

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #35

### Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expeditions

A HUGE WELL DONE to all our Bronze and Silver students for completing their qualifying expedition last week! We had great walking weather and the behaviour, etiquette and attitude of all students was fantastic! From map reading and teamwork skills to tent craft and perseverance – it was such a delight to observe, and you have all made us very proud DofE managers! We hope you have enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing many of you move on the next Award Level!

A big thank you, also, to all the parents who have supported our participants with drop offs/pick ups/transporting to various activities etc! Your support is very much appreciated.

QEGS DofE students have also completed 1,378 of volunteering hours since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (more than doubling last year's total!). This equates to £6,627 of social value. Not only do our students develop valuable lifelong skills through their volunteering, but they made a difference to the lives of many others in our local community.



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## Canteen School Meals - ParentPay

Could parents/carers please ensure that meals on Parentpay accounts are paid in full before students leave for the Summer break.

Parents of Year 11 and 13 can request a refund of monies on ParentPay accounts by contacting [finance@qegsmat.com](mailto:finance@qegsmat.com) or alternative they can transfer the monies to younger siblings.

## ParentPay Shop – (last orders for this term reminder)

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.

## Sanitary Products

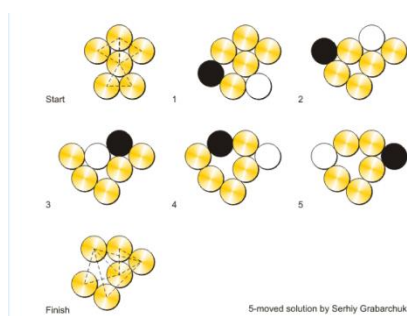
Free sanitary packs are available from the medical room should your child need any. They are also freely available in our toilets onsite. We are part of a Government scheme so are issued thousands of products each month. Please save your money and utilise the resources we have in school.

## Year 10 Maths Drop Down Day

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June the Maths department hosted the first round of 'drop down' days for a group of Year 10 students. The students spent time working on key topics in the Maths curriculum, and the day was topped off by a portion of fish and chips each! The students worked extremely hard, and found the day to be very useful.

## Maths Problem of the Week

The solutions to last week's problem is



This week's problem is:

A pearl necklace has 33 pearls with the largest and most valuable in the middle. Starting from one end, each successive pearl is worth £100 more than the one before (up to the middle one) but starting from the other end each pearl is worth £150 more than the one before, up to the big pearl. The whole necklace is worth £65,000. What is the value of the middle pearl?

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

## NSEA

Our NSEA team have made us so proud again!! Just before half term our students (and parents) set forth on the 7-hour trip (transporting horses) to the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) Championships at the Hickstead All England Showground. Our team comprised; Chloe D riding Calder Diesel, Libbie A riding Carrick Diamond Craft, Brooke W riding Golden Liberty & Eleanor C riding I'm Spartacus. Emily L rode as an individual on Toby with Chloe & Libbie also performing in some individual classes.

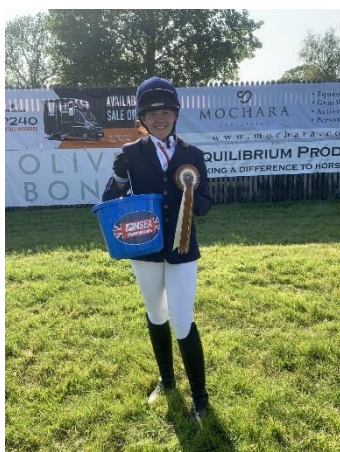
In Dressage, Libbie A competed as an individual and was in the ribbons in her class, coming a triumphant 8<sup>th</sup> in the country for her performance with Carrick Diamond Craft against some stiff competition. In the arena eventing, Chloe D & Calder Diesel had a fantastic and brave clear in their 70cm class which put them about halfway down the leader's board. For arena eventing riders must complete a course of show jump and cross-country fences at a pace of 350 m/min, with no optimal time given. This makes hitting that elusive magic time tricky despite all efforts and

good riding. Our equestrian team had an exciting time competing the following day in the arena eventing 80cm class. All 4 were fired up, with plans, lines, timings and positivity. They rode picture perfect routes with 3 beautifully ridden clears, only to elude the optimal time once again and finish halfway up the board, yet very pleased with their horses' and performances.

