

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #12

### QEGS Oscars

The very first QEGS Oscars Evening took place on Thursday of this week. The event included a showcase of eight films, all made by our Year 12 Digital Media students. The audience were treated to a wonderful exhibition of filmmaking and were able to vote for their favourite film that will be awarded the 'QEGS Best Picture' award at Speech Day on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Well done to everyone involved!



### Shoe Box Appeal

80 Christmas shoeboxes were picked up today!!! Thank you so much for all your hard work collecting...decorating and donating!

### Parent and Carers Coffee Morning

Our next parent/carer coffee morning is taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - 10:45am at Boothby Campus with Mr Amps to discuss Online Safety and Go for Schools parent view. Please click on the link to secure your place:

[www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)

### Year 9 PCE

We would appreciate your feedback on our Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening, please use the link:

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

### Year 11 Prom

Reminder that the Deadline for purchasing a ticket for the Year 11 prom is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will be raising money for Save the Children Charity. A separate letter will be sent out in due course.

### Year 8 Camping 2024

We are currently trying to organise an adventure and team building residential for Year 8 for the last week of term as we usually do. Sadly, our usual provider is unable to offer one and we are trying to find an alternative. We are hopeful that a cost of less than £400 for the week, inclusive of food, activities, accommodation (may or may not be camping) and transport will be ready to launch very soon, but it maybe after Christmas.

We appreciate that this is a large amount of money and are negotiating the best deal we can, plus giving everyone early warning. Payment will be in instalments; pupil premium and free school meals recipients will be able to be given priority and support with costs.

Other year groups will also have trips and activities in the final week of term too.

### FPTA

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the Bowling Green. Come and join us. Even if just to have a drink and lovely pizza. No commitment necessary they are a lovely bunch of parents that could do with a bit of extra help with some of our events.

### Senior Maths Challenge

A massive well done to our 4 Sixth Formers who completed the second round of the Senior Maths Challenge, the Senior Kangaroo on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. James M, Louis DS and May P all received Qualification certificates and Will T achieved a merit. A fantastic achievement!

### Art Ambassadors

We have had a fantastic response to our Art Ambassador recruitment drive. A big thank you to everyone that has signed up. Our year 7 Art Ambassadors have already been involved in creating the brilliant Remembrance Day display, and we look forward to working with them on future projects.



### Five Lamps Film Festival

Two of our current Year 13 Digital Media students - Callum and Toby - and one from last year's cohort - Ben - attended the Five Lamps Film Festival at The Dubrek Studios in Derby this week. Four of our student's films were featured in a special focus on student filmmaking at the festival. It was fantastic to see the students discuss the inspirations for their work and confidently answer questions during an audience Q and A session. Ivan, another Year 13 Digital Media student, also had his film screened but unfortunately could not be present at the festival. Congratulations to Callum, Toby, Ben and Ivan and thank you for representing the school so well! For more information on the Five Lamps Film Festival please go to <https://www.facebook.com/fivelampsfilms>



### NSEA

Qualifiers for the NSEA National Hickstead 2024 Eventers Challenge Championship got underway at Eland Lodge. QEGS had entries in all 4 classes! The top 2 teams and the top 4 individuals in each class qualify. Emily L finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the 70cm, and in the 80cm Brooke WA and Libbie A finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively.

We entered a team in the 90cm class - Ruby P (in photo), Brooke WA, Hattie C & Grace D. Libbie A entered as an individual. Delighted to report that the team came first and so qualify for champs AND Ruby P won the class with a brilliant and fast clear round and so also qualifies as an individual.

In the 1m class Hattie C finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> so again qualifies.





In addition, our students turned out themselves and their ponies immaculately and we are super proud of that too!

Thanks to parents as always and to Chloe D for tirelessly managing the jumps in the warm up arena for the team and videoing the rounds.

### PE Kit Donations

If you have **spare PE kit** that your child has grown out of, it would be gratefully received by our PE department and put to good use. We are looking for in particular PE t-shirts and trainers. Students can bring donations to the PE office, thank you!

