

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #37

### Year 6 Transitions

What a wonderful, fun filled few days we had! We had a huge variety of lessons taking place and all Year 6 students got stuck in with great enthusiasm. Activities ranged from practical science experiments learning about acids, guided tours learning about the history of QEGS, blackout poetry in English, teambuilding and DofE map reading skills... and the list goes on! Thank you to our super star QEGS Leaders for helping out.



### Space Science and Astronomy Group

Monday was our last Space science and astronomy group. A huge thank you to Mr Greatbatch who has been coming in and giving us some amazing insight, information and enthusiasm all. We have talked about black holes, exoplanets and the Sun. We have visited the observatory and investigated Sunspots and constellations and equipment to view them (unfortunately the weather often chooses to be cloudy when we are there!) – we have made a model of the Artemis rocket and researched the rocket itself. We have looked at the potential colonisation of Mars and considered all aspects from politics to food and travel to water. We had the Starchaser rocket visit school and discussed the opportunities for working in the space industry. Our final project is unfinished and will be continued in September – we are going to build a model of a section of the moon and work out how humans could inhabit the Moon. We have started by investigating hydroponics as a method of growing fresh food. We will then have mini projects on different aspects such as the chemistry of the Moons surface, politics of the Moon, medicine on the moon and supplying oxygen and waste disposal.....lots to think about.



### Food Technology

This week our Year 10 GCSE food and nutrition students have been working on their presentation, decorating and food styling skills in preparation for next year's exams. We have used the Tunnocks teacake challenge as our inspiration, the aim is to decorate a teacake in the most inventive and creative way possible and I think you will agree they have done an amazing job!



### Sixth Form Update

The theme for the last two weeks has been personal safety, particularly timely ahead of the summer holidays. Following on from last week's Young Drivers' day, this week in Year 12 we have looked at issues of consent and relationships in which students discussed various aspects of this important area and received information on the law and ethical considerations. An external speaker from 1625 Outreach Harm Reduction Service is also delivering a session in each personal development class on the topic of "Where's the harm?", a look at drugs and alcohol and awareness and their effects on behaviour, judgement and the potential consequences. Pictured is George I, wearing the "drunk goggles". Students were also given spiking information and protection kits. The remaining sessions will be next week.



### Maths Problem of the Week

The answer to last week's problem was 28 and 21 years old.

This week's problem is: 25 people enter a rowing race. The lake is narrow and only 5 can race at a time. No one has a stopwatch.

How many races do you need to decide 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place?

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

### Sad News

One of our previous caretakers, Colin Barker has recently passed. Colin worked at QEGS from 2001 to 2011 and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



## Staffing

This week we welcome Mrs Smit, joining us as PA to the Headteacher (maternity cover).



## Offsite Visits

Pictured here are our vocational leaders modelling additional offsite visit uniform items as we extend and expand our provision for next year. As you can see, they were very excited about their new gilets!

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023**  
COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

**ASDA**  
Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

**TESCO**  
Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

**SAINSBURYS CAFES**  
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

**BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**  
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**THE REAL GREEK**  
Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

**TABLE TABLE**  
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

**TRAVELODGE**  
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

**HUNGRY HORSE**  
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

**PREMIER INN**  
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

**SIZZLING PUBS**  
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

**IKEA**  
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

**MORRISONS**  
Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

**GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**  
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

**PRETO**  
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

**BILLS**  
2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

**BELLA ITALIA**  
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

**WHITBREAD INNS**  
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

**SA BRAINS PUBS**  
Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

**FUTURE INNS**  
Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

**PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**  
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

**YO! SUSHI**  
From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

**TO BE CONFIRMED...**  
M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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**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 16 individual It's About Me holiday sessions for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, 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](http://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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**@itsaboutmederbyshire**  
**@itsaboutme\_derbyshire**

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## 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 C

<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**  
DERBYSHIRE County Council

### Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Litchfield Festival
- 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Community Day & Race for Life
- 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

As we move towards the last two weeks of this academic year it has been lovely to see all the events taking place come together through the work staff across the school have been doing in preparation for these days and the days to come.

Our Year 6 students visiting us this week has been a real highlight and as you will have seen from the photographs above, the disco was a particular hit. We are looking forward to seeing students at the summer school in August and starting with us in September.

As a school our staff and students are looking forward to the Year 11 prom this evening, and again it has been lovely to have students in Year 11 back with us this week on their transition in to the Sixth Form.

Unfortunately, we as a school have been informed that there has been instances recently where damage to areas of our community have been reported to the police. I would like to remind all students of their responsibility to be vigilant and proactive in discouraging these behaviours amongst their peers and reporting names back to us or their parents where they see anything of this nature.

Again, lots to look forward to with world of work week next week for our Year 10 students, so I hope everyone has a great weekend and is ready for another big week to come.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Amps  
**Deputy Headteacher**