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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #27

Well Done Afternoon Tea

Last week, Mr Garrity congratulated 73 students who had been nominated by their teachers. Lots of cake, tea and coffee, well done certificates and skip the queue lunch passes! Well done to those who attended.



Lockdown Drill

On Thursday, we tested and rehearsed our drill for a lockdown procedure. This is something that all schools and public buildings will do from time to time, as advised by the government's Counter Terrorism Police. With any drill, we appreciate that there is a fine balance between being prepared and well-rehearsed, without causing too much worry for our young people. Your child may want to discuss this with you at home and we welcome any feedback if you have any. Please contact Kate Morgan (Assistant Headteacher) morgan@qegs.email

Uniform

Thank you to all parents of your support this term as we returned to full uniform. On our return after the Easter break, all students must again have full and correct uniform or will be asked to borrow items from our loan stock - this will include shoes and students will no longer be allowed to wear trainers where stock for loan shoes is available (unless accompanied with a medical note). Please also be reminded as the weather, we hope, gets warmer that blazers are worn, and sweaters/jumpers are removed when both are not needed as described in the uniform policy and uniform booklet on our website. If you have any uniform queries, please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss further. We are always happy to support parents in replacing uniform items and Mrs Starkie should be contacted starkiek@qegs.email if this is something you want to discuss.

Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning for SEND parents and carers on Monday 24th April from 9:30am-11am. Please see poster attached. If you wish to attend this event, please email sanders@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or ring student services to book your place.

Parent and Carers SEND Coffee Morning

On Monday 24th April at 9:30am - 11am



A chance to ask questions

Find out information on the support provided for SEND students at QEGS.

How to access technology to support SEND students.

Meet and chat with other parents

Please email sanders@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or call student services on 01335 343685 to book a place.



Sixth Form Room Changes

Some Sixth Form lessons will be moving into the new Boothby Campus after Easter; these will be updated on Year 12 and 13 timetables in GO 4 Schools over the Easter break so please check before we come back on 17th April!

Music Room Names

As part of the transition to the new building, the music classroom numbers are changing. 807 becoming 757, and 808 becoming 758. Students in Year 7 to 11 should still go to the same location for any music lessons. The new Boothby building is taking the 800 numbers.

Year 11 Maths Revision

Well done to Year 11 for their continued hard work in Maths this term. Just as a reminder, we have lots of revision resources available to them alongside the Maths Easter revision sessions. Students can use the revision timetable which links to both the CGP revision guides and 'mathswatch' to help them to structure their revision (this is on the Year 11 TEAMS group). We have lots of other resources available on TEAMS, such as topic tests and solutions, practice papers and revision flowcharts. We also run Higher intervention during a Wednesday lunchtime and Foundation intervention afterschool on a Tuesday - please do encourage your child to come along!

Maths Problem of the Week

Well done to Ethan C in Year 7 who got the correct answer for last week's problem! Please come to room 321 to collect your prize. There were several possible answers, with one example being (from left to right); Jack of clubs, Jack of Diamonds and Queen of Diamonds.

This week's problem is; How many ways can the letters in the word 'EASTER' be rearranged? Send any entries to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with a chance of winning a prize

Geography Ambassador Fundraiser

On Friday 24th March the Geography Ambassadors ran a cake sale to raise money for the victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey. Students were offered a range of home-baked cakes and biscuits. The project raised awareness of the impacts of earthquakes and also raised a fantastic £80.65. This will be donated to the Red Cross to help support their work. Many thanks to all of you who made donations and bought cakes.

It's About Me - Derbyshire's Holidays and Activity and Food Programme

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education for children aged between 4-16, eligible for benefits-related free school meals and will be running over the upcoming school holidays between Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April.

Please find further details of the Spring Programme and how to book on our website: <https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk/> the attached flyer offers details of how to book and maybe useful. Many families are not aware that they can access this programme and therefore we would be extremely grateful if you could circulate and share information far and wide across your networks to ensure we reach eligible families across Derbyshire.



You Are Cordially Invited....

To the Music Department Open Mic Night Fundraising Concert! On Friday 21st April at 7:30pm, a group of QEGS musicians past and present will be gathering in the Main Hall to present their party pieces in the hope of parting you with your pennies for a good cause.

We will be raising funds in memory of Mr David Roberts and any proceeds will be split between supporting the Derby Nightingale Macmillan Unit and continuing Mr Roberts' lifelong work improving the QEGS Music Department facilities. Along with a parade of performances, there will also be a bar, cake stall and ice creams and it looks set to be a wonderful evening.

Tickets will be available online at www.qegs.link/tickets at a cost of £5 per person. We would love it if you could join us.



Primary Arts Day

On 22nd March we welcomed 150 students from a range of different 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 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 day of the dead masks. The day ended with a performance from each school on our stage to each other of the dances they had been working on with Miss Hambly or by themselves. It was lovely to see lots of smiles from everyone enjoying themselves under the lights on the stage. Each school followed our theme of 'colour' and had been really creative with their costumes and altogether they looked like a rainbow. Thank you everyone for coming it was a fantastic day.

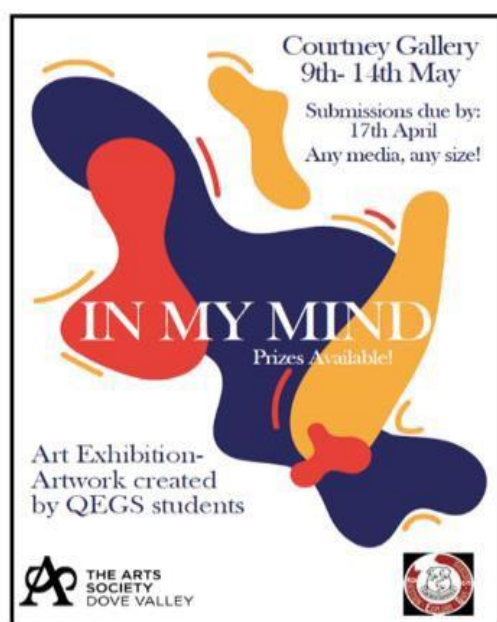


Dance & Drama Performance Evening

This week the Dance & Drama department have held their annual performance evening where classes from Year 9 to Year 13 perform their practical coursework. Year 13 performed their extracts from scripted work and finished the evening with their devised piece. It was great to hear feedback from the audience with comments 'very talented performers' and 'very creative material' which will help them evaluate their work. The Year 12s and Year 11s also performed their extracts from scripted plays; we had dances from the Year 11s, 10s and 9s as well which was lovely to see the progress, they make from Year 9 to Year 13. We also had a performance from the Year 9 drama group and two Year 8 students volunteered to perform their devising piece from lessons they had created. Overall, the evening was successful, and the audience loved the performances. For some this was their last performance at QEGS and the end of their courses. Good luck to everyone with your exams coming up next term.

Art Exhibitions Competition

A reminder that there is still time to submit entries for our annual Art exhibition at the Courtney Gallery. The theme of this year's exhibition is 'In My Mind.' Students in all year groups are invited to take part and entries can be of any media, technique and size. Please see poster for more details.



Royal Geographical Society Ambassador

This week Shannon Fletcher-Fields from the Royal Geographical Society has made two visits to the QEGS Geography department. For a selection of classes from Year 7-12 Shannon has made special presentations on the important geographical research currently being undertaken around the world. She also discusses the variety of skills within which GCSE and A-Level Geography can make students more valuable to employers. Shannon also highlighted the amazing job opportunities Geography has to offer students around the globe from Environmental research and Consulting to the design of futuristic floating cities in the Pacific Ocean. Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting her passion for the subject and letting them know the exciting places geography can take them in the future.

Cross Country

Ewan had an amazing time representing England in the Mixed Intermediate Relay at the SIAB (Schools International Athletics Board) Cross Country Competition at Sefton Park - the team was second to Scotland - Ireland were 3rd and Wales 4th.

Here is a bit of information about International Events event on the English Schools Athletics Association Website

- <https://esaa.org.uk/competitions/international-events/>



Netball

On Thursday 23rd March, the U15 Netball Squad travelled to Littleover School to take part in the annual County Tournament. The girls won all of their early round games with communication and cohesion between the team being exemplary, as well as their terrific level of skill! They won their semi-final game against Derby High 11-1 and went into the final fighting. The final game was a tough one and all the girls played their hearts out, they unfortunately lost in the final to Trent College, but came away from the game discussing winning tactics and strategies for next season!

Here are a few pictures of a truly winning team and the silver medalists:



Our Year 7 netball team competed in the under 12 county tournament on Monday and earned 4th place in Derbyshire!



Level 3 BTEC Sport and Exercise Science

Results from January exams have been outstanding for Unit 1: Sport & Exercise Physiology and Unit 2: Functional Anatomy with a total of 10 distinctions and 2 merits. These are some of our best results ever for these exams, well done everyone!

Ashbourne Swimming Club

Last month a number of ADSC members, including many QEGS pupils, attended the Derbyshire ASA County Championships swimming gala as they had worked hard to achieve qualifying times at other galas throughout the previous year. The Championships were held at the new Moorways pool in Derby. The club was extremely proud of all of the swimmers, with 4 members making the finals.

One swimming club member and QEGS pupil, Isabella M, won a bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke. Isabella also made the finals for 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 50m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke. Another swimmer and QEGS pupil, Ellie H, made the finals in the 50m fly and 100m fly but just missed out on medals. Daniel M, Connie H, Elena A, Max G and Freddie H all secured PB's.



If any QEGS pupils or younger siblings are interested in joining in the fun at Ashbourne and District Swimming Club, please contact the Club for a free session. The Club are welcoming new members, catering for all levels of swimmers from stage 7 upwards. Please email membership@ashbourneswimclub.org and see the Club website www.ashbourneswimclub.org for details of Club swimming times and more.

House Matches

Over the past week, Years 7,8 & 10 students have been representing their house to compete in the Girls Hockey and Boys Rugby House Matches. Year 9s will take place Thursday morning periods 1&2.

Results:

Girls Hockey	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Boothby	Hull	Cokayne	Spalden
Year 8	Hull	Cokayne	Spalden	Boothby
Year 9	Playing Thurs 30th			
Year 10	Hull	Cokayne	Boothby	Spalden

Boys Rugby	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 7	Boothby	Cokayne	Spalden	Hull
Year 8	Hull	Spalden	Cokayne	Boothby
Year 9	Playing Thurs 30th			
Year 10	Boothby	Spalden	Hull	Cokayne

All pictures and results are also announced on our QEGS PE Instagram - please follow for more information or updates running up to the events.



British Physics Olympiad – Year 12 Challenge

Congratulations to the 12 students who sat the Year 12 challenge paper earlier this month. The competition is designed to challenge A level physics students with very challenging problem-solving, allowing to compare their results with top A level physics students across the United Kingdom. They got a great set of results, including a Silver for Nicholas L. Well done to all!

Sixth Form Update

This week Year 13 have had a visiting speaker, Cllr Simon Spencer, Deputy Leader of Derbyshire County Council. He explained the structures of local government and the different layers of responsibility and took questions from students on subjects such as individual taxation and Covid parties at No10.

After Easter the new Boothby Campus building will open to Year 13 for private study, meaning more space will be freed up in the Sixth Form Centre for more students to use their free periods for independent study.

This week students who have achieved over and above attendance targets, with 97%+ and 99%+ attendance, were rewarded with a small gift in recognition of this. We wish all our students a lovely Easter break.

The Business Btec level 3 students competed in the Young Enterprise area final on Thursday night in Chesterfield and did exceptionally well. They pitched their business idea 'Scented' to 3 dragons and came out as runners up but also picked up awards for best presentation and sales and marketing. A huge well done to all of the team



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

At QEGS these include:

- **Clerk to Governors (part-time)**

Further details can be found at: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

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.

Collaborative QEGS FPTA and Ashburnian Event – 28th April

THE ASHBURNIAN
SOCIETY AND QEGS
FPTA PRESENT AN
EVENING WITH
ELIZABETH I AND THE
EDWARDIAN
HEADMASTER



Introducing: Lesley Smith of Tutbury
Castle as Elizabeth I

Friday the 28th of April 2023 in the
Main Hall at QEGS, DE6-1EP.



Tickets £15.00 to include cheese platter and access
to the bar.

Tables of 10 can be purchased for £130

Tickets can be purchased through the link

www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegs-fpta

Or directly with Mrs Hilary Coates tel: 01335

343611 or emailing samhowson@btinternet.com

This production is suitable for over 16's due to the
nature of the talk.



£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



Easter Break Support



Kids Eat Out For Less

Easter Holidays 2023



ASDA - Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of Easter 2023.

IKEA - Kids get a meal from 95p daily, from 11am

Sainsburys Cafe - Kids eat for £1, with the purchase of an adult meal

Hard Rock Cafe - Kids eat for free with a DOWTK Pass

Whitbread Inns - Two kids under 16 can eat free with any adult breakfast purchased

Bella Italia - Kids eat for £1 with any adult main, 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

Dunelm Cafe - Kids get one mini main, two snacks and a drink for free with any £4 spend after 3pm

Gordon Ramsay Restaurants - Kids under 8 eat free all day, every day

Yo! Sushi - Kids eat free all day with any adult spend £10 or over, until 3rd April

Spaghetti House - Kids eat free with a DOWTK Pass

Morrisons - Spend £4.99 and get one kids meal for free, all day every day

The Real Greek - Kids eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

Premier Inn/Travel Lodge - Buy one adult breakfast from £8.99 and up, and two kids can eat for free

Preto - Kids up to 10 eat free all day, every day with a paying adult during school holidays



Information correct at time of posting

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 30th March – Last day of term
- 31st March – INSET (school open for staff only)
- 17th April – School re-opens
- 21st April – Music department open mic night fundraising concert - 7:30pm
- 24th April – Year 8 & 9 HPV vaccinations
- 24th April – Parent and careers SEND coffee morning –9:30-11am
- 28th April – Collaborative QEGS FPTA and Ashburnian event - 7:00pm
- 1st May – Bank holiday
- 2nd May – Year 10 Silver DofE training (P5)
- 3rd May – Year 9 Bronze DofE training (P5)
- 3rd May – Uniform pop up shop – 3:30 – 5pm
- 4th May – Primary culture day
- 8th May – Bank holiday
- 10th – 12th May – Silver Practice DofE expedition
- 11th – 12th – Bronze Practice DofE expedition
- 15th May – 28th June – GCSEs
- 15th – 23rd June – A levels
- 23rd May – Year 12 Digital Media – Pantene workshop
- 26th May – Primary arts day
- 26th May - Year 9 options confirmed
- 26th May – Last day of term

Finally

Thank you to our students, parents, carers and staff for a hugely successful term. Our weekly bulletins try to provide some insight into the life of the QEGS and we hope that your child has enjoyed and succeeded in something this term. Our curriculum, clubs and activities are intended to be broad and inclusive. However, if there is something you feel we are not offering which we could – please let us know enquiries@qegs.email

Please have a restful Easter break. Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher