

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #8

### Year 11 Core Mock Exams

We wish all Yr11 good luck in their Mock Exams which start after half term. Details for these mocks were sent out earlier this week. Links to access the letter [www.qegs.link/231023coremocks](http://www.qegs.link/231023coremocks) and timetable [www.qegs.link/231023coremockstt](http://www.qegs.link/231023coremockstt) and revision information sent today [www.qegs.link/231023y11revision](http://www.qegs.link/231023y11revision)

### Form Tutor Afternoons

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the face-to-face Form Tutor Afternoons we held recently. We are always looking for ways to improve events like these and value your feedback. Please complete this short survey to provide your feedback. <https://forms.office.com/e/vb6M3M7uuB>

### DI Update

Year 10 students are developing and perfecting their practical skills to make a toolbox. They have been using a range of hand tools with great accuracy and some have been using the router to profile the edges of the holder. After the parts have been prepared each student will use the CNC router to personalise their holder.



### Parent Pay Shop

The Parent Pay Shop is available via the school website to purchase revision resources for GCSE exams and GCE A Level science subjects. Orders are placed during the first week of each month for delivery into school. Once arrived, the student will be contacted to collect from the Pastoral Team.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712>

**Pop up School's In uniform shop** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 3.30pm to 5pm, School Canteen.

### Community Trip to the National Arboretum with the Royal British Legion

Ashbourne Royal British Legion have organised a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) at Alrewas, Staffordshire, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This has been planned to mark the beginning of the formal period of Remembrance, and to provide us all with an opportunity to come get together at the start of this important and sometimes difficult time. There are spaces available. The coach will leave Ashbourne Market Place at 09:00 on 29<sup>th</sup>

October - arriving back at the Market Place at approximately 16:00. The coach and entry to the Arboretum are free of charge. Any queries or for further information, please speak to Mrs Ward-Argument

If students and their parents would like to attend, please email to confirm your place:

[Ashbourne.Secretary@RBL.Community](mailto:Ashbourne.Secretary@RBL.Community)

If students would like to buy a poppy or poppy day merchandise, they will be available in school to buy with cash/change between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Thank you for wearing a poppy during this week in order to remember the sacrifice made by those who have fought in global conflicts.

The Remembrance Sunday parade will be leaving the marketplace in Ashbourne at 10.15 on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 to St Oswald's Church and then to the memorial gates for the services of remembrance.

### **Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Trip**

This week, our students and staff embarked on a delectable adventure to Birmingham Hippodrome, where we were treated to a whimsical and mouthwatering performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." This enchanting musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved classic transported us to the enchanting world of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, and it was truly a golden ticket experience for everyone involved.

The visit to Birmingham Hippodrome was not only a delightful treat for our students but also a valuable educational experience. It showcased the power of creativity and imagination, reinforcing the importance of dreaming big and pursuing one's aspirations. It was a reminder that with a little bit of curiosity, determination, and a sprinkle of magic, anything is possible.

Our sincere thanks go out to all the teachers and staff who made this trip possible, as well as to Birmingham Hippodrome for hosting us. It was an evening filled with wonder, laughter, and pure, sugary delight, and we are grateful to have shared this enchanting experience with our school community.

We hope this unforgettable evening at "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" will inspire our students to continue chasing their dreams, no matter how sweet they may be!



### **NSEA October Nationals**

Our QEGS equestrian team have done it again but even better!! All 5 students (who made up 2 teams across 3 events throughout the weekend), namely, Libbie A with Carrick Diamond Craft, Grace D with Master Light, Chloe D with Calder Diesel, Brooke W with Morgan & Eleanor C with I'm Spartacus, have been training hard all year and taking part in other regional and national competitions to hone their skills.

As always, their team spirit and passion for their horses served them well throughout as they competed on Friday in the arena eventing 80 class and on Saturday in the arena eventing 90 and Show Jumping 80 classes.

Overall, our team still came a veritable 15th out of 25 teams in the Arena Eventing 80cm on Friday and 15th out of 23 teams in the Arena Eventing 90cm on Saturday morning.

The commentators gave us a big introduction and really sent the message home how close we had been to bringing home the shield for QEGS. Yet, beaten by just 1 second between the top 3 teams, we finished up in 3rd place!!

We are all beyond happy with how well the teams and horses have all done and with the journeys of learning that

proceeded this result.

It is great to see an improvement in results from previous years, where we have been 8th for QEGS at two consecutive team championships. Well done team, well done horses! A huge thank you yet again to the parents too who have given so much time, energy and money for our team to compete.



### Sixth Form Update

We would like to thank all our Sixth Formers for their hard work and enthusiasm over the past few weeks, they have made a great start to the year so far. We concluded this half term, with some important assemblies for each year group. Year 12 had an extended assembly on Thursday, where they experienced a motivational talk delivered by Andy Grant, they also had an assembly delivered by Mrs Allen and Mr Walker to launch the Year 12 work experience dates and process (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July). Year 13 also had two assemblies, one delivered by YipiYap regarding gap year opportunities and the other around UCAS/apprenticeship predicted grades. We would like to wish all our Year 12 and 13 students a very happy and relaxing half term break.

### Maths

Well done to a vast majority of our students who are receiving lots of positive points for their maths lessons – a great start to the year in maths.

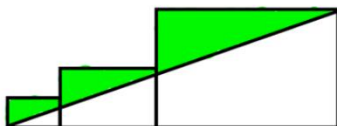
Here is a little maths conundrum to keep you busy over the half term:

Three rectangles are lined up horizontally as shown.

The first rectangle has a width of 2cm and length of 4cm.  
The second rectangle has a width of 4cm and length of 8cm.  
The third rectangle has a width of 8cm and length of 16cm.

A straight line joins the bottom left corner to the top right corner.

Find the area of the shaded region.



Any answers are welcome to class teachers or to Mrs Brankin: [brankin@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:brankin@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
Reward points on offer for attempts and correct answers.

### Staffing

This week we have said a farewell to Mrs Smith, Sixth Form Administrator and wish her all the best in her retirement, however, she will be supporting us on occasions as a relief member of staff.



## 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 3: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-3.pdf>

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 26<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of term
- 27<sup>th</sup> October - Inset (school open for staff only)
- 6<sup>th</sup> November - Return to school
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 core mock exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 Geography Field Trip - 11P2
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 10-13 Art Textiles V&A Museum trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q1
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11P2
- 27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 11 Geography field trip – 11P1
- 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 13 Psychology & Sociology - Hodder Criminology Conference
- 28<sup>th</sup> November - ABRSM exams
- 29<sup>th</sup> November - Hamilton theatre trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - Year 9 PCE
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - QEGS Oscars - 7pm onwards
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December - London Performing Arts trip
- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Primary culture day
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Uniform pop-up shop
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Six the Musical - Stoke
- 7<sup>th</sup> December - Year 10-13 Art - Chatsworth House and Gardens
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - Carol concert
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Speech Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of term

## Finally

We hope you enjoy the half term break. Please talk to your child about the risks and how to stay safe when enjoying Halloween and Bonfire Night. Some tips and guides are widely available:

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

<https://www.netmums.com/halloween-and-bonfire-night/bonfire-night-safety>

Have a safe half term break.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity  
Headteacher

# Your menu

Week 3

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V  
(Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce)  
Buttered toast Ve  
Bacon cob  
Buttered bagel Ve  
Pizza crumpet V

Bacon with cream cheese bagel  
Buttered toast Ve  
Sausage cob  
Buttered crumpet Ve  
Pizza slice V

Brunch muffin V  
(Quorn sausage pottie & poached egg in a muffin)  
Buttered toast Ve  
Bacon cob  
Buttered toast Ve  
Pizza pizza V

Cheese and bean toastie V  
Buttered toast Ve  
Bacon cob  
Buttered bagel Ve  
Pizza wrap V

Curry folded naan  
Buttered toast Ve  
Bacon cob  
Crisissant Ve  
Pizza slice V

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Paninis  
Cheese panini V  
Cheese & ham panini  
Tikka chicken wrap or panini  
Jacket potato  
With a selection of fillings & toppings  
Pasta pot  
Mediterranean pasta bowl Ve  
Sub  
Mozzarella sub

Paninis  
Cheese panini V  
Cheese & ham panini  
Savoury chilli chicken wrap or panini  
Jacket potato  
With a selection of fillings & toppings  
Pasta pot  
American pasta bowl Ve  
Burrito  
Roasted Veg Burrito V

Paninis  
Cheese panini V  
Cheese & ham panini  
Piri piri chicken wrap or panini  
Jacket potato  
With a selection of fillings & toppings  
Pasta pot  
Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl Ve  
Cob  
Roast of the day

Paninis  
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

Paninis  
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

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Organic beef burger or  
Vegetable burger V  
Served in a bun with mini herb potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw  
Cookie  
Carrot cake muffin  
Apple & cinnamon crumble

Chilli beef tacos or  
Vegetarian tacos Ve  
Served with spicy rice and singy slaw  
Chocolate orange cookie  
Apple flapjack  
Strawberry sponge

Roast turkey with stuffing or  
Vegan cottage pie Ve  
Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and gravy  
Raisin oat cookie  
Chocolate cracker  
Jam shortbread sandwich

Katsu chicken or  
Katsu Quorn Ve  
Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan  
Shortbread slice  
Banana muffin  
Sticky chocolate sponge

Buttered fish or  
Vegan sausage roll Ve  
Served with chips, peas, and baked beans  
Cherry cookie  
Chocolate brownie  
Peaches with ice cream

All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal

Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily

Ve = Vegan  
V = Vegetarian

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

**FOOD**  
CENTRAL