



30th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #36

What to do if a school bus breaks down?

Following a break down of a school bus this morning on route to school and some confusion from students what they should do/miscommunication from the driver:

- Students should stay on the bus unless it is unsafe to do so (fire or risk of being hit by another vehicle).
- Students should wait with the driver until a replacement bus arrives to continue the route to school.
- The driver/bus company will make contact with school to let us know of the problem and how long a replacement vehicle will take to arrive.
- Students travelling expecting to sit exams that day are not to worry – consideration will be given on arrival to school and you will be given the full time to complete an exam.

Derbyshire School Transport/school were made aware too late this morning, to provide suitable guidance to students/parents/carers. The breakdown has been followed up with the bus company.

A Level Biology

The Year 12 A level biology students enjoyed a field trip to Cavedale near Castleton last Tuesday. They were able to study some SSSI (Site of special scientific interest) sites that can only be studied once per year, so huge thank to the Peak District National Park team who gave us expert input and organised permission to use such a special site. Students were able to use a range of equipment to carry out their required practical work and a little beyond.



Maths Problem of the Week

A big well done to Ella T in Year 7 who got the correct answers of C=1, A=3, T=5. Please come to 321 to collect your prize!

This week's problem is:

I have twice the age that you had when I had the age you have. When you will have the age I have together we will have 63 years. How old are we both?

Please send any entries to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with the chance of winning a prize!

Staffing

Miss Jordan, TA, has returned from maternity leave and returning on Monday from maternity leave is Miss Robinson, Assistant Headteacher. New recruit for the science department is Miss Harrison as Science Technician. Miss Jones, PA to the Headteacher is now on maternity leave. Miss Street, history teacher (maternity leave) leaves us today and will start at her new school in September.

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.

Refugee Week

Miss Angris delivered assemblies to every year group to recognise 'Refugee Week 2023'. We spoke about the stigma and stereotypes that can be associated with becoming a refugee and the need for **compassion**. Students have a range of activities to complete with tutors over the coming weeks and, if they would like to get more involved with the local refugee community, we would encourage them to contact Miss Angris (room 205), Mrs Ali (room 405), or to offer support with the following organisations: Ashbourne Refugee Community Sponsorship <https://www.facebook.com/AshbourneRefugeeCommunitySponsorship/> or Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity (DRS) <http://derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org/>.

If you are planning to have a clear out before or over the summer, please see below the list of items most needed by refugees which can be dropped off at DRS:

CARE 4 CALAIS

ARE YOU BRINGING DONATIONS TO CALAIS?

ITEM LIST

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Volunteers!
- Tents
- Men's and boys' coats (especially small and medium sizes)
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Jogging bottoms or jeans, size 26-34 waist (joggers with cuff bottoms if possible)
- New boxer shorts (esp small and medium, tight fit if possible)
- Socks, hats and gloves
- Hoodies and jumpers
- Trainers
- Unlocked mobile phones with chargers (note – unlocking essential please)
- Powerbanks
- Tarpaulins
- Rain ponchos
- Backpacks

OTHER ITEMS NEED, BUT NOT PRIORITY

- Toiletries and toiletry packs
- Rollmats
- T-shirts
- Bin bags
- Anti-bacterial hand wash

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT NEEDED

This is because we already have lots of these things, because there is no demand for them, or because they aren't appropriate.

- Anything that is dirty, torn, or otherwise damaged
- **FOOD** - please note that due to Brexit restrictions we can no longer transport food to France
- Children's toys
- Women's and children's clothes
- Men's trousers larger than 34' waist
- Electrical goods
- Handbags
- Towels

Chance to Shine Cricket Competition

The QEGS U13 and U15 girls represented Derbyshire this week, in the regional 'Chance to Shine' competition, after qualifying last week in the county tournament. The competition was held at Denby Cricket Club and was attended by teams from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. The girls played exceptionally well, showing high levels of skill and effort, as well as having a fantastic attitude throughout the day. The U13 team finished as runners-up, winning all of their games except one, where they narrowly lost to the eventual winning team. The U15 team won all of their games and were crowned Regional Champions, receiving a trophy and a signed cricket shirt from The Blaze, who are the women's cricket team that represent the East Midlands. Well done girls!



Sixth Form Update

In Sixth Form this week we have been focussing on transition events for Year 11 and students new to QEGS. On Wednesday we were really pleased to welcome students and their parents/carers to an information evening. On Thursday subject teachers hosted introductory sessions to give an overview of each subject and on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July we will be opening the doors of the Sixth Form to the new students for them to have taster lessons in their chosen subjects. We hope all these opportunities will help them feel welcome and ready to start. The next time we see them will be on results day on Thursday 24th August!

Events this week:

Our sociology and psychology students in Year 12 students were invited to attend an afternoon with Mentalist and Hypnotist Kris von Sponneck. The event was organised by the Psychology department with 'The Power of the Mind' as its theme. Kris gave demonstrations of how 'dual perception' and persuasion could be used to achieve a number of 'impossible' feats in the first half of the session. In the second half, he discussed the power of the subconscious, accompanied by a display of how this could be harnessed with a number of students who volunteered to be hypnotised. It was a unique, fun and interesting experience. Teachers were particularly impressed with the number of students willing to get involved. Well done Year 12!



The whole of Year 12 received talks from Derbyshire Police, Fire and County Council officers on driving safety, as part of our annual Young Drivers' Day event.

This morning our Year 12 students went out to support ex QEGS student Ben Sellers in his first of 3 marathons in 3 days. Members of our school running club also ran alongside him all the way to Clifton School in very wet conditions, where they received a very warm welcome from the primary students with flags, claps and cheers. This section took him over the halfway mark for today.

Ben is raising money for Hope UK who educate young people in schools on the catastrophic effects of drug abuse on young people and their loved ones in memory of his brother, Jon who died on 28th June 2022 at just age 33 where he took recreational drugs mixed with alcohol. To support Ben, please visit his just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/remember-his-name> or purchase raffle tickets from The Bank Cocktail Bar and Bistro in Ashbourne where there is a range of wonderful prizes on offer. See flyer below for more information about the finish line party on Sunday.



**SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023
FROM 3PM**

FINISH LINE PARTY

**WATCH BEN CROSS THE FINISH LINE
THE BANK COCKTAIL BAR ASHBOURNE**

**DJ ZACH
FROM 3PM**

**LIVE MUSIC
RAPHAEL TATE & FINLEY SIMPSON**

PRIZE RAFFLE DRAW 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW £2 PER TICKET

**RAISING MONEY FOR HOPE UK HELPING EQUIP YOUNG
PEOPLE TO MAKE DRUG FREE CHOICES**

Charity

PRIZE RAFFLE

REMEMBER HIS NAME *Jon*

**RAISING MONEY FOR HOPE UK HELPING EQUIP YOUNG
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£2 PER TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE NOW

**AVAILABLE TO BUY AT
THE BANK COCKTAIL BAR ASHBOURNE
OR ALTERNATIVELY CONTACT KATIE ON**

 **info@thebankashbourne.co.uk**

 **07385152564**

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/>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week B

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

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 3rd – 4th July – Year 11 Transition
- 4th – 6th July – Year 6 Transition
- 4th July – Year 6 Parents Evening
- 5th July NEU Strike Day – Year 6 and 12 onsite
- 6th – 14th June – Litchfield Festival
- 6th July – DoFE Presentation – 4:15pm hall
- 7th July NEU Strike Day – Year 7 and 12 onsite
- 10th July – 14th July – Year 10 WOW week
- 10th – 13th July – Year 12 Geography Field Trip
- 11th July – Year 10 - Countdown to Success
- 12th July – Award Ceremonies
- 14th July – Community Day
- 17th – 22nd July – Year 10 and 12 Work Experience
- 17th – 22nd July – Year 8 Camping
- 17th – 22nd July – Year 7 – 9 end of academic year trips and activities
- 20th July – Pop up uniform shop
- 21st July – Last day of term
- 17th August – A level results
- 17th August – Pop up uniform shop
- 21st – 25th August – Year 6 summer school
- 24th August – GCSE results
- 4th & 5th September – Inset – school open for staff only
- 6th September – Year 7, 10 and 12 return to school
- 7th September – Year 8, 9, 11 and 13 return to school

Finally

Thank you to all students and staff engaging with the trial rewards system. Like any system we have had some teething issues with points and the queues at the shop. However, it has been lovely to see so many students excited about being recognised for meeting and exceeding our expectations and many are already reporting back to us that they like the system. A full student feedback survey will be coming out prior to the end of the year to support our planning for September.

Well done to all those in Year 8, 9 and 10 students who have been completing end of year assessments and mock exams this week. We have all been very proud of the way in which you have approached them across the week. Lots to look forward to with the upcoming world of work week and the events list above that will draw us to a very busy close over the coming three weeks. Fingers crossed the rain today stops and the warmer weather returns for the weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Amps

Deputy Headteacher



it's about me!
Derbyshire Holiday Activity and Food Programme

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays.

It's About Me believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access to individual It's About Me holiday sessions for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each will holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic FREE holiday clubs across Derbyshire so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday!

We appreciate that plans may change and there may be occasions where your child can't attend. If your child is no longer able to attend a session, please cancel their place as soon as possible by using the booking system. This allows another child the opportunity to attend the club.

HOW TO BOOK

To book your activities and to find out more information go to:
www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
or speak to your school office.

The summer holiday clubs will take place from:
Tuesday 25th July- Friday 1st September
Bookings open Monday 3rd July.

Please Note: If your child fails to attend two or more booked sessions without a cancellation, all further bookings will be cancelled.

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DERBYSHIRE County Council
Department for Education



£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
DERBYSHIRE County Council