

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #11

### Student Absence

If your child is unwell at home and unable to attend school because of illness, then you must phone school to report the absence, before 9.00am. To do this simply phone 01335 343 685 and press 1 to speak to Student Services. Please ensure that you call on each day of the absence.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Today Year 11 finish their mock exams. We have been so impressed with their attitude and behaviour; staff and invigilators have all commented on this. The focus now is reviewing what worked and what didn't for their revision, and using the feedback to make further improvements.

### UCAS Exhibition

The Creative Arts departments took a range of Year 12 and year 13 students to Manchester to visit the UCAS fair to gather information on courses at universities and conservatoires. Students were able to talk to specialists and students currently studying in their field regarding the vast choice of courses open to them. Focusing on courses in Art & Design, Film & Television, Digital Media, Fashion & Textiles, Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Music Performance, Technology and Composition and many many more which they did not realise were available. Students came away inspired and exhilarated at their future prospects.

### DofE @QEGS

WELL DONE to all the participants who received their Awards this week at our DofE Celebration Event. It was great to be able to invite parents and friends to the occasion, our first since 2019 and post-covid. Kellie Ross (Operation Officer for Derbyshire) and Ann Smith (Town Councillor and former Mayor of Ashbourne) both took the stage to praise our students' efforts and determination to complete such a prestigious award.



Enrolments for the DofE Award have now closed for this year and preparations are underway for the expeditions. A letter will be sent out in the coming days to confirm dates and costings – please keep an eye out for this.

All students enrolled this year should now have accessed their eDofE account. If they have not, please come to the drop-in sessions in 557 on Thursday lunchtimes and we can help you!

Please follow us on Twitter for regular updates and useful information to help support your child through the DofE Award (@QEGS\_DofE)

## Race for Life

The Race for Life event that took place at our Community Day in July raised a fantastic £2,796.70 for Cancer Research. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

## Christmas Music Concert 2022

The Music Department Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm in the Main Hall. Tickets are available from our online box office [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)

## Sporting News

U15's Girls 4<sup>th</sup> Round of National Cup.

The girls pulled off a 1-0 win in one of the most physical games they have played so far!

The ground was so heavy but they gave their all until the final whistle. Goal from Phoebe & POM – Taylor.



A huge congratulations to Sophie in Year 9 who has qualified for the junior section of the English Gymnastics Championships in February. We wish you luck



## Continued sporting success for ex-student Sophie



Sophie P left QEGS in July 22 to go to Durham University where she continues her passion for fencing representing the GB Junior Epee Team previously and now, the U23 Senior Level Team – good luck Sophie at your upcoming events this year!

## Maths Problem of the Week

Last week's answer was 'r'. Well done to our winner Isabel H in Year 7, please come to 530 to collect your prize.

This week's problem is:

$$ABCD \times E = DCBA$$

(Replace letters with digits and have the answer be true. A,B,C,D and E are all different digits.)

Please send entries to [statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

## Maths Clubs

For Year 7-10:

- Wednesday afterschool Maths drop in Rm 524- for support in any area of maths and homework
- Wednesday afterschool coding/problem solving club in Rm 523
- Darts club in room 566 Wednesday lunch

For Year 11:

- Tuesday after school Year 11 revision (higher) in room 522
- Wednesday after school Year 11 revision (foundation) in room 522

- Tuesday morning from 8:20 Maths breakfast club
- Wednesday after school coding/problem solving club
- Darts club in room 566

We would be most appreciative if you could encourage your child to attend some of these clubs

### Online Safety

As we head towards the Christmas holidays children will be asking for new games, but this can be confusing for parents. Internet Matters have put a guide together which will help you make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together. You can find the guide here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>

### New Deputy Progress Leader

We are delighted to welcome Amy Robinson to the team as our new Deputy Progress Leader. She will be based in 540. Amy has been with QEGS for 2 years working within the SEN Department so know our students very well and is looking forward to working with them in a different capacity.



### QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

**£2.60 Meal Deal**  
 Choose one item from each section:

**Main Meal**  
 Hot dish of the day  
 Jacket potato with one filling  
 Panini  
 Plated salad  
 Hot filled roll  
 Hot wrap of the day  
 Soup with roll  
 Filled naan  
 Large hot pasta with sauce  
 Tariff A, B or C sandwich

**Dessert**  
 Hot dessert  
 Small fruit pot  
 Piece of fresh fruit  
 Traybake or cookie

**Drink**  
 Radnor water 330ml

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### Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

#### Week B:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1964322/week-2-qegs.pdf>

The Meal Deal is the best value for those eligible for free school meals.

Yours faithfully

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 Headteacher