In Showjumping, Emily L in Year 7, had her first championship competition with Toby and rode valiantly with an unfortunate 8 faults in the 70cm showjumping. It was tremendous to watch her and her pony cope in such a high-pressured environment in front of the crowds and amid all the excitement. Finally, our QEGS team had a really ambitious crack at the 80cm show jumping with Eleanor & Brooke pulling some great angles and tight turns to achieve two of the fastest times of the day, whilst unfortunately taking a pole each with them, which set the team back. Sadly, Libbie's safe and brilliantly executed clear round wasn't enough to secure a top placing.

All agreed that our game was very strong this year for QEGS, and it was notable how the team is growing in both numbers and experience. It was four days of teamwork, friendship, learning and fun. Horses and riders were all immaculately turned out throughout, representing their school to the highest possible standard. Despite all the competitive aspects and pressure to succeed for their school and bring home trophies. It was a delight to note that their team work, comradery and love for their ponies far exceeded everything else!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and helped make this possible.



### Sixth Form Update

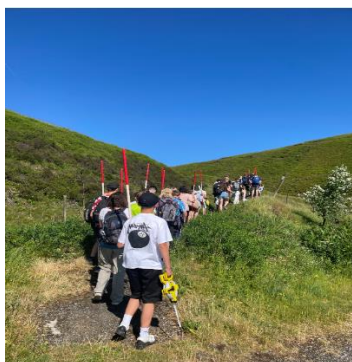
This week our Year 12 BTEC Business students have been visiting forms Year 7 to Year 10 to present their PowerPoints about Race for Life. As part of their course, Unit 4: Managing an Event, it allows them to gain real life experiences while organising the event. As a group they have set a very ambitious aim of raising £5000 for Cancer Research and they hope that it will go towards developing new treatments and help scientists with their understanding of the disease. In their presentation they expressed the importance of fundraising for Cancer Research and informed students of what they need to bring on the day.

Race for Life is the 7<sup>th</sup> July and it is a 5k route around the school playing fields and the local park, the event takes place during school times and so students that use school transport will still be able to get home. It is non-

school uniform with a pink and red theme for Cancer Research and we just ask for a donation of £1 payable via ParentPay.

### Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip Success

This week the Geography department have taken out all our Year 10 Geography to conduct fieldwork along the River Dove. 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! Finally, a huge thank you the Geography department for taking the time to prepare and run the fieldtrip - it couldn't have happened without their hard work!



### Mountain Running

Ewan B ran for GB and England, he placed an amazing 4<sup>th</sup> in The International U18 Mountain Running Cup in Annecy leading England to 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the team competition. This year's event included athletes from 14 countries including USA and Mexico.

Last weekend he represented GB in the Under 20 Team at the World Trail and Mountain Championships in Innsbruck, Austria. Over a 7.5k course with over 400 metres of accent he finished a fantastic 28th against tough competition. Well Done.



### 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:

- **Teacher of Science**
- **Teacher of Spanish and French**
- **Deputy Head of Year**
- **Clerk to Governors**
- **Midday Supervisor**

### Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

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

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

**FOOD CENTRAL**

**£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

**FOOD CENTRAL**

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## Uniform

The summer weather has meant that we have modified our uniform to help keep students more comfortable in the high temperatures. We do not allow alternatives to school trousers and school skirts, leggings are not allowed, please check your child's trousers/skirt is the correct one for school.

### 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
- 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



**Ashbourne Community Event**

**Saturday 8 July - 10am - 2pm**  
**Ashbourne Recreation Ground**

Come along and talk to the emergency services and see the range of things on offer:

- Fire engines & Police cars
- Get information from support services
- Get advice on a range of community safety issues
- Healthy Living
- Have a go at KMX bikes & drift trikes
- Get some personal safety equipment
- Make a smoothie, and more...

Part of National Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week

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**QEGS Art Exhibition**

Main School Hall:

Thursday 22nd June:  
6-8pm.

Saturday 24th June:  
10am-2pm.

All Welcome!

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**Finally**

Please ensure that your child is being considerate and respectful in the local community when arriving and leaving school. The vast majority of our students conduct themselves really well and make us very proud. Unfortunately, we have had to sanction those who have not been.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Garrity  
**Headteacher**