

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #32

### Water Safety - Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service launched a hard-hitting water safety video called 'Thando's Story', told in the words of Mr and Mrs Ndlovu who lost their much-loved son Thando in July 2021.

Thando's Story aims to encourage parents, carers and guardians to speak to young children about the dangers of open water, and directly warn young people in the hope that Thando's death will leave a legacy that will prevent future water deaths.

You can link to Thando's Story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Jz5t3BA6rQ>

#### [Thando's Story](#)

The parents of a teenager who died in the River Trent have joined Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service to share their heart-breaking story as part of a new campaign.

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### Mr Garrity's Afternoon Tea

Headteacher's Weekly 'Well Done' Afternoon Tea Each week Mr Garrity holds a 'Well Done' Afternoon Tea attended by students who have been nominated by their teachers. The last two weeks attendees are pictured below with 'well done' nominations from Maths, PE, Geography, Sports Leaders, MFL and many more areas of school life



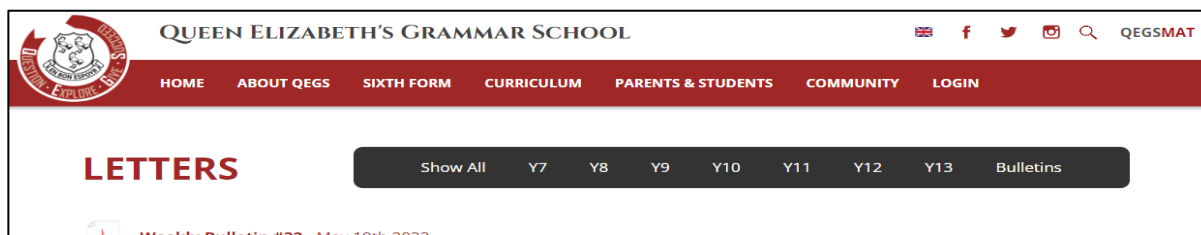
## Parent Pay Shop – Revision Resources

The ParentPay Shop provides the opportunity to purchase revision resources at reduced prices compared to buying through other sources: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712>  
Revision resources ordered before the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 will be ordered before the end of the Summer Term.  
Purchases made after this date will not be ordered into school until September 2023.

## Letters

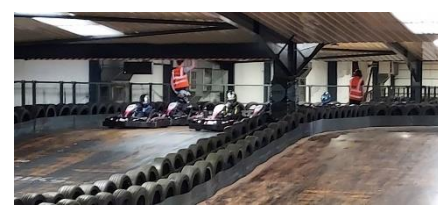
We have added a new feature to the QEGS website which we hope you find useful; this new feature enables you to filter letters by year group. This page can be found under the 'Parents & Students' section of the QEGS website or by clicking this link [www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/letters/](http://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/letters/)

Use the navigation bar at the top of the page to choose your filter.



## Go-Karting

The QEGS team of Jake S, Luca S and Sebastian B finished on the podium in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the regional round of the BSKC (British Schools Karting Championship) in Sheffield on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Competing against teams from Leeds, Bradford and Lymm among others. The event started with 3 practice sessions, where Sebastian and Jake set some of the fastest times. In the races: Jake finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in his two races, Sebastian in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Luca in 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after being dealt a raw deal in both races starting in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>! The boys were only 4 points off taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of the ten schools competing, which would have got them a place in the national final! A great effort boys .... go again next year!



## Junior Maths Challenge

Well done to all the Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the Junior Maths Challenge. We had 5 bronze, 5 silver and 4 gold certificates. Special well done to Ethan Charles and Sophie Sammut who both qualified for the next round, the Junior Kangaroo! Fantastic work from all our students who took part, huge congratulations!

## Maths Problem of the Week

There were 179 peas in the jar - well done to Paul S in Year 10 who is this week's winner. Please come to 321 to collect your prize!

This week's problem is: A 5-digit number has the sum of all five digits equal to 5. The first digit is equal to the number of zeros, the second digit is equal to the number of ones and so on. What is the number?

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



## Year 8 Camping Trip

We have around 10 places left on the Year 8 camping trip to How Stean Gorge in Yorkshire. This takes place in the last week of the academic year (Monday to Friday). There will be lots of activities including a gorge walk, paddle boarding, rock climbing and lots of team activities. Everything is included from travel through to food. Everyone welcome. Deadline to sign up and pay £340 total is 31<sup>st</sup> May. Any questions etc please contact Mrs Wright on [wright@qegs.email](mailto:wright@qegs.email).

## U14 Girls Semi Final

On Monday the U14 girls beat Swanwick Hall 3-1 in the semi final of the County Cup. This takes the girls through to the final being held at Moor Farm today (Friday). Goals Bella, Emily and Maizie. POM Emily. Good luck girls in your final we are so proud of you all.



## Tennis

Well done to some of our QEGS tennis players who played Repton and Dronfield this week. U13 boys were narrowly defeated on a tie break to be prevented from going to the regional event. All other teams/individuals won some games and played lots of tennis in the space of the afternoon!



## Primary 5 & 6 Cricket

Yesterday we had over 250 year 5&6 students taking part in primary cricket. Well done everyone. Thank you to all the sports leaders that ran the event.



## Art Department

Mrs Hall and the Art Department are proud to share the success of our Year 8 student Chloe Andrew. Her work has been selected to appear in the online exhibition for the Royal Academy Young Artists Show 2023. Here she is with her artwork entitled '**Southwold Beloved Beach Huts**' created using watercolour pencils and ink. It is a great achievement as her work has been selected from 21,000 entries. You can view the exhibition online from the 18<sup>th</sup> July via the link [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#). I hope this inspires our young artists to submit their artwork in next year's exhibition.



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Music Department Presents

*Last Night of the Proms*  
*Summer Concert*

with featured performances from Dance and Drama

29th June 7:30pm QEGS Main Hall

Tickets: £8 (£5 conc.) available online | [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)

### Summer Music Concert

The Music department will play host to the Last Night of the Proms Summer Concert on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm, also featuring a performance from the Dance and Drama department. Tickets can be purchased via [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)



### Sixth Form Update

Congratulations to the recipients of Physics Olympiad certificates Louis, Will, May, Charles, Edward, Elliott, Zak, Iona, Katie, Molly and Nicholas.

A reminder that applications for next year's Sixth Form Bursary are open. The Bursary is a means tested fund available to support students in purchasing necessary items for their education, such as books, IT equipment, trips and travel to and from school.

The Year 12 students have received their Progress exam timetables. They should see Mrs Thrupp if they have any queries.

### Primary Arts Day Take 2

Today we have welcomed 130 students from the local primary schools to participate in our Arts Day. Throughout the day students took part in workshops with our drama, music and art staff and thoroughly enjoyed having a go on the trampolines in PE. Students developed their devising skills in drama by creating their own material to a stimulus using the idea of a journey over the rainbow and what they found; read music to play the bells and perform in small groups and designed their own artwork. The day ended with a performance from everybody of a dance they have learnt today with Miss Hambly. It was lovely to see lots of smiles from everyone enjoying themselves under the lights on the stage. Thank you everyone for coming it was a fantastic day.





## QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at:

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

At QEGS these include:

- **PA to Headteacher (maternity)**
- **Teacher of Religious Studies**
- **Teacher of Science**
- **Head of Modern Foreign Languages**
- **Teacher of Design and Innovation**

## Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week A

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk>

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

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 15<sup>th</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> June – GCSEs
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – A levels
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Return to school
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Silver DofE Qualifier Expedition
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Bronze DofE Qualifier Expedition
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Progress Exams
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Geography GCSE fieldtrips
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sixth Form Personal Development Trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4&5 Humanities Challenge
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – World Music Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 9 Sports Leaders – Spring Lakes Trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Art Exhibition – Private Viewing
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – Art Exhibition – Public Viewing
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Exams
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccination
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Biology Field Trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 Young Drivers Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 The Power of the Mind Presentation and Performance
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Parents Sixth Form Information evening
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Virtual Transition Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Music Summer Concert
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 11 Transition
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Parents Evening
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Litchfield Festival
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – DofE Presentation – 4:15pm hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Community Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 WOW week
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 Geography Field Trip
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 - Countdown to Success



- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Award Ceremonies
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 10 and 12 Work Experience
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 8 Camping
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 7 – 9 end of academic year trips and activities
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Pop up uniform shop
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – A level results
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – Pop up uniform shop
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August – Year 6 summer school
- 24<sup>th</sup> August – GCSE results
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September – Inset – school open for staff only
- 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7, 10 and 12 return to school
- 7<sup>th</sup> September – Year 8, 9, 11 and 13 return to school

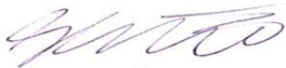
### **Finally**

Good luck to the U14 Girls Football team in their County Cup Final today and to the U16 Girls Football team in their County Cup final after half term – an amazing achievement.

Well done Year 11 and 13 on the first few weeks of exams, their conduct has been superb. Rest, enjoy some downtime over the half term break and continue to revise 'little and often'. I know you will be ready to do your best when you return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a great half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity  
**Headteacher**