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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #9

Remembrance Assemblies

This week students have attended an assembly for Remembrance 2022. Mrs Ward-Argument, Mr Bembridge and Mr Brell Ewart, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and President of Ashbourne Royal British Legion, shared stories of the importance of remembrance and the history of the poppy. Students heard Alasdair in Year 12 beautifully playing the Last Post and Reveille and they observed a 2 minute silence as a sign of respect for members of the armed forces who have suffered in past and recent conflicts. Students have been encouraged to wear a poppy this week as a sign of remembrance. Also, a reminder of the Remembrance Day Parade in Ashbourne from 10am on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November.



Lost Property

All lost property is kept in our medical room. We have lots of coats and trainers in there. If your child has lost anything please ask them to check in the medical room. Please also ensure students names are in all clothing including coats and shoes for making returning to owners a lot easier.

PE Changing Rooms and Uniform

As we near the completion of our new changing facilities, we will be returning to the routine of all students wearing full school uniform and getting changed for PE, Dance and Drama lessons. This means students will no longer need to wear PE kit to school. **This change will commence on Monday 28th November.** A reminder of the school uniform and PE kit expectations <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Year 11 Future Options

Please could all Year 11 students make sure they fill in Mr Walker's options survey which was sent to you by email on 9th November. This is so we have an initial idea of what you may want to do after Year 11. Thank you.

Anti Bullying Week - Monday 14th November 2022 to Friday 18th November 2022

We will be marking Anti Bullying week with the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November**, where staff and students are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. They can be as jazzy as students like worn over trousers/tights.

Students will receive special form time assemblies focussing on Anti Bullying week and Years 7-9 will have lessons in English with opportunity to discuss and debate further.

We have included the link to the parent support pack should you need to support your child with any issues surrounding bullying <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202022%20-%20Parent%20Pack.pdf>.

Children in Need Reminder

We are going to have a SPOTacular **Children in Need Day on Friday 18th November**. It will be a non-uniform day for a suggested donation of £1. Come to school dressed in your spottiest outfits. Remember to keep it suitable for school so no cropped tops please or short skirts or shorts. You can donate before the event by using this link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7973>

The student leadership team are running a bake sale and would like cake donations to sell. Please deliver any donations to 540 in Friday 18th November. Also, please bring some change to purchase the cakes on offer.

DI Update

Our Year 10 GCSE students have got off to flying start this term! They have been making fresh pasta with pesto or tomato and basil sauce, sausage plaits and shortcrust pastry for quiches, each student choosing or adapting their recipes to suit their own and their families' tastes.



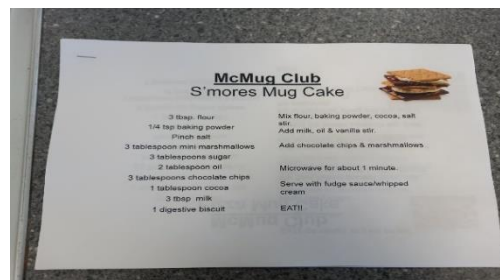
Meanwhile Year 9 have been making lasagne and it has gone down so well we have had requests for the recipe

Over the course of the last term Year 9 DI students have been making decorative wooden boxes. Students have learned to cut finger joints for the corners, apply a decorative finish for the lids by laminating a combination of hard and soft woods. Further to this they have designed and manufactured an alternative lid using CAD/CAM to machine a design using one of our CNC routers. All boxes show an amazing attention to detail as they are very accurate and finished to a commercial standard. All students have developed significantly since September. Well done Year 9 DI students.



Cooking Club

Cooking club this term has got off to a very tasty start!



Senior Maths Challenge

We had 30 students taking part in the external Senior Maths challenge. There have been some fantastic results, with Molly B, Elliot H, Paddy W, James M, Tom B, Georgia B, Will C, Sam M, Dan S and Artemis S all achieving a Bronze award and Bethany R, Mae B, Ryan R and Alasdair C achieving the Silver. A special mention to Will S and Bryn P who achieved the Gold award and now progress to the next round. Well done to all.

Times Table Rockstars Competition!

The times tables rockstars competition is starting on Monday, and runs for three days until Wednesday 16th November. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part, competing against hundreds of schools across the country. They can spend up to 1 hour per day at home over these three days answering as many questions as possible in any game mode. Students who do not have access to an electronic device or who would like to complete the challenge at school are invited to come to room 526 during lunchtime/afterschool to participate if they wish. There will be prizes for the winning class. Best of luck!

Problem of the Week

The answer to last week's problem was 1:05:27. Well done to this week's winner - Niamh K please come to 530 to collect your prize!

This week's problem is:

It takes 2 gardeners 8 days to mow a lawn. One is lazy and one is energetic. The energetic one would only take 12 days to mow it on his own. How many days would the lazy gardener take to mow the lawn on his own?

Endangered Languages Poster Competition

Congratulations to Ella T for winning the Endangered Languages Poster Competition organised by the Language Leaders and MFL Department as part of the celebrations for the European Day of Languages. Well done to our runners up Fergus B, Freddie H, Daisy B, Olivia M, Isla Mand Eli H. Thank you to everyone who took part! The posters will be on display soon in the MFL Department.



NSEA



QEGS had such a great time at the National NSEA championship at Keysoe, Bedfordshire!

Our team were Eleanor C - I'm Spartacus, Grace - Master Light, Chloe D- Calder Diesel, Brooke W-A - Golden Liberty and Libby A - Joey. Our 'Jumping with style' team travelled and competed just before half term in a show jumping class at 80/85cm.

Of the 4 rounds we had 3 go clear in very fast times! We eventually held fast to our placing of 8th and were absolutely delighted to note that there were barely seconds between ourselves and the winning team. The camaraderie between the girls and the care of their ponies was fantastic.

We then had Libbie with Joey compete in the dressage as an individual. Having held onto sixth place throughout the day, Libby eventually finished in 9th out of a huge field of riders. Another great result.

Huge thank you to everyone involved, especially the parents for their tremendous support.



Breaking news....Libbie and Joey won the NSEA County Challenge Dressage Preliminary class at Eland Lodge on 5th November, so Libbie is County Champion and has qualified for the County Finals at Hickstead next May!! Chloe D also placed 4th in the same class.

Under 14s Netball

The Under 14 (Year 9) Netball team attended the Derbyshire County Netball tournament on Wednesday 9th at Repton School. 8 schools within the County had entered and the girls played 7 tough games across the afternoon, only losing one game to Repton by 1 goal.



The girls finished runners up to Repton and will now represent Derbyshire at the Regional tournament in Peterborough in January 23.

U15 & U13 Girls Football

U15's girls (right) won 5-0 in the 3rd round of the National Cup this week. Keeping another clean sheet. Goals from Freya x2 Bella, Kacie & Mollie POM Freya



U13's (left) played in their first football match yesterday, sadly they lost 2-0 but for their first game together there was lots of positives to take away. Player of the match was Lissy and Isla.

Level 3 BTEC Sport and Exercise Science students have a new uniform!



Due to the nature of the course (a mixture of practical and theory), we have designed and launched a new kit for these students to wear instead of the typical sixth form business attire. The decision has gone down well, and we are really pleased with how smart they look!



Sixth Form Update

With COP27 up and running, last week's talk to Year 12 was very timely, on the subject of Conservation and in form time this week they have considered how Carbon Neutrality actually works. Next week's talk for Year 13 will follow on from the previous talk on Apprenticeships, with the focus on the Apprenticeship application process. We are pleased to welcome visiting speakers from JCB and Mercedes.

Online Safety

Many grandparents will be carers for children either in a full time or part time capacity and it is important that they have a good understanding of the risks and issues faced by children and young people. Internet Matters have put together a fabulous guide for grandparents giving advice on a range of issues such as:

- Screen time
- Parental Controls
- Online Gaming
- Managing Money Online
- Live Streaming
- Peer Pressure
- You can access the article [here](#).



Christmas Music Concert 2022

The Music Department Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the Main Hall.

Do join us if you can - the bands and choirs are rehearsing hard, and it is shaping up to be a wonderful evening!

Tickets are available from our online box office www.qegs.link/tickets

Ashbourne Churches Together

Churches across Ashbourne are opening a space to stay warm this autumn & winter. All warm spaces will provide free hot drinks and are open to all ages. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://ashbourneelim.church/warm-space/>

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust:

<https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week C:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1964376/week-3-qegs.pdf>

Finally

Good luck to Year 11 as they prepare to sit their first set of Year 11 Mock exams. Please encourage your child to attempt every question and to try their best. More important than the grade is the feedback that students will receive from their teacher to help guide, support and improve their potential. Free breakfast is available every morning for all Year 11 through the mock exams too! Good luck, you can do it!

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher

