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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #4

Student Afternoon Tea

Students got to enjoy the first afternoon tea of the academic year with Mrs Walker. Well done to you all for a fantastic start to the year!

Year 11 – Sixth Form Open Evening

QEGS Sixth Form Open Evening take place on Tuesday 10th October 6-8pm. We can't wait to see you there!



Homework

There is a new homework tab on the school website under the parents and students tab. This explains the value of homework and the how students will be rewarded with points for completing tasks. There is also a guide of how parents and carers can support at home.

From this Tuesday, there will also be a homework club for Key Stage 3 students in room 501 at lunchtime every Tuesday. There will be Sixth Form students in the room to help students with any challenges from their homework. This club will be focused on this and so any students attending will be expected to be doing homework during this time. Students who attend will be rewarded with points, which they can use in the school shop.

DofE @ QEGS

Our DofE registration process has begun for Year 9 Bronze, Year 10 Silver and Year 12 Gold. All parents should have received letters on how to enrol your child on to the DofE Award. We have also launched our programs to Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 in assemblies over the last 2 weeks.

If you would like to find out more about DofE @QEGS please visit our webpage; <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/>

Please also follow us on Twitter; @QEGS_DofE

To enrol your child onto the DofE Awards, please pay the enrolment fee on Parent Pay by 13th October.

MacMillan Cancer Research

Staff had a cake sale to support the MacMillan Cancer Research, raising £126.04. We were spoilt for choice. Thank you to everyone who supported the cause.



Congratulations

Alicia Year 9, had her official signing of her contract for Aston Villa and she also played lots of pre season matches against Man U, Man City, USA, Dubai, Arsenal, Belfast, California. Good luck Alicia!



Are you, or is someone you know, an ex-student of an Ashbourne school?

You are invited to join other ex-students and staff for the annual reunion dinner, hosted by The Ashburnian Society. Funds raised go towards current students at Ashbourne schools. So, gather a group of friends or family and enjoy a delicious three-course dinner with musical entertainment from QEGS' students.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/ashbourne/the-royal-oak/annual-reunion-dinner/2023-10-07/19:00/t-ojzqxqe>

Annual Reunion Dinner

📍 The Royal Oak, Ashbourne, DE6 2BN
📅 Sat 7th October 2023 7:00PM

Reception 7pm for 7.30pm Dinner

Please note: the dress code for this Dinner is Black Tie/Lounge Suit

Menu Choice

Starters:

1. Breaded Brie Wedges, side salad & chilli jam (v)
2. Thai Fishcakes, side salad & sweet chilli sauce
3. Homemade leek and potato soup, bread roll & butter (v)

Mains:

1. Roast Derbyshire beef served with homemade Yorkshire pudding
2. Salmon Fillet, dill & lemon sauce
3. Vegetarian Nut Roast (v)

Desserts:

1. Chocolate Brownie, vanilla ice-cream
2. Apple and Raspberry Crumble served with custard
3. Selection of cheese served with crackers, celery grapes and chutney (v)

The committee are looking forward to the Annual Reunion Dinner and very much hope that you can join us.

Event Details

Doors Open at 7:00PM
Starts at 7:00PM



BOOK NOW

50+ tickets available

Price

Ticket price
£29.00

Share this event



Sixth Form Update

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Thrupp as our KS5 Learning Coach, her role will be to provide support to students who need it, with aspects such as: Organisation, Motivation, Overcoming procrastination and planning. The aim is to equip our students with the skills and strategies which help them now and also into adult life wherever they are and whatever path they are following. Students will be able to ask for help themselves, or sometimes may be advised by their teachers that some support in these areas would be useful to them. Coaching sessions will take place in school time, as a one-off or, where necessary, a series of sessions. Mrs Thrupp will also provide advice and guidance on the UCAS process, Apprenticeships and Gap Year information.

Food Technology

Our Year 7's have had their first food practical lesson this week, they have made a fresh fruit salad. We start with this as it is a great way to teach knife skills and safe cutting techniques that they will use throughout their time in food.



Local Apprenticeships and School Leaver Job Opportunities

Below are links to available local apprenticeships; two are at Callow Hall, one at Dove Computers, one at Hill and Webster and one at Tec Interactive - A mixture of Intermediate and Advanced level apprenticeships.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000195626>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000195628>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000185982>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000200028>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/reference/1000196623>

Sports fixtures

There have been several sports fixtures this week. The U15 rugby team played in the National Cup, losing to a good John Taylor High team, so they now move into the National Bowl competition. The U15 football team played well in the ESFA National Cup, but also lost, to a team from St John Houghton School. The U12 football team, playing their first competitive game for QEGS, and the U14 team both won their fixtures against Abbotsholme on Wednesday.



The U18 rugby team played against King Edwards of Lichfield in the National bowl competition. The boys played some fantastic rugby in the first half with 2 fantastic tries. Unfortunately, it was not enough to take the win, but they should be pleased with their improved performance. Well done to all involved!