### Netball

Derby High school travelled to QEGS on Wednesday for an Under 14 and Under 15 Netball fixture.

Both games were won 25-11 and 21-3. Players of the match were Sabah C and Connie H. Special mention to Thea T, who recently joined the school and played in her first, of hopefully many, fixtures for QEGS.



### Cross Country House Matches

Well done to all of the students that took part in the House Cross Country.

#### Year 7 Winners:

Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Isaac H- Hull

2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver L- Cokayne

3<sup>rd</sup> Brody O- Hull

Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Fliss- Cokayne

2<sup>nd</sup> Lulu- Hull

3<sup>rd</sup> Rose- Boothby



#### Year 8 Winners:

Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Dan M- Spalden

2<sup>nd</sup> Max G- Spalden

3<sup>rd</sup> Barney W- Boothby

Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Olivia- Cokayne

2<sup>nd</sup> Aydon- Cokayne

3<sup>rd</sup> Alice- Boothby



#### Year 9 Winners:

Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Noah W- Spalden

2<sup>nd</sup> Tom W- Boothby

3<sup>rd</sup> Shia- Hull

Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Scarlett- Hull

2<sup>nd</sup> Frankie- Spalden

3<sup>rd</sup> Lexie- Boothby



Another great turn out for the Year 5 & 6 primary hockey event, well done to everyone one that took part on a very cold afternoon. A HUGE thank you to the Sports Leaders who led the event.



## 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 1: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-1.pdf>

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Primary culture day
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Parent/carer coffee morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Derbyshire Dales Cross Country
- 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 - Music concert
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 rugby and hockey house matches
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 rugby and hockey house matches
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 8 and 9 rugby and hockey house matches
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 10 rugby and hockey house matches
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - House swimming gala
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Parent/carer coffee morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Speech Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of term

## Finally

1<sup>st</sup> of December is here, we have started to put up the school decorations, Christmas trees will be up this week and before we know it, we will have Christmas lunches in the canteen. Lots to look forward to. Please stay warm and safe over the weekend.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity  
Headteacher

# Your menu

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Chili baked egg with a tortilla V  
(Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce)  
Buttered toast V  
Racon cob  
Buttered bagel V  
Pizza crumpet V

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

Brunch muffin V  
(Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin)  
Buttered toast V  
Bacon cob  
Buttered focaccia V  
Pita pizza V

Cheese and bean toastie V  
Buttered toast V  
Racon cob  
Buttered bagel V  
Pizza wrap V

Curry folded in a bun  
Buttered toast V  
Bacon cob  
Crissant V  
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 V  
Sub  
Meatball sub

Paninis  
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 V  
Burrito  
Roasted Veg Burrito V

Paninis  
Cheese panini V  
Cheese & ham panini  
Pot pie chicken wrap or panini  
Jacket potato  
With a selection of fillings & toppings  
Pasta pot  
Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl V  
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 V  
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 V  
Sandwich  
Fish finger sandwich

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Organic beef meatballs or  
Vegan meatballs V  
Served with pasta, Mediterranean sauce, homemade garlic dough balls, and vegetables.  
Chocolate orange cookie  
Strawberry muffin  
Jam & coconut sponge

Chicken enchiladas or  
Quorn enchiladas V  
Served with potato wedges, homemade coleslaw, and crispy salad  
Raisin oat cookie  
Chocolate crunch  
Cornflake tart

Roast gammon & stuffing or  
Crumbs topped vegetable bake V  
Served with creamed potatoes, vegetables, and gravy  
Shortbread slice  
Lemon muffin  
Summer fruit crumble

Chicken tikka masala or  
Tomato and chickpea curry V  
Served with rice, vegetables, and naan  
Cookie  
Banana flapjack  
Berry sponge

Buttered fish or  
Quorn dippers V  
Served with chips, peas, and baked beans  
Cornflake cookie  
Chocolate cracker  
Rhubarb cobbler

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