generation. Because of this, we want to support you in keeping your child safe both in and out of school. What your child may, or may not have in their bag, blazer and bedroom will help you to understand how safe they really are.

We will continue to follow up concerns and work with parents to keep their children safe. However, please remind your child that such items are banned for their own safety, many are illegal, and we will report such matters to the police with school sanctions being imposed when breaches occur.

### Temporary Progress Leader for Year 8

Mr Bowbanks will be the temporary Progress Leader for Year 8 as of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The Senior Leadership Link to Year 8 will now be Miss Robinson. If you require their support, please do not hesitate to contact them.

### Upcoming Events in the Music Department

We have a busy term ahead in the Music Department. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we will be celebrating **World Music Day** with workshops and music-themed lessons around school. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June the **ABRSM instrumental exams** will be taking place - we wish all 51 candidates the very best of luck with their final preparations.

As of 9am today, tickets are on sale for the **Summer Concert** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Our theme this year is "Onward Journeys", and we will be celebrating and saying farewell to our departing students and staff. This is our first concert to a live audience since 2019 and the school band, choirs and chamber ensembles are working hard to prepare an amazing experience for you all. The concert starts at 7:30pm in the Main Hall, and tickets are £7 (£5 concessions), available from [qegs.link/tickets](https://qegs.link/tickets). Please be aware that ticket numbers are limited, but we will also be live-streaming the concert so nobody will be missing out!

Finally, a group of GCSE and A level students will be heading off to the **Lichfield Festival** for work experience from 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July. There they will form the Concert Management Team, looking after a vast array of artists and audiences from around the world in a spectacular line up of professional events. For more information about the festival, visit their website [www.lichfieldfestival.org](http://www.lichfieldfestival.org). For queries about the work experience trip, please contact Miss Pettingale at [pettingale@qegs.email](mailto:pettingale@qegs.email).

### An Inspector Calls trip

A reminder that we are running a trip to see An Inspector Calls for Year 10 students. Information is available on the school website. Any questions, please speak to Mr Hollins.

### Co-curricular Gardening Club:

The dates for the gardening club for this half term, have been amended slightly and are as follows:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Please meet in 612 at 3.20pm. Sessions will run from 3.20pm - 4.20pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Art:

The Art and the Creative Digital Media Departments would like to invite you to our annual exhibition to celebrate the work of our talented GCSE, A level and Btec students - the Private View is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 6-8pm and the Public View is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10-3pm.

Some of the sixth formers visited the Mardi Gras installation at Alton Towers. Our contribution is the crazy yellow umbrella with the face and hands. The Mardi Gras takes place from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> June, which sees the Resort totally transformed into a carnival-style event thanks to an explosion of colours, sounds and high-energy entertainment – of which the sculpture will take centre stage for the entire run. If you are visiting check it out and send a photo to the art department.



Some of our sixth form Digital Media and Art students have been working with the Ideas Foundation charity to create some imagery celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. One of the images, 'Wave of Love' was created by a team led by our three Ukranian Sixth Form students Ksenia, Ivan and Andrii. The image was one of only ten selected (nationally) to be displayed on digital display screens around the country. This was a true 'money can't buy' experience, to have our students' work shown on commercial screens.

In addition to this, Ksenia, Ivan and Andrii were invited to attend the Platinum Pageant celebrations in London on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June as guests of the Ideas Foundation. It was a truly fantastic and memorable day.



### Year 9 into 10 Options - Confirmations

A reminder that links have been sent to parents of Year 9 students to click to confirm their child's option choices for Year 10. Please contact Miss Ward [ward@qegs.email](mailto:ward@qegs.email) if you have any questions. Confirmations for current Year 8 students for Year 9 options will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

### FREE leadership award for Year 11 and 12 THIS SUMMER!

Funded by our local Rotary group, this is an amazing opportunity over Summer 2022. You need to be aged 16-17 between Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. You will take part in a mixture of physical and mental challenges to help you develop leadership experience, confidence through achievement, health, fitness, character and tolerance as building blocks to the quality of life. You will also be assigned a personal mentor during the week. If you are interested, please see/email Mr Hollins for an application form. Places are VERY limited, so act now!

### Year 10 Geography Rivers Fieldtrip

This week the Geography department have taken out all our Year 10 Geography to conduct fieldwork along the River Dove - on National Fieldwork Week. As you can see from the photos the scenery was stunning and it was a fantastic location to learn geography in action outside of the classroom. Well done to all Year 10 students who participated, and to say thank you for your enthusiasm the Geography team have added a merit on Go4Schools!



### NSEA

We are very proud of our Equestrian team at QEGS. They have recently qualified for and competed in the NSEA County championships taking 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 16. The competition was tough with some very speedy finish times and a very twisty, tight jump off course. Yet our team kept their cool, looked after one another and kept each other in positive spirits, having fun whilst remaining determined to do a good job. We were so pleased that they made it to the ribbons and were able to take home a rosette each plus the traditional Hickstead bucket as a prize - very well deserved.

In addition, the girls showed the true spirit of QEGS by helping put up and take down the show jumps for the course without being asked and even got a "shout out" on the tannoy at Hickstead. Huge well done to Chloe, Grace, Eleanor and Libbie. Thank you to parents for your support with this.



### Science Challenge – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We would love you to create a poster with a brief summary of one key scientific discovery that happened during the Queen's reign. You can choose anything from the 1950's through to the 2020's.

The poster should be A3 size and containing the following information:

1. Year of discovery, with a picture of the scientist and their discovery
2. Short description of the discovery and its importance
3. QR code, which will link to a website with more information (<https://www.qr-code-generator.com/>)

Challenge – maybe create a poster on what you think may be some of the next big scientific discoveries over the next decade.

Example:



Sir Ian Wilmut  
(He's the one on the right)



# 1996



## Dolly the sheep - cloning

Dolly was part of a series of experiments at The Roslin Institute that were trying to develop a better method for producing genetically modified livestock. If successful, this would mean fewer animals would need to be used in future experiments. Scientists at Roslin also wanted to learn more about how cells change during development and whether a specialised cell, such as a skin or brain cell, could be used to make a whole new animal.

These experiments were carried out at The Roslin Institute by a team led by Professor Sir Ian Wilmut. Because of the nature of the research, the team was made up of many different people, including scientists, embryologists, surgeons, vets and farm staff.

Dolly was important because she was the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell. Her birth proved that specialised cells could be used to create an exact copy of the animal they came from. This knowledge changed what scientists thought was possible and opened up a lot of possibilities in biology and medicine, including the development of personalised stem cells known as iPS cells.

## Running Club News

Congratulation to Matthew B in Year 9 who has competed his 100km gold award this week.

7 students have now achieved their gold award.

15 have achieved their silver (50km)

33 have achieved bronze (20km)

We have new starters every week so it is never too late if you fancy giving it a go! Speak to Miss Senior for more information.

## Badminton Tournament Success

Having missed out on a Badminton Tournament in 2020/2021 we decided to run 2 tournaments in this academic year.

PHOTO 1: Winners and runners up for the KS3 tournament in May 2022 - Winner was Peter C - Year 9, runner Up Will G - Year 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> = place Noah W and Eli S – Year 7.

PHOTO 2: Winners of the KS4 tournament in May 2022 – Winner was Henry V - Year 10, runner up (not pictured), James W – Year 11.

PHOTO 3: Winner and runners up of the KS4 tournament December 2021 - Winner Elliot H, runner up Nick L, 3<sup>rd</sup> = place Will S and Alasdair C - all Year 11.

PHOTO 4: Winner and runner up of the KS3 tournament in December 2021 - Winner Freya H, runner up Zac H – Year 9.

Thank you to everyone who took part in both tournaments as well as the Badminton Club. There were some excellent, close matches. Well done!



## Maths

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April some of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. The Junior Maths Challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Our students worked very hard on the challenge and achieved some amazing results, with a vast majority hitting the Bronze, Silver or even Gold achievement levels! Well done! Such a fantastic achievement.

### Bronze:

Niamh K, Daniel A, Amy A, James B, Max B, Sabah C, Maxwell F, Liska F, Wesley G, Macy G, Sophia M, Will M, Rithika S, May S, Kaylen T, Abi T, Naor V, Huxley W, Sammy W, Fred W, Tom W, Megan W, Aden Y.

### Silver:

Ollie B, Jessica B, Kacie E, Autumn F, Charlie F, Fleur H, Isabella M, Harry M, Cameron M, Oreoluwa O, Dylan S, Emmie S, Sam S, Taylor T, Noah W

### Gold

Sophie S, William G.

## Maths Problem of the Week

A huge well done to those who got the correct answer of 367 for last week's problem of the week. From the correct answers, the winner is Dylan S in Year 8, well done! Please come to 530 to collect your prize.

Please see below for this week's problem. Please send all entries to [statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
Good luck!



Find the code!

- It has 6 different digits
- Even and odd digits alternate (note: zero is an even number)
- Digits next to each other have a difference greater than one
- When we break the code into three sets of two-digit numbers, then the first and middle are a multiple of the last

What is the code? (more than 1 solution)

## Finally

Thank you to all staff and students for helping to recognise and celebrate the Jubilee. We hope that you enjoyed your own celebrations and parents enjoyed the additional Bank Holidays!

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity  
Headteacher