

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #16

### Year 11 Hoodies

You should have all received a letter regarding Year 11 hoodies this week. These go live on the Schoolin website today - <http://www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/>.

Sample sizes will be available to try at the Year 11 PCE next week. Orders close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### Year 11 PCE

Reminder that the Year 11 PCE face to face evening is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Appointments are to be made online via [qegsashbourne.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://qegsashbourne.schoolcloud.co.uk). A separate letter for this was sent to parents earlier this week – available in the 'letters' section on website.

### Year 9 Options Evening

Thanks to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options evening on Thursday. We hope you found it informative and useful. The prospectus, video, and options blocks are now available on our website, and the options form is available via the intranet (students need to be logged in) from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. [www.qegs.link/ks4options](http://www.qegs.link/ks4options)

Please provide your feedback on the options event:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9Z9B39xRMY>



Mr Hurley & Mrs Dyer ready to welcome interested Year 9 students and parents to discuss the benefits of taking a Language at GCSE! A great turnout and lots of conversations also had with Mr Tapia Meza, Mrs Hampson and Mrs Izquierdo.

### Feedback on Reports

Last term we issued reports for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13. We would appreciate some feedback on issuing paper reports and the grades used. Please complete this brief form to help us review the reporting process:

<https://forms.office.com/e/v0dh1s9V6h>

### Student Leadership

Happy New year from the Heads of Environment Student Leaders, we have a big idea that we really need your help with please?! We are trying to get a house plant for every Year 7 and 8 form room (the next step will be the other years). We can't do this on our own, we need parents and students to donate house plants to the school. It would be so amazing to succeed because it would mean that not only are the students in these forms learning responsibility for taking care of the plants but are also helping the environment and making this school a green school. It will help students learn to care for plants and the environment, and every little action can help to fight climate change. If you are able to, please consider donating a plant. We are also writing to our local garden centres so fingers crossed we can all work together to make this happen. Thank you for reading, if you can donate you can drop the plant off at Student Services. If you have any questions please email Mrs Starkie:

[starkiek@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:starkiek@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk).



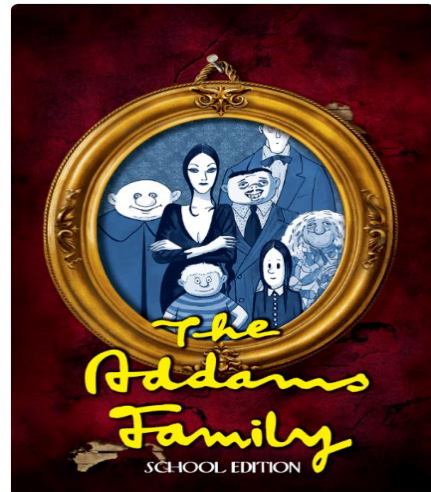
## QEGS School Show

Tickets are now on sale via the link below for The Addams Family running 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Staff and students are working hard to pull the show together with lots of rehearsing, singing, playing, painting and costume hunting ready for March. Our shows are always well received, and we have received comments from the community on how professional the production is and how much they loved the performances, thought we had hired professionals! This is testament to the hard work put in by everyone. For some of our students this is their final show before their journey in their professional training at top drama schools in the country. [Buy your tickets here](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)  
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## The Addams Family

📍 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School - Main Hall, Ashbourne, DE6 1EP  
📅 Wed 13th March 2024 - Sat 16th March 2024

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family- a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before- keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.



## Year 8 Art Trip

There are still some places remaining on the upcoming Year 8 Art trip to the Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museums in Oxford on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is £19. It is a great opportunity to view some incredible exhibits. If you would like a space, please contact Mrs Webber or Mrs Davis in the Art department as soon as possible.

## Year 8 Residential

We are fortunate to be able to offer a [camping adventure trip to the Cumbrian Lake District to Year 8](#). This residential trip is open to any student in Year 8. [The trip departs from QEGS on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and returns on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024](#)

This year the venue is Great Tower near Newby Bridge. We will have sole use of our area of campsite although there will be other users on site using the amazing facilities and the other residential zones.

All activities are provided by Fearless Adventure and will include a range from the following; canoeing, high ropes, climbing, bushcraft, axe throwing, team building, orienteering and trekking. Fearless adventure and Great Tower also provide evening activities, tents and all meals once on site.

The total cost is £424.50 per child which can be paid in instalments starting with £100 deposit. [There will be financial support available to those in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding.](#)

The trip will be released for booking in the next 7 days and messages will be sent to parents.

## Sixth Form Update

Year 13 mock exams and some BTEC exams will be taking place next week. Please ensure you have returned the permission form or emailed us giving permission for your child to be on study leave during this period.

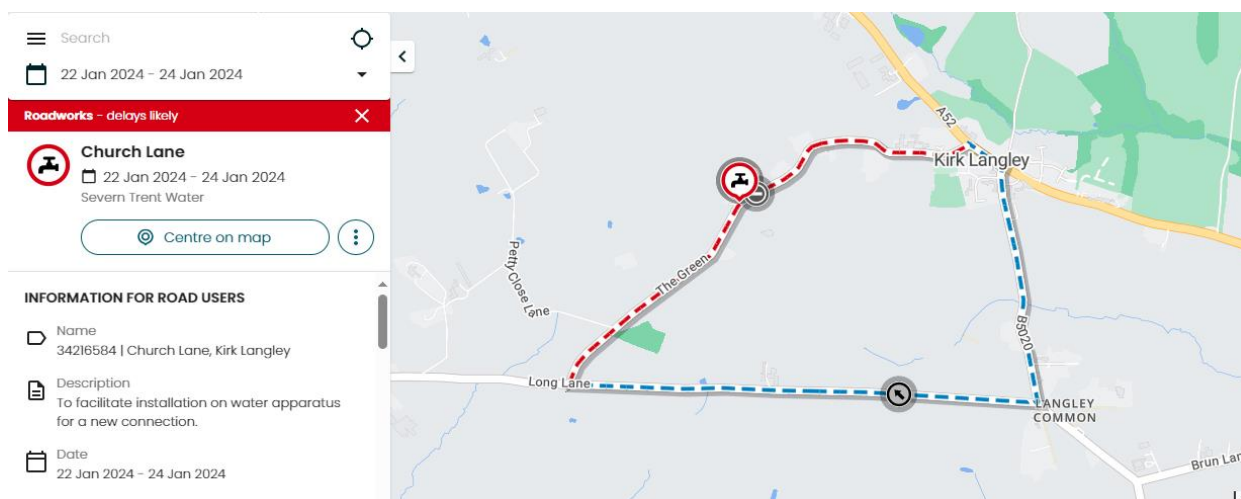
We sent a letter out at the end of last term in which you will find information about study leave and the exam timetable: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Year-12-13-2024-January-Exams-letter-to-parents.pdf>

Good luck to all our students for their exams.

## School Buses - Planned Road Closure Affecting Part of 735 Route, 22/01/24 to 24/01/24.

Church Lane at Kirk Langley will be closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Glovers Coaches will follow an agreed diversion with students who normally board on Church Lane or The Green will instead have to board/alight at either the bus shelter

(lay by) on the A52 or the bus shelter on Moor Lane near the primary school. Drivers will also pass this message on to affected students.



### Fantastic Music Opportunity in Ashbourne

The annual Rotary Young Musician Competition takes place this year on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Methodist Church in Ashbourne. It is open to musicians, both instrumental and vocal, from Year 4 to Year 13. Not only are cash prizes available to the winners in each category, but this is a fantastic opportunity to perform to a wider audience.

If your child plays an instrument or sings, please do encourage them to enter. This opportunity is not unique to QEGS, so if you have children at other local schools, please do encourage them to enter as well.

The entry form, which contains all the relevant information for the competition, is attached. Further information can be obtained from QEGS vocal teacher, Linda Perry Smith.

### 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:

- 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 – **onsite face to face**
- 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 DofE 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
- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Artist in Residence Day – Years 10-13 - Art, Art Textiles and CDM students
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Your menu					
Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B R E A K	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	Branch muffin V (Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin) Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered toastie Ve Pitta pizza V	Cheese and bean toastie V Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Buttered taget Ve Pizza wrap V	Curry folded naan Buttered toast Ve Bacon cob Croissant Ve 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 Mediterranean pasta bowl Ve Sub Meatball sub	Paninis 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 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
	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 sherberted slice Chocolate crunched Fruity yoghurt crunch	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Baked egg, spinach, and cheddar tart V Served with roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables Cherry & coconut cookie Berry muffin Strawberry sponge	Chicken Korma or Cauliflower and green bean Korma V Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan Cookie Cinnamon bar Chocolate pear cake	Buttered 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

FOOD CENTRAL

Ve = Vegan  
V = Vegetarian

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.

**Finally**

We have really enjoyed being back in school this week, seeing our students return with enthusiasm and focus. The vast majority of students have returned with full uniform, they are on time for school and punctual to their lessons and are being rewarded each day with QEGS Points for getting the basics right.

There are a small number of students whose uniform needs to improve to meet our expectations ready for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Daily checks are carried out and parents contacted regarding any matters of concern with sanctions for persistent problems. Please check your child has all the correct uniform items, does not have excess piercings or make up and is ready for school. If we can help replace and/or loan any items, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year. We are more than happy to help, particularly when January can be a challenging month financially for families.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'SG', is positioned above the printed name.

Scott Garrity  
**Headteacher**