

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #15

### Speech Day 2023

Our special guest this year was Ex-QEGS Chrisina Lewis, now a senior executive for Deliveroo. She inspired our Year 11 students earlier in the day and they loved the free merchandise too! Later in the evening, Christina spoke to this year's prize winners, their parents and special guests. She spoke about her journey through education and employment, the successes, the pressures and her advice for the current generation. The evening was punctuated by amazing musical pieces and singing. A great end to 2023.



You can now watch the evening via [www.qegs.link/sdlive](http://www.qegs.link/sdlive)

## Dance and Drama

The Dance and Drama department would like to announce that this year's annual musical production will be **The Addams Family**. This will be performed **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at 7:30pm in the main hall. Students and staff have been working hard towards the show building set, rehearsing songs, learning lines and finding costumes. You can follow the behind the scenes footage of everyone working hard getting ready on our NEW Instagram account. <https://www.instagram.com/qegsschoolshow>



Tickets will be going live on 1<sup>st</sup> January at 9am, so if you want to pick the best seats in the house, you will need to book them quick before they go. [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)

## Rewards

What a term we have had. Come wind, come rain, come shine QEGS shines! Today we have said a massive thank you and well done to so many students who have worked hard and held fantastic attendance. They have enjoyed a hot chocolate with squirty cream and marshmallows, a sugary donut and popcorn. For those with 100% attendance with no negatives, have received a special well done with a choice of a selection box. We hope you had a great time, your smiles, singing and dancing have made today the best start to our Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone.



## STEM

KS3 STEM club making 'Christmas Racers' to end the term!



### Construction

This is a sample of our outstanding Year 11 construction students' work. For this course they have built a stud wall with electrical outputs, cut a hatch and created the architrave and skirtings. They have also tiled, painted and wall papered. All students have developed a range of practical and planning/costing skills to a very high standard. They should be very proud of the life skills they have learned. We are sure they will find these skills useful in the future.



### Food Technology

Our Food technology elves have been amazing us again with their Christmas baking. Year 9 have made beautifully flaky pastry and created sausage rolls with it and our year 10 GCSE students have made Christmas cakes and decorated them.



### Running Club

Scarlett A was our first runner to achieve the diamond award - 350km with QEGS running club, she has been coming every week for 2 years.

Well done also to Charlotte H who achieved her gold award - 100km this week.

Running club happens every Tuesday and Wednesday after school, all abilities welcomed and encouraged as we can cater for anyone!



## Sixth Form Update

This week in Sixth Form there has been a mixture of current affairs, celebrations and innovation.

Year 13s participated in a Question Time style meeting with Robert Court, prospective candidate for the Liberal Democrats, John Hill from The Green Party and Fraser McGuire from the Labour party. The students quizzed them on topics ranging from their party's position on NHS investment to sustainable energy and the cost of living crisis. The delegates praised the students' "exemplary conduct" and the depth and breadth of the questions.

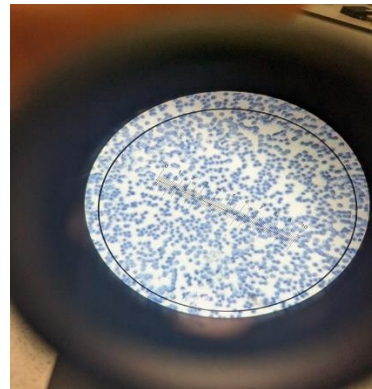


All the Sixth Form tutor groups decorated their form rooms for Christmas this week and the winners were announced at the year group assemblies, alongside awards for students nominated by teachers for their participation in Sixth Form life and classes. Students were nominated for perseverance, effort, volunteering, determination and improvement.

Anna P from Year 13 completed her EPQ on Wednesday last week. Anna chose to do an artefact and made three cordials that were low in sugar and marketed towards young adults. We at Sixth Form were lucky enough to try them all and give our feedback. Well done to Anna and the other Year 13s who have completed their EPQ, it takes a lot of hard work and motivation to see it through.



The Year 12 BTEC students observed red blood cells under the Light Microscopes yesterday after using their own blood to make slides. Our focus over the last couple of lessons has been the structure and function of blood components.



## 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:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term
- 8<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school
- 11<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 options evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January – Year 13 mock exams
- 17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 7 The Witches London
- 18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 11 PCE
- 19<sup>th</sup> January – Year 13 Biology - Sheffield Hallam Molecular Workshop
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Year 11 mock exams
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 9 and 10 DoF Training
- 25<sup>th</sup> January – Year 8 Art - Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum
- 31<sup>st</sup> January – Intermediate Maths Challenge
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February – Food Tech NEA2 exams
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – Uniform pop-up shop
- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 8 PCE
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

### Finally

We say farewell to James Illsley Head of Computing, Niall McGarrigle Head of RS, Sarah Hall Teacher of Art, Jonathon Abraham Teacher of Science and Jo Boden Teacher of Science. We wish them all well in their new ventures and we welcome the new staff who join us in January.

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers for your support and contributions this term. The students have achieved so much and there has been lots of talent on show both in and out of lessons. Please have a safe and restful festive break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024!

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity  
Headteacher

Your menu					
Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	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 Racon cob Buttered locake V Pizza slice V	Cheese and bean toastie V Buttered toast V Racon cob Buttered bagel V Pizza wrap V	Curry folded naan Buttered toast V Racon cob Crissant V Pizza slice V
	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Tikka chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Marinara 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 Pul pet 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 Quenella	Paninis Cheese panini V Cheese & ham panini Mild chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Macaroni cheese bowl V Sandwich Fish finger sandwich
	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 crutch Cornflake tart	Poast gremosh & stuffing or Crunch 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 crutch 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				