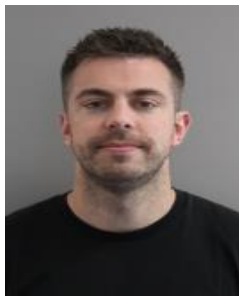
We also have U14 and U16 rugby games against Lady Manners on Friday after-school.

Art

Earlier this year our Year 12 Art Ambassadors were given the exciting opportunity by Derbyshire Dales District Council to lead the design of the branding for the Ashbourne Reborn project. The students learnt about the £15 million town centre transformation and mocked up several designs for the logo. The students involved worked hard on the project and were very professional. The final design uses elements of the two most popular designs, and we think it looks great! Look out for the logo on social media, hoardings and posters in the local area.



Staff



Mr Taylor – Teacher of Maths

I have been teaching for 10 years. I was previously the Key Stage 4 leader of Maths at a school in Burton on Trent and have started at QEGS as Numeracy, Mentoring and Key Stage 5 leader. I love teaching and have recently completed a Masters in Expert Teaching and am looking forward to making a difference at QEGS.

I love football and sports in general and enjoy going on walks. I have 2 little boys who keep me busy when I am away from school!



Mrs Johnson – Deputy Head of Year 8

My professional career in education began as a teacher of Physical Education spanning fifteen years. I have taught in a variety of educational settings, thriving on the many opportunities to develop my own sense of self and that of others.

During this time, I was afforded the opportunity to develop skills within the pastoral system as a lead boarding parent in an independent school. Here, I was responsible for the day-to-day welfare of students that I thoroughly enjoyed.

I have been welcomed into the QEGS team as a Deputy Head of Year 8. I am proud to be a part of the pastoral team and I am looking forward to getting to know the year group.

I have always had a passion for sport and have enjoyed playing both netball and football. I am an avid football fan and support both my children in pursuing their sporting ambitions. I am looking forward to watching the many Year 8's perform in all aspects of their school life throughout the year.

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 2: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-2.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 4th October – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 5th October – Year 10 girls STEM Workshop
- 5th October – Year 12 & 13 – Tutor Evening
- 9th October – Year 12 & 13 – Cadcam Cannon Project Workshop
- 10th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 11th October – Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair – Leicester
- 11th October – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning – 9:15-10:45 Boothby Campus
- 16th October – Student Flu Vaccinations
- 16th October – Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 16th October – Year 7,8 & 9 Tutor Evening
- 17th October – Year 10 & 11 Tutor Evening
- 18th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 23rd October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 24th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams

| Your menu | | | | | | |
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| Week 2 | | | | | | |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
| BREAKFAST | Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V (Eggs baked in spray tomato sauce) Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered bagel Ve Pizza crumpet V | Racon with cream cheese bagel Buttered toast Ve Sausage cob Buttered crumpet Ve Pizza slice V | Brunch waffle V (Quorn sausage pottle & poached egg in a muffin) Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered braccata Ve Pita pizza V | Cheese and bean toastie V Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered bagel Ve Pizza wrap V | Curry fried naan Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Croissant Ve Pison slice V | |
| | GRAB & GO | Parisis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Tikka chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato with a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Mariano pasta bowl Ve Sub Meatball sub | Parisis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Sweet chilli chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato with a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Americana pasta bowl Ve Cob Burrito Roasted Veg Burrito V | Parisis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Piri piri chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato with a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Corny tomato and spinach pasta bowl Ve Cob Roux of the day | Parisis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Mediterranean chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato with a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Pomodoro pasta bowl Ve Other Quesadilla | Parisis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini BBQ chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato with a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Macaroni cheese bowl Ve Sandwich Fish finger sandwich |
| | MAIN | Big breakfast or Vegan breakfast Ve Served with hash browns, baked tomatoes, and baked beans Apricot oat cookie Chocolate brownie Sticky apple sponge | Spaghetti bolognese beef or Vegan Ve Served with homemade garlic bread and fresh salad. Lemon shortbread slice Chocolate cracknel Fruity yogurt crunch | Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Baked egg, spinach, and cheddar tart V Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables Cherry & coconut cookie Banana muffin Set up sponge | Chicken Korma or Cauliflower and green bean Korma V Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan Cookie Cornflake bar Chocolate pear cake | Battered fish or Macaroni cheese V Served with chips, peas, and baked beans Chocolate cookie Ragout Lemon sponge |
| | All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal | | | | | Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily |
| | <p>Ve = Vegan V = Vegetarian</p> <p>For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.</p> | | | | | |

- 25th October - Parent and Carer Coffee Morning – 9:15-10:45 Boothby Campus
- 25th October – Dance and Drama – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theatre Trip
- 26th October – A level Physics – Alton Towers Trip
- 26th October – Last Day of Term
- 27th October – Inset (school open for staff only)

Finally

RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) update – a few parents have asked if we have been affected by RAAC which we have not thankfully. We did our surveys last year and so far we are all clear!

A polite request to all parents and other visitors to our site, please sign in at reception when accessing either the Green Road Campus or the Boothby Campus. Pre-arranged visits will always ensure the right staff are available. Visitors once signed in will be issued the relevant lanyard and visitor ID which must always be worn when onsite.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher