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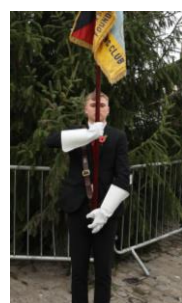
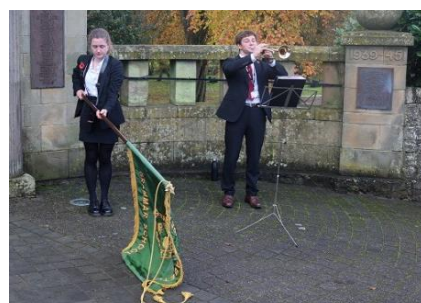
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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #10

Remembrance 2023

In honour of Remembrance Day 2023, QEGS community came together to pay tribute to the dedicated service of our armed forces, past and present. Firstly, Sixth Form students decorated Ashbourne with poppies to create an ambience of reflection throughout the town. On Friday 10th November, students laid wreaths at the memorial gates in a touching ceremony with the RBL. Later that day in another service, at school by the war memorials, allowed us to express our gratitude with Mr Hudson and Mr Garrity laying wreaths.



The parade and services on Remembrance Sunday where students were accompanied by Mr Garrity, Mr Daughtry and Mrs Ward-Argument, provided a solemn yet proud moment for all. Tom, Imogen, and George (Year 13) emotionally recited the poem "In Flanders Fields" in a touching tribute.

Mrs Ward-Argument and Miss Robinson led assemblies this week which focused on the importance of the 2 minute 'Sound of Silence' whilst reflecting on the service and sacrifice of our armed forces. We also had the privilege of being joined by Brell Ewart, the Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire and President of Ashbourne Royal British Legion who led students in the Act of Remembrance.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Alasdair (Year 13) for his moving performance of the Last Post and the Reveille at various services. James (Year 13) took on the honourable role of a main standard bearer, while Annie (Year 13) proudly represented the school as the flag bearer. Head students Hannah, Harriet, Archie and James laid wreathes on behalf of QEGS. Many thanks also goes to the Art Department and the Art Ambassadors for their beautiful creation of a fallen soldier with poppies which formed a focal point for our assemblies.

It was also wonderful to see so many QEGS students in the parade, representing other community groups in Ashbourne. Your participation reflects the profound importance of remembrance in our community. We also extend our gratitude to all students who wore poppies, donated to the RBL and demonstrated respect during remembrance assemblies. We will remember them.

Ashbourne Army Cadets

The Army Cadets, Ashbourne Detachment, played a pivotal role in the Ashbourne Remembrance Parade. In preparation, the Cadets trained alongside the Royal British Legion, sold poppies, polished boots, ironed uniform, and meet with veterans. Several of the Cadets attend Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and have found that the skills they have learnt from the Army Cadet Force, have helped them build confidence and resilience.

The Army Cadet Syllabus will teach you leadership skills, discipline and give you self-confidence you never thought possible. You will learn a wide range of transferable skills such as: the ability to command tasks; make decisions under pressure; plan and organise tasks and work as an effective team player as well as independently. These skills will equip you for life and add an extra string to your bow at times when competition for college places and employment is fierce.



Through cadet training you can gain qualifications, take part in activities such as fieldcraft, adventure training, community engagement, first aid, music, sports and shooting, attend annual camp and go on expeditions to places in the UK and overseas. This is available to 12 to 18 year olds. Search <https://armycadets.com/find-a-detachment/> for your nearest detachment.



Year 11 Core Mock Exams

Well done to the Year 11s on completion of their first set of mock exams. Results should be seen as an opportunity for further progression in the remainder of the year.

Student reports will be available on Go4Schools within the next couple of weeks including mock exam results.

Year 11 Prom

Thank you to the majority of Year 11s who have bought Prom tickets, keep collecting your reward points; 1800 points = £5 of your prom ticket! See Mrs Caton if you require more information, or email catonh@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk



Year 11 Sixth Form Process

The Year 11 forms had visits from Mrs Allen and Mr Walker Assistant Heads in charge of the Sixth Form explaining the application process for the Sixth Form. All Year 11 were asked to complete an expression of interest form. Applications for the Sixth Form open on 11th December via the intranet.

Please see below as a reminder to timeline for application to QEGS Sixth Form if you are looking at your next steps for Post-16 studies:

20th - 24th November 2023	Mrs Allen and Mr Walker to visit Year 11 Tutor Rooms to launch application to Sixth Form process.
11th December 2023	Applications to QEGS Sixth Form open via the school intranet page.
January-February 2023 Wednesday's Afterschool	Y11 QEGS Sixth Form Drop In and Q&A opportunity in the Library. <i>Tea and biscuits provided, students can drop in if they have specific or individual questions about their application form or Sixth Form options in general.</i>
5th February 2024	Internal applications to QEGS Sixth Form close.
31st March 2024	All students will receive acknowledgement of their application before this date. This will be done via email to their school email accounts.

- Please speak to your Form Tutors if you require any help with the process or have any questions.
- If you are wishing to go to college or apprenticeship route for Post-16 and require additional support with this process (even if already met with Careers Advisor), please speak to your Form Tutor and school can provide help.
- Students have also been emailed Open Evening information for local Colleges, please check individual websites if you are considering this route for post 16 and register for an event. **Details of these are attached from Luminate Careers.**

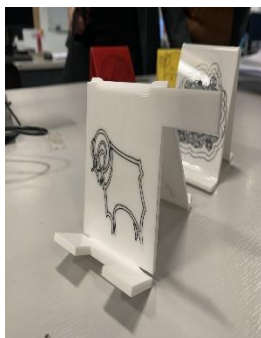
Art

Year 10,11, 12 and 13 students of Art and Art Textiles are invited on an exciting festive trip to Chatsworth on 7th December. Students will be able to visit the house and gardens in all their festive glory. All invited students should have received a letter; please register for a place on the trip as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Design and Innovation Updates

Year 7 students have had their first experiences of using Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture. They have designed and manufactured themselves a mobile phone holder using the laser cutter. The designs are so creative and detailed, they should be very proud of the work they have completed.



Year 8's Night Lights are starting to go home! The students have worked so diligently to create highly complex design files from scratch and the finished articles look so smart and marketable. Excellent soldering skills evidenced meaning that once home all the students need are some batteries!



Year 9's have been making a decorative finger jointed box. The students have designed their own finger joint combinations, marked them out and cut them to fit themselves. The students have then created designs on the computer and laser engraved the designs onto their boxes to make them even more personal. Boxes are starting to head home to be filled with wonderful treasures or wrapped up as a super special Christmas gift!



Year 10 students have been experiencing the wonders of pewter casting! They have casted their own designs and spent a long time polishing up their pewter to a very high quality finish. The laser cut acrylic inserts show an advanced level of skill. A lovely keyring to treasure.



Music Department News

Nativity! The Musical @ Derby Theatre

It was a great pleasure to see students involved in the Derby Youth Musical Theatre production of Nativity! The Musical at Derby Theatre last week. Lucas S (Y12), Oscar D (Y10), James B (Y7) and Jack B (Y7) all took on starring roles in the show and conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism. The talent of these students shone through clearly and they were a credit to themselves and to QEGS. If you want to see them tread the boards again, they are all cast in the QEGS production of The Addams Family in March 2024. In addition to this, Mr Atkins (Head of Music) and Miss Light (Woodwind teacher) both performed as part of the band. It was a joy to work with such a talented bunch of youngsters, as well as seeing so many students from QEGS come to support their peers.

A massive well done to all involved.

Date for your Diary

The annual Christmas Concert will take place this year on **Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm in the school hall**. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

MusicShare Programme

Last weekend, six QEGS Music students travelled to Lichfield Cathedral to take part in the 20th Anniversary Concert of the MusicShare programme where they performed Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*. MusicShare is a singing programme, which is a partnership between Lichfield Cathedral School and Lichfield Cathedral and creates outreach opportunities for primary and secondary school students. Alongside 140 students from schools around Staffordshire and South Derbyshire, and supported by professional musicians, our students sang the parts of the animals in Noah's Ark. It was an amazing concert in a spectacular setting, and a huge well done to those involved: Meri B, Viivi H, Charlie C, Emilia B, Zofia H and Evie H.



Sports Update

The U12 football girls played their first competitive game of football together in the County Cup against Tupton, coming away with a 6-1 win, goals from Lulu x 2 Mabel and a hat trick for Rose, coaches player was Elsie and officials player went to Lulu. Well done girls.

The U16 played in the 3rd round of The National Cup beating Highfields 5-1, Goals from Bella, Emily, Mollie and Freya x 2, POM Freya. Some fantastic football played, well done girls.



We had over 600 year 3-6 primary students taking part in the primary cross country. Well done everybody. A big shout out to the Sports Leaders who were yet again outstanding.



The U14 girls winning streak came to an end in the 3rd round of The National Cup after a defeat to a very strong Aldridge School. A 6-1 defeat was hard to take after an 11-1 win and a 7-0 win previously. But the girls can hold their heads high as they gave their all against an elite side. POM Kezia and the goal came from Summer. Thank you to Emily G for refereeing the game.





The U14 boys, played in the football county cup against Landau Forte on Tuesday. The boys played some fantastic football in the first half that led them to score 3 fantastic goals, scored by Isaac F. A solid second half performance allowed them to comfortably win the game 3-1. A great performance by all involved. Player of the match Isaac.

Ashbourne Rotary Club Shoe Box

Ashbourne Rotary Club, in conjunction with Teams4U and Derby Rotary Club, are collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts/toiletries etc for children in parts of the world where they would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Boxes are filled for age groups, 3-5, 6-11 and 12+ years old. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair accessories, socks, toys, games and sweets are some examples of what could be included in the shoebox. This year boxes are going to **Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.**

If you would like to make any donations to the shoeboxes, please send the goods in to school with your child or feel free to drop off at Student Services. We can also add donations to current shoeboxes.



Information on how to create the box can be found here:

<https://teams4u.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Teams4u-Leaflet-2022-A4-1-copy.pdf>

Collection is Tuesday 28th November 2023. Any questions please contact Mrs Starkie: StarkieK@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Sixth Form Update

A big thank you to all our Sixth Formers who have been involved in the remembrance events both in school and in the local community. They have done us very proud by displaying such a mature and respectful approach to helping others come together to honour those who served and remember their sacrifice. The students we would like to thank are James W, George I, Annie W, Tom R, Imogen S, Alasdair C, Hannah W, Harriet R and Archie T.

Our Sixth Formers are busy preparing their UCAS and apprenticeship applications at the moment and we have seen some excellent personal statements and strong applications over the past couple of weeks. A lot of hard work goes into this process both in and outside of school, therefore, we would like to thank the students, the staff (especially our Form Tutors and Mrs Thrupp) and parents/carers for their hard work and support.

Mrs Thrupp (KS5 Learning Coach) has sent all parents/carers and students a document which lists all of the revision/support sessions available to our Sixth Forms across a wide range of subjects. Students should be attending these sessions as often as possible, to ensure that they are making the most of all opportunities to prepare for their future assessments/exams and to check their understanding of key content.

LANTERN SPECTACULAR

Friday 8th December 2023
Ashbourne Town Centre

- Craft Fair in the Town Hall from 2pm
- Some roads closed from 5pm - 8.30pm, there will still be access to car parks
- Charity stalls
- Lantern Parade at 6.30pm
- Incredible street entertainment
- Shops and Cafés open until later
- Street food

There will be hundreds of candle lit, willow and paper lanterns including some old friends - the polar bear, whale, giant angel, gingerbread men, dancing Chinese dragon and an exciting new large lantern!

If you would like to help - on the evening or carry a lantern in the parade, contact Ashbourne Arts on info@ashbournefestival.org or 01335 348707

If you do nothing else this Christmas, come and see the Lantern Parade and enjoy an evening of top quality entertainment and late night shopping.

FREE PARKING FROM 2PM IN ALL COUNCIL CAR PARKS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

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/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 20th November - Year 11 Geography Field Trip - 11P2
- 21st November - Year 10-13 Art Textiles V&A Museum trip
- 22nd November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q2
- 22nd November - UCAS Create Your Future exhibition
- 23rd November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11Q1
- 24th November - Year 11 Geography field trip - 11P2
- 27th November - Year 11 Geography field trip – 11P1
- 28th November - Year 13 Psychology & Sociology - Hodder Criminology Conference
- 28th November - ABRSM exams
- 29th November - Hamilton theatre trip
- 29th November - Parent/carers coffee morning
- 30th November - Year 9 PCE
- 30th November - QEGS Oscars - 7pm onwards
- 5th December - Primary culture day
- 6th December - Parent/carers coffee morning
- 6th December - Uniform pop-up shop
- 6th December - Six The Musical - Stoke
- 7th December - Year 10-13 Art - Chatsworth House and Gardens
- 12th December - EPQ trip to Leicester University
- 14th December - Carol concert
- 20th December - Parent/carers coffee morning
- 21st December - Speech Day
- 22nd December - Last day of term

Your menu					
Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B	Chili baked egg with a tortilla V (Eggs baked in spray tomato sauce)	Bacon with cream cheese bagel	Brunch muffin V (Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin)	Cheese and bean toastie V	Curry folded naan
R	Buttered toast Ve	Buttered toast Ve	Buttered toast Ve	Buttered toast Ve	Buttered toast Ve
E	Bacon cab	Sausage cab	Bacon cab	Bacon cab	Bacon cab
A	Buttered bagel Ve	Buttered crumpet Ve	Buttered toast cake Ve	Buttered taget Ve	Croissant Ve
K	Pizza crumpet V	Pizza slice V	Pizza slice V	Pizza wrap V	Pizza slice V
G	Parish 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 Mediterranean sub	Parish Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Sweet chili chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Americana pasta bowl Ve Buncho Roasted Veg Burrito V	Parish Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Piri piri chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Creamy tomato pesto spinach pasta bowl Ve Cob Roast of the day	Parish 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	Parish 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
R	Big breakfast or Vegan breakfast Ve Served with hash browns, baked tomatoes, and baked beans	Spaghetti bolognese Beef or Vegan Ve Served with homemade garlic bread and fresh salad	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Baked egg, spinach, and cheddar tart V Served with roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables	Chicken Korma or Cauliflower and green bean Korma V Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan	Buttered fish or Macaroni cheese V Served with chips, peas, and baked beans
A	Apricot oat cookie Chocolate brownie Sticky apple sponge	Lemon shortbread slice Chocolate cracknel Fruity yogurt crunch	Cherry & coconut cookie Berry muffin Banana sponge	Cookie Cranberry bar Chocolate pear cake	Chocolate cookie Piggyback Lemon sponge
I	All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal				Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily
N	FOOD CENTRAL				Ve = Vegan V = Vegetarian For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

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>

Finally

We are reviewing our written communication to parents/carers. To help us understand the uptake and engagement with this Bulletin, **please click the link below to confirm you read our weekly bulletin.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ca6RWUL0AW>

Please only click this link if you are a parent/carers of a student who currently attends QEGS, thank you!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher